



# The Shepherd's Corner

A weekly publication of Shepherd of the Valley Church  
West Des Moines, Iowa  
**January 16, 2022**

*Today at Shepherd of the Valley*

## **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

First lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5; Second lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Gospel: John 2:1-11

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

- **8:00 a.m.—Traditional Service** with communion
- **Nursery**—the nursery will open at 9:00 a.m. for the children under age 3.
- **Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.**— Classes for kids age 3—6<sup>th</sup> grade and confirmation classes (7<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> graders) will meet during this time.
- **Splash Baptism Faith Milestone Workshop at 9:15 a.m.**
- **Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.** in the Family Life Center.
- **10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Service** (live-streamed).
- **1:00 p.m.—Eritrean Congregation worship.**
- **5:00 p.m.—Men's Basketball.**

**Today—Mission Development Counselor Gary Thies** from Mission Central will be paying SOTV a visit at both services and the adult education class in between services.

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**January 17—M.L. King Day: SOTV offices will be closed for this holiday.**

**January 22, 5:00 p.m. — Saturday Evening Hymn Sing Worship featuring our ladies group "UniTy." Join us for toe-tapping, Southern Gospel type music for the night.**

## **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

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

### **Worship Services**

Saturday evenings—one Saturday a month—5:00 p.m.  
Sunday worship—8:00 a.m. Traditional Service; and  
10:30 a.m. Multi-Cultural Praise Service

### **Church Office Hours & Contact Info**

**Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.;**

**Phone: (515) 225-1623; Fax: (515) 225-0871;** Staff is also available by cell phone.

**[www.shepherd-valley.org](http://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.

### Coming Jan. 23—Adult Bible Study

- **Stephanie Mull** will be starting a new class between services in the Family Life Center. **Sculptor Spirit: Dig into God’s Word**, using writings from Dr. Leo Sanchez of Concordia Seminary St. Louis and other Christian theologians to discover ways the Holy Spirit is shaping and molding us into the image of Christ. This class starts at 9:15 a.m. and will run 7 weeks.
- **“Mystery Of The Trinity”, A RightNow Media Video Study:** Starts at **9:15 am** in the Ephesian’s room! (For those who don’t know, Ephesians is the far SE classroom.) Printed Study Guides will be available.  
*What is the doctrine of the Trinity? Where did it come from? Do we muddle through the Nicene Creed by rote to confess our beliefs? Or Do I Really Understand the Words I so Eagerly Repeat?* Dr. R.C. Sproul provides both New and Old Testament documentation. Learn how the three separate personhoods are historically identified by God’s Word.  
 How about you? Do you give heretical answers to describing the Trinity as you proclaim the message of salvation? (To learn more about RightNow Media, contact Angie Spann or the office staff.)

### Midweek Events



**Wednesday Night Ministries** with ESL classes, SOTV KIDS for preschool—5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tia@sotv-wdm.org).

### 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 practice** resumes rehearsals on February 14 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Contact Ann Bass if interested in singing.
- **Tuesday Night Women’s Group:** In January we’ll start a new study. Any woman is welcome to join at any time to study, grow, serve, pray and laugh. They meet at different group members’ homes from 7-9 p.m. Contact Jessica Wardenburg for questions: cell (515) 249-9432 or [jessica.wardenburg@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.wardenburg@gmail.com).



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- **Wednesday Women**—Join Wednesday Women as they begin a Bible Study called "Growing Older and Wiser" on January 19 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Ernie Krueger (402) 676-0299 or Marilyn Shults (785) 220-4338 for more information. This group meets by zoom and in-person.
- **Wednesday Bible Study (Our Time) on Zoom** —9:00 a.m. The study is led by Dorman Otte.
- **Thursdays—Ladies a.m. Bible Study** is now in the youth/multipurpose 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.
- **Friday nights—the Hispanic Group** is holding a Bilingual Bible study from 6-8 p.m. in the Ephesians room.
- **Friday nights the Eritrean congregation** also meets in the Family Life Center at 7 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](mailto:ChristBasedLeadership@sotv-wdm.org)**

### The members for 2022:

- Brian Rickert—Chair Person;
- Mark Belden—Vice Chair Person;
- Jill Best; Karina Luna;
- Brian Melco; Phil Parrott;
- Doug Scieszinski.

## Upcoming Special Events



**January 18—The LWML** meets the 3rd Tuesday of most months. Our meeting in January is the 18th. We will start at 6:30 p.m. with Bible study, led by Rita Rusch. Then we follow with the meeting at 7 p.m. Come for the fellowship, refreshments and Bible study. We will meet in the youth/multipurpose room.

**January 20 Quilting Group Meeting**--All women from SOTV are invited to join the quilting group in the youth/multipurpose room from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. If you want, you may bring your lunch to eat and drink at 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will design, assemble, and tie quilts for people in need in the Des Moines area or the Orphan Grain Train. Sewing supplies and tools will be provided, so no need to bring your own.

**Saturday Evening Worship through April.** All services start at 5:00 p.m. and will serve communion.

- ♦ January 22—Hymn Sing with Unity
- ♦ February 19—a Night of Healing
- ♦ March 26—a Night of Experiential Worship
- ♦ April 23—Hymn Sing with Adult Choir

### **Wednesday, January 26—Parents Night... In.**

Parents are invited to join in a focused conversation about spiritual practices in their families. How can we include prayer and scripture reading in our homes? Let's talk about it. 6:30-7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26. Snacks will be provided.

## More Announcements



**Twice Blessed Consignment Sale!** - The 19th Annual Twice Blessed Consignment Sale will be held on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2. Selling, shopping, and volunteering is open to the public; no affiliation with Shepherd's flock ELC is necessary. To sell items you must purchase a Seller Packet. Packets are available for purchase beginning Friday, January 21 in the church office M-F (9:00-3:00). Packets are \$10.00 for volunteers working two hours or more, or \$20 otherwise. Volunteering for four hours allows you to shop the Pre-Sale on March 31. Sellers retain 70 percent of the proceeds, 30 percent goes to Shepherd's Flock ELC. For more information, visit: <https://twiceblessedconsignmentsale.wordpress.com/>. Thank you for supporting Shepherd's Flock!

**Update on our Director of Technology & Media:** SOTV wants to thank Sydney Clark for her service here these past few months! We are so sad to announce that God has opened another opportunity for her in Nashville, Tennessee so she will no longer be on staff here. If you know of a someone who may be interested in this part-time position, please contact John David at [JohnDavid@sotv-wdm.org](mailto:JohnDavid@sotv-wdm.org) for a copy of the job description and to discuss the position.

## Birthdays This Week:

**Jan. 16** Pat Nemitz  
**Jan. 17** Nancy Hernandez  
Kristin Mrkajic  
**Jan. 18** Sharon Bauer  
Mamie Sauer  
**Jan. 19** Bill Bauer  
**Jan. 20** Kim Carstens  
Darcy Jones  
**Jan. 21** Donna Dose  
**Jan. 22** Gail Beermann  
Bruce Dorn  
Jacob Wenger

## Anniversaries this Week:

**Jan. 18** Deb & Neal Baedke

## Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: John David Mull  
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Dir. Of Technology & Media

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**Are you on Instagram?** We're so excited to announce the launch of SOTV's very own Instagram account! Are you on Instagram? If yes, get connected and follow along at @sotvchurch.wdm. We're thankful to have this platform as another way to connect with you and our community.

**Stewardship Corner**—Jerry White, in his book *Honesty, Morality, and Conscience*, writes, "Christians are to be servants of both God and people, but most of us approach business, work, and life in general with the attitude of what I can get rather than what I can give. Serving God receives a favorable response but serving people, especially those who cannot repay this has no visible benefit or glory from anyone except God." In our lives, we find it fairly easy to serve others who are loveable and who can repay us. However, God calls us to serve all people and let Him be the one to reward us.

**Missionary Prayer Request**—The Rev. Dr. Christian and Gudula (Lula) Tiews serve the Lord as career missionaries through the LCMS in Germany. As a missionary pastor, Christian works with the Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK), the Synod's partner church in Germany, to reach out to Germans and Farsi-speaking immigrants from the Middle East. In addition, he offers English classes, translates English theological materials into German, and assists in the new English-language Bachelor of Theology program offered by Luther Academy, Riga (aka the Livonian Lutheran Project), as a mentor of future pastors and coordinator of other mentors throughout the Eurasia region.

Please pray for the Tiews family as they engage in mission and ministry in Germany. Ask the Lord to give courage and confidence to all three of them as they share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people they meet. Give thanks that Christian, Lula and Lillian are serving God's children in this part of the world.

**SOTV Cancer Companions Ministry** has a new series of devotions and facilitated Bible studies to begin for individuals in cancer treatment, post-treatment, and/or their caregivers. The daily personal devotions and nine bi-monthly one-hour group Bible studies are designed to help people hold Christ close in their cancer journey. A book of devotional readings will be provided to participants for their personal use. The group Bible studies are confidential and held over Zoom. Participants need not be SOTV members or live nearby. Facilitators have been trained by the national Cancer Companions ministry (<https://www.cancercompanion.org>).

These classes start Jan. 13. If you, someone in your family, or a friend is interested in participating in these sessions, please contact:

- Kim Carstens - [kacarstens@gmail.com](mailto:kacarstens@gmail.com), (515) 224-1219;
- Maribeth Erickson - [mkerickson74@gmail.com](mailto:mkerickson74@gmail.com), (712) 660-2051; or
- Rick Shults [rmshults@gmail.com](mailto:rmshults@gmail.com), (785) 806-0106

**Altar Flowers**—Members may provide flowers for the altar for worship throughout the year. This is a great way to celebrate a baptism, birthday, anniversary or other special event in your life. To make arrangements, contact Rita Rusch at (515) 223-7326. You may purchase your own or write a check to the church and Rita will order for you. Contact her for 2022 dates.

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JOIN US  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 22**  
5:00PM