

THE DIVINE SHEPHERD  
**WEEKLY HEARTBEAT**  
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**For the Weekend of August 26/27, 2017**



**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**Helping Hands Offering:** Thank you very much to all those who gave to Divine Shepherd’s Helping Hands assistance fund last week! A total of more than \$4,800 was received to help our neighbors in need. If you would still like to give, you may do so today, using a yellow pew envelope and designating “Helping Hands Fund.” Or, you may give online at dsomaha.org by clicking “Manage Your Online Giving.” Enter an amount in the “Helping Hands” box under “Church Donations.”

**Back to Church Sunday – September 10** – New Sunday School and Adult Bible studies begin that day. Go on our website – www.dsomaha.org to register your kids for Sunday School.

**All Midweek activities begin Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.** See next week’s Heartbeat for a full listing of classes, choirs and studies.



**Adult Bible Studies:**  
**The Hope Within: Defending Your Faith in a Hostile World** – Sunday 9:00am – in the Sanctuary, led by Pastor Mark Hannemann, concludes today.

**Romans: Saved for a Transformed Life** – Sunday, 9:00am – Shepherd’s Room, led by Pastor Jim Rasmussen, concluded last week. Join Pastor Hannemann’s class today in the Sanctuary.

**The Ministry of Jesus: The History, Politics & Culture of the Day** – Sunday, **9:00am & 10:10am** – Commons Room, led by Remkea Ockander.

**Women’s Bible Studies:**  
 (See Women’s Ministry section)

**Men’s Bible Studies:**  
**Reading Romans with Luther – The Book that Changed Luther**– Thursdays, 6:00am, Vidlak’s Brookside Café, 156<sup>th</sup> & W. Center Road.

**Matthew** -Fridays, 6:15am, Shepherd’s Room, led by Pastor Chapman.

**Galatians** – Saturdays, 7:30am, Trinity Room, led by Vern Nemitz.



**Next Week’s Sermon:**  
**September 2/3** – *Lost Life For Jesus’ Sake* – Matthew 16:21-28



**Upper Room midweek worship service** (Wednesdays, 5:30-6:05pm in Luther Chapel) will start again on September 6<sup>th</sup> with the beginning of Midweek classes in the fall. This is a casual, brief, come-as-you-are service with Holy Communion each week.

**New Members Wanted!**

**Interested in becoming a member of Divine Shepherd?** Individuals from non-LCMS congregations will be required to join us for *Connections Class* and *Discover Divine Shepherd*.

**Connections Class – Sundays, 9:00-9:45am, September 17 – November 5 – Commons Room (lower level).** This 8-week course will guide participants through the doctrine of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

**Discover Divine Shepherd – Sunday, November 5, 9:00-9:45am – Trinity Room (lower level).** This course helps people identify their God-given gifts, realize their potential, and use their gifts in service for the Kingdom. Participants will be informed of specific opportunities to get involved and use their gifts. This class is required for membership at Divine Shepherd.

**New Member Welcome – Sunday, November 5 at the 10:00am worship service.** Following the *Discover Divine Shepherd* class, all new members will be welcomed during the 10:00am worship service.

**To sign up for the new member class,** or for more information, please contact Vern at the Welcome Desk in the Atrium, or call or email Darla at the church office at 402-895-1500 or darla@dsomaha.org.



**Confirmation classes for 6th-8th graders** resume on Sept 6th. Please preregister prior to Sept 6th.

**High School RECHARGE** meets every in the Youth Room Wednesday nights 6:15-7:30.

**Required 9th grade class** on World religions will begin Sept 6th. (Note this is required for 9th grade confirmation.)



**Backpacks needed** - High school youth group will be collecting new and slightly used backpacks through the month of August. The high schoolers will take these backpacks to the Nebraska District Youth gathering in November where they will, as a service project, pack them with school supplies for Orphan Grain Train. Please drop off backpacks in the Orphan Grain train bin near the front doors. If you would like to add supplies, they are taking new crayons, new pens and pencils, new coloring books, and loose leaf paper and notebooks.



# Women's Ministry

## Faith (Bible Studies)

**New Study! Living Beyond Yourself** by Beth Moore – Tuesdays, 9:00am, Trinity Room. Led by Kristin Herrera. **Begins August 29.**

**New Study! Miracles of Jesus** – Wednesdays, 9:30am, Room 15. Led by Remkea Ockander. **Begins September 13.**

**New Study! Present Over Perfect** – Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Room 15. **Begins September 6.**

**Fruit of the Spirit – Love, Joy Peace** – Sundays, 9:00am, Room 13, led by Dena Nigh.

**She Reads Truth – First Saturday** of each month, 8:30-10:00am, led by Deb Wendt. **Meets at Paradise Bakery** at Village Point. **Next meeting October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## Fellowship

**Fall Women's Ministry Kickoff** – Ladies join us for Food, Fellowship, and Fun to kick-off our Fall Women's Ministry with a Potluck on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2pm in the Trinity Room. Bring a favorite dish to share as we gather together as one body in Christ! Kindly let us know you are coming by signing up in the Atrium or by contacting Deb Wendt at deb@dsomaha.org. Childcare will be provided – but you must RSVP.

**Tickets available** – Due to cancellations, we have 2 tickets available for the Lysa Terkeurst and Ellie Holcomb conference in Kansas City on September 22 & 23. Ticket price is \$59 each + hotel. Contact Deb Wendt for more information at 402-895-1500 or deb@dsomaha.org.

## Mission

**Homeless Mat Project** – Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Rm 3. Begins September 6.

## NEWS & Notes



**The Gourmet Group's September outing** will be to Cascio's Steak house, 1620 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. on September 17 at 6pm. Please contact Julie Schenk at julieaschenk@gmail.com or 402-333-2230 prior to Sept. 14 so that reservations can be made. As always, new faces are welcome.



**Bus driver wanted** – the church is looking for a volunteer bus driver who has a CDL license to drive our church bus for school activities. Contact Pastor Jim in the church office at 402-895-1500 or Jim@dsomaha.org.



**Registration for Little Lamb Preschool Now** – There are a couple of morning and afternoon class spots left. Call or email for more information or for a tour, tonya@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500.



**MOPS is looking for MOPS Kids staff** (childcare workers) starting in September 2017 and going through May 2018. The position is two Fridays a month from 8:45am to 11:30am. Care for kids range from 6 weeks to 4 years. For inquiries or an application please email Rhonda@dsomaha.org.



**Custodian Wanted:** Divine Shepherd is looking to hire a part-time custodian to work Sunday and Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons, about 12 hours per week. The custodian will perform general cleaning duties. High school diploma, GED or equivalent preferred. Six months or more of general cleaning experience preferred. For an application and job description, contact Rev. Jim Rasmussen at jim@dsomaha.org. Compensation depends on experience and qualifications.



**Altar flowers** are given by Hans & Ellen Schwartz in celebration of their 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on August 27<sup>th</sup>; and by Chuck & Bonnie Clark in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Thank you** to Pastor Greunke for all of his visits and bringing me communion. It is greatly appreciated. Lela Eigenberg



**H2O Living Water campus outreach ministry** is holding a tailgate event to raise funds for their ministry sponsored by the Nebraska Brewing Company on Sept. 9, 3-7pm at the Nebraska Brewing Company Tap Room at 6950 S. 108<sup>th</sup> Street, LaVista. Tickets are \$10. To buy a ticket or receive more information, email Don Bader at don@living-h2o.org or call 402-578-4177.



**Take part in the Grace Hill Golf outing**, Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Pacific Springs Golf Course. Cost: \$75 per person. Sign up at gracehillomaha.com/golf.



**Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess?** If so, Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you. He will be in Omaha the morning of Monday, Sept. 25. Rev. Holder is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages --- elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Holder at 314-505-7225 or holders@csl.edu.



**Concordia Academy**, located at 90<sup>th</sup> & Blondo Street in Omaha, has a part-time position open for the 2017-2018 school

year. Learning Center Aide (After school between 2:00 & 6:00pm, occasional morning hours between 7:00 & 8:30am). The schedule will be 5-15 hours per week. Qualified candidates will be 18+ years old, active members of a Christian congregation - with preference given to members of the LCMS, evidence of love for the Lord, children, and families. To apply, contact Academy Principal, Nathan Domsch, at domschn@concordiaomaha.org or 402-592-8005.

**Concordia 5K Run/Walk** to be held at Standing Bear Lake on Saturday, September 23. Every participant will receive a race t-shirt & pancake breakfast from *The Flapjack Guys*. Register today at Concordiaomaha.org. You can find more information, sponsorship opportunities and motivation on our Facebook page 'Concordia Run 2017'.

**2nd Annual Concordia Oktoberfest** will be held on Saturday, September 30 (4:00 - 11:00pm). This family event will include food and fun for all on the campus of Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School.



**Counseling Available** - The Staff of Gracepoint Institute for Relational Health is serving the church and the community with counseling from a Christian perspective. You can make an appointment by calling 402-614-6287.

## This Week's Calendar:

**Monday, August 28**

1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

**Tuesday, August 29**

6:00-9:00pm **Young Adult Ministry**

**Wednesday, August 30**

6:15-7:30pm **H.S. Recharge** (Youth Room)

**Thursday, August 31**

6:00am **Men's Bible Study** – *Reading Romans with Luther* (Vidlak's Café-156 & Center)

7:30pm **AI-Anon** (Commons Room)

**Friday, September 1**

6:15am **Men's Bible Study** – *Matthew* (Shepherd's Room)

**Saturday, September 2**

7:30am **Men's Bible Study** – *Galatians* (Trinity Room)

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** with Holy Communion

**Sunday, September 3 – Labor Day Weekend**

7:45am **Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion

9:00am **NO Sunday School** (Lower Level)

**NO Jr. High/High School Bible Study** (Youth Room)

**NO Adult Bible Study** -*The Hope Within: Defending Your Faith in a Hostile World* (Sanct.)

**NO Adult Bible Study** – *Romans: Saved for a Transformed Life* (Shepherd's Room)

**NO Adult Bible Study** – *Community Groups...* (CLC)

**NO Women's Bible Study** – *Fruit of the Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace* (Room 13)

**NO Adult Bible Study** – *The Ministry of Jesus* (Commons Room)

10:00am **Contemporary Worship**

10:10am **Family Worship** (CLC)

**NO Adult Bible Study** – *The Ministry of Jesus* (Commons Room)

11:10am **Blended Worship** with Holy Communion



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