



The Shepherd's Corner

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West Des Moines, Iowa
October 10, 2021

Today at Shepherd of the Valley

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture readings for this Sunday are Amos 5:6-7, 10-15,
Hebrews 3: 12-19, and Mark 10:17-22

Sunday, October 10, 2021

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

Sunday Morning Learning Activities

- *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) — start time 9:15 a.m.
- *Adult Bible Study* at 9:15 a.m.—*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. Contact Ann Bass if interested in joining. The class runs through Oct. 24.

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Clergy Appreciation Month

Do you appreciate our pastors, missionaries and religious workers? The month of October is a time that congregations set aside to honor religious workers and their families for the hard work, dedication and blessings they provide. Let them know with a card, text, video, or message.



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Worship Services

Saturday Services—upcoming on October 16 and November 6
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.

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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Sunday Men's basketball is back in session from 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.

Special Monday Night Event



Monday, October 11—Special Speaker at SOTV

Please save the date for a very special event coming to SOTV from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with guest Speaker Brandon Smeltzer. Brandon is the Director of Worldview Infusion at Grapevine Faith Christian School and a Leadership Coach with his firm Undefeated Growth. Brandon will be the Worldview speaker and is excited to partner parents to talk about the “Good/Bad Paradigm of Parenting.” Don’t miss this event!

Midweek Events



Wednesday Night Ministries—start time

6:30 p.m. ESL classes, SOTV KIDS for preschool—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. 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** 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. Please take time to

stop by for food and fellowship as we discuss what God is doing in our lives.

• **Tuesday Night Women’s Group** will 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. Cell: (515) 249-9432 or jessica.wardenburg@gmail.com.

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- **Wednesday Women**—We are a small group of ladies who meet from 9-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at the Urbandale Public Library (Room D.) Or join by zoom. We will be studying The Parables. If interested, contact Ernie Hutchins-Krueger or Marilyn Shults for more information.
- **Wednesday Bible Study (Our Time) by Zoom** —9:00 a.m. on Zoom. The study is led by Dorman Otte.
- **Wednesdays—9:15 a.m. —Moms In Prayer (MIP)** started up on Wednesday, September 22, at 9:15 a.m. in the church nursery. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with other moms, make new friends, grow in your faith, prayer and watch how God works through your child, the teachers and schools to make amazing things happen.

Contact Leslie Bake at Leslie.bake@yahoo.com or Tia Pugh at tia@sotv-wdm.org
- **Thursdays—Ladies a.m. Bible Study** is now in the *Multipurpose/ACT room* at 9:30 a.m., with an option to follow 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.** 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.

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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



Join us for our next Saturday evening worship

event—On **Saturday, October 16**, at 5:00 p.m. we will offer a worship service with communion in the Sanctuary. The service will be special Taize style worship and a night of reflection. We hope you can join us! (*Another Saturday evening worship service will be held on Saturday, November 6, and is a night of contemporary praise and worship.*)

More Announcements



October 11 & 12—get your tickets now! — The film "The 7 Churches of Revelation: Times of Fire" will be released in theaters on **October 11^h and 12th**. Three film makers, together with global scholars, examine the Seven Letters, roots of the early persecutions in the Church, and their connections to our lives. God doesn't make mistakes and it's not a coincidence that this movie is coming out at this time." Because of its religious content, the film industry allows the nationwide showing to be only **two days** with **daily 7:00 p.m. showings**. Preceding times are for Century 20 West Des Moines. Contact other local theaters for showing times.



Helpers still needed for Saturday, October 16—Habitat for Humanity.

This is the SOTV date for Thrivent Faith Builds with Habitat for Humanity. We currently have half the team needed to work on a house. The build site is 1418 Stewart Drive, Des Moines. Contact Ken or Roger with questions or comments -- Ken Setzkorn at (515) 979-1032 or Roger Platz at (515) 249-1274 or roger_platz@yahoo.com

October 17 Blanket Tying service event—We are hosting a this service event on Sunday, October 17, from 1-4 p.m. in the Ephesians room. This is a great service opportunity for families and anyone wanting to serve others. The fleece was purchased with a generous grant from Thrivent, and blankets will be donated to the Youth Emergency Services and Shelter in Des Moines. Questions, please contact Deb Baedke at (515) 710-3006.

Commitment Sunday will be on **October 24th** this year. Just a heads up that you'll be receiving a mailing about a week ahead of time with information about Commitment Sunday, pledging, holiday worship schedules, special worship services, etc. Your giving statements through the third quarter will be e-mailed by the end of the month and mailed for those without e-mail. You can view your current pledges and gifts via Realm, if that helps you in preparation for Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding your pledges/gifts, please contact Sharon at the church office or E-mail her at sharon@sotv-wdm.org.

Birthdays This Week:

Oct. 10 Cole Best
Ben Fox
Oct. 11 Fred Kekstadt
Oct. 12 Carolyn Doner
Linda Schug
Oct. 14 James Goranson
Oct. 14 Wendy Rickert
Oct. 15 Tim Whisler

Anniversaries this Week:

Oct. 10 Sammantha & Aziz Hodzic
Oct. 11 Nicole & David Swain
Oct. 12 Brooke & Ian Koch
Oct. 14 Emily & Jake Wilkinson
Oct. 16 Therese & Bob Augustin

Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: John David Mull
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Director of Maintenance:
Roberto Regalado,
Roberto@sotv-wdm.org

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Sydney Clark (part-time)
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Communications Coordinator:
Diane Green, (part-time)
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Multicultural Coordinator —
Maria Regalado (part-time)
85marieregado@gmail.com

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

Need Substitutes—Our JuBELLation handbell choir is looking for some substitutes for the 2021-2022 season. Every now and then a member needs to be gone and a substitute needs to fill in. Would you consider serving as one of those? If you can count to four, we can work with you! Please contact Karla Gierstorf if you would be willing to help out, gierstorf.karla@principal.com .

Cancer Companions Request: If you know of anyone who is experiencing or recovering from cancer or caring for someone with cancer and that needs support maintaining or building a strong relationship with God during their cancer related struggles, please encourage them to contact any one of the following Cancer Companion Facilitators. We would very much like to provide the support they may need.

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

Stewardship Corner—God honors us with the privilege of being the stewards of His Gospel. Because we know that Jesus has already given us His life, has risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, and has promised to return for the sake of our salvation, we are able to live in the grand and joyous confidence that God is at work in our stewardship. Rev. Terry Forke wrote in the February 2014 edition of the *Lutheran Witness*: "Day by day, where you work and play, God is using the life you live and words you speak to proclaim the Gospel; to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to meet Christ Who is our Savior."

Christmas Wish List for Trinity Center at Luther Park—A full page of suggested potential gift items for residents at Luther Park is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Unwrapped items are requested by Monday, December 1. Items include new baby dolls, crayons, adult coloring books, necklaces, iTunes gift cards, memory games, sporting items, hygiene items, socks and small lap blankets. Questions may be directed to Jessica Walton, Director of Activities at (515) 261-6394. Any items not used at Christmas will be used through the year for birthdays and bingo gifts.

Missionary Prayer Request—John and Erica Tape serve the Lord as career missionaries through LCMS in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. As associate regional business manager, John assists the regional director and the regional business manager in managing the financial and business affairs of the LCMS. He also supports the region's missionaries and works with local church partners on various projects. Before serving as a missionary, John worked at Concordia Plan Services for eight years. Before heading to the Dominican Republic, Erica worked as a copywriter at Concordia Publishing House and as a communications specialist at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. They have a daughter, Sophie.

Since 2005, John also has served on a number of short-term mission trips, including to Mexico, Poland, Chile and Guatemala. Pray for the Tapes as they serve in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Ask that God would use all three of them to help share His message of salvation with people throughout the region.