



The Shepherd's Corner

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
3900 Ashworth Road; West Des Moines IA 50265

Saturday and Sunday Worship Times:

5:00 p.m. (Sat.); 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (Sun.);
12:30 p.m. (Hispanic Ministry—Sun.); 3:00 p.m. (Eritrean Ministry—Sun.)

Church Office Hours & Contact Info

*Due to the recent COVID-19 virus outbreak and for the safety of our staff,
we have disposable masks to wear; also sign in when coming into the building.*

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

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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...

We wanted to thank each of you for your prayers and understanding as we have been faced with challenges due to the COVID-19. Please know that our mission to share the Gospel will never change until Jesus returns to take us all home.

As always, the health and safety of our members, guests and staff are always a priority. We still intend to limit people in the church building. If you do come into the building, we kindly ask you to:

- A. Sign up on the clipboard in the foyer as you come in;
- B. Wear a Mask (disposable masks are available if you forget yours);
- C. Use the hand sanitizer provided;
- D. Or call us from your car and we'll come out to pick up your paperwork, contributions, etc.

Worship Services—A reminder we must limit the attendance at each service—reservations are necessary. We will be doing an email reservation each week that includes a link for each service.

- When entering the sanctuary, please wait for the ushers to seat you—putting 3 spaces between families is required. Ushers will also dismiss at the end of the service, just like at weddings.
- Your contributions may be left in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.
- Masks are strongly encouraged.

Eritrean ministries service—this group also worships again in the sanctuary, but just on Sundays. Their service starts at 3:00 p.m.

Nursery—The Nursery is open from 8:00 a.m. worship through the 10:30 a.m. worship for children 4 years of age and younger. Kaelynne and Maria have a weekly Bible lesson for the little ones. Their door is open when your family is ready!

Communion Preparation Classes—Milestone for 6th graders and their parents! Classes will be from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 1, 8, & 15. Mark your calendar and save the dates!

Education Classes and Midweek Classes:

- **Children's Sunday School**—In-person classes held Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for 4th grade and younger.
- **Third-Grade Bible Classes** (Milestone Ministry) will be October 18 & 25 in the ACT Room.
- **Parenting Through The Phases**—During Sunday School hour, Laurie Scieszinski will work with parents of pre-school and elementary ages in this small group study. We'll help you discover what's changing about your kid, the six things your kid needs most, and four conversations to have with your kid while they are in each phase.
- **Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 9:15 a.m. on zoom: an in-depth study of James. Want to know what a read faith looks like? Contact April Poulsen or Diane Green in office for zoom codes.
- **Tuesday Evening Ladies' Bible Study** continues at 7 p.m. on Zoom. This year we will study Genesis and the theme of Blessing. For information, call or text Leslie Napier at (515) 664-0909.
- **Wednesdays Adult Bible Class—a new class started Oct. 14** at 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Anxious for Nothing—Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, by Max Lucado. This will be held about six Wednesdays in a row. A study guide is needed for this class. Contact Ann Bass for more information — abass3923@gmail.com .
- **Wednesday Midweek Ministry** is held at 6:30 p.m. This includes: JAM (grades 5 & 6), Confirmation and ACT (Senior Youth).
- **High School Youth** are meeting Wednesdays: outside if the weather is nice or in the youth room. For help, contact Angie at Angie@sotv-wdm.org or (515) 556-6508 (cell/text).
- **New Red Letter Challenge**—Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. using Zoom. Please join us in this 40-day life-changing journey to BE like Jesus. Contact Kaylene Crouch at (515) 720-4898.

Confirmation News:

- *Mentor Night* for Confirmation youth is Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the gym. A postcard was sent from the office, but Confirmation families need to make sure your mentors are aware!!

Birthdays This Week:

Oct. 18	Amber Keehn Carolyn Williams
Oct. 21	Karmel Sueppel
Oct. 22	Neil Graber Laurie Scieszinski
Oct. 23	Brian Holvey Meghan Zierke
Oct. 24	Brandon Killam

Anniversaries This Week:

Oct. 19	Nicole & Joseph Bales
Oct. 22	Katie & Michael Shepard

- *November 11* – Confirmation parents attend Confirmation Class with your youth. Mark your calendar!!

Junior Youth Night—November 6. for 5th and 6th graders as well as 7th and 8th graders. BETTER TOGETHER, a time of games, snacks, good people and lots of Jesus. A time to come hang out and be the family of God. 5th and 6th graders from 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. 7th and 8th graders from 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. No cost - no RSVP. Questions, contact Tia Pugh at (515) 710-1558 or Marilyn at (785) 220-4338.

The next LWML General Meeting will be *Tuesday, October 20*, beginning at *6:30 p.m. (note time!)* in the Ephesians room with proper mask and social distancing plans in place for those attending "in person." A Zoom meeting will be available for those who wish to attend through that media. (Further access information to follow.)

SOTV's own Kendra Limback will have the devotion and share her ministry experience as a parochial school teacher at Mt. Oliver Lutheran Church. There will be discussion of possible individual servant activities and year-end donations. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend—in person or via Zoom!

All Saints Day is November 1— if you have had a loved one who has gone home to Heaven in the past year, please contact the church office by October 28, so we can honor all who have entered eternity since last All Saints Day on November 3, 2019.

Care and Share October:

Meals on Wheels currently has two needs:

1. Volunteers to deliver meals to clients' homes in Polk and Dallas Counties. There are larger and shorter routes. This can be done individually or with a team. All deliveries are no contact, hand and equipment sanitizing and masks.
2. Volunteers to make companion calls: People make phone calls to check-in on isolated clients. This is a remote volunteering role.

Volunteers need to fill out an application with a background check. Contact Michelle at (515) 699-3241, Wesley Life Meals on Wheels.

Fall yardwork begins...Do you, or someone you know, need help with yardwork? Would you, your friends, or your group like to help take care of some outside yardwork?

Contact: Karmel Sueppel at either (515) 229-7638 or ksueppel@hotmail.com. Karmel will coordinate who needs assistance and workers for different sites.

Clergy Appreciation Month

Do you appreciate our pastors, missionaries and religious workers? The month of October is a special time that congregations set aside to honor religious workers and their families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and blessings they provide. Let them know with a card, text, video, or message.

Altar Flowers—altar flowers are once again needed to decorate our sanctuary. Orders may be placed by signing up on the schedule on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or calling Rita Rusch at 223-7326.

Thanks from Monroe School—Words cannot express my gratitude of your generosity when it came to putting school supplies and backpacks in the hands of children. This is one of those school years for the record books, but we are building stronger relationships with our students every day. This year each student was gifted a backpack and supplies to take home during our time doing school virtually. These backpacks have been from one house to another as many of our students travel from one house to another, to daycares, and even a few to homeless shelters each day. These gifts may not seem like much, but your support has made it possible for each student to have the necessary supplies needed to complete their lessons. With our sincere gratitude—Monroe School and Joselynn Agnew.

We Need Some Bell Ringers: Our JuBELLation Choir is getting ready to begin rehearsals this month in a COVID-friendly way, and we need a few more people to help ring the bells. Training is provided, and it's really quite fun! The group normally provides special music once a month in the

worship services and also out in the community at various places and times. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings here at the church. For more information, please contact Karla Gierstorf at (515) 419-2312 or Angie Spann at Angie@sotv-wdm.org. Open to anyone 5th grade and above!

Music Stands—The church is selling some of their extra music stands to make more room in the storage area. They are priced at \$15 each and normally around \$40 new. If you or your family are interested, please contact me as there are limited quantities available. - Angie Spann

Worship With Us During the Week: Check out the Spotify playlist for songs used in our contemporary worship service. It's a great way to listen (for free) at home, work or in your car. Use the link below to connect: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3uzV6P3OkUmoypJhOqoqJd?si=wZIKaJEITRyhPIt5yOqw7Q> or search shepherdofthevalley in the search box.

Stewardship Corner—A Christian steward is a child of God who realizes his/her role in life as a partner, a trustee, a manager, a temporary custodian of gifts that belong to God. Through faith, we understand that all we have belongs to the One Who created us. Being a steward is faith in action. What a privilege and honor! In this honored position, we are expected to be responsible and accountable. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy*" (1 Corinthians 4:2). With the help of the Holy Spirit, we, by God's grace, become God-pleasing stewards, who receive God's precious gifts gratefully, manage God's gifts responsibly, share God's precious gifts with others generously, and return God's precious gifts joyfully with increase.

Christmas Wish List for Trinity Center at Luther Park—a list of suggested gifts for residents at Luther Park was sent to us. Some items on the list include: adult coloring books, baby dolls (soft); hand lotion, body wash, electric shaver, small lap blankets, headphones, games, packaged snacks/candy. We'll have the full list hanging on the bulletin board on the west end of the Narthex.

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. Our ministers treat your needs confidentially—use them as they are **trained** to help you! Please contact Lisa Jimenez, our lead in Stephen's Ministers. Her email is lisajimenez322@gmail.com; her phone is (515) 473-2586.

Missionary Prayer Request—Please pray for Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman and family, serving the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Spain, based in Seville. Adam serves throughout Spain as a church planter, working alongside other church leaders to grow the church in this country. Through the relationships formed, Adam and Christine seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Spain.