

THE DIVINE SHEPHERD **WEEKLY HEARTBEAT**

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For the Weekend of September 9/10, 2017



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Saturday Night Fellowship – The Saturday evening ushers are hosting a fellowship event after worship next Saturday, September 16th. 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!



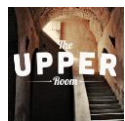
Hurricane Harvey Relief—Here is a way to help those who are suffering in the aftermath of the storm in Texas with assurance that 100% of your gift will go to help those in need. Simply go to the following website to give online to the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. You will also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

address where you can mail a check. <https://txlcms.org/how-can-i-help-hurricane-harvey/>. If you would like to contribute materials goods, the following items will be collected at Divine Shepherd and shipped to Texas through Orphan Grain Train: diapers, formula, non-perishable food, large cleaning sponges, large heavy duty trash bags, 5 gallon buckets, paper towel rolls, powdered cleanser (i.e. Ajax/Comet), liquid cleaners (i.e. Mr. Clean/Pine-Sol, Lysol), and kitchen cleaning gloves.



Next Week's Sermon:

September 16/17 – *How Many Times?* – Matthew 18:21-35



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.



Adult Bible Studies:

New Study! Contending for the Faith: A Study of the Book of Jude – Sunday 9:00am – in the Sanctuary, led by Pastor Mark Hannemann, **Begins Sept. 10 and runs 4 weeks.**

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

Exploring Luther's Large Catechism – Tuesdays, 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. Join us!

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. Begins Sept. 13.

Man Camp – Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Shepherd's Room, led by Pastor Chapman. Begins Sept. 13.

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.



High School RECHARGE meets every week in the Youth Room Wednesday nights 6:15-7:30.

Required 9th grade class on World religions will began Sept 6th. (Note this is required for 9th grade confirmation.)



Women's Ministry

Faith (Bible Studies)

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

New Study! Miracles of Jesus – Wednesdays, 9:30am, Room 15. Led by Remkea Ockander. **Begins September 13.**

New Study! Present Over Perfect – Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Room 15.

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

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

NEWS & Notes



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: Taco Night!**



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.



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.

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!



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.



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.



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.



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@csleu.edu.



My deepest thanks to my Divine Shepherd family for the prayers, visits, and cards during my recent hospital and rehab stays, and since my return home. A special thank you to Pastor Greunke for his visits, prayers and communion. The support and comfort displayed by all of you is appreciated. Randy Vavricek



Altar flowers are given by Jerry and Ruth Koepf in celebration of Matt & Kim Weiss' 1st anniversary.



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.



Calling All Musicians! Use your gifts! No matter your interest, there's something for you! Please contact Aaron Bressman at aaron@dsomaha.org for more information.



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.

This Week's Calendar:



Monday, September 11

- 1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)
 11:45am **Seniors for the Lord** (meet at church to carpool)
 7:00pm **Stephen Ministry CE & SPVN** (Luther Chapel & Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, September 12

- 9:00am **Women's Bible Study** - *Living Beyond Yourself* - (Trinity Room)
 10:00am **Adult Bible Study** - *Luther's Large Catechism* (Luther Chapel)
 6:00-9:00pm **Young Adult Ministry**

Wednesday, September 13

- 6:30am **Men's Bible Study** - *The Gospel of John* (Trinity Room)
 9:30am **Women's Bible Study** - *Miracles of Jesus* (Room 15)
 4:45-6:00pm **Midweek Meal** (CLC) Taco Night!
 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 - *A Man Named Martin* (Luther Chapel)
Women's Bible Study - *Present Over Perfect* (Room 15)
Men's Bible Study - *Man Camp* (Shepherd's Room)
Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
H.S. Recharge (Youth Room)
 7:30pm **Men's Chorus** (Choir Room)
Ceaseless Praise Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 14

- 6:00am **Men's Bible Study** - *Reading Romans with Luther* (Vidlak's Café-156 & Center)
 9:00am **Mission Belles Rehearsal** (Choir Room)
 7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons Room)

Friday, September 15

- 6:15am **Men's Bible Study** - *Matthew* (Shepherd's Room)
 9:15am **MOPS** (Trinity Room/Commons/Nursery)

Saturday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 17

- 7:45am **Traditional Worship** with Holy Communion
 9:00am **Sunday School** (Lower Level)
Jr. High/High School Bible Study (Youth Room)
Adult Bible Study - *Contending for the Faith: A Study of the Book of Jude* (Sanctuary)
Women's Bible Study - *Fruit of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace* (Room 13)
Connections Class (Commons Room - Lower Level)
 10:00am **Contemporary Worship**
 10:10am **Family Worship** (CLC)
Adult Bible Study - *The Ministry of Jesus, Continued...* (Commons Room)
 11:10am **Blended Worship** with Children's Message

