

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of January 6, 2019

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Chili Cook-Off is Coming Soon!

The 19th Annual Little Lamb Preschool Chili Cook-Off will be held Friday, January 25. All proceeds to benefit Little Lamb Preschool. We NEED your HELP!



****Pick up a shape and donate the item listed on it.** Return the item by Wednesday, Jan. 16

****Host a booth with family/friends/classmates**

****Donate an item for the Silent or Live Auction.** Return all items or baskets by Sunday, Jan. 20th.

****Volunteer your time the night of the event**—we need help in the kitchen, with children's activities and the auctions.

****Purchase your tickets TODAY!** Tickets are on sale **now** at the Table in the Narthex. \$8 for Adult tickets (\$10 at the door); \$5 for Children ages 12-3; 3 yr. old and under FREE. Contact Tonya Isaac (ext 251) if you have questions or are ready to help.

Congregational Assembly Recap

The Congregation voted on Sunday, Dec. 9 to approve the 2019 Operating Budget, issue a Divine Call to a Director of Children's Ministry and finance start-up of a childcare at Divine Shepherd. During the Congregational Assembly, members also elected officers and members to the Board of Directors and Board of Elders.

Congregation members approved a balanced non-preschool/daycare budget of \$1,517,101, down 5.65 percent from the 2018 budget. Members approved a preschool/daycare budget of \$345,650,

up 152 percent from 2018, reflecting the addition of a daycare and its startup costs. The congregation also authorized borrowing up to \$475,000 to finance construction and startup costs of the childcare in the lower level of our current building. The congregation also approved a \$25,000 contribution to GraceHill Lutheran Church, our daughter congregation, for 2019.

The Divine Call as Director of Children's Ministry was issued to Tricia Reinbold, who has been serving in that role since April. She recently was placed back on the roster of the LCMS as a Commissioned Minister after a time of inactivity due to the family's move from Michigan to Nebraska several years ago.

Elected to two-year terms on the Board of Directors were: Vice President: Stuart Bartruff. Secretary: Barb Meier. Heart of the Shepherd Fund Chair: Barb Prow. Member at Large: Jessica Thurman. Elected to two-year terms on the Board of Elders were

Marlin Petermann, Tim Vandeberghe, Toby Frost, Doug Berry, Alan Eschmann, Kevin Reinbold and J.P. Thurman.



We are pleased to announce that **Tricia Reinbold has accepted the congregation's Divine Call** to be the Director of Children's Ministry at Divine Shepherd.

She has been serving in this position as a non-called staff member since April of 2018. She comes with 18 years of experience as an elementary teacher in Lutheran schools in Michigan and New York. After moving to Omaha in 2013, she worked at Concordia Academy and St. Mark Lutheran Church before joining the staff at Divine Shepherd. A graduate of Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Mich., Trish and her husband, Kevin, have two sons: Christian, 19, and Caleb, 15. We will have a Service of Installation for her on Sunday, January 13 at the 10:45 service.

December 16 was the last Sunday for our 9:15am service in the Christian Life Center. We thank God for all of the blessings this service had been to so many through these last years. Out of this service our church plant, GraceHill was launched. This decision represents a recognition that we have limited staff capacity as well as limited financial resources to add an additional pastor to help cover responsibilities at this time. We are ramping up our Sunday fellowship opportunities in the Atrium and Chapel from 8:45-11:00am—come grab a cup of coffee and a donut and spend a few minutes visiting with friends!



January Sermon Series

January 12-13

Devoted to: The Fellowship

1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27

January 19-20 **Devoted to: The Fellowship**

Matthew 26-17-30

January 26-27 **Devoted to: Prayer**

James 5:13-30

THE UPPER ROOM worship service is offered each Wednesday that Midweek classes are in session in the **Luther Chapel from 5:30-6:05.**

Upper Room Worship returns January 9.



Adult Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Class starts again January 8 at 10:00am. For the next several weeks we will be studying Martin Luther's book, *The Bondage of the Will*. Martin Luther's *The Bondage of the Will* (De

Servo Arbitrio, 1525) is one of the most influential theological treatises of the Reformation. It sets out Luther's view of free will and divine sovereignty. Luther writes to respond to Erasmus' writings on free will, and his style is vigorous and intense. This study will help us understand what the human will is capable of and what it is not when it comes to conversion and a relationship with God. Join us!

New Sunday Morning Bible Study begins today, January 6. The title of the study is "Christian Community." If you're like most people, you have serious questions about the church. Even "seasoned" believers sometimes wonder what the church is all about and how they are supposed to interact with it or be a part of it. What does Jesus say about it? Do I have to do more than just go? What is God's vision for how people get along? What is Christian community supposed to look like? This class will be taught by Pastor Jim Rasmussen in the Trinity Center at 9:15am each Sunday.



The Usher and Greeter Ministry Needs You-- both are a great way to get to know other church members and a good way to serve the Lord. We are especially in need of ushers at the 9:15 and 10:45am services. For information or to sign up to usher, please contact Tia Kosiski at tia@dsomaha.org or 402-895-1500. Please contact Tia if you are interested in being a greeter.

Altar Guild Meeting Monday, January 14 at 6:30pm. Volunteers needed for communion set-up, altar paraments, altar candles, etc. Please call Melanie Doeschot at 402-210-5083 for information or questions. Hope to see you then!

Men's Bible Studies

1st John - Thursdays, 6:00am at Vidlak's Café—156th & West Center Road.

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



Women's Ministry Faith (Bible Studies)

Meeting the Spirit, Sundays, 9:15am, Room 11. Led by Dena Nigh.

Sacred Marriage, Wednesdays, 9-11:00am, Room 16/17. Led by Kristin Herrera.

The **LWML Fall Leaguer** is available for pick-up in the Atrium.



High School Youth Group: 9th-12th graders are welcome Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm in the Youth Room. See you January 9th!



Altar Flowers are given by Pat and Sandy Swift in celebration of their 50th anniversary on January 4.



Midweek Meals - Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. January 9, 2019—Chili & Broccoli Cheese Soup

Thank you to the 75 households that have pledged gifts to the Seeds of Hope capital campaign as of Jan. 1! The campaign now has \$1,308,230 in pledges. Campaign volunteers are aiming to visit every household in the congregation to discuss the campaign and to ask for consideration of a 3-year pledge. Expect a visit! If you are ready for a visit call the church office at 895-1500 and let us know. To learn more about the campaign, visit <http://www.dsomaha.org/community/seeds-of-hope.html>

Are you single? Are you a couple? Are you new to Divine Shepherd? Are you hungry? If so, please join the Gourmet Group for the first outing of the year on January 20th at 6pm at Shuck's, 16901 Wright St. in the Shops at Legacy. We need to make reservations, so please contact Julie Schenk at julieaschenk@gmail.com or 402-333-2230 by January 16th if you are planning to attend. Hope to see you there!

Seniors for the Lord, Monday, January 7 at 9:30am. We will meet in the Trinity Center for games, soup & sandwiches. Please join us for fun and fellowship. Questions--please call Clarice Howard at 402-934-7237.

Concordia Jr. High Open House on Friday, January 11th from 5:00-7:30pm. Please join us to meet and greet teachers, enjoy Mustang High School basketball games (beginning at 4:30), have a free meal deal and look at the new Jr. High addition! RSVP to Dawn Cooksey at 402-990-9444 or cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org.

Is your student ready for Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019? Please join us at Concordia Academy for our Kindergarten Round Up! Select either Thursday, January 17th beginning at 6:00pm (free pizza dinner served!) or Friday, January 18th beginning at 1:00pm. RSVP to Dawn Cooksey at 402-990-9444 or cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org

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This Week's Calendar:

Monday, January 7

9:30am **Seniors for the Lord** Games, Soups & Sandwiches (Trinity Center)
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, January 8

10:00am **Bible Study, "Luther's Bondage of the Will"** Pastor Hannemann (Chapel)
6:30pm **Board of Elders Meeting**
7:00pm **Seeds of Hope Campaign Meeting**

Wednesday, January 9

9:00am **Women's Bible Study** *Sacred Marriage* (Room 16/17) Trinity Center
9:30am **Women's Bible Study** (Room 15)
4:45-6:00pm **Midweek Meal** (CLC) Chili & Broccoli Cheese Soups
5:00pm **HOPE Choir** (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:05pm **Upper Room** with Holy Communion (Chapel)
5:55pm **Shalom Choir** (Room 14)
Singing Stars Choir (Choir Room)
6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Classes/Confirmation**
6:15pm **High School Youth Group**
Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Life's Healing Choices Bible Study (Chapel)

Thursday, January 10

6:00am **Men's Bible Study** (Vidlak's)
12:45pm **Mission Belles Singers** concert at Friendship Program (7315 Maple St.)
7:30pm **Al-Anon** (Commons Room)

Friday, January 11

6:15am **Men's Bible Study** (Shepherd's Room)
9:15am **MOPS Meeting** (Lower Level)

Saturday, January 12

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship**

Sunday, January 13

8:00am **Traditional Worship** (Sanctuary)
8:45-11am **Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)
9:15am **Sunday School** (Lower Level)
9:15am **Adult Bible Study** (Trinity Center)
9:15am **Women's Bible Study** (Room 11)
9:15am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion