

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of March 10, 2019

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Belize Mission Trip Meeting has been postponed to March 17 at Noon in the Chapel. The week of

June 8-15, 2019 has been targeted for a mission trip to Belize. Pastor Mark, who has been serving in Belize for more than a decade, will be leading this trip. If you cannot attend this informational meeting, but are interested, email Pastor Mark at mark@dsomaha.org.



Arison Concert Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30pm. This is a kid-friendly concert—Preschool students will recognize a lot of the music from their classes. Come early at 5:30

for a PIZZA POTLUCK. Please bring pizza, sides or dessert to share. We hope to see you at this fun event.

Students Receiving their First Communion

today at the 10:45am service: Annie Abrahams, Samantha Brandquist, Ryan Brewer, Chloe Burress, Levi Chapman, Hannah Churchill, Randall Fredericks, Sam Hansen, TrayJon Hodgson, Nick Johannes, Lucas Johnson, Miles Kusleika, Sean Murphy, Ryan Murphy, Ty Orwig, Mazi Phillips, Landon Phillips, Erica Plummer, Braxton Steenbock, Josh Taylor, Mackenzie Vidlak, Grace Vidlak and Kasen Warner.

God's richest blessings to these young people as they grow in their faith, strengthened by this meal of forgiveness from Jesus.

Thanks for helping us catch up. Offerings for the weekend of March 2-3 were about 70 percent higher than normal for a first weekend of the month. Thank you to those who responded to our "snow emergency" in our finances. While last week was a step in the right direction, we're still short of

our budget financially due to weeks of snow-related lower attendance and giving, including one weekend of canceled services. And we continue to have much higher than average snow removal expenses, as the storms keep coming. We need to continue to catch up, so please consider making up any weekly giving missed, making a special gift or increasing your regular gift. One way to ensure consistent giving is to set up a weekly automatic gift. Click on the "Give" button on the homepage at dsomaha.org and set up your profile. That way, whether you're in church or staying home to avoid the snow, your gift arrives every week to fund the ministries of the church. Thank you!



Weekend Sermons for March

March 9-10 Luke 4:1-13
Salvation—It Can't Be That Easy

March 16-17 Luke 13:31-35
Jerusalem, the Holy City (of Death!)

March 23-24 Luke 13:1-9
Warning The Wicked is Not Fun

March 30-31 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Come Home! (Even If You Are Still at Home)

Sermon on the Mount Midweek Lenten Series

Join us for the Sermon on the Mount special Midweek service series this Wednesday at 4 or 7:30pm. This week we remember that Christ calls us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen his great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring his salvation and shining with his glory and grace in the places where he has put us. Join us for this special Lenten

meditation. These Wednesday services will be 45 minutes or less in length.

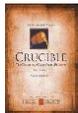
THE UPPER ROOM worship services on Wednesday evenings will resume in the Fall.



Adult Bible Studies

New Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00am

The Great Deceiver--is Satan a real being, or is he just an outdated representation of evil? The Bible speaks of him as a rebel angel leading his minions against God, the holy angels, and all God's children. But recent surveys suggest a majority of Christians in the United States don't believe Satan really exists. In this video-based Bible study we will explore what the Bible has to say about our ancient foe. Pastor Hannemann will be leading this study.



Have you ever faced a crossroads type decision in your life? The type of decision that has an outward reflection of your inward commitment to your walk with Christ? The decision process can be as

intense as a crucible - a place where precious substances are tested, purified, and strengthened. When the heat is on, what decisions will we make?

Join us Wednesday nights from 6:15pm-7:30pm beginning March 13th in Luther Chapel for a new Bible study series where we'll discuss the critical choices we face throughout life. We'll witness how faith, trust, fear, and humility refined David and drew him closer to the heart of God. We'll learn that God will use the choices we make to transform us into people after His own heart-and shape our lives forever. Study Guides are \$10.00 each.

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 Cross, Wednesdays, 9:30am. Led by Shirley Asmussen (questions: 402-690-7293 or shirleyasmussen@gmail.com)

LWML Tri-Zone Spring Rally The LWML Spring Rally will be held at Divine Shepherd on Sunday, April 7 from 1-4:00pm The speaker will be Janece Ferris, Director of Foster Care at Release Ministries. Pastor Mark will provide the Bible study. We welcome all women of the congregation to join us. If you are new to LWML, or want to learn more about LWML, this will be a great program for you.

Women's Ministry Event – May 11 Mark your calendars for our next Women's Ministry event on Saturday, May 11 from 9:30-noon. The program will be "How Does Your Garden Grow?" More information in the coming weeks.

Mite Boxes Please keep filling up those mite boxes and bring them to the church office, or to one of our Women's Ministry events.



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



Altar Flowers are given by Karen & Rusty Rau in celebration of their anniversary and thankfulness for God's blessings.



Midweek Meals – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5;

Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. March 13, 2019—Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs
Angel Tree Planning Meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30am in the Shepherd's Room. All are welcome. Questions—call Rosy at 402-330-7727.



Sewing Talent Needed We will need a few hundred small drawstring coin bags for VBS this summer, approximately 4 inches tall by 3 inches wide. They can be made of any color/kind of material. If you are willing to make and donate even a dozen of these bags, please contact Trish in the church office or at trish@dsomaha.org. Thank you!



Seeds of Hope Enters Next Phase

The Seeds of Hope capital campaign began last May when focus group meetings were held for members to learn about our future plans. Survey results from these meetings encouraged us to move forward with the campaign. Starting in July, pastors and lay leaders began visiting families, and a kickoff event was held Sept. 30. Our goal was to make a personal visit to every member family in the congregation. Our team of visitors has worked hard, and have secured 100 pledges in the amount of \$1,434,000 to date. About a dozen callers have been making these visits. It is not feasible for this number of callers to meet every family in a reasonable time frame. If you have not been contacted by one of our callers and would like a personal visit, please call the church and let Kathy or Susan know. We'll set one up.

We are going to make a broad appeal now. During the week of March 11, each family that has not been called upon will receive a letter from the church. This letter will include a brochure that explains each element of the campaign, and a pledge card. On Sunday, April 7, we will have Commitment Sunday, where each family will be asked to bring their completed pledge cards forward during the offering time during the service.

Our goal for this campaign is to raise \$3 million. This would allow us to retire the debt on our current building and the land at 168th and Giles; remodel the lower level of our current building to expand our preschool and add daycare; and fulfill our pledge of \$150,000 to the Nebraska District LCMS for their remodeling projects. Thank you to everyone who

has pledged to the campaign, and to everyone who has worked on the campaign!

Kevin Lammers and Stuart Bartruff
Campaign Co-Chairs

All singles and couples—please join us on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at 6 pm at Farmer Brown's Steakhouse, 2620 River Rd Dr., in Waterloo (rescheduled from last month). Please RSVP to Kathy Loschen by March 14. Phone number is 402-630-6324, email klosche@yahoo.com.

Book Club We would like to form a book club at Divine Shepherd, meeting once a month at the church to discuss the book. The members would choose the book to read either from a personal recommendation or from a list of available books from the public library. The day and time of the monthly meeting would be determined from the interest shown. Please contact Pat Boozikee at 210-240-6200 or Clare Long at 402-896-402 if you are interested. Any ideas or thoughts will also be welcome.

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This Week's Calendar:

Monday, March 11

1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Group** (Shepherd's Room)

Tuesday, March 12

10:00am **Bible Study, *The Great Deceiver*** Pastor Hannemann (Chapel)

11:30am **Angel Tree Planning Meeting** (Shepherd's Room)

6:00pm **Seeds of Hope Campaign Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13

9:00am **Women's Bible Study *Sacred Marriage*** (Room 16/17) Trinity Center

9:30am **Women's Bible Study *The Cross*** (Room 15)

4:45-6:00pm **Midweek Meal** (CLC) Breakfast for Dinner

5:00pm **HOPE Choir** (Sanctuary)

4:00pm **Lenten Worship** (Sanctuary)

5:55pm **Shalom Choir** (Room 14)

Singing Stars Choir (Choir Room)

6:15-7:30pm **Midweek Classes/Confirmation**

6:15pm **High School Youth Group**

Life's Healing Choices Bible Study (Chapel)

6:20pm **Chancel Choir**

7:30pm **Lenten Worship** (Sanctuary)

8:30pm **Men's Choir**

Thursday, March 14

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

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

Friday, March 15

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

1:00pm **Bridge Club** (Chapel)

Saturday, March 16

5:00pm **Evening Praise Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 17

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 **New Member Class** (Commons Room)

9:15am **Women's Bible Study** (Room 11)

9:15am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary)

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

12:00 noon **Belize Mission Trip Meeting** (Chapel)