



The Shepherd's Corner

“Our Mission: Disciples Growing,
Leading, and Multiplying.”

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Service Times

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. (traditional)

Sundays

8:00 a.m. (traditional)

10:30 a.m. (contemporary)

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class - 9:15 a.m.

Sunday - May 13

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:15 a.m. High School Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Stephen's Ministry

6:00 p.m. Share Group

Monday - May 14

2:00 p.m. D-Group

4:15 p.m. UniTy

6:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

6:30 p.m. Decoding Dyslexia

Tuesday - May 15

6:00 p.m. LWML—offsite

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday - May 16

6:30 p.m. ACT

7:30 p.m. Praise Team

Thursday - May 17

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Sunne Class Meeting

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

7:00 p.m. JuBELLation Choir Practice

8:00 p.m. Bible Study

Friday - May 18

5:30 p.m. D-Group

Saturday - May 19

8:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer

1:00 p.m. Piano Recitals

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday - May 20

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:15 a.m. High School Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service

ESL Graduation

4:00 p.m. Stephen's Ministry

4:00 p.m. JOY

5:30 p.m. Basketball

WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Our desire is to make your worship experience a positive one. Check out our information booth, in the skylight area. Take home a church calendar of events or any of the other items you may find helpful to you. Please make yourself at home. This is God's house and a home to all who worship here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH has a few weeks left until leaders change for summer. **No Sunday School Classes on Memorial Weekend!** Before Memorial Weekend think of how you can tell your class leaders how much you appreciate learning with them!
MIDWEEK CLASSES: NO MORE CLASSES— ENJOY YOUR SUMMER
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: starts on June 3rd. Preschool and younger will have Jesus time with Renea & Kary in the nursery area. Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be in the Ephesians rooms with Marilyn, Alex, Derek & Melissa. Grades 7 & 8 will join the High School youth in the Higher Ground room.

ADULT CLASS: Join us on Sunday mornings for an adult class led by David Swaim on “The Book of Galatians” in the Ephesians 8-9 rooms. We would love to have you join us, stop on by!

TODAY is Senior Recognition: Congrats to Mark Hannam Jr., Emma Ksiazak, Clayton Moffitt, Lillian Poulsen, Molly Rodgers, Alex Seitz, Luke Sueppel and Nash Willham on their upcoming graduations. We wish you the very best in your next stage of life & know that SOTV will be here praying for each of you!

THE FINAL LWML MEETING for this year will be a delightful evening of dining and fellowship on Tuesday, May 15th. **All ladies of the congregation are invited**—each attendee at own expense. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Mama Lacona's restaurant, 3825 121st St. Urbandale. Advance reservation required. Please call Rita Rusch (223-7326 or 515-707-7920) no later than TODAY, Sunday, May 13 to make your reservation.

HOLY COMMUNION guests please read: Because we desire that all who participate in Christ's body and blood will receive the blessings promised therein, and because the Scriptures themselves call for a self-examination prior to

participating in the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28), we have found the following questions helpful in preparing for the Lord's Supper:

- † Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- † Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- † Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?
- † Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His body and blood?
- † Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians you believe His body and blood are present, and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of the church.

HELP US EMPTY THE BOX—SCRIP GIFT CARDS 2018: We have quite a bit of Scrip gift cards in our box and we would LOVE for you to help us empty it! Do you eat at Panera, Subway, Brueggers, Starbucks, Chili's or Red Robin? We have cards on hand to these places and would love for you to purchase a gift card today. It's a great way to help us while using these cards at the places you already stop at. Thank you for helping us raise funds for our Mission Trip this July!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEEDED: For more than 30 years, Agape Pregnancy Center has served Des Moines and the surrounding areas, offering hope and help to young women experiencing unexpected pregnancy. Agape is currently accepting applications for the position of executive director. The executive director has the responsibility for the mission of Agape as well as the day-to-day operations of the pregnancy center. For more information regarding this position or how to apply, please go to supportagape.com/ways-to-help/ or contact the Board of Director's Vice-President, Laurie Zepp, at cleozepp@mchsi.com.

THANK YOU: Dear friends—the words “thank you” don't adequately express how much your love and support has meant to our family. Your hugs, food, notes, texts, and prayers continue to help us meet the challenges of each day. Thank you for truly being our family in Christ. ~ Rick & Marilyn Shults and family

BEDDING NIGHT: Mark your calendars to attend “Bedding Night” on Sunday, July 1st. We will gather to tie quilts, make fleece quilts and sew pillow cases. Do you have fabric or batting to offer? Talk with Marilyn Shults, Amy Dahlke or Judy Matthies.

MISSION-velopes: SOTV has 26 adults and high school youth embarking on a mission trip to Altoona, Pennsylvania in July. To help defray some of the costs for these missionaries, we are offering “mission-velopes”. Grab one (or more) envelopes from the bulletin board in the narthex, fill the envelope with the amount of money on the front and place it in the collection box by the display. This donation will directly offset the cost of travel, meals and accommodations for this week long adventure doing God's work out East. Thank you for your support in helping us go out into the world and share Jesus' love with those whose properties we work on.

GAS CANS & OTHER MISC ITEMS: If you happened to borrow the church's red 5 gallon red gas cans we would love to have those returned. We are also looking for one of the gray roasters along with other various items. This time of year is a great time to check around your house and return any type of supplies or items you may have borrowed. Thanks in advance for returning those so we can do an inventory over the summer.

LWML MEMBERS: If you wish to participate in the ingathering at District Convention, please bring a washcloth, travel-size deodorant, and/or travel size toothpaste to the May 15th dinner. A simple, but needed outreach!

Reminder that next **Sunday, May 20, is LWML Coffee/Cookie Sunday!** If you are gathering your mites at home and wish to deposit them, the LWML “large” mite box will be available next Sunday. Thank you for your participation!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH STILL MEET DURING THE SUMMER: Just a reminder that although midweek classes are over for the younger age groups, those in 8th—12th grades continue to meet all summer long on Wednesday nights starting at 6:30 p.m.. Follow us on Snapchat (act.sotv), Twitter (@actsotv) and Facebook (Act Shepherdofthevalley) to check out what's going on! We also post a calendar to the youth area on our website of www.shepherd-valley.org. Come and join the fun!

Happy
Mother's
Day!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT ALL OUR OPTIONS TO SUBMIT YOUR OFFERING: As we get ready to hopefully have some warmer weather and you look at vacation planning, don't forget the many ways to submit your offering here at Shepherd of the Valley. We offer payment on our website of www.shepherd-valley.org, on the left side look for the word **GIVE** and click on that. You can then choose a one time or recurring gift using a debit/credit card or even a ACH transaction through your banking account. Many banking institutions also offer Bill Pay which Shepherd of the Valley can accept as another option. You are always welcome to mail in your envelope as well. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon@sotv-wdm.org and she would be happy to discuss all of the options available to you.

AGAPE PREGNANCY CENTER BASEMENT SALE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Agape's Basement Sale Season is getting ready to begin and volunteers are needed. Two ways to help are to work during the sales and placing and taking down signs on the weekends of the sales. Please contact Amy at admin@agapedsm.com or 515-255-0243.

AN UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY: It has just been announced that former SOTV member Deb Burma and her husband Cory will be hosting a fabulous Retreat Cruise next February—something for everyone! It is so exciting—you can gather some friends and go as “singles”, or if the gentleman in your life wants to accompany, Pastor Cory will be hosting activities for the guys! The dates are **February 9-14, 2019**. Deb will host retreat sessions the two days at sea; there will also be music pleasure with Wendy Sue Fluegge and journaling fun. There will be two “sailing days,” and two ports-of-call to Haiti and Jamaica. Registration has begun, so check it out soon. Wouldn't it be fun to get out of Iowa's February weather? Following is a link with more details about the cruise: <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/cc19020919b57966#.WoRq2KinHIU> Contact Mary Kilburn at kilburn541@gmail.com or 515-720-2454 and I will forward the complete email and Deb's personal letter to you.

LUTHERAN ADVENTURELAND DAY: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 will be Lutheran Family Day at Adventureland Park. Tickets are available for \$33.00 (cash only) per person and children age 3 and younger are free. There is a NEW kid's area coming in May called “Bernie's Barnyard” - check it out! If you would like tickets or more information, please contact Dean Rothchild at 319-373-2112.

SPRING WOMEN'S EVENT: On Wednesday, May 16 from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 8301 Aurora Ave. Urbandale will be hosting an event for women. “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” Register now at www.GDLC.CHURCH Cost is \$10.00. There will be free childcare for children 4 and younger. Come join us!

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY for college and high school students: Camp Okoboji has rewarding opportunities for college & high school students to serve their Lord this summer. Positions are open for life guards, cabin cleaning, food service, store management, and Program Staff members. First year summer staff will be paid \$250 per week. Staff members who stay for the entire summer (as agreed upon in advance) are paid “an additional \$25 per week served” at the close of the season. All applications are to be made at www.nloma.org. Background checks are conducted on all applicants who are considered for employment. Staff may start as early as May 21 and have the opportunity to work through August 13. If you have any questions, please contact either the Executive Director or Program Director by calling 712-337-3325.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Norma Allen
(Gaylon Dayton's aunt)
Rebecca Michelle Arman
Jessica Arment
Janie Baines
(LeRoy Monson's stepsister)
Harry Blackburn
Nathan Blackburn
(Becky Blackburn's husband & son and
Brittany & Janel Parrott's father&brother)
Aaron Bonefas
Joanie Bral
(friend of the Gierstorf family)
Rhonda Butz
(Hank & Jan Krohn's daughter)
Norma Christeson
Scarlett Sadler DeFrance
(friend of Neil & Sue Graber)
Tom Donaldson
(Dave & Marcia Johnson's friend)
Katelin Enderton
(friend of Gaylon Dayton's family)
Kerry Feekes
(Dan & Nick Feekes' father)
Robert Fogler
(Janet Dayton's father)
Leon and Diane Freeman
(ELC Student grandparents)
(Sheri Ober family friend)
Emma Gehring
(Kaylene Crouch's niece)
Eugene & Kathy Hart
Myrne Hayman
(Reita Spradlin's sister)
Leah Howard
(Mackenzie Sobeks friend)
Grant Jones
(Michael & Katie Shepard's nephew)
Ruby Kastner
(Dorothy Rix' sister)
Nada Kennelly
(Lisa Jimenez' mother)
Hank & Jan Krohn
Judy Lukensmeyer
(Melanie Belden's sister)
Scott McClure
Nadine McNamara
(Dave McNamara's mother)
Mark Mohr
Larry Nelson
Randy Nemitz
Kristine Nicewarner
(Karen Jackson's sister)
Janet Nihart
(Friend of McNamara family)
Ginny Penton
(Gloria Sear's friend)
Marlene Platz
Jeremy Plucker
(Neal Baedke's nephew)
Kate Plucker
(Neal Baedke's sister)
Adam Rix
(Larry & Dorothy Rix' grandson)
Roberts family
(ELC student grandparents)
Todd Robertson
Matthew Rourke
(Phyllis Rourke's son)
John Sauer
LeRoy Schnauthorst
(Gloria Sears family friend)
Kelly Sixta
(Saturday pianist &
Penny Benson's sister)

MISSION PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for Rev. Dr. Arthur A. Just Jr. and his wife Linda who serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in the Latin America and the Caribbean region. In Latin America, Arthur serves as a theological educator, teaching various classes at the Seminario Concordia el Reformador in Santiago, Dominican Republic. He also serves as a missionary pastor in the Dominican Republic, mentoring other LCMS missionaries serving in these countries and sharing the Gospel and the Sacraments through visits with church members.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: Renea Seitz—May 14th;
Ron Kennedy & Gaylon Dayton —May 15th; Linda Fehl & Lance Mouw— May 16th; Gary Merrick— May 17th; Nick Feekes —May 18th; Rusty Harned— May 20th.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK: John & Dawn Dierks; Brian & Allison Tillis —May 14th; Tom & Karmel Sueppel— May 16th.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: 1 Peter 4:10— *"As each has received a gift, use it so serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."* The grace, the gifts, the blessings: they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in a way the Owner wants them used. So we listen to His Word, pray for His Wisdom, and receive His grace.

In reading Christian literature, you may have run across the terms "active and passive." Our Christian journey of faith includes both believing and doing. We know that with and before God we do nothing but receive. We are "passive" as we receive faith and eternal life because they are God's gifts to us. Our "active" or free will involves our activities in earthly matters. As new people in Christ, we choose to love others with Christ's own love. But this love is not our own. When we are baptized in Christ, we have put on Christ. He is the one who extends His love through us to those around us. So we are "passive" in our relationship with God and "active" in our relationship with our neighbors.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "If you knew that Jesus would be in your church on Sunday to bless your children, to put His hand on your shoulder, to personally assure you of His forgiveness and love, would you be there? He is there, and He does that through the Gospel." Rev. James Albrecht, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota—A "Life Quote" from *Lutherans For Life*
www.lutheransforlife.org

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Scripture is full of references to mothers and their unique qualities. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 isn't typically thought of as one of them but think of mothers who are examples of the high calling of love described here: *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes in all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.* Happy Mother's Day to all women who so lovingly care for others! **Lutheran Family Service** (515) 251-4900 or (515) 573-3138; Web site: LFSiowa.org

Frank Stever
(Carrie Lappe's father)
Abby Sutton
(Phyllis Rourke Grand-daughter)
Alice Anne Swenka
(Gene & Kathy Hart's daughter)
Carrie Valerio
(Reita Spradlin's daughter)
Maryjane Waldroup
(Barb Monson's sister)
Dee Weaver
Marcia Weitzel
(Jodi Parrott's aunt)
Susan Williams
Chris Yelle

