



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

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

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 during business hours.

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 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.

Congratulations to Roberto Regalado, who is now our full-time Director of Maintenance as of early in March. Please give him your best wishes. Normally his hours are Monday through Friday, starting at 6 a.m.

New—"Whisper" Bible study: Starting today, this will be a 4-week study in the hour between services on Sunday mornings. It focuses on the book "Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God" by Matt Batterson. Each week we will begin with a 10- to 12-minute video, followed by Bible study/discussion led by group facilitators. It is not required that they have the book, but it is highly recommended. Books are still available in the office for \$15 each (cash or check.)

Members can purchase it from Amazon (electronic version is \$5 and paperback is \$15) at the following links: English [clicking here](#). Or En Español [haga clic aquí](#).

Education Classes and Midweek Classes.

- **Children's Sunday School**—Children grades 4 and younger have Sunday morning education classes from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
- **Nursery** is open every Sunday morning from 9:00 until after the 10:30 a.m. worship. The ladies have a Bible lesson prepared for each Sunday.
- **Grades 5-8:** *Donuts & Devos* at 9:15—10:15 a.m., starting April 11 through May 23.
- **Tuesday a.m. Bible Study** is open to any woman wanting to study the book of Malachi. Led by April Poulsen at 9:15—10:45 a.m. on Zoom. Contact April or Marilyn Shults.
- **Tuesday p.m. Ladies Community Bible Study Group.** Using materials from the Daily Grace Company, we will study Psalms 1-30 and also use a scripture memory journal for Psalms. If you would like to join us or to know more about the materials for your own study, please contact Leslie (515) 664-0909. We meet Tuesdays 7—8:30 p.m. at Leslie's home and by Zoom; we serve in some capacity each month.
- **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. After Easter this group will be studying the book *Whisper* by Mark Batterson, similar to the adult Sunday school series starting after Easter, but going about eight weeks.
- **Wednesday Midweek Ministry** —JAM (grades 5 & 6) and Confirmation youth meet on Wednesday's starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesdays—Spanish Bible Study:** Meets at 6:00 p.m. 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 6:00 p.m. 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!*

Birthdays This Week:

Apr. 11	Nicole Kitzerow LeRoy Kraai
Apr. 12	Jackie Sauer
Apr. 13	Jill Best
Apr. 14	Harry McCullough Kaitlyn Jackson
Apr. 15	Eron Caro Teah Luety Terry Ober
Apr. 17	John Lauck

Anniversaries this Week:

Apr. 11	Sue & Tom Appleby Janel & James Parrott
Apr. 12	Marla & Brian Melco
Apr. 13	Morgan & Dylan Degner

• **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 or (515) 556-6508 (cell/text.)

• **Thursday Evening Men/Women's Bible Study Group** - the Thursday Night Study Group is studying Josh Brown's book called "The Way Forward." For more information, contact Kaylene Crouch at (515) 720-4898.



New! Our Time Together on Tuesdays!

—Each Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pastor Krueger will be at **Urban Cellar**, a restaurant at 640 S. 50th St., West Des Moines. If your schedule permits, please take a few minutes to stop by for food and fellowship as we discuss what God is doing in our lives.

LWML Board Members — Important Dates

April 20 — The next LWML General Meeting will be *Tuesday, April 20*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. You may attend in-person in the Ephesians Room or via Zoom (link information to follow.) SOTV's own Deaconess Noemi Guerra will lead the devotion and topic. All ladies welcome – invite a friend!

April 17-18 – Mites for Missions Weekend! SOTV family, please stop by the LWML display in the narthex before and after worship. The display will feature information about the Iowa West District Mission Grants, as well as LWML information. **The large mite box will be placed at the back of the sanctuary** for mite collection. You are invited to support LWML and "make a joyful noise" as you empty your personal mite box or drop your pocket change into the box. Remember, you DO NOT have to be an LWML member to participate in this wonderful mission outreach. Every single penny makes a difference! May God touch your heart and bless you as you share your **mites for missions!**

Saturday, April 24, 2021! Mark Your Calendar! The Des Moines West Zone Rally will be held (via Zoom). It will be hosted by the LWML of Trinity, Van Meter, and the guest speaker will be Ellie Menz who will share information regarding LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Training). Further information to follow regarding time and Zoom link.

April Share and Care — The two challenges for April are:

1. Stamps for Mission Central. Mission Central supports missionaries around the world. Look for the collection box in the lobby or put in Marilyn's mailbox.
2. Baby Layette kits for Orphan Grain Train. Either build a layette set yourself or bring items to go into the layette kits. Each layette is to contain: 1 sleeper, 2 cloth & 2 disposable diapers, 1 package wipes, a new baby bottle, new pacifier, 2 diaper pins (pinned to diaper), 1 Onesie, a receiving blanket, a blanket. No baby powder or lotions due to customs restrictions. To assemble a full kit - spread the blanket flat and place everything in the middle, fold sides in, roll and secure with ribbon/string or yarn. Collection tub in lobby.

SOTV Cancer Companions Ministry—SOTV is beginning a Cancer Companions Ministry, scheduled to start April 22 at 6:30 p.m. over Zoom. Cancer Companions provides nine sessions of facilitated discussion and Bible study for individuals in cancer treatment, post-treatment, and caregivers to help them hold Christ close in their cancer journey. SOTV members trained by Cancer Companions lead the sessions. Cancer Companions Ministries are in 59 congregations in 21 states. More information is at: <https://www.cancer-companions.org/>

If you, someone in your family, or a friend is in cancer treatment, post-treatment, or a caregiver and are interested in participating in this ministry please contact:

- Kim Carstens at email: kacarstens@gmail.com ; Phone: (515) 224-1219; or
- Maribeth Erickson at email: mkerickson74@gmail.com ; Phone (712) 660-2051; or
- Rick Shults at email rmshults@gmail.com ; Phone (785) 806-0106.

Stewardship Corner—Through faith that comes from the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word and Sacraments, we are empowered to love others. When we are obedient to God’s Word and love others, many good things happen. We worship and praise God. We provide some kind of benefit to our neighbors, and we receive God’s peace. When we live as faithful and loving followers of Jesus, we give evidence that the Holy Spirit lives in us. Jesus taught that people would recognize His followers by their love for one another (John 13:35).

Camp Okoboji—Upcoming fundraisers are being held into summer. Nearly 40 percent of the camp’s revenue comes from donations of the public. Fundraisers include:

- Annual Quilt Auction and Craft Sale—June 19 (see the bulletin board in the narthex.)
- Or visit the camp website’s regular donation page for more information.
<http://www.campokoboji.org/donations.php>

Missionary Prayer Request—Please pray for Vicar Benjamin and Grace Vanderhyde and family who serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Sri Lanka. In his role as vicar, Benjamin trains up musicians to serve the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church while assisting the other LCMS missionaries serving in Sri Lanka with their work and learning from them.

Heroes for Homeless — Central Iowa Shelter & Services’ annual fundraiser will be April 22 from 5—7 p.m. The event will take place virtually, including a cocktail hour as well as a sit-down dinner as we livestream the event. Central Iowa Shelter & Services is the only low-barrier shelter in the state that provides free food, shelter and programming to adults experiencing homelessness. We hope you will join us and dress for the occasion! Visit <https://centrاليowashelter.org/events/heroes-for-homeless-2021.html> or call (515) 564-5752 to register.

Thrivent Choice Dollars—Don’t forget to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Valley Church. We have used past funds for many items in and around SOTV! We appreciate the partnership with Thrivent and can’t thank you enough for choosing our church to receive the funds. (Most recent use: outdoor church sign and inserts.)