



HEARTBEAT

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church

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For the Week of March 31, 2019

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Commitment Weekend for the Seeds of Hope capital campaign is April 6-7. Member families who received a recent mailing will be invited to bring forward their completed pledge cards for the campaign during services that weekend. Families that did not have an opportunity for a personal campaign visit should have received the mailing recently with information about the campaign, and a pledge card. Thank you for prayerfully considering a pledge! Some families who have not yet made a pledge, but have been giving to the Seeds of Hope fund, did not receive the mailing. Those families will have an opportunity to make a pledge in response to an upcoming mailing. If you have questions, please contact the church at (402) 895-1500 or seedsofhope@dsomaha.org.

OGT - Nebraska Flood Relief Efforts

Orphan Grain Train is accepting donations for the relief of families devastated by the flood waters in Nebraska. The devastation is widespread with numerous towns, farms and homes engulfed with water. This is the worst flood in history for Nebraska and OGT needs your help. Hundreds of families are cleaning up water, muck and mud from their homes and will then start repairs. Your gift to OGT's Nebraska Flood Relief will help relieve some of the stress these families are facing now that the waters are receding and the work begins. Your gift of any size is appreciated and 100% of your donation will go towards relief efforts in Nebraska. You can make a donation online at www.ogt.org and click on the Donate button and choose your

donation to go to Nebraska Floods or mail your donation to: Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702. Thank you for your gift and please pray for the people affected by the enormous flood waters. Monetary donations will go toward purchasing water, food, flood relief supplies, building materials, water pumps, etc. for flood victims.



Weekend Sermons

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

April 6-7 Phillipians 3:4b-14
Knowing You, Jesus

April 13-14 Matthew 7:7-11
Ask, Seek, Knock

April 20-21 Matthew 6:19-21
Treasures In Heaven

April 27-28 Revelation 1:4-8, 17-18
Preparing For That Day

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study 9:15-10:15am in the Commons Room.

Jesus' Final Week taught by Pastor Doug and Pastor Jim.

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each of the four Gospel writers. You'll end up with a more well-rounded perspective of what God was doing in that week that changed our world. Join us for the in-depth study of Jesus' final week.

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 for the fifth Wednesday in Lent. In this service we recognize that so much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end. These Wednesday services will be 45 minutes or less in length.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – April 14

Ask, Seek, Knock

4pm & 7pm - Maundy Thursday – April 18

The Golden Rule

4pm & 7pm Good Friday – April 19

The Tree and Its Fruit

Easter Worship – April 20 & April 21

Holy Communion at all services

Treasures in Heaven

Saturday, April 20

5pm – Traditional Easter Service

Sunday, April 21

6:30am - Sunrise Service led by the Youth

8:00am – Traditional Worship

9:15am – Modern Worship

10:45am – Modern Worship



Adult Bible Studies

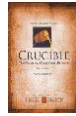
Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00-11:15am

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Have you ever faced a crossroads type decision in your life? Join us Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm in the 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 shirleymasmussen@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.



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

TRIVIA NIGHT!!! Friday, April 26th. Fun for all—prizes for Top Trivia Team, Best Costume and Best Table Theme. For more information or to sign up, email: tia@dsomaha.org by April 14th.



Altar Flowers are given by Bill & Delia Lowther in honor of Andrew Ferrari's baptismal birthday April 3.



Midweek Meals – Midweek Meals – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & under - free. April 3—Spaghetti



Easter lilies and mum plants will be used to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Worship Services. Plants can be purchased in thankfulness for a special blessing, in memory of a loved one, etc. All plants are \$10 each. Please complete the order form envelope available at the Information Desk in the Atrium, enclose your check payable to Divine Shepherd and return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering on or before April 10.

Volunteers are needed to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Please contact Patty Reed at pattyreedsizer@gmail.com if you can help.

Easter Candy & Egg Stuffing Helpers Needed The Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon on April 13 at 10:00am. Would you please consider donating some Easter candy to fit inside the eggs? You can leave



wrapped candy on the designated table in the atrium. We will be stuffing plastic Easter eggs with candy on Wednesday, April 3 from 6:15-7:15 in the Youth Room, Wednesday, April 10 from 6:15-7:15 in Room 15 and Friday, April 12 starting at 6:30pm in the Trinity Center. On Friday, we will put in a movie if you would like to bring your kiddos and we'll stuff eggs in the back of the room. Please let Trish know if you can help stuff on any of the three days at trish@dsomaha.org.

Seniors For The Lord will meet April 8 in the Chapel at 10:00am for devotions. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. We will have a presentation on the National Veterans Cemetery, followed by a tour. Lunch will be at the Phoenix Grill on Highway 370 after the tour. Anyone is welcome. If you have questions call Clarice Howard 402-934-7237.

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church Financial Statement				
	Month ended 2/28/19		Year to Date 2/28/19	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$122,944	\$92,360	\$255,058	\$212,283
Expense	\$137,636	\$128,876	\$281,301	\$278,364
Difference	-\$14,691	-\$36,516	-\$26,243	-\$66,081

Our financials show the impact of frequent weekend snowstorms. The storms lowered attendance and led us to cancel a weekend of services, hurting offerings. Snow removal expenses were much higher than average. However, the situation has been improving in March, as offerings for the past three weekends have been higher than average. Thank you to those who have responded to the "snow emergency" in our finances. While we're headed in the right direction, we need to continue to catch up. If you have not already done so, please consider making up any weekly giving missed, giving a special gift or increasing your regular gift. One way to ensure consistent giving is to set up a weekly or monthly automatic gift. Click on the "Give" button on the homepage at dsomaha.org and set up your profile.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, in a nursing facility, or homebound due to illness, please call the Church Office, 402-895-1500 and let us know. Pastors are here to make visits and to pray for comfort and healing.

Telephone: 402-895-1500
To E-mail Staff Members:
first_name@dsomaha.org

This Week's Calendar:

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

10:00am **Bible Study, *Jesus' Final Week*** Pastor Hannemann (Chapel)

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

6:30pm **Elders' Meeting**

Wednesday, April 3

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) Spaghetti

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

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

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

Singing Stars Choir (Choir Room)

Midweek Classes

6:15pm ***The Crucible* Bible Study** (Chapel)

6:20pm **Chancel Choir**

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

Thursday, April 4

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

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

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7

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

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

9:15am **Sunday School** (Lower Level)

9:15am **Adult Bible Study** (Commons Room) *Jesus' Final Week* Pastor Doug & Pastor Jim

9:15am **New Member Class** (Trinity Center)

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

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

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

LENT