For the Weekend of September 2/3, 2017

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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.

Saturday Night Fellowship – The Saturday evening ushers are hosting a fellowship event after worship on Saturday, September 17th. It’s a great time to stop by the Atrium for some quick meet-n-greets, fellowship and good treats with your Divine Shepherd family. Plan to join us!

Hurricane Harvey Relief—Here is a way to help those who are suffering in the aftermath of the storm in Texas with assurance that 100% of your gift will go to help those in need. Simply go to the following website to give online to the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. You will also see an address where you can mail a check.

Israel Relief – Help those who are suffering in the aftermath of the storm in Texas with assurance that 100% of your gift will go to help those in need. Simply go to the following website to give online to the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Next Week’s Sermon: September 9/10 – Love Does No Harm – Romans 13:1-10

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

Midweek Begins Sept. 6

4:45 – 6:00pm Midweek Meal (CLC)
5:00pm Hope Choir (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:05pm Upper Room Worship (Luther Chapel)
5:45pm Singing Stars Choir (Choir Room)
5:45pm Shalom Choir (Room 14)
6:15-7:30pm Midweek Classes/Confirmation/Bible Studies
6:15-7:30pm Women’s Service Project (Room 3)
6:15-7:30pm Women’s Bible Study (Room 15)
6:15-7:30pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
6:15-7:30pm High School Recharge (Youth Room)
7:30pm Men’s Chorus (Choir Room)
7:30pm Ceaseless Praise Handbell Choir (Sanct.)

Our Staff – Here to Serve You
Rev. Dr. Mark Hannemann Senior Pastor/Director of Ministries
Rev. James Rasmussen Executive Pastor/Director of Finance & Operations
Rev. Martin Greunke Pastoral Care Assistant
Rev. Sean Chapman SMP Pastor/Director of Family Life Ministry
Remke Ockander Director of Youth Ministry
Tonya Isaac Director of Little Lamb Preschool
Vern Nemitz Director of Outreach
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Adult Bible Studies:

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

Luther’s Large Catechism - Tuesday, 10:00am – Luther Chapel, led by Pastor Hannemann. Resumes September 12. Please bring $12 cash or check to the first class session to cover the cost of the study guide. This will be a great study to kick off the fall observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

New Study! A Man Named Martin – Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, Luther Chapel, led by Pastor Hannemann. This class is a great start to a fall focus at church on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The class features clips from a DVD and a discussion guide. Explore the man Luther, his world of thought, his teachings, and his ongoing influence in the Christian world.

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, 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.

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

High School RECHARGE meets every week 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.)
New Study! Living Beyond Yourself by Beth Moore – Tuesdays, 9:00am, Trinity Room. Led by Kristin Herrera.


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 7th.

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 10th 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


The Gourmet Group’s September outing will be to Cascio’s Steak house, 1620 S. 10th 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.

Midweek Meals – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - $5; Kids 6-11 - $3.50; 5 & Under-free. No family price. This week: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, salad & dessert

Altar flowers are given by Steve & Phyllis Heideman in celebration of their 50th anniversary on September 2; Leon & Bette Bilau in celebration of their 43rd anniversary on September 6; and Josh & Whitney Eiden in thankfulness for 8 years of marriage on September 5.

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!

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 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.

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.”

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

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.

A sincere thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers during my recent illness. A special thank you to Pastor Gruenke for his hospital visit. God has blessed me with healing. It’s so comforting to feel the love of my Divine Shepherd family. Bob Tieken

Attention: Seniors for the Lord – Those who signed up for the adventure on Monday, September 11, remember to meet at Divine Shepherd that morning at 11:45am to car pool.

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.
Calling All Musicians! Use your gifts! Wednesday, September 6, music groups for adults and kids begin meeting. No matter your interest, there’s something for you! Please contact Aaron Bressman at aaron@dsomaha.org for more information.

Chancel Choir begins rehearsals again this coming Wednesday, Sept. 6. This is a choir for women and men of all ages, beginning with those who have been confirmed. We rehearse every week on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 and we sing for worship nearly every Sunday morning. Rehearsals are downstairs in the choir room and new members are always welcome.

Men’s Chorus will also start rehearsing this coming Wednesday at 7:30. We rehearse occasionally and sing for worship about once a month. We meet following the Chancel Choir rehearsal in the choir room. Sorry ladies, you are not allowed in this group—it’s only for guys who love to sing.

Mission Belle Singers is for ladies and we meet on Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00. We sing a variety of music and our main “mission” is to sing for retirement homes. We also sing for worship occasionally. We rehearse weekly and present a program about once a month. We meet in the choir room and our first rehearsal for the season is this coming Thursday Sept 7. This is an opportunity to be part of an awesome ministry.

If you have questions call Betty Buller: 402-333-8188 or 402-490-3668. It is awesome to praise the Lord in song.

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.

Suicide Prevention: Donations and runners are being sought for a 5K fun run/walk Sept. 9 to boost suicide prevention. The Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention event will begin at 10am at the Ponca Hills Volunteer Fire Department, 12919 Ponca Road, Omaha, with sign up from 9am to 9:45am. Donations of money or items for raffle baskets are being collected by coordinator Barb O’Keefe at 402-320-1764. Checks should be made out to Ponca Hills Yellow Ribbon and may be mailed to 11513 North Post Road, Omaha NE 68112.

Orphan Grain Train is excited to be celebrating 25 years of serving those in need worldwide. The celebration is going to be held in the Divots Conference Center at 4200 West Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, NE. Please mark your calendars for Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th to attend this two-day celebration which includes a special recognition of OGT’s President, Pastor Ray Wilke and Vice President, the late Clayton Andrews. Learn more about the impact Orphan Grain Train has in the US and around the world. The keynote speaker is Dr. Dale Meyer and other speakers from around the world. Enjoy food, entertainment and fellowship.

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. 108th 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.

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

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.
Last spring the Board of Elders took on this goal: how might we come up with a Sunday morning schedule so more children experience worship and more adults take part in a study of the Word? The outcome of a nearly three hour meeting on a Sunday afternoon was the schedule we have adopted for the summer and that the Elders have approved through the end of this calendar year.

These are the intentions behind the current Sunday morning schedule:

- To include children in worship and adults in Bible study
- To eliminate the conflict of Sunday School and worship during the same hour
- To create intentional fellowship (with food and drink) opportunities to facilitate relationship formation in Luther Chapel, the Atrium and the CLC
- To become a “stickier” church with less back door losses
- To involve many more volunteers in welcoming/hospitality roles
- To create more welcoming “touches” for visitors and members alike
- To create a greater sense of community—making a big church smaller and more intimate
- To create small group fellowship/study opportunities
- To involve many more children and adults in the study of the Word on Sunday mornings
- To take advantage of this transitional/mission-focused time following the launch of our church plant
- To reclaim inactive members
- To put our best foot forward to guest, visitors and prospective members

Some realities:

- With this new schedule everyone’s worship time changed from 10 minutes to 30 minutes
- As a result, not everyone is a fan of this new schedule
- Our adult Bible class attendance over the summer has increased over 700%
- We can’t really know how well this schedule might work until we are “back in the swing of things” this fall

Some requests:

- Please be patient and charitable as we continue this schedule this fall
- Please bring your children to worship with you
- Enroll your children in Sunday School
- Please take part in an adult Bible study at 9:00am
- Please take time for fellowship before and/or after worship
- Please invite others to church, especially those who don’t know Jesus

Sunday Morning Schedule

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They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
This Week’s Calendar:

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*Church Office closed for Labor Day holiday.*

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<td><strong>Young Adult Ministry</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Hope Choir</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mission Belles Rehearsal</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Al-Anon</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MOPS</strong></td>
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### Sunday, September 10 – Back to Church Sunday

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