



# The Shepherd's Corner

A weekly publication of Shepherd of the Valley Church  
West Des Moines, Iowa  
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## Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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

### Worship Services

Saturday— 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service  
Sunday worship—8:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
Sunday Worship—10:30 a.m. Multi-Cultural Praise Service  
Mid-week Lenten services—7:00 p.m. Wednesdays

### Church Office Hours & Contact Info

*SOTV will continue with COVID safety measures for now;  
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](http://www.shepherd-valley.org)**

**(Follow Us on Facebook—make sure to “like” SOTV’s Facebook page  
so you can receive updates on your feed)**

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.

### Church Staff:

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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](mailto:ChristBasedLeadership@sotv-wdm.org)**

### These are the members for 2021:

Andy Pugh—Chair Person;  
Mark Belden—Vice Chair Person;  
Brian Rickert—Secretary;  
Karina Luna; Janice McCullough;  
Brian Melco; Phil Parrott.

## Announcements...

Although Iowa's Governor has made changes on COVID restrictions, currently SOTV will not be changing our guidelines. We plan to hold onto our current course of health and safety guidelines, possibly into April. 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 put 3 spaces between you and the next person/family to allow for some distancing. Ushers will also dismiss at the end of the service, just like at weddings.
- Masks are mandatory.
- Your contributions may be left in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**Eritrean ministries service**—this group worships Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Lent Midweek Worship Services** will be offered now thru Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. These will not be live streamed; however, the message each week will be recorded and posted at a later time. Please continue to sign up using the Realm link emailed out each week to register to attend the worship service or you may call the church office as well.

## Education Classes and Midweek Classes:

- **Children's Sunday School**—In-person classes held Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.
- **Nursery** is open every Sunday morning from 9:00 until after 10:30 a.m. worship. Kaelynne has a Bible lesson prepared for each Sunday.
- **Tuesday a.m. Bible Study** is open to any woman wanting to study the book of James. Led by April Poulsen at 9:15—10:45 a.m. on Zoom. Contact April or Marilyn Shults.
- **Tuesday p.m. Ladies Bible study and Service Group** meets in person and on Zoom every Tuesday from 7-830p.m. We are a multigenerational group that dives deep into the Word of God and engages in regular service projects. To learn more about this missional community, please contact Leslie Napier 515-664-0909.
- **Wednesday a.m. Adult Bible Study**—This group meets at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. The study is led by Dorman Otte.
- **Wednesday Women** meet at 9:00 a.m. on zoom. During Lent we will be studying Holy Week from the book of Mark. Any woman is welcome to join.
- **Wednesdays—Spanish Bible Study:** Meets at 6:00 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](mailto:Lincon@sotv-wdm.org). *Acompáñanos cada Miércoles a las 6:00 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!*
- **Wednesday Midweek Ministry** —During Lent, JAM (grades 5 & 6) and Confirmation youth meet on Wednesday's from 6:15 – 6:55 p.m.. During COVID, watch for an email by late afternoon IF we are cancelling midweek.
- **Wednesdays—High School Youth** are meeting Wednesdays in the youth room at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Angie at [Angie@sotv-wdm.org](mailto:Angie@sotv-wdm.org) or (515) 556-6508 (cell/text.)
- **Thursday Evening Men/Women's Bible Study Group** - This group meets at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. If you're interested in a small group Bible study, contact Kaylene Crouch for details.

**Baptism at our 10:30 a.m. Service**—At our 10:30 a.m. service we have the honor of baptizing Catalina Zuniga, daughter of Enider & Diego Zuniga to the family of God! Congratulations and welcome to the family!

### **Birthdays This Week:**

**Feb. 22** Lori Hohl  
Cody Kitzerow  
**Feb. 23** Lori Ellingson  
Eric Hensley  
**Feb. 24** Joseph Henze  
**Feb. 26** Dee Christenson  
**Feb. 27** Lisa Carlson

### **Anniversaries this Week:**

**Feb. 22** Keith & Maribeth Erickson  
**Feb. 22** Kevin & Meghan Zierke  
**Feb. 23** J.R. & Karla Gierstorf

### **Share and Care, February 2021**

Share and Care for February will continue to gather items for Orphan Grain Train in the church lobby. We will make one big delivery at the end of February. We are still in need of the items below:

- Disposable diapers for children and adults
- NEW underwear for children and adults
- Gently-used linens, sheets and towels

**Picture Bible @ Home (2021)** —Due to the pandemic, our milestone for families with preschool children has been adapted. This year sixteen families are participating. They will view four short videos teaching and demonstrating how to be a spiritual leader for young children in your home. After the videos, a kit has been provided with faith activities for

parents/grandparents to do with their child. Thank you, Jahanna and Andrew Ansoerge, for making this milestone happen this year. We celebrate that families want to learn and grow as faith leaders with their children!

**Signed up for a devotion and resurrection garden?** This Lent resource will be available for pick up March 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>. The resurrection garden is a pre-Holy Week activity.

**LWML Member and All SOTV Ladies!** The Annual Prayer Service will be held via ZOOM on *Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>*, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Plan to add extra meaning to your Lenten season by watching and/or participating in this service. Please watch the Shepherd's Corner for further "link" information

**It's Registration Time for ELC!** The Shepherd's Flock ELC is now enrolling children 3-years old through kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. The Christian setting, teachers with college degrees, and small classes have always been a plus, but especially in times of COVID. With safety protocols in place, consider this safe and enriched educational environment for your child this coming school year. Anyone interested, please contact Diane Hensley at [diane@sotv-wdm.org](mailto:diane@sotv-wdm.org) or call 225-1952 ext. 114.

**Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization**—Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization (ILSTO) assists families who meet certain income guidelines to send their children to a Lutheran school. In 2020 over \$715,000 was donated to help eligible parents. Your help is again needed as we prepare to raise money for the 2022-2023 school year. You may also use Thrivent CHOICE dollars for an additional gift. For additional information, call Dewey Torkelson at (712) 260-2991.

**Stewardship Corner**—A 60-year-old person recently said, "According to the U. S. Census Bureau, the average American is 34 years old. Well, at least I'm above average at something!" Where do you get your sense of worth in life? Some of us find worth in our accomplishments. As we live and focus our lives of faith on the Lord, He enables us to see that our worth is already tied up in what Jesus has done for us. Because of Jesus, we are all above average. If and when we get down on ourselves, we need to look at the cross and the empty tomb. God loves us and wants the best for us. As forgiven and redeemed people of God, we will always be above average in the eyes of the Lord.

**Missionary Prayer Request**—Please pray for Rev. Arthur and Deaconess Eva Rickman and family who serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Latin America, based in Panama. Arthur serves as an area facilitator in the region (Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Panama), building and strengthening relationships with LCMS partners. In addition, Arthur helps administrate theological education opportunities and manage diaconal work throughout the area in which he serves. He also serves the local church in Panama in various ways. Serving as a deaconess, Eva assists with deaconess formation. Additionally, she encourages and supports the mercy work that is happening throughout this region.