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***For the Week of March 3, 2019***

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



**Important Confirmation Parent Meeting Today,** Sunday, March 3 at 12:00 noon in the Chapel.

**Divine Shepherd member, Keaton Sturm,** is being installed as teacher at Concordia Jr. High School in the 10:45am service this morning here at Divine Shepherd. Keaton has completed the requirements to be rostered as a Commissioned Minister in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, making him eligible for a Divine Call, which he has received from the Board of Directors of Concordia Schools of Omaha. We rejoice with Keaton on reaching this milestone and pray God’s blessings on his teaching ministry. This is Keaton’s 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching.

**Belize Mission Trip Meeting Sunday, March 10 at Noon.** The week of June 8-15, 2019 has been targeted for a mission trip to Belize. An informational meeting has been set for today at 12:00pm in the Chapel. Pastor Mark, who has been serving in Belize for more than a decade, will be leading this trip. If you cannot attend this meeting, but are interested, email Pastor Mark at [mark@dsomaha.org](mailto:mark@dsomaha.org).

**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.

Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church				
Financial Statement				
	Year ended 12/31/18		Year to Date 1/31/19	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$1,734,610	\$1,529,218	\$132,114	\$119,923
Expense	\$1,734,610	\$1,570,503	\$142,515	\$149,488
Difference	0	(\$41,285)	(\$10,401)	(\$29,565)

**Snow Impacts Finances:** Frequent Sunday snowfalls have impacted worship attendance in 2019 and have had an accompanying effect on giving. Those and other snows have also led to higher than budgeted snow removal expenses, pushing overall expenses above budget in January. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship of the resources God has given you. Consider catching up on 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](http://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!



**Sermons for March**

March 2-3 Luke 9:28-36

**Do You See What Moses Sees?**

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**

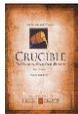
March 30-31 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Come Home! (Even If You Are Still at Home)**

**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 (4 week series beginning Tuesday, Feb. 26) 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—  
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 Cross**, Wednesdays, 9:30am. Led by Shirley Asmussen (questions: 402-690-7293 or [shirleymasmussen@gmail.com](mailto:shirleymasmussen@gmail.com))

### Potluck Luncheon - Saturday, March 9

Do you want to find out what is planned for Women's Ministry this year? Do you want to help plan some of these events? Do you have some ideas for mission projects or speakers? We want to hear from you!! Women's Ministry is hosting a potluck lunch this coming Saturday, March 9 at 11am in the Trinity Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be a wonderful time of food, friends and fellowship. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, soup, salad or a dessert. Sandwiches will be provided by the Women's Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Janis Pflingsten at 402-431-8596.



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

# NEWS & Notes



**Altar Flowers** are given by Otis and Clarice Howard to the glory of God in thankfulness for family.



**Midweek Meals** – Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. March 6, 2019—Chili & Broccoli Cheese Soups



**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](mailto: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 168<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 desert to share. We hope to see you at this fun event.

**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](mailto:klosche@yahoo.com).



## Musicians in the congregation

are cordially invited to play with the orchestra here at Divine Shepherd. We generally play for the 8am worship services, but also for the later services from time to time. Rehearsals are held on the Saturday morning before the service. The orchestra will next play on Sunday, March 17. If you would like information or would like to join us, contact Suzanne Raabe at [suzraabe@hotmail.com](mailto:suzraabe@hotmail.com) or 402-496-3273.



## Don't Forget—Daylight Savings

**Time** starts Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!

# This Week's Calendar:

## Monday, March 4

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

## Tuesday, March 5

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

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

7:00pm **Board of Elders Meeting**

## Wednesday, March 6

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) Chili & Broccoli Cheese Soups

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

4:00pm **Ash Wednesday 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 **Ash Wednesday Worship** (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, March 7

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

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

## Friday, March 8

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

9:15am **MOPS** (Lower Level)

6:30-8:30pm **Painting Class** (CLC)

## Saturday, March 9

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

## Sunday, March 10

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 **Baptism Class** (Shepherd's Room)

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