



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of December 23, 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 Week's Sermon

December 30

The Gift of Love

Colossians 3:12-17

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.

Sunday morning adult Bible study, 9:15-10:15 in the Luther Chapel, led by Rev. Doug Morton. **The Four Solas of the Reformation** is the topic as this study concludes for the year. The class will resume in the Trinity Center on Sunday, January 6. Be watching for the topic.



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.

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.

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.

December 26th - No Midweek
January 9 - See you then!



Altar Flowers are given by Mel and Corlyn Klug in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary December 23.



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 20th at 6pm at Shuck's, 16901 Wright 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.

A HUGE thank you for all who helped make the Angel Tree a success. Sixty families of incarcerated parents were served and 105 Christmas gifts were provided to these special kids. God bless you for your holiday spirit and kindness.



POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Rich Aken - In thankfulness; **LaVerne & Cheryl Benck** - In thankfulness for God's many blessings; **Karen Berry** - In loving memory of Wally Berry, Hugo and Louise Grosse; **Rich & Jackie Bredenkamp** - thankful for the blessing of our grandchildren Violet, Lily, Gus, & Atticus; **Jennifer Brittenham** - In loving memory of Margaret

Sund & Bernice Tiedtke, thanks be to God!; **Jill & Steve Chevalier** - In loving memory of Vic & Carolyn Schroeder and Mike, Maurice & Loyd; **Don & Ina Cotner** - In memory of Scott Cotner; **Randi DeBoer** - In memory of Inez Walters; **Melanie Doeschot** - To the Glory of God; **Dennis & Cheryl Evans** - To the Glory of God and his son Jesus Christ; **Jill Floth** - thankful for the blessing of family; **Jack & Marilynn Frohloff** - Thankful for the birth of Christ and for family & friends; **Judson Golka** - In honor of Theodore & Christine Golka and Andrew Kramer; **Kathie Haubensak** - In thankfulness for newborn Savior and in loving memory of Richard & Karen; **Lorri Hibbeler** - In loving memory of my parents Nancy & Sonny Hibbeler; **Otis & Clarice Howard** - In thankfulness to God for our family; **Karen Dix-Johnson** - Thankfulness for family and friends; **Mel & Corlyn Klug** - In loving memory of our daughter Janet Moorman; **Jerry & Ruth Koepf** - In thankfulness for our children & grandchildren; **Lyle & Linda Kruse** - In thankfulness for our family and friends; **Jim & Marilyn Layman** - To the Glory of God; **Mondo & Sandy Marcuzzo** - In loving memory of our parents, Mondo & Catherine Marcuzzo, and Kenneth & Merna Roberts; **Jeff & Janet McLaughlin** - In loving memory of Jeff's mother Pat, and Jeff's sister Wendy, and Janet's parents, Phillip & Dorothy Rabe; **Butch Michael** - In loving memory of Karen; **Doug & Nancy Morton** - In honor of Ruth Morton (Doug's mom); **Paul, Erin, Wyatt & Kyra Oberhauser** - Praising God for 50 years of marriage for Pat & Sandy Swift and Merry Christmas to Angel Jack Speichert; **Marlin & Cynthia Petermann** - To the Glory of God; **Nancy & Hannah Polak** - In honor of George & Betty Barker and Boehimal & Marie Polak; **Jim & Margaret Raiman** - To the Glory of God; **Keith & Nancy Rohwer** - Celebrating the birth of Jesus; **Melanie Rose & Curt Patton** - In loving memory of our parents, LaVerne & Nancy Birch and Patricia Patton; **Bill, Doris & Charles Rydstrom** - In memory of daughter and sister Elizabeth; **Gaye Lynn & Joe Schaffart** - Thankful for the blessing of our family; **Bill & Julie Schenk** - With thankfulness for our many blessings; **Bill & Marlene Seim** - To the staff of Divine Shepherd; **Donna Short** - In loving memory of loved ones; **Sizer family** - That all may receive the greatest gift of all, salvation through Christ Jesus; **John & Maryann Skrabal** - Christmas blessings to all in honor of Richard Ziegler; **Ruby Stroh** - To the Glory of God; **Bob & Jan Tieken** - In thankfulness for our Savior and to the Glory of God; **David Wacker** - Glory to God for all blessings received; **Carole Welty** - In loving memory of my husband Jerry, my daughter Kimm and in thankfulness for Nick's good health, family & friends; **Bret & Gina Williams** - In loving memory of Gina's parents, Dick & Gloria Royuk; **Doris Witecki** - In loving memory of my husband Gary; **Gary & Stacy Zoucha** - Christmas blessings to our family and friends and to those watching from above.

This Week's Calendar:

Monday, December 24

- 3:00pm **Christmas Eve Family Worship** (Sanctuary)
5:00pm **Christmas Eve Family Worship** (Sanctuary)
7:00pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
10:00pm **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 25

- 10:00am **Christmas Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion
Christmas Day, Church office closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office closed
No Weekday classes, practices, Upper Room

Thursday, December 27

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

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

- 5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship**

Sunday, December 30

- 8:00am **Traditional Worship** (Sanctuary)
9:15am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)
10:45am **Modern Worship (Sanctuary)**

