



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

(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.

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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 through Memorial Day. 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.

May 9 —High School Senior Recognition Day. Join us to recognize those who will be graduating this spring. We will have a special recognition on that day to bless these youth and their families with this special milestone of life. This service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

The students are:

Erin Baedke
Ethan Carlson
Kelsey Clark

Joash Guerra
Alizabeth Quass

Other Upcoming Events—a flyer is being inserted in a mailing going out this week. You'll want to put these dates on your calendar:

- May 23—a celebration of Ministry for Marilyn Shults during Sunday School hour.
- May 30—Guerra Family Farewell Event.

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. The last Sunday School class will be *Sunday, May 23*. No summer Sunday School!
- **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., Sundays through May 23.
- **Whisper" Bible study:** Sunday mornings between worship services—this is the last week. 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.
- **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. This group is studying the book *Whisper* by Mark Batterson, similar to the adult Sunday school series currently in place, but going additional weeks.
- **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!*
- **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.

Birthdays This Week:

May 3 Kathy Arndorfer
Mike Nuss
May 5 Janice McCullough
Ken Setzkorn
May 6 Linda Evers
Aaron Sander
May 7 Debbie Hannam
Brandon Luety

Anniversaries this Week:

May 2 Gloria & John Schulte
May 5 Lori & Scott Hohl
May 7 Sue & Neil Graber

• **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.

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.



May 7—LWML BOARD MEMBERS: The Board will meet *Friday, May 7*, via Zoom, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

LWML Members – Mark Your Calendar for Tuesday, May 18, which is the final meeting for the year. Enjoy a “night

out” with your sisters in Christ by dining at **Gilroy's, 1238 8th Street**, West Des Moines, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please call or e-mail Rita Rusch (707-7920 or ritarusch1@gmail.com) *no later than Friday, May 14*, to make your reservation.

Roses for Moms and Missions

LWML will be offering the roses after each service on Mother's Day—Sunday, May 9th. We will have a table outside the sanctuary with single roses available. A free will offering may be given to be used for the LWML missions.

LWML is teaming up with Goode Greenhouse for a spring fundraiser! Need to buy something for mom or grandma for Mother's Day? Are you ready to plant some flowers or plant your garden... bring some color into your life? Forms are available on our SOTV's webpage or in the Narthex (or you can show them your phone with the code) Take the form to Goode Greenhouse between **May 3 and May 9, 2021**. Present it to the cashier. Ten percent of your pre-tax purchase will be donated to our LWML group.

Share the form with your friends...Make it an outing with them and purchase your flowers together! Proceeds will help fund our community mission projects this year. Last year we were able to support our SOTV's Early Learning Center, Hope Ministries, and Mount Olive Lutheran School. Thank you for supporting our LWML and our mission community projects!

SOTV Cancer Companions Ministry—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. **The next sessions are May 13 and May 27 by Zoom.** SOTV members trained by Cancer Companions lead the sessions. Cancer Companions Ministries are in 59 congregations in 21 states. See more information 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, we know that Jesus came to earth to be our sin-bearer. In addition to leading the perfect life on our behalf and atoning for our sins, Jesus sent us the Counselor, the Spirit of truth, Who convicts us of sin and calls us to repentance and Who works in us through Word and Sacrament to mold us into Jesus' image. The Holy Spirit keeps us from rebellion and arrogance, and He opens our hearts and minds to God's will for us and gives us willing spirits to love and obey Him. May we always be open to the Holy Spirit's guiding and leading.

Are You A Thrivent Member? If you are a Thrivent member would you please let the church office know? We are trying to put together a list for our church.

Lost and Found—a number of necklaces, earrings, and some “cheater” eyeglasses have been left behind at services. Please check with the office if you are missing any of these items.

Missionary Prayer Request—Please pray for Ashley Lehr who serves the Lord through the LCMS in Puerto Rico, based in Mayaguez. She helps grow the ESL (English-as-a-Second Language) program. This program is part of the ongoing disaster response and mission outreach efforts taking place in Puerto Rico. Ashley also assists with short-term missionary teams serving in Puerto Rico.

Tee Up for Iowa Veterans on May 6, 2021 is an upcoming fundraiser at the Beaver Creek Golf Course in Grimes. Cover My 6 Iowa is a local, all-volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting veterans and service members in the state of Iowa during times of financial hardship. “Supporting Iowans who have served—We’ve got your back.” Your participation as a golfer, sponsor or in-kind donor will help Iowa veterans and their families with direct rent/mortgage payments, utilities bills, home and auto repairs, groceries, debts, medical needs and enable families to have a stable home environment. For more info, contact Ben Fox at (515) 205-8271 or look on their website at: <https://www.cm6iowagolf.org/>

Ruth Harbor Ministries: A Walk for Life will be held Saturday, May 8, anytime between 9:30—11:30 a.m. You may walk at Ruth Harbor (social-distanced) or on your own. A poster is on the board in the narthex, or register at www.RuthHarbor.org. Their two homes provide young moms with education support, life-skills training, access to quality health care, spiritual guidance, parenting training and/or adoption assistance. This group relies on the support of individuals and churches to support their mission.

Would You Like to Help Decorate our Altar with Flowers? You are welcome to use the SOTV florist or you may bring in your own arrangement. Please see the LWML/Altar bulletin board in the narthex to sign up for the weekend of your choosing. Note on the signup sheet if you plan to bring in your own arrangement, otherwise one will be ordered for you. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Rusch at ritarusch1@gmail.com.