

THE DIVINE SHEPHERD
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For the Weekend of November 25/26, 2017



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 Pflugsten, 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 Gomel. 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 Concert! 7th annual "Behold the Lamb of God" Christmas concert, 12/1 at 7pm, by Aaron Bressman & Friends. This year we are pleased to support GracePoint Institute for Relational Health. Tickets available at beholdomaha.ticketleap.com or call 402-779-6135.



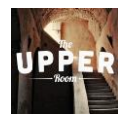
Poinsettia Orders – Red and white poinsettias are used to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent worship services and can be taken home after Christmas Day worship services. Purchase plants for \$7 apiece and dedicate them in thankfulness for a special blessing, in memory of a loved one, etc. Forms are available on the Information Desk in the Atrium. Deadline for submitting orders is Tuesday, December 12.

Habitat for Humanity Omaha – Update: The Waterloo house is nearly complete. There will be final house cleaning days Dec. 1st and 2nd and the house dedication on December 10th at 1:00 PM at the home in Waterloo.



Next Sunday's sermon theme: The King Comes...How?
 Mark 11:1-10

Worship Schedule—the current Sunday morning schedule will remain in place pending further review by congregational leadership. There will be no changes until after the first of the year.



Upper Room midweek worship service (Wednesdays, 5:30-6:05pm in Luther Chapel). This is a casual, brief, come-as-you-are service with Holy Communion each week. **NOTE:** there will be no Upper Room during Advent due to Advent services.

Upper Room will resume in January, but we **will** have it this Wednesday.



Adult Bible Studies:
Sunday morning adult study Beginning Nov. 19, 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 and 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

Women's Advent Brunch – Come and prepare your hearts and homes for the Christmas season during this special women's event you will not want to miss! Join us as we enjoy brunch and hear an impactful message from our own Remkea Ockander on Saturday, **December 2, 9am - Noon** in the Trinity Center (lower level). Register in the Atrium between worship services - \$10 per person. Bring a friend for just \$5 more per person. Please bring hats, scarves, or gloves to be donated for those in need.

Childcare is available upon request in advance.

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)



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 being 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 This week: This week: Soup & Baked Potato Bar



Altar Flowers are given by Tom & Linda Bose in thankfulness and celebration of their 3rd anniversary on November 14.



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.



Lost & Found items may be found on the shelf above the coat rack near the elevator just inside the main entrance to church.

+This Week's Calendar:



Monday, November 27	
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Group (Shepherd's Room)
Tuesday, November 28	
9:00am	Women's Bible Study - <i>Living Beyond Yourself</i> - (Trinity Room)
10:00am	Adult Bible Study - Luther's Large Catechism (Luther Chapel)
7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry
Wednesday, November 29	
6:30am	Men's Bible Study - <i>The Gospel of John</i> (Trinity Room)
9:30am	Women's Bible Study - <i>Miracles of Jesus</i> (Room 15)
4:45-6:00pm	Midweek Meal (CLC) Soup & Baked Potato Bar
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 - <i>Current Events from a Christian Perspective</i> (Luther Chapel)
(Room 15)	Women's Bible Study - <i>Living Life Together</i>
Room)	Men's Bible Study - <i>Man Camp</i> (Shepherd's Room)
	Chancel Choir (Choir Room) H.S. Recharge (Youth Room)
7:30pm	NQ Men's Chorus (Choir Room) Ceaseless Praise Hand Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Thursday, November 30	
6:00am	Men's Bible Study - <i>Reading Romans with Luther</i> (Vidlak's Café-156th & Center)
9:00am	Mission Belles rehearsal
7:30pm	Al-Anon (Commons Room)
Friday, December 1	
6:15am	Men's Bible Study - <i>Matthew</i> (Shepherd's Room)
9:15am	MOPS (various)
7:00pm	Christmas Concert - Sanctuary
Saturday, December 2	
7:30am	Men's Bible Study - <i>Galatians</i> (Trinity Room)
9:00-noon	Women's Advent Brunch Trinity Center)
10:00-noon	Family Campus Planning (CLC)
5:00pm	Evening Praise Worship with Communion
Sunday, December 3	
8:00am	Traditional Worship with Communion
9:00-11:00	Family Campus Planning (CLC)
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)
10:10am	Family Worship (CLC) Adult Bible Study - <i>The Ministry of Jesus,</i>
Continued... (Commons Room)	
11:10am	Blended Worship (Sanctuary)