

# **HEARTBEAT** Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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***For the Week of December 30, 2018***

## **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



### **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 will be ramping up our Sunday fellowship opportunities in the Atrium and Chapel beginning today, December 23.



### **Next Weeks' Sermons**

January 5-6

**Devoted to: The Apostles' Teaching**

Acts 2:36-41

January 12-13

**Devoted to: The Fellowship**

1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27

**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 will return January 9.**



### **Adult Bible Studies**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Class starts again January 8 at 10:00am. Watch the Heartbeat for the new topic.

**New Sunday Morning Bible Study** Begins January 6. 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? In this course, learn God's heart for you and the church with illustrations from trusted leaders like G.K. Chesterton and Philip Yancey.

This class will be taught by the pastors 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](mailto:tia@dsomaha.org) or 402-895-1500. Please contact Tia if you are interested in being a greeter.

## Men's Bible Studies

**1st John** - Thursdays, 6:00am at Vidlak's Café—156<sup>th</sup> & 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.

### Christmas Cookie Project

We want to thank everyone who gathered at the Church and helped make Christmas cookies on December 8. With the help of these great people AND a Thrivent Action Team grant, we made almost a thousand cookies & candies and packed 84 boxes that were picked up or delivered to our widows, widowers and homebound members of Divine Shepherd. Thank you for your holiday spirit!



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

January 9 – See you then!



**Altar Flowers** are given by Darrel and Joanne Swenson in celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary on January 3.



**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 Dec. 10! 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Shuck's, 16901 Wright St. in the Shops at Legacy. We need to make reservations, so please contact Julie Schenk at [juliaschenk@gmail.com](mailto:juliaschenk@gmail.com) or 402-333-2230 by January 16<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Parents' Night Out** Looking for a kids-free night? Concordia National Spanish Honor Society has a great and affordable option for you! On **January 18 and February 8**, they will be hosting

**Parents Night Out** at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School (15656 Fort St, Omaha, NE 68116) from 5-9:00pm. Drop your kids off for a fun night full of games, movies, devotions, and snacks. A minimum donation of \$20 per family is encouraged for the service, which helps NSHS members raise funds for their mission trip to Puerto Rico in summer 2019.

**Out and about doing your Christmas shopping?** Don't forget the 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Auction January 25th! We are in need of auction items: restaurant gift cards, goods or services and empty baskets. Add us to your holiday shopping list and help provide a great education for our preschoolers. Thanks in advance!

**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.

**Please Save HY-VEE Receipts!!** Hy-Vee's "Cash for Students" is still going. Please bring your Hy-Vee receipts dated between September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> for Little Lamb Preschool to earn cash for our students—just drop them in the Purple Box. THANK YOU for supporting Little Lamb Preschool with your receipts!

## Church Staff

### Rev. Dr. Mark Hannemann

Senior Pastor/Director of Ministries

### Rev. James Rasmussen

Executive Pastor/Director of Finance & Operations

### Rev. Sean Chapman

SMP Pastor/Director of Family Life

### Rev. Doug Morton

Pastoral Care Assistant

### Tonya Isaac

Director of Little Lamb Preschool

### Trish Reinbold

Director of Children's Ministry

### Tia Kosiski

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### Aaron Engelman

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**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 the Shepherd's Room, or you can work on your own from home. Patterns are available.

## This Week's Calendar:

### Monday, December 31

**No activities**

**Enjoy a safe and Happy New Year**

### Tuesday, January 1

**Church Office closed**

**Happy New Year**

### Wednesday, January 2

**No Weekday classes, Upper Room**

### Thursday, January 3

6:00am **Men's Bible Study** (Vidlak's)

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

### Friday, January 4

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

### Saturday, January 5

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

### Sunday, January 6

8:00am **Traditional Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

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)

10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)

