

THE DIVINE SHEPHERD **WEEKLY HEARTBEAT**

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For the Weekend of May 13/14, 2017



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



This Summer Sunday mornings are going to look different!

- New schedule!
- Many opportunities to get into the Word so the Word can get into you!
- Food and fellowship!
- Many opportunities to get involved and serve!
- The new schedule will begin on June 11



Happy Mother's Day! Pre-ordered flowers can be picked up today. Single stem roses (\$4) and carnations (\$3) are available for purchase in the Atrium.

Land Agreement Signed! Divine Shepherd has signed an agreement to purchase approximately 14.6 acres of land for future ministry development northwest of 168th Street and West Giles Road. Congregation President Jerry Schomers signed the purchase agreement on behalf of the congregation last week, as did the current landowners, Gene and Ila Mackey, on behalf of their family trust. The purchase agreement includes an existing home and an additional 2.3 acres designated for current and future street right-of-way for a total of 16.9 acres. The total price was \$875,000 as authorized by the congregation in January. Potential uses of the land include a Christian preschool/daycare, a possible church plant and/or a Lutheran elementary school. The purchase is expected to close sometime this summer, following the completion of boundary surveys, environmental studies and approvals from Sarpy County. The congregation obtained \$1.1 million in financing for the land purchase and related development expenses.



Associate Pastor Call Process Concluded

- For over two years we have been involved in a call process for an associate pastor to fill the position of Director of Community Life. Our congregation's leadership has made the decision to suspend this call process and release the associate pastor call committee and assign these duties to Pastor Sean Chapman, who has agreed to accept these responsibilities. The call committee unanimously supported this decision. In order for Pastor Sean to take on these new duties, a call committee is being formed to call a Director of Christian Education (DCE) to serve as Director of Children's Ministry, with responsibilities to oversee ministry to children preschool through fifth grade, which had been on Pastor Sean's position description. Please pray for Pastor Sean as he takes on these new responsibilities and for this new call process and call committee.

Genesis Project Update - After much data gathering, our consultant will be presenting his report to the Board of Directors, Elders, and staff this Tuesday evening. The next step will then be to offer informational meetings for the congregation. Be watching for the schedule on those meetings.



Next Week's Message:

May 20/21 – *Do All Roads Lead to the Same Place?* – John 14:1-14



Adult Bible Studies:

The Lord's Prayer – Sunday, 9:30am – Commons Room (lower level), led by Pastor Gierke.

The Gospels: How They Relate to Each Other & to You – Tuesdays, 10:00am in Luther Chapel led

by Pastor Hannemann.

Men's Bible Studies:

Ephesians – Thursdays, 6:00am, Vidlak's Brookside Café, 156th & W. Center Road.

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

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

Women's Bible Studies:

1st Peter – Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am, Room 15, led by Remkea Ockander.

She Reads Truth – First Saturday of each month, 8:30-10:00am, led by Deb Wendt. **Meets at Paradise Bakery** at Village Point. **Meets next June 3.**

Fruit of the Spirit – Love, Joy Peace– Sundays, 9:30am, Room 13, led by Dena Nigh.



High School Senior Recognition Sunday will be June 4th at the 11am worship service. There will be a display board in the Atrium with pictures and plans. **Info for that board is due by May 28.**

High School and Jr. High Sunday Bible class' final day will be May 21st. We will take a break during the summer and resume again in the fall.

High School Niobrara river camping trip will be June 20-23. Cost is \$75. We will be kayaking the first day, tubing the second day and tent camping in the middle. For more information and registration forms see Remkea. **Registration forms are due back by June 11.**

High School RECHARGE will resume meeting in the fall.



Teacher assistant position available at Little Lamb Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year. The position is Monday through Friday mornings, plus one evening a month. Please contact Tonya at Tonya@dsomaha.org for questions or if interested.



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.



Join us this summer for our VBS – GONE FISHIN'! We'll be emphasizing what it means to be a 'fisher of men' through our Bible stories and activities. We will learn how we can use our talents to bring others into God's Kingdom through our VBS camps, Open Door Mission camp, Nature camp, Imagination Station

camp, Messy Art camps, Lego/Building camps and Cooking camps for children preschool through 6th grade scheduled throughout the summer. Go to www.dsomaha.org, click on "Get Connected" at the top of the page, then "Children" to register online or pick up a registration form in the Atrium and return it to the church office. For more information contact Jeannine Glesmann at 402-895-1500 or Jeannine@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.



Registration for Little Lamb Preschool is now open for 2017-2018 Fall classes. Call or email for a tour or more information, 402-895-1500 or tonya@dsomaha.org.



Stephen Ministry – If you or someone you know is be 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.



The Divine Shepherd Gourmet Group's May outing will be on Sunday, May 21st at Cilantro's (640 N. 114th St.) at 6pm. Please call or email Jay Shattuck at bigfoot5023@gmail.com or 402-493-0991 prior to the 17th so that reservations can be made.



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.



Altar flowers are given by Brett & Kristie Ramsey in celebration of their 17th anniversary on May 20th.



FREE Family Fun Festival at Lord of Life Lutheran, Elkhorn, Sunday, June 4th, 11:30am – 2:30pm - Lord of Life Lutheran Church is hosting the Sunday events for Elkhorn Days. Inflatables, games, pony rides, bike rodeo, photo booth, and food – all FREE.

Everything! The event is **rain or shine**, held on the church campus located in Skyline Ranches at S. 208th St / Bonanza Blvd. in Elkhorn. A **free lunch** of burger or hot dog, chips, cookies, and water will feed the first 600 hungry mouths in line. **Popcorn** and **sno-cones** will also be served. Lord's Lambs Child Care, our new early childhood ministry center, will be open for tours during the Festival. Lord's Lambs will also be hosting **Family Fun Time**, the children's event on Friday evening from 6-8 pm at Common Ground (1701 Veteran's Drive). A **Bike Rodeo** will be conducted from 12:30 – 2:00 pm by Live Well Omaha and The Trek Bicycle Store. **100 free helmets** will be available for kids with bikes who participate. **Kids: bring your bikes and helmets.** Visit LordofLifeElkhorn.org, Facebook/Lord of Life Lutheran, or call 402-289-3437 for more info on this FREE Family Fun Festival.



Join Kings Riders (King of Kings LCMS Motorcycle Ministry) for lunch, new friendships, safe riding and Christian fellowship on their first ride of the season, Saturday May 20. Meet at Burger King at 6602 N. 99th St. (99th & Blair High Rd.) Clutches out at 10am, ride to Pop-N-Doc's in Decatur, NE for lunch and then ride back. **RSVP not necessary but preferred.** Contact Jim at 402-660-2354 or email jcnman@aol.com.

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.



Registration is now open for youth sports camps through Concordia High School. Camp opportunities for youth in kindergarten through 8th grade will include: volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer, girls basketball and boys basketball. Concordia's varsity coaches operate the camps with age appropriate activities for skill development and fun. The first camp occurs in late April with the rest of the dates scheduled in June. To register, go to the concordiamaha.org. Contact Ben Erslund with questions at 402-445-4000.



This Week's Calendar:

Monday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

10-11:15am **Adult Bible Study - The Gospels...** (Luther Chapel)

7:00pm **Board of Directors** (Shepherd's Room)

Wednesday, May 17

9:30-11:00am **Women's Bible Study - 1st Peter** (Room 15)

6:15-7:15pm **Chancel Choir Practice** (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 18

6:00am **Men's Bible Study - Ephesians** (Vidlak's Café-156 & Center)

9:00am **Mission Belles Rehearsal** (Choir Room)

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

Friday, May 19

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

9:15am **MOPS** (various)

1:00pm **Bridge Club** (Luther Chapel)

Saturday, May 20

7:30am **Men's Bible Study - Genesis** (Trinity Room)

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

Sunday, May 21

8:00am **Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion

9:30am **Contemporary Worship**

Sunday School (Lower Level)

Adult Bible Study - The Lord's Prayer (Commons Room - Lower Level)

Women's Bible Study - Fruit of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace (Room 13)

9:40am **Contemporary Worship** (Christian Life Center)

11:00am **Blended Worship** with Children's message

Baptism Class (Shepherd's Room)

