



The Shepherd's Corner

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Every Disciple Rooted, Growing and Reproducing

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

3900 Ashworth Road
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Church Office Hours & Contact Info

Mon—Thurs: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
(Lunch observed 12 noon—1:00 p.m.)
Fri: 9:00 a.m.—12 noon

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church WDM

Sunday Morning Education Hour

- 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m.
- Sunday School for all ages up to 12th grades
- Multiple Opportunities for Adults to be in God's Word—see Narthex for room locations

Nursery & Mother's Area

- A staffed nursery for children age 0-5 is available during worship times
- From 9:15am—10:15 a.m. they hold "Jesus Time" for those age 3 and under. Ages 3-5 have Sunday School
- A quiet area for nursing mothers is found in our prayer chapel located just past the nursery restrooms.

Today at Shepherd of the Valley

Sunday School for children and youth through grade 12 runs from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Children grade 4 and younger must be picked up from their classrooms. Not sure where to go? Check the locations on the Resource Room door or pop into Room 12 (across from office) and ask Marilyn. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School Reminder: Starting today, through the 16th, all children in Sunday School ages preschool to grade 4 will have some class time rehearsing the songs for the December 16th 10:30 worship service. Parents, please help your children to be there!

Fellowship Time Join us in the Family Life Center (gym) between the Sunday Services for a breakfast treat and a cup of coffee. Free will donation. Thank you to the various groups who take turns providing the treats!

Sunday Bible Class Sunday morning bible class meets in the Family Life Center. Join us as we take part in the series "The Christmas Experience." This is a study that examines the Christmas Story in detail to help prepare you and your family for the upcoming Christmas season!

Installation of Pastor Dahlke: This Sunday at 3 p.m. you can live stream the installation service of Pastor Dahlke at his new church in Venice, Florida. Go to this website and click on LIVE services: <http://lakesidelutheran.net> It will also be archived if you are unable to watch live.

Christ Based Leadership Board

As we are in the midst of transition here at SOTV, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email the CBL Board members below.

Lucas Wardenburg– President– ljwardenburg@gmail.com

Jill Best– Vice President– onlythebest@q.com

Andy Pugh– apugh77@yahoo.com

Tim Geyer– tgeyer@norwalk.k12.ia.us

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Upcoming at Shepherd of the Valley

12/5 Celebrating "The Gifts of Advent" – a

New Event for Children: We invite all children Pre-K through 4th grade to join us for a special advent program to prepare their hearts for Christmas! Each week we will recognize a gift God reveals to us through the Christmas story. Families are welcome — but not required — to attend with their child(ren). This 45-minute program will run weekly on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. prior to our Advent services and conclude on December 19. For more information, please visit the Shepherd of the Valley Facebook page or contact one of the Advent Kids Team Members:

Angie Spann at angie@sotv-wdm.org;
Meg Zierke at zierkemom@gmail.com;
Becky Bonefas at bbonefas@hotmail.com;
Deb Belden at beldendebora@gmail.com or
Tina Ridgely at tkastendieck@gmail.com.

12/9 Cookie Sale: Cookie Sale after 8:00 a.m. worship and before 10:30 a.m. worship. Donations go to the junior high youth (grades 5 - 8) ministries.

12/9 Mark Your Calendars– Important

Meeting: Iowa District West President, Pastor Turner, will be here on **Sunday, December 9th** and give some **very** important information regarding the upcoming call process. All are encouraged to attend as this is an important opportunity for the congregation to be heard by the leadership of SOTV. The meeting will be at **1:30 p.m.** and childcare will be available.

12/16 Family Led Blended Worship Service

You are invited to join us as individuals and family's led worship at the 10:30 a.m. service. People will be gifting and praising God with their talents. This is a blended worship service with some scripture and hymn verses in Spanish.

12/16 Chili Luncheon: After the family worship on December 16th, please join us for lunch. LWML and Altar Circle will be serving chili and hotdogs after the service in the Family Life Center. A free-will offering will be taken. This is a great time to celebrate the reason for the season with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Announcements...

LWML Members Reminder: There will be **NO** LWML Board Meeting or General Meeting in the month of December.

Altar Circle Fundraiser: Please stop by and see the hand crafted items Altar Circle has for sale. The money raised is used for miscellaneous items for worship like worship robes, banners, or decorations. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Dec. 2nd—Dec. 8th

TODAY	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Classes
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Hispanic Worship Service
	3:00 p.m.	Swain Basketball
	5:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball
MON.	5:30 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
	3:30 p.m.	Valley Cheerleading Practice
	4:15 p.m.	UniTy
TUES.	6:30 p.m.	Stephens Ministry
	6:00 p.m.	Basketball
WED.	3:30 p.m.	Valley Cheerleading Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Family Advent Program
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
	8:00 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
THURS.	8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	3:30 p.m.	Valley Cheerleading Practice
	7:00 p.m.	JuBELLation Practice
SAT.	8:00 a.m.	Rehearsal for Family Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Altar Circle Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Class

Contact the Staff

Lead Staff:

- VACANT *Senior Pastor*
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New Address for the Dahlke's: Please add to your address books the new residence for the Dahlke family: 2050 Mesic Hammock Way, Venice, FL 34292 and as of now the phone number is the same. Let's help flood their mailbox with cards of well wishes and Christmas spirit!

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to help sell the Christmas trees and wreaths! Tree sales start the Friday after Thanksgiving and run thru mid-December. Please sign up for 1-2 spots in the narthex at the display. Thank you for helping serve so that others are blessed through these tree/wreath sales. Proceeds will help the youth with their upcoming National Youth Gathering and Mission Trips.

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Communion Classes in December – Youth in 6th grade and their parents are invited to attend the milestone classes for Holy Communion. This year these classes are: December 2, 9, and 16 from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. After completion of the classes and with parent approval youth are prepared to take Holy Communion. Also, youth older than 6th grade who have not completed the classwork are encouraged to attend. This is a portion of the Confirmation curriculum. Questions? Contact Marilyn in the church office.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec. 3 Anne DaLuga
Dec. 4 Brent Lenz
Gloria Sears
Marilyn Short
Dec. 5 Cole Scieszinski
Bekki Welch
Dec. 9 Erin Arnold
Shari Wagner

Prayers: Members

Aaron Bonefas, health issues
Dee Marlett, brain tumor
Marlene Platz, cancer treatments
Cecil Swanson, health issues

Gene & Kathy Hart, health issues
Mark Mohr, health issues
Adam Rix, health issues
Dee Weaver, health issues

Hank Krohn, health issues
Randy Nemitz, health issues
John Sauer, knee issues
Susan Williams, health issues

Prayers: Family & Friends

Norma Allen, Gaylon Dayton's aunt, health issues
Rhonda Butz, Hank Krohn's daughter, health issues
Robert Fogler, Janet Dayton's father, health issues
Marjorie Fogler, Janet Dayton's mother, Lymphoma and
Emma Gehring, Kaylene Crouch's niece, health issues
Scott McClure, Leslie Napier's brother
Dean Nihart, Friend of the McNamara's, throat cancer
Kate Plucker, Neal Baedke's sister, lung cancer
Alice Ann Swanka, Gene & Kathy Hart's daughter
treatment
Harold Tompkin, Trudy Tompkins father, GI Issues
Maryjane Waldroup, Barb Monson's sister
Chris Yelle

Jessica Arment, friend of Leslie Napier
Rich Carlson, Neil & Sue Graber's brother-in-law

Macular Degeneration.
Ruby Kastner, Dorothy Rix's sister
Larry Nelson
Joe Phillips, Mary Anne Kennedy's brother
Todd Robertson
Rachel Tompkin, Trudy Tompkins sister, diagnosis and
Rev. Peter Wegner, recovering from stroke
Marcia Weitzel, Jodi Parrott's aunt, rehab, broken back

If you or an immediate family member are entering the hospital, call the church office at 515-225-1623 so a staff member may pray with you. If you would like your prayer included on the Prayer Chain, contact Marie Rickert (515-225-8421, mmrickert@msn.com.)

Upcoming Special Worship Times

Sunday Services

at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 9th—Advent II
Sunday, December 16th —Advent III
Sunday, December 23rd—Advent IV

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Services

December 8th, 15th

Voters Assembly Meeting

Sunday, December 9th, Time TBD

Mid-Week Services at 7:00 p.m.

(Note the time change)

Wednesday, December 5th
Wednesday, December 12th
Wednesday, December 19th

Saturday, December 22nd No Service

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24th
5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, December 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 29th No Service

Sunday, December 30th

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Service

Monday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m.

Advent Wreath Sign Up: Would you and your family like to be a part of the lighting of the Advent Wreath this year? Sign Up Sheet available in the Narthex! Questions contact Janel Parrot at janel@sotv-wdm.org

Altar Circle Poinsettias: Help us decorate the sanctuary during the upcoming Advent season. The plants cost \$10.00 each. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 9th**. You may pick up your plant after the 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day service. If you have any questions, please call Rita Rusch at 223-7326.

JuBELLation will be performing Christmas music at the Bethel Mission on Thursday, Dec 13, and will be bringing a donation of new men's white socks and briefs. Please help us by contributing these items to the bin in the skylight area. Your donations will help us meet the men's earthly needs while the Holy Spirit works through us on their spiritual needs!

Thank You To Our Worship Volunteers: We would like to thank some of our worship volunteers who help in creating the worship bulletins (Becky Bonefas & Meghan Zierke) and PowerPoint Presentations (Bob Jolly, Tim Geyer, Mike Shepherd & Deb Jackson). Thank you so much for serving here at SOTV, we appreciate you!

Altar Circle in Need: Altar Circle's main focus is preparing communion and the Altar for worship services throughout the year. Membership is open to all ladies of SOTV. If you have questions about Altar Circle or are interested in joining us, please contact Trudy Tompkin (duckwattitude@yahoo.com or 515-480-2642) or Shelly Carlson (l4carlson@msn.com or 515-249-9421). Thank you for prayerfully considering serving.

Lightbulbs: There will be a table in the narthex next weekend with free lightbulbs for those who would like to take some home. Any questions contact Larry Rix at Larry@sotv-wdm.org

Missional Prayer Request: Please pray for Dr. Martin and Marie Dicke who serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Papua New Guinea. Martin teaches worship and music at Timothy Lutheran Seminary, Birip. Along with pastors and musicians of the Gutnius Lutheran Church, he works to update and develop additional worship resources for the church in the languages of the valley. He also leads workshops to help train musicians and worship leaders in various aspects of worship and music and partners with musicians of local churches. As time allows, he works with local Lutheran schools and their teachers to bring more music into their curriculums.