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For the Weekend of December 2/3



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A Congregational Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. On the agenda are the election of officers and members of the Board of Directors and Board of Elders, as well as the approval of the 2018 budget. Reports will be presented on finances, the status of our land purchase at 168th Street and West Giles Road and the effort to call a director of children’s ministry. The following members have been nominated for election to two-year terms on the Board of Directors: President, Kevin Lammers; Treasurer, Chad Meisgeier; Head Elder, Ken Mar; At Large, Bill Lowther and Gina Williams. Nominated for a one-year term is: At large, Alicia Hoffman. Board members who continue to serve and are in the middle of their terms are Stuart Bartruff, vice president; Barb Prow, secretary; and Craig Pfingsten, at large. The following members have been nominated for election to two-year terms on the Board of Elders: Dave Wacker, Tim Durham, Paul Koehler, Matt Mundt, Jason Snell, Don Girard and Rick Gommel. During the meeting, child care will be available in the nursery for children ages 6 and under.



You are invited! Divine Shepherd is buying 15 acres of farmland in Sarpy County ready for “planting.” Join us to brainstorm ideas for developing a “Family Campus” at 168th Street and West Giles

Road that would be used to connect families to Jesus Christ in this growing neighborhood. What spaces and facilities are needed to carry out the mission? We want your ideas. Attend one of two interactive workshops downstairs in the Christian Life Center, led by design professionals from BVH Architecture:

Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon

Sunday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Childcare and kids’ programming (including Sunday School on Dec. 3) will be provided for all ages. **On that Sunday only, to accommodate the workshop, there will be no service at 10:10 a.m.** All other services, including 10 a.m., will take place as scheduled. Questions? Call Pastor Jim at 402-895-1500 or email him at jim@dsomaha.org.

Christmas Party for Seniors for the Lord (65+) will be held Monday, December 4 at 10:00am in the Trinity Room. We will be entertained by Little Lamb Preschool and by the Mission Belles. A potluck dinner will follow. Meat and drinks will be furnished. Questions? Please call Clarice Howard 402-934-7237.



Next Sunday’s sermon theme: Preparation Station Mark 1:1-8

Advent series begins Wednesday, entitled, Call His Name Jesus. Join us for Advent worship this Wednesday at 4 or 7:30pm as we celebrate the

wonderful name of Jesus, “the name that is above every name” (Philippians 2:9). It is the name we love, the name by which we are saved.



Due to Wednesday Advent services at 4:00 and 7:30pm the next three Wednesdays, there will be no Upper Room worship until after the first of the year.



Adult Bible Studies:

Sunday morning adult study Pastor Hannemann will lead a study of 1 John in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. Grab a cup of coffee, your Bible, and join us. The study is called, “Walking In The Light.”

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

Exploring Luther’s Large Catechism - Tuesdays, 10:00am – Luther Chapel, led by Pastor Hannemann. **(Study guide is \$12 cash or check.)** This is a great for study for our observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Current Events from a Christian Perspective is the title of the new class that began Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Chapel. Pastor Hannemann is teaching this class that applies the Bible to stories ripped from the headlines.

Women’s Bible Studies:

(See Women’s Ministry section)

Men’s Bible Studies:

The Gospel of John – Wednesdays, 6:30am, Trinity Room, led by Vern Nemitz.

Man Camp – Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Shepherd’s Room, led by Pastor Chapman.

Reading Romans with Luther – The Book that Changed Luther– Thursdays, 6:00am, Vidlak’s Brookside Café, 156th & W. Center Road.

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

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



A new Stephen Ministry class is forming for January. We are looking for committed, caring individuals to take the training to provide quality Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This will multiply and extend the amount of caring ministry our

pastors can provide by giving us a whole team of skilled caregivers who are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis, or experiencing other stresses in life. Contact Pastor Mark at dsomaha.org or Gordon Muirhead at 402-894-5913 or gmuirhead@cox.net. See the training materials at the display near the Bookstore.



Angel Tree - Please help others in need this Christmas and take a star from our Angel Tree in the Atrium. Please return the gift-wrapped item with the star attached and cross your name off the list so we know it's completed **by December 10th**.

Please save receipts! You may bring in your FAMILY FARE receipts year-round to support Little Lamb Preschool through their "Direct Your Dollars" program. HY-VEE is starting their "Cash for Students" program again and will accept Hy-Vee receipts dated between September through December. THANK YOU for supporting Little Lamb Preschool with your receipts!



Women's Ministry Faith (Bible Studies)

Living Beyond Yourself by Beth Moore – Tuesdays, 9:00am, Trinity Room. Led by Kristin Herrera.

Miracles of Jesus – Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Room 15. Led by Remkea Ockander.

NEW: Finding I Am by Lysa Terkeurst, Sundays, began Sunday, Nov. 5th, 9:00am, Room 11, led by Dena Nigh.

Living Life Together by Shauna Niequist - New Study started Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 6:15pm, Room 15, led by Denise Ehler.

Fellowship

Mission

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



Young Adult Group – Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. For location and information, check out Facebook:

www.facebook.com/youngadultsomaha and Instagram: [youngadultsomaha](https://www.instagram.com/youngadultsomaha)



Need some assistance with Christmas lights and decorations? The high school youth group would love to help. Contact Remkea (remkea@dsomaha.org) if you are in need of help. Our day for helping is Sunday afternoon on December 10.

Reminder—there will be no Wednesday night class on December 27th and January 4th. There will be no Bible class for Jr. or Sr. high on December 24th or January 1st.

9th Grade confirmation pictures are available for pick up at the information desk in the atrium. They are in a white 3-ring binder.



Stephen Ministry – If you or someone you know is going through a challenging time, a Stephen Minister may be the answer to ease the burden. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide Christian care to those who are struggling or hurting. Call Gordon Muirhead (402-894-5913) or email at gmuirhead@cox.net.



Prayer Shawl Ministry – If you know of someone who is ill, grieving, or lonely, a prayer shawl could be very comforting to them. Simply fill out a card on the Information Counter in the Atrium or call Betty Buller at 402-333-8188, with requests or questions. Our stitchers are happy to donate their time and there is no charge for the shawls we make. If you would like to volunteer to knit or crochet, we meet every Monday from 1:00-2:30pm in Room 15, or you can work on your own at home. Patterns are available.



Midweek Meals – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. This week: Sloppy Joes, salad and baked beans.



Altar Flowers are given by Bev Curlee in thankfulness to God for all her blessings, family, friends and her Divine Shepherd family.



Thank you to all who helped in providing food items for our Thanksgiving Baskets. With your help we were able to provide 42 individuals and families with a Thanksgiving Basket who are either struggling financially or have recently gone through some life changes. The recipients of these baskets greatly appreciate your generosity and their church family caring for them.

This Week's Calendar:

Monday, December 4

10:00am **Seniors for the Lord** Christmas Party (Trinity Room)
 1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, December 5

9:00am **Women's Bible Study** – *Living Beyond Yourself* (Trinity Room)
 10:00am **Adult Bible Study** – Luther's Large Catechism (Luther Chapel)
 6:30pm **Board of Elders Meeting** (Shepherd's Room)
 7:00pm **Young Adult Ministry**

Wednesday, December 6

6:30am **Men's Bible Study** – *The Gospel of John* (Trinity Room)
 9:30am **Women's Bible Study** – *Miracles of Jesus* (Room 15)
4:00pm Advent Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:45-6:00pm **Midweek Meal** (CLC) Sloppy Joes
 5:00pm **Hope Choir** (Sanctuary)
 5:30-6:05pm **Upper Room Worship** with Holy Communion (Luther Chapel)
 5:45pm **Singing Stars Choir** (Choir Room)
Shalom Choir (Room 14)
 6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Classes/Bible Studies/Confirmation**
Women's Service/Mission Project (Room 3)
Adult Bible Study – *Current Events from a Christian Perspective* (Luther Chapel)
Women's Bible Study – *Living Life Together* (Room 15)
Men's Bible Study – *Man Camp* (Shepherd's Room)
Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
H.S. Recharge (Youth Room)
 7:30pm **Advent Worship** (Sanctuary)
Men's Chorus (Choir Room)
Ceaseless Praise Hand Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 7

6:00am **Men's Bible Study** – *Reading Romans with Luther* (Vidlak's Café-156th & Center)
 9:00am **Mission Belles** No Rehearsal
 7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons Room)

Friday, December 8

6:15am **Men's Bible Study** – *Matthew* (Shepherd's Room)
 9:15am **MOPS** (various)

Saturday, December 9

7:30am **Men's Bible Study** – *Galatians* (Trinity Room)
 5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** with Communion

Sunday, December 10

8:00am **Traditional Worship**
 9:00am **Sunday School** (Lower Level)
Jr. High School (Cave)
High School Bible Study (Youth Room)
Adult Bible Study – (Sanctuary)
Women's Bible Study – **NEW: Finding I AM** (Room 11)
 10:00am **Contemporary Worship** (Sanctuary) with Communion
 10:10am **Family Worship** (CLC) with Communion
Adult Bible Study – *The Ministry of Jesus, Continued...* (Commons Room)
 11:10am **Blended Worship** (Sanctuary) with Communion

