



The Shepherd's Corner

A weekly publication of Shepherd of the Valley Church
West Des Moines, Iowa
September 12, 2021

Today at Shepherd of the Valley

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture readings for this Sunday are Isaiah 50:4-10 ,
James 3:1-12 , 14-18 and Mark 9:14-29

- **8:00 a.m. Traditional Service**
- **10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with communion** (live-streamed)
- **1:00 p.m. Eritrean Congregation worship**
- **Nursery**—the nursery will open at 9:00 a.m. for the children under age 3.

Sunday School and Midweek Activities Starting This Weekend!

Activities for all ages are in the works. For more questions, contact Tia Pugh at tia@sotv-wdm.org.

- *Sunday School* at 9:15 a.m. Classes for kids age 3-6th grade, adult Bible study, and confirmation classes will meet during this time.
- *Confirmation Classes* (7th-8th graders) this week includes parents and or begin at 9:15 a.m. We'll discuss all things confirmation.
- *Adult Bible study with Ann Bass* will start September 12. In *The Grip of Grace* is a 40-day journey through the book of Romans. See the next page for more information.

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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 Services—upcoming on September 18
Sunday worship—8:00 a.m. Traditional Service
Sunday Worship—10:30 a.m. Multi-Cultural Praise Service

Church Office Hours & Contact Info

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.

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New Adult Bible Study on September 12—

In *The Grip of Grace* is a 40-day journey through the book of Romans. Each week, you will be given a set of daily readings with accompanying reflections questions, to help you explore the material that you covered on Sunday morning.

Each group member should have their own copy of this study guide. Keep in mind the video, questions, and activities are simply tools to help you engage with the session. The real power and life-transformation will come as you dig into the Scriptures and seek to live out the truths you learn along the way. Books will be \$11; no payment needed for now, but please sign up in the office or contact Ann Bass.

Share Group meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephesians Room.

Midweek Events—Sept. 15



Wednesday Night Ministries begin **September 15** at 6:30 p.m. ESL classes, SOTV KIDS for ages 3rd-5th grade, Jr. High Youth Night, ACT High School Youth Ministry will all be meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. It will be a wonderful way for our community to gather as one family. We hope to see you there! For more questions, contact Tia Pugh at tia@sotv-wdm.org.

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.

Weekly Events



- **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.

- **Tuesday Night Women's Group** will start on September 14 at 7 p.m., and they meet at different group members' homes. We'll be working through the video-based study, "Seamless" by Angie Smith, to uncover how the Bible is a complete story, followed by reading the whole Bible. Join us to study, grow, serve, pray and laugh! Contact Jessica Wardenburg for questions and to order your study book for \$16 by September 10. Cell: (515) 249-9432 or jessica.wardenburg@gmail.com.

- **9 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (Our Time)** —9:00 a.m. on Zoom. The study is led by Dorman Otte.
- **Wednesday Women**—We are a small group of ladies who meet from 9-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, currently at the Urbandale Public Library (Room D.) Or join by zoom. We will be starting a series soon on The Parables. If interested, contact Ernie Hutchins-Krueger or Marilyn Shults for more information.
- **Thursdays—Ladies a.m. Bible Study** is now in the *Multipurpose/ACT 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 evenings—JuBELLation Choir** holds practice at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible study at 8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose/ACT room.
- **Thursday Evening Bible study at SOTV** beginning September 16. Please join us for a group Bible discussion on Ephesians and serving opportunities. Meeting time 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Higher Grounds. Contact Kaylene Crouch at (515) 720-4898 for more information.
- **Saturday Worship (September 18) A Hymn Sing Worship Event**—SOTV will be holding their Saturday night worship service this month as a hymn sing. Check Realm for reservations. Stay afterwards for apple pie/crisp (a la mode) to be served in the Family Life Center.
- **Sunday Men's basketball** is starting again on Sept 26. It will be weekly on most Sundays 5-7 p.m. If interested in joining, please contact Brian Quass (bquass1004@gmail.com) to get on the email distribution list or if you have 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

The members for 2021:

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

Upcoming Special Events



Mite Boxes on September 12 & 19—Women of the Word, the LWML group at SOTV, would appreciate people bringing their extra coins to add to the large Mite Box which we will have in the narthex on the Sundays of September 12th and 19th. Money collected will be combined with coins donated from other congregations of Iowa District West and used to share the good news of the Gospel and Jesus' love among the people of western Iowa and throughout the world .

September 21- Women of the Word (WOTW) General Meeting- All women from SOTV are invited to the meeting, which starts at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship and follows with a Bible study. If you want, you may bring a light meal or snack and beverage to eat and drink during fellowship. We will begin a three-part video Bible study by Donna Snow: "One Body, Many Parts." The meeting will include the installation of the officers for 2021-2022. We hope you can join us for fellowship and time in God's Word. (We will include information about the October and the November meetings in the *Shepherd's Corner* closer to those dates.)

September 26—So You Have a High School Senior? Parents of High School Seniors are asked to join us on Sunday, September 26, from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Higher Ground room. Come for an hour where tips will be shared by those who have walked through this season of life and to help plan for a great year for you and your Senior. A resource and handout will be shared with each family who attends. For more information please contact Angie Spann at Angie@sotv-wdm.org.

More Announcements

Treats During Adult Bible Study Time Sunday mornings. Treats will be welcomed again during the time between worship services on Sundays. See the list on the main kitchen counter to sign up if you or your group would like to serve. A reminder that no peanuts are allowed in the building because of allergies.

Y Supportive Housing—Laundry kits supplies or cash for quarters needed through end of September! The YMCA Supportive Housing Community could use our help! Ideally the facility is able to provide a "laundry kit" to each tenant every week. Each kit consists of a laundry pod, a dryer sheet, and 11 quarters – everything needed to wash and dry one load of clothes. They are currently out of supplies to assemble these kits and don't have the financial support to purchase them.

There will be a bin marked "YMCA" in the skylight area. If you'd like to donate cash that can be turned into quarters for the kits, please contact Karla Gierstorf directly at (515) 419-2312. Thank you in advance for blessing the YMCA tenants with the gift of clean clothes!

Birthdays This Week:

Sept. 12 Carol Pieper
Sept. 13 Marlene Platz
Susan Williams
Sept. 14 Nicole Bales
Sept. 14 Bruce Keehn
Lori Mozena
Sept. 15 Alec Wilcox
Sept. 17 Phil Parrott
Sept. 18 Lance Carlson
Jeff Dawson
Monte McKercher

Anniversaries this Week:

Sept. 16 Patti & Brent Lenz
Cindy & Oliver Willham

Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: John David Mull
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Maria Regalado (part-time)
85marieregala@gmail.com

Intern — Zach Smith (part-time)
Smith.zachary33@gmail.com

September 23—Luther Park Community's Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

Luther Park will host its first drive-thru fundraiser. For only \$7 you can enjoy spaghetti with a meatball, garlic bread and a side salad. Preorders can be made by calling or emailing Christine at (319) 572-0224 or cgiberson@lutherparkcommunity.org. Pickup is from 4:00 -5:30 p.m. Please enter through the parking lot off of Hull Avenue, and look for the Rose Glen awning.

October 2—Living Faith Lutheran Church in Clive is hosting a fundraiser on October 2. The funds will go towards their international missions and possibly two mission team trips to Kenya in 2022. Food trucks, a bounce house, balloon artist and more are planned for 4—7 p.m.



October 16—Save The Date—Habitat for Humanity. Saturday, October 16 is the SOTV date - Thrivent Faith Builds with Habitat for Humanity. You can **sign up now** with a weblink. Contact Ken or Roger or the SOTV office for the link. Any questions or comments -- please ask Ken Setzkorn at (515) 979-1032 or Roger Platz at (515) 249-1274 or roger_platz@yahoo.com

Blanket tying—save the date for October 17. Deb Baedke is looking for volunteers to come tie blankets from 1—4 p.m. at SOTV. More details will be available at the end of September.

Stewardship Corner—In the Bible's account of creation, the writer says that, after each phase of creation, God saw that it was good, and, after all had been completed, God looked on all He had made and saw that "*it was very good*" (Genesis 1:31). However, through our disobedience, the world that God created good has been filled with sin. Because of our sin, we have not been good stewards of the resources God has given us, and we have not put Him or others first before ourselves. We thank God that He forgives us, and we pray that He places within each of a desire to please Him by being faithful stewards of all that He entrusts to us.

Missionary Prayer Request—Rev. Jacob William Gaugert serves the Lord as a missionary through LCMS in Togo. Jacob teaches courses in Lutheran theology at The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET), or Lutheran Center for Theological Studies, in Dapaong, Togo, in West Africa. He also teaches distance learning and continuing education courses in Central Africa as needed. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he assists with coordinating visiting professors and supervising LCMS projects in the region.

Pray for Jacob as he serves in Togo and Central Africa. Pray that God provides him with continued prayer and financial supporters in the United States. Pray that the Lord blesses CLET, its supporting congregations and other African partner churches. Pray that the burgeoning Lutheran churches in French-speaking Africa practice good stewardship in supporting the pastors and leaders of their church bodies with prayer and adequate salaries. Ask the Lord to raise up African theological leaders to serve as teachers of the Good News of Jesus Christ in the community. Let us give thanks to God for Jacob serving in this part of the world.

Ruth Harbor Ministries — Ruth Harbor offers Christ-centered homes and programs for pregnant and parenting young moms. They will host their annual fundraiser on *November 11*. Further details will be coming in September.

Three key ways in which you can give to help Ruth Harbor include monetary donations, volunteering, or donating gifts. Items on their most wanted list include toilet paper, diapers, formula, gift cards for the moms, and more. See the full list at: <http://www.ruthharbor.org/wishlist.php>