



The Shepherd's Corner

A weekly publication of Shepherd of the Valley Church
West Des Moines, Iowa
November 21, 2021

Today at Shepherd of the Valley

Last Sunday of the Church Year

First lesson: Isaiah 51:4-6 ; Second lesson: Jude 20-25 :12-17 ; Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Sunday, November 21, 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 (7th—8th graders) will meet during this time.
- *Adult Bible Study* at 9:15 a.m.—Zach Smith will lead the study. The theme is Spiritual Disciplines/Exercises/Practices from all across the history of the Christian tradition to experience God and further cultivate a relationship with Jesus.

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Starting November 28—During the Advent season, Dorman Otte will be leading a Bible study in the Family Life Center focusing on the Scripture readings for that Sunday. This will be an open discussion where we study the scripture and how it speaks to us. This begins on November 28 at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Dorman or Pastor Krueger.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday — our offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26. Please contact staff on their cell phones in an emergency.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
3900 Ashworth Road; West Des Moines IA 50265

Worship Services

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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J.O.Y. Group—4:00 p.m.

ESL Thanksgiving Celebration—5:00 p.m.

Sunday Men's basketball 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Midweek Events



Wednesday Night Ministries—start time 6:30 p.m. ESL classes, SOTV KIDS for preschool—5th grade, Jr. High Youth Night, and ACT High School Youth Ministry will all be meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. 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



- **Daily Devotions by Zoom**—Pastor John David continues with his daily devotions at 7:30 a.m. by Zoom. If you have not yet joined, call the office for details.
- **Adult Choir** is practicing on Monday nights, 7—8:15 p.m. Contact Ann Bass if interested in sharing your singing voice.
- **Tuesday Night Women's Group** meets at different group members' homes from 7-9 p.m. We are working through the video-based study "Seamless" to uncover how the Bible is a complete story. On Nov. 16, we'll start reading the entire Bible in 6 months! Women are welcome to join at any time to study, grow, serve, pray and laugh. Contact Jessica Wardenburg for questions: cell (515) 249-9432 or jessica.wardenburg@gmail.com.
- **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) on Zoom** —9:00 a.m. The study is led by Dorman Otte.
- **Wednesdays—9:15 a.m. —Moms In Prayer (MIP)** in the church nursery. This is an opportunity to be with other moms, grow in your faith and pray. Contact Leslie Bake at Leslie.bake@yahoo.com or Tia Pugh at tia@sotv-wdm.org.



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- **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.

Upcoming Special Events



November 21—J.O.Y (Just Older Youth) — We hope you can join us at 4 p.m. in the Higher Grounds Rooms to share in JOY's annual Thanksgiving meal. Mark and Terry will provide a ham, please bring whatever side dishes or desserts you wish.

Questions? Just ask Mark (515) 249-7226) or Terry Rowley (515) 249-9753). Our email address is mtzmrowley@mchsi.com.

November 23 — SOTV members are serving a Thanksgiving meal at the YMCA Supportive Housing Community on this day. To make this meal extra-special, we plan to provide homemade pies. If you are able to make a pie or two for this, please contact Karla Gierstorf at gierstorf.karla@principal.com, or (515) 419-2312. Details will be provided to volunteers.

November 24—Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service (with communion) at 6:30 p.m.

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.

November 29—Ladies, save the date for Advent By

Candlelight—It's that time of year again! Advent by Candlelight is returning on **Monday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m.** Join us in the Sanctuary for a time of renewal featuring special guest, author and speaker, Paige Loehr. Paige is the author of *The Roots in a Woman*. This book addresses topics that plague women and points them back to God through scripture and prayer. Paige is a spirit-filled daughter of God, a wife, and a mother of two. Her mission is to let other women know they are not alone, and that God is a healer. Learn more about Paige and her book at <https://www.thecharliepaige.com> or follow her on Instagram at @thecharliepaige. It will be a great way to kick off the Christmas season. Bring a friend!

Blue Christmas Service—Saturday, December 18 at

5:00 p.m.: The concept of a Blue Christmas Service is to provide a quiet, contemplative service as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings as a way to care for those who are sad or struggling whilst those around them are caught up in celebrating. We want to acknowledge the pain and loss of members and guests and allow a space for them. We'll hear about the God of love who comes to us in the midst of the mess and pain we know in our own everyday lives and the lives of those around us. Please plan to join us in person at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

More Announcements



Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes is Almost Over: If you haven't had a chance to purchase items for the children across the world for Christmas, no problem... It is easy to build a shoebox on-line at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> or grab a 'How to Pack a Shoebox' pamphlet with a no-postage necessary envelope included to donate \$\$ to Operation Christmas Child. You can also still drop off boxes today (Sunday) from 4-6 p.m. or tomorrow (Monday) from 9 a.m.-Noon. We will load the cartons into a truck late Monday afternoon/early evening. If you enjoy lifting and would like to help, please let Trudy Tompkin or Dee Christenson know.

Poinsettia orders — a form is attached on the last page of our *Shepherd's Corner*. Orders must be placed by December 8.

LWML sale of coffee tumblers. Please support our LWML ladies by purchasing a 20-ounce SOTV insulated tumbler. Proceeds will go toward our LWML local mission projects this year. Please place your orders with your checks in the church office by November 26th. And the form is included in our *Shepherd's Corner* and paper in the office. Thank you for your support and donations.

Calendars — The High School youth will once again be offering beautiful 2022 NIV calendars. If you would like to place your order, please email me and we will make sure to get one set aside for you. The delivery is a little delayed due to COVID but they are coming. Thank you so much for supporting the HS Youth. Calendars will once again cost \$9.00 and checks may be payable to ACT.

Birthdays This Week:

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| Nov. 21 | Brian Melco Jasmine Spann |
| Nov. 23 | Jerry Chapman Gene Davenport Becky Friedrichs |
| Nov. 25 | Alan Lewis Larry Shaw |
| Nov. 26 | Todd Kitzerow |
| Nov. 27 | Gene Hart Sam Shimp |

Anniversaries this Week:

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| Nov. 23 | Terri & Tim Whisler |
| Nov. 25 | Linda & Garland Evers |
| Nov. 26 | Shirley & Fred Kekstadt Sonja & Eric LeSher |

Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: John David Mull
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Smith.zachary33@gmail.com

LWML Thank You— thank you for your support of Women of the Word's recent mission project to collect food and beverages for Hope Ministries' Community Meals Program. Through this ministry, thousands of meals are prepared and served to homeless and economically struggling individuals in the Des Moines area.

With your generous support, our congregation was able to collect 71 large (#10) cans of vegetables and fruit, 47 lbs of pasta/noodles, 20 lbs of dried beans, 24.5 lbs of rice, 188 bottles of water, 2 large bottles of condiments and 18 canisters of coffee (2-5 lbs.) We're also grateful for your cash donations of \$80.00 These items have been delivered to the Hope Ministries kitchen where they can be used to serve meals in the days ahead. May this food be a blessing to those who will enjoy it and may you be blessed for sharing with those less fortunate some of the abundant gifts God has given you.

Order Your Scrip Gift Cards— Black Friday and many sales will be starting for the upcoming holiday season which makes it a GREAT time to get your scrip gift cards. By using these gift cards you are helping support the High School Youth with their upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. We have thousands of places to get the gift cards at no extra cost to you! Please see Angie Spann or order online at www.shopwithscrip.com, click register, click join a program and enter our code of CCB881C22L516 and place your order. Thank you so much for your help in supporting our HS Youth with this program.

Ready to serve? Altar is looking for women who want to serve their Lord behind the scenes. Each month two members of Altar prepare communion for the month. We also decorate the church for different holidays. If you are interested or want to learn more, please talk to some of our members: Barb Monson, Dee Christenson, Rita Rusch, Shelly Carlson, or Trudy Tompkin.

Do you have a warm, welcoming smile? If so, Katie Shepard is looking for more helpers on the greeters volunteer team. She will be scheduling Greeters for the 2022 year, and we want to add more people to cover multiple doors. Call Katie at (563) 505-9301.

We Have 28 Youth and 5 Adults Heading to Houston: SOTV is SO excited to be sending this many people to the LCMS Gathering from July 9—13, 2022, in Houston, Texas. If you missed the deadline to get registered and have a current 8th - 12th grader, contact Angie Spann ASAP! Please be in prayer for those planning to attend and that we can continue to fundraise to help defray the cost for all of these families.

Missionary Prayer Request—Deaconess Caitlin Ramírez serves the Lord through the LCMS as a deaconess missionary in the Dominican Republic. She works as a congregational deaconess alongside the pastors. She serves as a mentor for the formation of Dominican deaconesses and works with the seminary in the Dominican Republic to train them on a congregational level. She also supports the work of the mercy houses in this country and works with a disabilities outreach ministry.

Jeancarlos was born in Lima, Peru, and is a member of La Mision Luterana del Peru. He is currently studying at Seminario Concordia El Reformador. When Jeancarlos finishes seminary, he will receive a call as a pastor of La Mision Luterana del Peru. Jeancarlos and Caitlin have one son, Abraham, who is with them on the mission field.

Pray for the Ramírez family as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Caitlin writes, "Please pray for the transition to the Dominican Republic, to face with His strength the culture shock and with His joy the hardship of leaving behind family and friends. Pray for Jeancarlos' studies. Pray for the church members here in the Dominican Republic, and for the deaconess students.

Stewardship Corner—In order that we may gain wisdom regarding financial matters, God has placed over 2,000 verses about money and possessions in the Bible. In these verses, the Bible makes it clear that money does not bring security. The temporary value of money is described in Proverbs 23:4-5: "*Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.*" We are foolish to think that we have all we need if we have money. Eternal life cannot be bought with gold or silver. Money brings no lasting value or satisfaction. More money often brings greater anxiety. All the things that money can buy can be lost, stolen, destroyed, or eroded.



**2021 ALTAR CIRCLE
POINSETTIAS**

Help us decorate the sanctuary and church during Christmas.

Plants will be one 6-8" plant per pot.

The cost is \$15.00 each, including tax. Deadline for ordering is Wed., Dec. 8.

Money must be received before an order is placed.

**You may pick up your plant after the late Christmas Eve service or on the
Sunday after Christmas. If you have any questions, please call Rita Rusch at 223-7326.**

Return this sheet and your money to the church office.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Name of giver: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

(Office only: Date _____)

Cash _____ Check _____)



Shepherd of the Valley LWML Fundraiser



Proceeds go toward our LWML Mission Projects.

20 oz. Double Wall Steel Tumbler –
vacuum insulated stainless steel
with copper lining to keep your drink
hot for 6 hours or cold for 24 hours.
Includes acrylic slide lid and
SOTV logo in full color
on elegant cobalt blue tumbler.



\$20.00 each

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Total # of tumblers _____

Total \$ _____ (make checks out to LWML)

Additional DONATION to LWML \$ _____

Contact Melanie Belden or Ann Bass with questions - **Deadline for ordering is November 26th**