

HEARTBEAT Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of September 8, 2019



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



TODAY—RALLY DAY!!!

September 8 from 10:30-1:30 in the church parking lot for inflatables, games, candy and fun. Food trucks will be available if you wish to purchase lunch or a snack. This will be a great kick-off for our Sunday School and Midweek season that starts this week. Rally your family and friends to come for this special time of fun and fellowship!

New Director of Finance and Operations. We are happy to announce that Jennie Smith has accepted this position on our staff and will be starting this week. Next week in all services we will officially welcome Jennie in each of our worship services, followed by a cookie reception in the Atrium. Jennie is married to Rev. Dr. Brent Smith, Mission Development Counselor from Mission Central, who just preached here the last weekend in August. Their children are Zach, Kaitlyn and Sophia. Jennie served in a similar position at one of our sister churches in Virginia. More information to come.

The Board of Directors has called a **Congregational Assembly** for Sunday, Sept. 22, at 12:00pm in the sanctuary. The agenda includes a report from the Youth Director Call Committee, an update on the congregation's finances, a report on the opening weeks of the expanded Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare; discussion of forming a visioning group to look at the future of the Family Campus at 168th Street and Giles Road; and a report on staffing changes. Please join us for this important meeting. Childcare will be provided.



Time to make your Lifetouch Photography appointment! Please go to the church website:

dsomaha.org to find the link to set up your own session. Photographers

will be here Sept. 24-28. More appointments will be made available as needed. You will receive a **FREE 8x10 picture** (and option to purchase more), **plus a printed directory**. Please don't wait—we want everyone to be included in the new church directory! Call the church office if you have any questions—402-895-1500.

Volunteers Needed for Childcare

EARLY Risers--we'd love for you to join us to help share God's love with His Little Lambs in the early mornings between 7—8:15am. You may choose preschool, toddler or infant snugglers, and staff will fill in around you!

LATE Risers: Jennifer would love help in the kitchen with prep or washing dishes between 10-12:30pm or 12-2:00pm.

Thank you for supporting our Preschool & Childcare ministry!



Weekend Sermons

September 7-8
Short Letter, Long Lesson
Philemon 1-25

September 14-15
That Self Concept Needs Some Work
1 Timothy 1:12-17

NOTICE

There will be no Wednesday Evening Upper Room worship service this fall. We look forward to seeing everyone in our weekend services.



Adult Bible Studies

New Bible Study Wednesday

nights: It was while reading St. Paul's epistle to the Romans that

Martin Luther's view of God was transformed -- from that of a righteous and angry judge to a loving Father who gives sinners the gift of his righteousness through Jesus Christ. Luther later called Romans "really the chief part of the New Testament ... every Christian should know it word for word ... and ... occupy themselves with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul." Join Pastor Jim Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 7:30, beginning Sept. 11, in Luther Chapel to study **Romans: Saved for a Transformed Life.**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study has begun!

10:00-11:15am

Topic: God's Crime Scene

There are four ways to die, and only one of them requires an intruder. Suicides, accidental, and natural deaths can occur without any evidence from outside the room. But murders typically involve suspects external to the crime scene. If there's evidence of an outside intruder, homicide detectives have to prepare for a chase. Intruders turn death scenes into crime scenes.

This video-based study, led by Pastor Hannemann, features J. Warner Wallace, former atheist, seasoned cold-case detective, and popular national speaker as he tackles his most important case....with you on the jury!

With the expertise of a cold-case detective, J. Warner examines eight critical pieces of evidence in the "crime scene" of the universe to determine if they point to a Divine Intruder. If you have ever wondered if something (or someone) outside the natural realm created the universe and everything in it, this is the case for you.



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 or greeter,

please contact [Tia Kosiski at tia@dsomaha.org](mailto:Tia.Kosiski@dsomaha.org) or 402-895-1500.



The Garden Group will meet on Wednesday, September 11 at 10am in the atrium, weather permitting. We will be doing miscellaneous work around the church, including trimming some trees. If you have gardening gloves or trimmers, please bring them. The Garden Group tries to meet every other week. We welcome anyone to join us—we can use your help! You can contact Janis Pfingsten if you have any questions at 402-431-8596.

Men's Bible Studies

The Great Deceiver - Thursdays, 6:00am at Vidlak's Café—156th & West Center Road.

James - Fridays, 6:15am, Shepherd's Room, led by Paul Koehler and Harry Mathis.



Women's Ministry Faith (Bible Studies)

Coffee with the Savior - Mondays, 10-11:15am, Trinity Center. Led by Trish Reinbold. Call the church office to sign up: 402-895-1500.

Begins September 23

Prayer, an Adventure with God, Sundays at 9:15am, Room 15. Led by Dena Nigh

Tough Stuff Parenting, Wednesdays, 9-11:00am, Trinity Room. Led by Kristin Herrera—childcare provided.



Confirmation Classes

6:15- 7:30pm Wednesdays, begin Sept. 11
6th & 7th--Trinity Room (Downstairs)
8th--Youth Room (Upstairs)

High School Youth Group

7:30-9:00pm Wednesdays, begins Sept. 11
Youth Room.

Please register online at: dsomaha.org

Spring Break Belize Trip, March 14-21, 2020.
Open to all High School Youth. Contact Tia at tia@dsomaha.org for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HEADS UP!! Our Sunday School and Midweek programs begin this week! Here are a few important dates to put on your calendar:
TODAY--Sunday, September 8--RALLY DAY!!

Wednesday, September 11--First day of **Midweek Classes**. Midweek classes are available for 3 year olds through 5th grade, Confirmation classes are available (and required) for 6th-8th graders.

Sunday, September 15--**Sunday School** from 9:15-10:15.

Please register your child online at:
dsomaha.org

News & Notes



Altar Flowers are given by are by Leon and Bette Bilau to the glory of God in celebration of their 45th anniversary on Sept. 6.



Nursery Help Needed This is a part-time, paid position. If you love little ones and can help us out, please contact Kristina Blythe at

402-612-0067.

Childcare workers for MOPS needed. This is a paid position, two Fridays each month during the school year. For more information, email Laura Lied at: lauramlied@gmail.com

Seniors for the Lord! An excursion to CLOISTERS ON THE PLATTE has been planned for Seniors for the Lord tomorrow, **Monday, Sept. 9**. We will meet at the church in the chapel at 9:00am for devotions and to organize rides. Admission is free, however a **\$10 fee per person for the audio earphone during the tour will be needed.** It is wheelchair accessible, and is approximately a 1/2 mile walk with about 1/2 of the walk shaded. As we need an approximate number,

we ask that you make **reservations by Sept 8** to Mary Tietjen via email at dmtietjen64@gmail.com , or if you do not have email, call at 402-502-9144. Please leave your message. **PLAN TO ATTEND!**
Anyone is welcome.



Oktoberfest is Coming! Join Concordia Schools on September 21st for the Inaugural Concordia Brat Trot and Oktoberfest. Run/Walk your way to the finish line and enjoy brats, polka music, dancing, games, beer, and root beer. To sign up, please visit:
<https://runsignup.com/concordiaomaha>

Important Dates for your Calendar

- Sept. 8** Rally Day (10:30-1:30)
- Sept. 9** Seniors for the Lord outing (9:00am)
- Sept. 11** Midweek Classes begin (6:15pm)
- Sept. 15** Sunday School begins (9:15-10:15)
- Sept. 22** Congregational Meeting (noon)
- Sept. 24-28** Lifetouch Photography sessions

Church Staff

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Executive Pastor/Director of Finance & Operations

Rev. Doug Morton

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

10-11:15am **Adult Bible Study** (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 11

9-11:00am **Women's Bible Study** *Tough Stuff Parenting* (Trinity Center)

10:00am **Gardening Group**

4:45-6:00pm **Midweek Meal** (CLC) Sloppy Joes

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

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

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

Bible Study *Romans: Saved for a Transformed Life* (Chapel)

6:20pm **Chancel Choir** (Choir Room)

7:30pm **High School Youth Group**

Thursday, September 12

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

9:00am **Mission Belles** (Chancel)

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

Friday, September 13

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

9-11:30am **MOPS** (lower level)

Saturday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 15

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

8:45-11:00 **Fellowship Time with Coffee & Donuts** (Chapel)

9:15-10:15 **Sunday School** (Lower Level)

9:15am **Women's Bible Study** *Prayer, an Adventure with God* (Room 15)

9:15am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

10:45am **Modern Worship** (Sanctuary) with Holy Communion

