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***For the Week of February 24, 2019***

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



**Belize Mission Trip Meeting Today 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).

the snow, your gift arrives every week to fund the ministries of the church. Thank you!

**Important Confirmation Parent Meeting**  
Sunday, March 2 at 12:00 noon in the Chapel.

**Greeters Needed for Sunday Services.** Please email [sean@dsomaha.org](mailto:sean@dsomaha.org) or call 402-895-1500 if you can help out with this welcome service on Sunday mornings. We especially need greeters at the 8:00am service.

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



**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)**

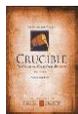
**THE UPPER ROOM worship service with Communion** is offered each Wednesday that Midweek classes are in session in the **Luther**

**Chapel from 5:30-6:05.** This is a great option for those who can't come on the weekend.



## 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.



**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](mailto:Tia.Kosiski@tia@dsomaha.org) or 402-895-1500. Please contact Tia if you are interested in being a greeter.

## Men's Bible Studies

**1<sup>st</sup> 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))



**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 Bill & Delia Lowther in honor of Annabeth Ferrari's baptismal birthday on February 23.



**Midweek Meals** - Serving time is 4:45-6:00pm. Cost: 12 & up - \$5; Kids 6-11 - \$3.50; 5 & Under-free. February 27, 2019—Tacos!



**Sewers 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



**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.

**Seniors for the Lord** Join us for an exciting trip to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa on Monday, March 25. Meet LCMS Missionary Jana Inglehart, serving in Latin America. Cost is \$10.00 that includes transportation (Motor Coach) and lunch. We will leave Divine Shepherd at 8:00am and return at 3:30pm. All ages are welcome to enjoy this wonderful trip. For questions/reservations (by Febr. 25), contact Lyle Kruse—402-517-8827 or [lkruise1185@aol.com](mailto:lkruise1185@aol.com)

### **6th Annual Concordia 5K and Pancake**

**Breakfast** Saturday, March 23 at Standing Bear Lake (138<sup>th</sup> & Fort). Entry fee of \$25.00 includes a t-shirt and pancake feed. Proceeds go to the Concordia Booster Club. Contact: [concordiarun@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:concordiarun@concordiaomaha.org)

**Do you have a home business** such as 31 Bags, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple? If so, Little Lamb Preschool has a unique opportunity for you! Please contact Whitney at [whitneyeiden@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyeiden@gmail.com) for more information. All home businesses are welcome!

**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!

## This Week's Calendar:

### Monday, February 25

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

### Tuesday, February 26

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

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

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

### Wednesday, February 27

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) Tacos!

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

5:30-6:05pm **Upper Room** with Holy Communion (Chapel)

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**

### Thursday, February 28

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

9:00am **Mission Belle Singers**

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

### Friday, March 1

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

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

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

### Saturday, March 2

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

### Sunday, March 3

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)