

Announcements...

Greeter Program at SOTV – The staff of Shepherd of the Valley is currently looking for someone to volunteer to oversee our greeter program. We would like to thank Carol Pieper for her time serving in this role and greatly appreciate all she did. This role can be done from home but does require use of a computer. You would help assigned greeters to the worship services, help prepare reminder postcards each month that the are sent out by the church office, and help recruit and train new volunteers for this area. The staff is here to assist you! If you would be interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Angie Spann in the main office at Angie@sotv-wdm.org. Thank you so much!

Men's Basketball—we start up again on September 22 and play bi-weekly through May 2020. We need at least 6 guys to commit to playing; please email Brian Quass at bquass1004@gmail.com if interested.

Stewardship Corner — When we consider the economies of the various nations of the world, we must see that we are indeed wealthy. Yet, if we had but basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing, we should still consider ourselves rich. The abundance we enjoy presents a joyful opportunity. Wealth can be a tool which God allows us to possess and to manage in order that we might express love, show compassion, relieve need, spread the Gospel, help our children, and further the mission of the church. Let's use the wealth—God's wealth—to accomplish His will and purposes.

Online Access to Member Directory — Did you know that you can access our church directory online? Go to our website of www.shepherd-valley.org, scroll down to the lower right hand section and you should see "member directory." Click on that and it should take you to our ACS Access site. Request a log in if you don't already have one, then enter your email and password. You are able to search "Directories" to contact other church members. Contact the church office if you have any questions or issues.

New Directory—The Staff of SOTV will be putting together a new address and phone directory this Fall. Please make sure you have the correct address, phones, and emails in our system. Call the church office with any changes.

Missionary Prayer Request— Please pray for Stephanie Wilde who serves the Lord through the LCMS as a missionary in Puerto Rico, based in Ponce. In her role as a deaconess intern, she mentors young women in life skills and the Lutheran doctrine and assists in setting up mercy houses in this country. She also teaches Bible studies and helps with evangelistic visits

Thank you to the people who purchased supplies, donated funds for supplies and served at Monroe School. The teachers are SO thankful for the community classroom supplies. Also, the families were thrilled to have a backpack for their child....children's faces lit up when they got to chose a backpack for themselves. 455 backpacks were dispersed to children on August 22 with 50 backpacks remaining in the school office for the children who start school late. The This is a great cooperative effort with Mount Olive Lutheran Church, First Church of the Open Bible, and Cornerstone Family Church. This Fall - In the coming week's keep your eyes open for cheap backpacks! Fall is the time we can purchase backpacks with the least cost. Also, we store school supplies for next year if you find great prices. If you see great prices - let Marilyn or Josalynn Agnew (515-971-4772) know.

Operation Barnabas — Barnabas was known as "the encourager." *Operation Barnabas* strives to do this by encouraging our military and their families. The seventh annual Iowa District West Operation Barnabas Conference will be held on Saturday, October 12, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll, Iowa. Go to www.idwlcms.org/news.php or see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Small Gestures: "Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well, with my soul." Do you know the story behind this song penned by Horatio G. Spafford, a successful lawyer and businessman? It was written during a time of tragedy and despair he and his wife endured in 1873. Have you experienced tragedy recently? Or are you weighed down with sadness and stress? Don't give up—sing the song. Contact us for a counselor. Call Lutheran Family Service (515) 251-4900 and/or look at their web site—<https://www.lfsiowa.org/>.



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Church Office Hours & Contact Info

Mon—Thurs: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
(Lunch observed 12 noon—1:00 p.m.)
Fri: 9:00 a.m.—12 noon

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www.shepherd-valley.org



Sunday Morning Education Hour

- 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m.
- Sunday School for all ages up to 12th grades
- Multiple Opportunities for Adults to be in God's Word—see Narthex for room locations

Nursery & Mother's Area

- A staffed nursery for children age 0-5 is available during worship times
- From 9:15am—10:15 a.m. they hold "Jesus Time" for those age 3 and under. Ages 3-5 have Sunday School
- A quiet area for nursing mothers is found in our prayer chapel located just past the nursery restrooms.

The Shepherd's Corner

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Every Disciple Rooted, Growing and Reproducing

Today at Shepherd of the Valley

Fall Sunday School begins today! Children under 3 years are in the nursery for Jesus time. 3 & 4 year olds are in room 32. K and Grade 1 are in room 31. Grade 2 in room 12. Grade 3 in room 22. Grade 4 in John 3:16. Parents of children younger than grade 4 will be asked to fill out a half page form about allergies, etc. Pick up the form and return it!

JAM (grade 5 & 6), Confirmation (grades 7 & 8) and our High School Youth will be working through the Red Letter challenge. If you still need a book, stop by the table in the lobby.

An Adult/Young Adult Bible Study Class:

Intersection of Church and State Religious freedom in America has been an issue of paramount importance since the founding of this great nation. As the nation has grown and changed, so has the relationship of the federal government with the many religions that comprise the community of faith throughout the land. This Bible study examines this vital relationship to see what's working well and the highlights of the rough spots between of these two entities. This four-session LCMS video based study will be held starting today at 9:15 am.

Red Letter Challenge — Red Letter Challenge begins today in worship and children/youth Sunday School classes. Stop by the display in the lobby, or see church staff, if you have questions.

Christ Based Leadership Board

Please feel free to contact any of the Board members listed below with any questions or concerns you may have. You may also email them at: ChristBasedLeadership@sotv-wdm.org.

Lucas Wardenburg— President
Mark Belden— Vice President
Tim Geyer—Secretary
Andy Pugh
Brian Melco

Upcoming at Shepherd of the Valley

9/15—JOY (Just Older Youth) — Please come at 4 p.m. to put together care packages for SOTV's college students. We want to remind them that we are thinking about them and praying for them through a simple card with an encouraging message and a few treats. Please bring items (granola bars, candy, gum, hot chocolate mix, and any other items that are small and compact.) Bring a snack to share at the meeting. Questions? Contact Mark (249-7226) or Terry Rowley (249-9753) or Jo Anne (276-9355).

9/15—LWML Cookie/Coffee Sunday All proceeds will be directed to missions and/or mission projects. Thank you for your support!

9/17—Ladies of SOTV Please mark your calendar for the Fall Kick-Off Salad Supper hosted at 6 p.m. by LWML members. All ladies invited – bring a friend. Please bring a salad to share. Karlene Nuss will share highlights of the National Convention, and officers will be installed. We look forward to sharing "food and fellowship."

9/15—Junior Youth Gathering paperwork and fee is due. This is for grades 6-8. Questions, contact Marilyn Shults at the office.

9/22—High School Youth Gathering paperwork and fee is due. This is for grades 9-12. Questions, contact Angie Spann in the office.

9/27—Bus Trip to Mission Central: We're planning to go to visit Gary Theis at Mission Central, so if you've always wanted to go but didn't want to drive, now's the time. SOTV is putting together a bus trip for up to 50 people to travel on Friday, September 27. Cost will be between \$25-\$35 and includes your lunch - the more who attend, the less it will be. For more information, please speak to Keith Erickson or Larry Rix. A sign-up sheet is located in the main office.

SOTV Official Call Committee

Chairperson: Neil Graber - graberbiz@yahoo.com
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The official call committee for SOTV has been selected and the names and contact emails are listed above. If you have any questions, feel free to email committee members using the emails above. Please keep these members in your prayers as well as they bring in our next shepherd to lead our flock!

WEEKLY CALENDAR: September 8th—September 14th

SUN.	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:15 a.m.	RLC Small Groups
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Bilingual Worship Service
MON.	9:00 a.m.	ELC Home Rm Parent Mtg.
	3:30 p.m.	VHS Cheerleading
	4:15 p.m.	UniTy
	6:15 p.m.	Dyslexia Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
TUES.	3:30 p.m.	Valley Cheerleading practice
	5:30 p.m.	RLC Small Group
	7:00 p.m.	ESL Classes
WED.	9:00 a.m.	RLC Small Group
	3:30 p.m.	Valley Cheerleading practice
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Classes—BLAST & Confirmation, High School Youth
	6:30 p.m.	RLC Small Group
	7:30 p.m.	Praise Team
THURS.	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
	3:30 p.m.	Valley Cheerleading practice
	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace Univ.
	7:00 p.m.	ESL Classes
	7:00 p.m.	JuBELLation Practice & RLC
SAT.	3:30 p.m.	RLC Small Group
	5:00 p.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	RLC Small Group

Contact the Staff

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Shepherd's Flock Early Learning Center:

- Diane Hensley, *Director*
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Announcements...

Come and Sing in the Adult Choir — our wonderful Adult Choir will start practice on Monday, September 9, at 7 p.m., and everyone is invited from 7th grade on up in age. Come be a part of this group who not only sings together but shares in life's ups and downs. For more questions, please contact Ann Bass at abass3923@gmail.com.

The Iowa West District LWML Mission Central Retreat is at Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa on September 21. The event begins at 9:30 and includes a day highlighted by guest speakers including Rev. Dan McMiller, director of LCS International Mission, mission service projects and the inspirational experience of being at mission Central. Registration fills up fast, so for more information and to obtain a registration form, use the following link idwlcms.org/lwml.php or contact Maribeth (712) 660-2051.

Festival of Nations, October 20— We're starting planning for the Festival of Nations event on October 20. We'll be celebrating our cultural diversity and unity in Christ. Volunteers are needed for this great celebration. Please contact Pastor Lincon Guerra for more information or see the display in the narthex.

Financial Peace University—Invite your friends or family to learn God's way to handle money and become debt free. Classes start Thurs., September 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Contact Janice McCullough (515) 480-4179 or see the table in the atrium.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sept. 8	Julie McFarling
Sept. 9	Dale Carstens Dorothy Rix
Sept. 10	Felecia DeJong Ernie Krueger
Sept. 12	Carol Pieper
Sept. 13	Marlene Platz Susan Williams
Sept. 14	Bruce Keehn Lori Mozena Nicole Bales

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Sept. 9	Nathan & Melissa Erickson
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Prayers: Members

Ficher Belden, diagnosed with epilepsy
Gene & Kathy Hart, health issues
Harry McCullough, heart surgery
Dee Weaver, health issues

Chris Jimenez, pneumonia and ARDS
Randy Nemitz, health issues
Susan Williams, health issues

Becky Blackburn, health issues
Hank Krohn, health issues
John Sauer, knee issues

Prayers: Family & Friends

Jessica Arment, friend of Leslie Napier
Rhonda Butz, Hank Krohn's daughter, health issues
Rich Carlson, Neil & Sue Graber's brother-in-law
Lois Filipiac, Luanne Neill's aunt, broken hip
Marjorie Fogler, Janet Dayton's mother, Lymphoma and Macular Degeneration
Matt Geis, son of teacher Beth, broken leg & ankle
Sara Heineman, Beth Pottebaum's sister, cancer
Ruby Kastner, Dorothy Rix's sister
Larry Nelson
Kate Plucker, Neal Baedke's sister, lung cancer
Ron Sauer — John Sauer's brother, complications from diabetes & Parkinson's
Rachel Tompkin, Trudy Tompkin's sister, diagnosis and treatment
Marcia Weitzel, Jodi Parrott's aunt, rehab, broken back

JoAnn Blythe, preschool teacher, bicycle accident
Larry Carlson, Lloyd Carlson's uncle, medical issues
Tonya Delaibatiki & family—Ken Setzkorn's Daughter; safe travels to Fuji and birth of grandchild
Jim Gallogly, Gloria Sears' friend, colon cancer
Emma Gehring, Kaylene Crouch's niece, health issues
Barb Huyette, friend of Rickert's, back issues
Scott McClure, Leslie Napier's brother
Dean Nihart, Friend of the McNamara's, throat cancer
Todd Robertson
Alice Ann Swenka, Gene & Kathy Hart's daughter

Karrie Valerio, Reita Spradlin's daughter, Rheumatoid Arthritis
Chris Yelle, friend/coworker of Zach McFarling

Prayers: Loss of Family

Rick Shults, death of sister Dianne Heisler, from cancer

(If you or an immediate family member are entering the hospital, call the church office at 515-225-1623 so a staff member may pray with you. If you would like your prayer included on the Prayer Chain, contact Marie Rickert (515-225-8421, mmrickert@msn.com.)