



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:

Evening Prayer Service—5:00 p.m. (Sat.); Traditional Service—8:00 a.m. (Sun.),
Multi-Cultural Praise Service (Traducción al Español)—10:30 a.m. (Sun.);
Eritrean Ministry—1:00 p.m. (Sun.)

Church Office Hours & Contact Info

*Due to the 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

Phone: (515) 225-1623; Fax: (515) 225-0871; Staff is also available by cell phone.

www.shepherd-valley.org

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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...

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 mandatory.

Eritrean ministries service—this group will now be worshipping Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary instead of 3:00 p.m.

Education Classes and Midweek Classes:

- **Children's Sunday School**—In-person classes held Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for 4th grade and younger. **No Sunday School Classes on November 29.**
- **Wednesday Morning Women's Group** - Meets at 9:00 a.m. weekly on Zoom. Contact Marilyn Shults or Diane Green for Zoom log in information.

Starting on December 2, the Wednesday morning women will begin a 4-week study called *The Case for Christmas* by Lee Strobel. Lee Strobel was an atheist who always loved the Christmas season. When his wife became a Christian, he decided to investigate the real meaning behind all the nativity scenes he had seen outside of churches. In this four week study, Lee reveals what he discovered as he sought to separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition. You are invited to join the Wednesday group as we examine the evidence for ourselves. Contact Marilyn or Diane Green for more details.

- **Wednesdays Adult Bible Class**—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).
 - ♦ No JAM or Confirmation on Wednesday, November 25. Join us for Thanksgiving worship at 7:00 p.m. Classes resume on December 2 starting at 6:15 p.m.
- **Wednesdays—Spanish Bible Study:** Meets at 6:30 pm in the Higher Ground/Conference Room. Want to learn about the Latino Culture or Spanish Language and the beautiful principles of the Scriptures? Come grow in faith as we share and learn the word of God. Led by Pastor Lincon Guerra. Contact for more info: Lincon@sotv-wdm.org. *Acompáñanos cada Miércoles a las 6:30 pm a estudiar la Palabra de Dios en nuestro estudio Bíblico en Español, un lugar para crecer en la fe y el conocimiento de Dios. Te esperamos!*
- **Thursday Evening Men/Women's Bible Study Group** - This group meets at 7:00 p.m. at SOTV. They are starting a new Bible study. Are you looking for an evening Bible study group to join? Contact Kaylene Crouch for details.
- **High School Youth** are meeting Wednesdays in the youth room. For more information, contact Angie at Angie@sotv-wdm.org or (515) 556-6508 (cell/text).

Nursery—The Nursery is open from 9:00 a.m. (NEW start time) 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!

Birthdays This Week:

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| Nov. 23 | Jerry Chapman Gene Davenport Becky Friedrichs Bethany Stanley |
| Nov. 25 | Alan Lewis Larry Shaw |
| Nov. 26 | Todd Kitzerow Robert Swenson |
| Nov. 27 | Gene Hart Sam Shimp |
| Nov. 28 | Ted Poulsen |

Anniversaries This Week:

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| Nov. 23 | Terri & Tim Whisler |
| Nov 25 | Linda & Garland Evers |
| Nov. 26 | Shirley & Fred Kekstadt Sonja & Eric LeSher |

A big Heart-Filled Thank You to everyone who came to do yard cleanup at Phyllis Rourke's home. She is "Forever Grateful!"

2021 Calendars: The High School youth are once again offering 2021 calendars for the congregation to purchase. There's a limited amount: \$9.00 each. We won't have a table in the Narthex, but please contact Angie in the office at (515) 225-1623 or email her at Angie@sotv-wdm.org.

Communion Prep Classes were completed. In the coming weeks, welcome these new faces to the Lord's Table: Jaylynn Agnew, Aaron Bonefas, Celie Ford, Mason Kelley, Thomas Limback, Elliot Pugh, Avery Ridgely, Amelia Zierke.

Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes is Almost Over: If you haven't had a chance to purchase items for the children across the world for Christmas, no problem. It is easy to build a shoebox on-line at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> or grab a 'How to Pack a Shoebox' pamphlet with a no postage necessary envelope included to donate \$\$ to Operation Christmas Child. You can also still drop off boxes Friday (Nov. 20) from 5—7 p.m.; Saturday (Nov. 21) from 10 a.m.—noon; Sunday (Nov. 22) from 4-6 p.m. or Monday (Nov. 23) from 9 a.m.-Noon. We will load the cartons into a truck late Monday afternoon/early evening. If you enjoy lifting and would like to help,

please let Trudy Tompkin or Dee Christenson know.

Poinsettia Orders for 2020—We will be decorating the sanctuary and church again this Christmas season. Look for the order form which is being sent with our church Registration email. See the last page of the Shepherd's Corner, print and send with money by mail, drop it in the church office, or you may send your order by email and tell us how you are paying. Cost is \$12.50 each.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser for Shepherd's Flock ELC—It's baking season, and we're here to help! Shepherd's Flock is having a cookie dough fundraiser with the help of local bakery Eileen's Colossal Cookies in Windsor Heights. It's perfect for Christmas!

- A 3 lb. tub of cookie dough sells for \$15 (Shepherd's Flock receives 40 percent.)
- 7 flavors to choose from: Sugar, Chocolate Chip, M & M, Monster, Snickerdoodle, Peanut Butter, and Oatmeal Raisin. A tub makes 33 three-inch cookies.
- Order form and money is due by Friday, December 4.

If interested, look for an order form with your church registration email. Or please request an one from Diane Hensley at diane@sotv-wdm.org and note "cookie dough" in the subject line. A drive-through pick-up of orders will take place at SOTV on Saturday, December 12 at 10:00-12:00. Thank you in advance for supporting Shepherd's Flock!

Do You Use Amazon To Make Online Purchases?: If you are someone who uses Amazon to make online purchases, did you know you can help support the Church with your purchases? Shepherd of the Valley participates as a 501(c)3 in the Amazon Smile program. This is a simple way to support the church at no cost to you. On your web browser, simply go to smile.amazon.com. Choose Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church as the organization you would like to contribute to (make sure it's the West Des Moines, IA location) and shop away!!! With each purchase made, SOTV receives a small percentage back during the year. Thank you for helping support us in your online purchases..... and don't forget to use the high school scrip gift cards and online gift cards to pay for your purchases!!!

Advent Devotional—Did you RSVP to receive an Advent Devotional? If so, check the lobby for your packet of materials.

Help Build a Home with Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity—Our last volunteer day was on a Friday. Some of you expressed an interest in helping but said it needed to be on a Saturday. Therefore, we have arranged with Thrivent and Habitat for a volunteer day on **Saturday, November 21** (the Saturday before Thanksgiving.) This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate God's

love. To join us, use the link below by November 13 to volunteer and let us know you have signed up.

<https://gdmhabitat.secure.force.com/volunteer/VolunteersJobListingFSC?jobId=a0G6100000IIKCWEA3&nmonthstoshow=7>

SOTV Contacts: Ken Setzkorn, (515) 979-1032; email ken.setzkorn@midamerican.com or kdsetzkorn@gmail.com or Roger Platz, (515) 249-1249; email roger_platz@yahoo.com

Pledging — we're still taking cards for those who want to pledge for 2021. Bring your cards to church, mail them, or enter it on the Realm app. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Bauer at (515) 225-1623 or email her at Sharon@sotv-wdm.org.

We Need Some Bell Ringers: Our JuBELLation Choir is rehearsing on Thursdays in a COVID-friendly way, and we need a more members. Training is provided. The group normally provides special music once a month in the worship services and also out in the community. Contact Karla Gierstorf at (515) 419-2312 or Angie Spann at Angie@sotv-wdm.org. Open to 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

Stewardship Corner—In Jesus' time on earth, He chose His disciples in a much different way than the practices of His day. Disciples often chose rabbis for themselves from whom they hoped to gain deeper insights into the meaning of the Torah. In contrast to all this, Jesus told His disciples, "*You did not choose Me, but I chose you...to go and bear fruit*" (John 15:16). Jesus did the choosing and the calling. Even more radical, Jesus called His disciples to a lifetime of commitment. He called them and brought them into a new relationship with Him. In the same way today, Jesus calls and seeks a relationship with us. He invites us to follow Him so we can be part of His family and enjoy His love and blessings. As His disciples, we enjoy God's fellowship, and we are empowered by Him to bear fruit.

Missionary Prayer Request—Shara Osiro serves the Lord through the LCMS in Eastern and Southern Africa, based in Kenya. She is the communication specialist for Eastern and Southern Africa. Another facet of her work is taking photographs and putting together videos of the mission work that takes place in her area.

Moulton Elementary—With almost 500 students at this school, it has one of Des Moines's largest majority of students who are refugees. School staff is reaching out and asking if we can help with warm quilts, coats, boots and more for their nearly 500 students. Sizes from 4/5 to 10/12 are needed, plus gloves or mittens, snow boots, underwear, socks, and more. See the little brochure on the Narthex bulletin board. When ready to deliver, contact Audri at Audriana.LuUhlken@dmschools.org or (515) 556-6410. Items should be delivered to Moulton, 1541 8th Street, Des Moines.

Building Healthy Families: Having faith and being a Christian doesn't mean we will never make mistakes. It means that through our mistakes, we experience God's grace and mercy, which are ours in Christ. Look for opportunities to practice mercy, grace, and forgiveness in your family, workplace, and church relationships this week! **Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org**

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE: We will offer a traditional worship service with Communion on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday our office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 to allow our Staff some time with their families. If you have an emergency, please contact one of our Pastors on their cell phones.

NO SATURDAY SERVICE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28



2020 ALTAR CIRCLE POINSETTIAS

Help us decorate the sanctuary and church during Christmas.
The plants will be one plant per pot with 5-6 blooms per pot.
The cost is \$12.50 each, including tax. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 8.
Money must be received before an order is placed.

You may pick up your plant after the 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day service.
If you have any questions, please call Rita Rusch at 223-7326.
Return this sheet and your money to the church office.
Thank you in advance for your support!

Name of giver: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

(Office only: Date _____

Cash _____ Check _____)

