



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 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.

Baptisms—this weekend we celebrate two baptisms in our congregation. On Saturday, a private baptism will be held for Shawn David Sheesley, son of Heather and Nathaniel Sheesley, grandparents Ruth and Dave McNamara. On Sunday at 10:30 a.m., a baptism will be held for Atlas James Leary, son of Manda and James Leary III, grandson of Pastor Bill and Leslie Clark. Congratulations to the families and God's blessings.

Congregational Meeting—May 16 at 2:00 p.m. We ask the congregation to attend a meeting in the Family Life Center. Pastor John David will ask members to vote to call a Director of Family Ministry.

Other Upcoming Events—please put these dates on your calendar:

- **May 23**—a celebration of Ministry for Marilyn Shults during Sunday School hour (cake will be served). Marilyn's end date is June 9.
- **May 30**—Guerra Family Farewell Event includes a potluck after worship. This will be outside, so please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the gym.
- **June 3**—SOTV Family Reunion at 5:30 p.m. A time for food, games and gathering together.

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.
- **Wednesday a.m. Adult Bible Study (Our Time)**—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 20 John Gingerich
Rusty Harned
May 21 Deb Jackson
Phyllis Rourke
Amy Swenson
May 22 Karlene Nuss
Christy Scott

Anniversaries this Week:

May 21 Sheri & Terry Ober
May 22 Micki & Terry Vaudt

• **Thursdays—Ladies a.m. Bible Study** is now returning to SOTV in the Ephesians room at 9:30 a.m., with an option to continue following on Zoom if needed. Contact Marie Rickert for information or if you're looking for a Bible study to join.

• **Thursday Evening Men/Women's Bible Study Group** - the Thursday Night Study Group is studying Josh Brown's book called "The Way Forward." The group will be taking a break after Memorial Day.

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.



Silver Cord/Volunteer Opportunities: SOTV continues to offer some opportunities to gain their silver cord or volunteer hours. Please reach out to Angie Spann if your youth is in need of hours. Our Early Learning Center also offers opportunities during the year which Diane Hensley can help with. We love being able to help the HS Youth fulfill their volunteer credits!

Here's A Chance to Continue Helping the Bonefas Family Out. Dates have been added for May for the Meal Train, if anyone would like to sign up: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nkzr6d>

Please Help Our High School Youth: Please consider purchasing **scrip gift cards** each week to help support our 23 high school youth who are going on a mission trip to Eureka Springs this July and then to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in July 2022. We keep a number of cards on hand such as Hy-Vee, Fareway, Target, Kohls and Walmart along with some restaurants. We also have access to hundreds of others online which we can get on order within a week or two. Even if you do not have a high school student, please consider helping purchase these cards each week...it really does add up and is **HUGE blessing** to these students and families. Scrip is available on Sunday mornings from Jodi Parrott, Julie McFarling or Angie Spann. Or you can also get them during the week in the office during our normal business hours of Mon. - Thurs. from 9am to 3pm. Thank you for your support!

Don't forget, LWML Members—Tuesday, May 18, 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.

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.

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.

Stewardship Corner: At the same time, the Spirit of God is working in us, the world, the flesh, and the devil – our old enemies – battle against Him for control of our souls. In Romans 6:17-18, the Apostle Paul wrote, *"But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness."* Although we are participants in this battle against our sinful natures, we are also victors through Christ Who has already won the battle and rescued us from death. No longer are we powerless over sin. *"Sin shall not be [our] master, because [we] are not under law, but under grace"* (Romans 6:14). As God, the holy Judge, looks at us, clothed now in Jesus' white robe of righteousness, He no longer sees sinful creatures, but pure and blameless new creations.

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.

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.

Lutheran Family Service provides help for struggling couples. Our counselors approach marriage counseling with a sense of hope. We believe that things can get better and that you can have the marriage you desire, even though you may be tempted to believe this is not possible. LFS marriage counselors are available to help couples throughout Iowa. Marriage counseling is a service of LFS but it is not necessary to be Lutheran or even Christian to use our services. Visit Lutheran Family Services at www.LutheranFamilyService.org