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For the Weekend of December 9/10, 2017



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Join us for a Congregational Assembly
 this 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, an update on GraceHill Church and the effort to call a director of children's ministry. The following members have been nominated for election to a two-year term on the Board of Directors: President: Kevin Lammers. Treasurer: Chad Meisgeier. Head Elder: Ken Mar. At Large: Bill Lowther, Gina Williams. Alicia Hoffman has also been nominated for a one-year term as an at-large member. 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 Gomel. During the meeting, child care will be available in the nursery for children ages 6 and under.

Staff Change Aaron Bressman, who has served as our Worship and Music Leader for the past 5 years, and as faithful volunteer in our music department for many years before that, is stepping down as he has taken a new position outside the ministry. He will continue to serve through Christmas Eve. From

Aaron: "During this time of transition, I will still be involved in the music program, and look forward to being able to worship alongside you in the near future. I am thankful for my time here, and look forward to see what God has in store for Divine Shepherd." We thank God for Aaron's ministry among us and the blessing he has been to so many through his music. We also thank God for the many capable volunteers who will bridge the gap for us until we identify a servant to take Aaron's place.

New Communications Coordinator in Place

We are pleased to announce that Aaron Engelman has been added to our staff as Communications Coordinator. He will be working in the following areas: advertising and marketing, congregation news and information (internal and external), website, social media, video production, worship, community life, and event planning. Aaron comes to us from serving in a technology position at UNO in the College of Engineering. Aaron is a graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Media Production. Aaron and his wife, Hannah, are members of Divine Shepherd and have a newborn son, Avriel. His email is aarone@dsomaha.org. Welcome, Aaron!

Poinsettia Orders – Red and white poinsettias are used to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent worship services and can be taken home after Christmas

Day worship services. Purchase plants for \$7 apiece and dedicate them in thankfulness for a special blessing, in memory of a loved one, etc. Forms are available on the Information Desk in the Atrium. Deadline for submitting orders is Tuesday, December 12.



Advent series 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). In our Advent worship, we will remember that Jesus is the Lamb of God, the perfect, innocent Lamb who was sacrificed on the cross. His death and resurrection set us free from our slavery to sin and death.

Next Sunday's sermon theme: A Case of Mistaken Identity, John 1:6-8.



Due to Wednesday Advent services at 4:00 and 7:30pm the next two 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 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.

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.



Midweek Meals – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. This Wednesday: Taco Night

The **2018 Flower Chart** has been posted. The bouquets are \$10.00 each. If you have any questions, contact Bev Curlee at (402) 891-1764.



Altar Flowers are given by Mitch & Shelly Walters in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary on December 13.

Steve & Gayle Jipp wish to thank their Divine Shepherd family and friends for the cards and memorials to the Ladies Auxiliary and Blair Fire Department at the passing of Steve's mother, Helen. Your kindness is appreciated.

Thank you from Aaron Bressman & Friends!

We so appreciate your attendance and support of our 7th annual Christmas concert this past Friday. With your help, we raised more than \$3,700 for GracePoint Institute for Relational Health! And a special thanks to Aaron Engelman, Deb & Cody Wendt and Johnny Venegas for their involvement.

Sally Viola wishes to thank family and friends for prayers, visits and cards during her recent surgery. Knowing that many were praying gave her a great feeling of peace. Praise God, all went well and healing continues. A special thank you to Pastor Mark and Pastor Marty for their visits.



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. 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.

+This Week's Calendar:



Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

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 13

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) Taco Night
 5:00pm **Hope Choir** (Sanctuary)
 5:30-6:05pm **NO Upper Room Worship**
 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)
NO Men's Chorus
Ceaseless Praise Hand Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 14

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

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

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