



The Shepherd's Corner

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Church Office Hours & Contact Info

Due to the recent COVID-19 virus outbreak, we ask you for your understanding of the challenges your staff and members are facing. Please keep up prayers for all.

For the safety of our staff, we suggest that you call rather than come into the church.

Staff and group leaders are looking for ways to continue teaching and sharing online.

Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.; closed Fridays

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www.shepherd-valley.org

Follow Us on Facebook

Make sure you "like" our official church Facebook page as we continue to post information. Search for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in the Facebook search bar, then click on the thumbs up picture to "like" our page. Contact Jessica Wardenburg or Angie Spann with any questions.

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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

These are the members for 2020:

Andy Pugh—Chair Person

Mark Belden—Vice Chair Person

Brian Rickert—Secretary

Jill Best, Janice McCullough,

Brian Melco, Phil Parrott

Announcements...

From Monday's email be aware – there are **no Sunday School or Midweek classes** in the church building. Faith activities for your family will be coming and we are offering many things online.

Installation for Our New Senior Pastor Due to COVID-19, we will be changing the installation for Pastor Mull this Sunday to installing him during the 10am worship online service. This way, we hope everyone can still be a part of the service and installation although not able to physically meet and be in our church building. We will plan to have a BIG party to celebrate this once we are "all clear" from this virus. We hope you can join us online to watch and hear our new Pastor preach!

Lent Service and Holy Week – we will plan to post a pre-recorded video on Wednesdays during Lent along with some questions to discuss or ponder during the remainder of Lent. The Staff is beginning discussions on how we will offer live worship services and activities for all ages during Holy Week. Continue to watch your email and our church Facebook page for updates.

Offerings – during this time of not being able to hold worship services here onsite we are offering multiple ways to continue to give your offerings. You may always mail your offering to our church. We also have online giving via our website of www.shepherd-valley.org; click the GIVE button in the upper right hand corner. It will walk you through the next steps. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon at Sharon@sotv-wdm.org. We are also working on providing a lockbox here at the church for you to drop off offerings during the week. We will let you know when that is available.

Confirmation families – we will have class but from your home computer. Watch for more details to come! We will confirm youth this spring!

Easter Lilies: Orders for Easter lilies are still being taken. You may order a lily until April 5, 2020. Each plant is \$12.50. You may use check or cash. Email DianeGreen@sotv-wdm.org or call (515) 225-1623. Lilies can be picked up on Saturday, April 11—plan to drive through and pick up from the parking lot.

Are You Able To Help OR Do You Need Some Help? Diane Green, our Communications Coordinator, is currently compiling a few lists and then helping connect our members to each other. If you are willing and/or able to help someone in need and not in the high-risk category, please email Diane at DianeGreen@sotv-wdm.org. She will handle connecting you with people in need. If you are someone in need or needs any kind of help, please also email Diane Green at the email listed earlier so we can get you paired with someone who can help. Whether it just be a phone call or to go purchase your groceries...we are here to help one another. Our church family is amazing and so many are ready and willing to serve so let's use each other!

Stephen's Ministers: Our Stephen's Ministers are available for phone calls or video calls if you are feeling anxious during this time. Maybe you have some specific needs you want prayed for, or you are experiencing other emotional needs and you need someone to talk with. USE THEM as they are TRAINED to help in situations like this! Please contact Lisa Jimenez as the lead for our Stephen's Ministers. Her email is lisajimenez322@gmail.com or her phone is 515-473-2586. These can be confidential if you so desire so please lean on them if you are experiencing any sort of fear or anxiety or just need someone to talk to.

Online Member Directory: You can access our member directory online to get someone's phone number or their email. Go to www.shepherd-valley.org. Scroll down to the very bottom where you see the address of the church and you should also see a line that says "Member Directory". Click that line. This will take you to another webpage called "Access ACS". This is okay and is our church software. If you do not already have an account set up, click where it says "Need a Log In" and it will walk you

Birthdays This Week:

Mar. 22 Lisa Jimenez
Mar. 22 Joshua Bartel
Kathy Hart
Bob Agnew
Penny Benson
Mar. 26 Mary Kilburn
Becca Smith

Anniversaries This Week:

Mar. 26 Harry & Rebecca Blackburn

through getting an account sign up. It may take up to 24 hours for your account to activate so please be aware of that. If you already have an account, you will enter your email and password and will be able to search the DIRECTORIES for a person or family you wish to communicate with. Please use these next few weeks to reach out to people you normally sit by or that come to mind and check in on them with a phone call or an email.

Stewardship Corner—Lent is a penitential season during which we focus on what Christ has done for us and examine ourselves as Christians. Without this self-examination, we tend to cheapen the grace that God has extended to us. As stewards,

let us examine our motives, our actions, and our words. Why do we give? What are we doing to help others? How have we spoken the Good News of redemption through Christ? As we worship in our churches or at home this Lenten season, let us thank God for the gift of His son. Let us ask forgiveness for our willful and selfish ways. Let us ask Him to lead us to respond according to the gifts He has given us that the kingdom of God might grow.

Missionary Prayer Request—Please pray for Andrew and Noel Schaff who serve the Lord through the LCMS in Taiwan. Andrew has served as a Bible teacher and an English-as-a-Foreign-Language (EFL) teacher at Concordia Middle School in the city of ChiaYi for 15 years. They are both involved in relational building ministries through the school and community.

Twice Blessed Consignment Sale! Due to COVID-19, the Twice Blessed Consignment Sale has been *postponed*. We are adhering to the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC and those announced by Governor Kim Reynolds. It is our hope to reschedule the sale if the situation allows. Look for an announcement with further details to come in the following weeks. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all navigate through this. — Shepherd's Flock ELC and the Twice Blessed Team

Monroe school: Several have asked about Monroe school and their needs. Sack lunches are available on set days and locations. Also, there are a couple locations with large numbers of meals for children. The main need is diapers, wipes, toilet paper, laundry soap and hygiene items. These can be dropped off at Monroe on March 23 at 2:30. Just a stop and school staff will collect. Also, if you want to make activity kits - place items in plastic grocery sacks. Do not include any stuffed animals or other items that would cause concern about sanitation. Worksheets, games, colors, pencils, markers, notebooks, paper, friendship bracelet string, would be some ideas for the activity bags. Anything new in packaging is preferred. If you need help delivering to the school, contact Marilyn.