



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 - January 14th

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. High School Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

5:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

6:30 p.m. Miller Share Group

Monday - January 15th

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Bible Study

No School - ELC Teacher Inservice Day

3:30 p.m. VHS Cheerleading Practice

4:15 p.m. UniTy

6:00 p.m. Small Group

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Praise Band

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday - January 16th

3:30 p.m. VHS Cheerleading Practice

5:30 p.m. Basketball Practice

6:30 p.m. CBL Meeting

7:00 p.m. LWML General Meeting

Wednesday - January 17th

3:30 p.m. VHS Cheerleading Practice

6:30 p.m. BLAST, JAM, Confirmation

6:30 p.m. ACT

7:30 p.m. Praise Team

Thursday - January 18th

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

3:30 p.m. VHS Cheerleading Practice

5:30 p.m. Basketball Practice

7:00 p.m. JuBELLation Practice

8:00 p.m. Bible Study

Friday - January 19th

5:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

Saturday - January 20th

8:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayers

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday - January 21st

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. High School Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

4:00 p.m. JOY

5:30 p.m. ACT - Offsite

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.

SPECIAL GUEST - GARY THIES is at our Worship Services this weekend. He would love to share with you the exciting news of what is really happening in missions in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We will have a special offering for the missionaries at all the services.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Join us in the Family Life Center from 9:15-10:15 am with our special mission speaker, Gary Thies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & youth through 8th grade at 9:15 am. Check resource room door for locations.

BLAST, JAM, & CONFIRMATION classes on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN AND PARENTS (and/or grandparents) – **SPLASH** Baptism starts today, **January 14th, 21st, and 28th** from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose/Youth Room.

ATTENTION ALL MEN Please join us for a delicious breakfast and Bible Study at the Iowa Machine Shed (east of I-35/80 on Hickman Road in Urbandale) at 6:30 am, Monday, **January 15th**. Come to encourage each other in God's Word and enjoy the fellowship! Questions, contact Mark Rowley at mtzmrowley@mchsi.com or 515-249-7226.

LWML MEMBERS! REMINDER – NEXT GENERAL MEETING – This coming **Tuesday, January 16**, in the Youth Room, with meeting to start promptly at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study will be led by Marilyn Shults. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN PLANS FOR THESE COLD WINTER MONTHS!**

Rather than tie quilts at the evening meeting, you are invited to tie quilts on **Thursday, January 25th**, following the morning Bible Study in the Ephesians room. Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy fellowship while tying quilts. Ladies attending the Thursday Morning Bible Study, please plan to bring a sack lunch and join the LWML gals in the quilting project. Many hands....doing the Lord's Work!

WEATHER CLOSING POLICY It's that time of year again when the weather can disrupt our activities here at the church. If the West Des Moines schools are closed for the day or close early, all children's activities for the evening are cancelled.

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION that the YMCA Supportive Housing facility is running desperately low on an essential item—**TOILET PAPER!** If you can help build up their supply, please bring your donations to the tub in the Narthex. Every donation, even a single roll, would be appreciated. What a great opportunity to help the tenants meet this very basic need. Why? Because of JESUS, of course! Questions, contact Karla Gierstorf or Pastor Krueger.

LifeGroups



We believe that God's people grow!

We don't want you to stay the same; we want to help you grow in your walk with Jesus.

Whether you are a new believer or more spiritually mature, there is a group that will help you develop your relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

Join Pastor Krueger Sunday January 28th immediately following the 8:00 am or 10:30 am Service in the Multipurpose/Youth Room to see what God is growing in you and how you are a part of His Garden.

JOY (JUST OLDER YOUTH). On **Sunday, January 21** please join us at church at 4pm to watch the movie "Where Hope Grows". Here is a synopsis of the movie: "A baseball player has to retire early because of panic attacks. He struggles with the curveballs life has thrown him. His life is in a downward spiral when it is awakened by a young man with Down syndrome named Produce. Produce disciples the baseball player". We will meet in (either the Ephesians rooms or the Library). Please bring a snack to share. If you have questions contact Mark (249-7226) or Terry (249-9753) Rowley.

ALL 8th – 12th GRADERS and their parents are invited to attend a Mission Trip Informational Meeting on **Wednesday, January 24** at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room. Parents will start the meeting receiving information and then Confirmation students may join us quick once they are done with class. This meeting will go over rough cost, dates, transportation, possible fun events and a chance to apply to be a chaperone for the event. Please contact Angie Spann with any questions you may have beforehand otherwise we hope you join us in this transformational event this summer to Blue Knob, Pennsylvania.

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND We will be packing food at Meals From the Heartland on **Thursday, January 25th** from 6 – 8:00 p.m. If you are interested, please let Marilyn know or sign up on the south bulletin board. We have 45 spots – part of them are already reserved. Sign up now! Plan to meet at 5:50 p.m. at 357 Lincoln St, West Des Moines.

DEBT IS NORMAL. BE WEIRD Find out how you can change your life for the better. Sign up today!



Financial Peace University starting **(NEW DATE)**
Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10:30 am to noon
FPU Coordinator: Janice McCullough. Questions?
Phone/text: 515-480-4179 or
Email: jkmccullough@msn.com

IT'S PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION TIME! The Shepherd's Flock ELC is now enrolling students for fall 2018! There are openings for children ages 3, 4 & 5. If you or someone you know might be interested, contact Diane Hensley at diane@sov-wdm.org or call 225-1952 ext. 114.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription to The Lutheran Witness, the 1 year subscription rate is \$22.67 and is due by **February 14th**. Checks should be made payable to Shepherd of the Valley. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon or Linda in the church office.

PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR ATTENDANCE RECORDS by leaving the Attendance Books on the chairs and not placing them under the seats of the chair in front of you. This will be greatly appreciated!

SCRIP GIFT CARDS 2018: Each week you can continue to purchase gift cards in the narthex area from either Jodi Parrott or Shelli Burmester. We keep several cards on-hand such as Target, Hyvee, Fareway, Walmart, Starbucks, Subway, Panera and several restaurants!

On the 2nd Sunday of the month we will offer the ability to print SCRIP NOW gift cards to many more stores that we don't always keep on-hand. It's a great way to get your gift cards immediately and finish up your projects. All proceeds help our high school youth and their various mission trips & activities. THANK YOU for using these gift cards week in and week out as it helps our program tremendously!

TWICE BLESSED CONSIGNMENT SALE The 17th Annual Twice Blessed Consignment Sale will be held on **Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7**. 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 will be on sale in the church office beginning **January 22**. The cost is \$10.00 for volunteers working two hours or more, and \$20 otherwise. Volunteering for four hours allows you to shop the Pre-Sale on **April 5th**. Sign up to volunteer at: <http://signup.com/go/KukwrED> Thank you for supporting Shepherd's Flock. For more information visit: <https://twiceblessedconsignmentsale.wordpress.com/>

IN HONOR: Please take time to notice the new usher cabinet that was hand made in honor of our dearly departed friend, Obie Bowen. Obie was a long time member of Shepherd of the Valley and was called upon for many wood-working tasks for our congregation. He was a wonderful servant of God and we hope this cabinet will help many continue to serve for many years to come. The cabinet was made by hand and covered in much prayer by Randy Brown.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: OFFICE HELP - We are in need of someone who would be willing to photocopy Worship Bulletins and Shepherd's Corner every four weeks or so, usually on Thursday afternoon. This should not take more than a couple of hours. Please contact Linda by email at linda@sotv-wdm.org or call the office on Tuesday or Wednesday.

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Tuesday, **March 13, 2018**. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED A LITTLE HELP NOW AND THEN? The Senior Companion Program is a FREE program that matches companions with elderly or disabled adults in our community. Weekly services provided by a Senior Companion include:

- Home visits, companionship and social support
- Transportation to medical appointments, pharmacy, grocery store and recreational activities
- Assistance with basic daily living activities, help with reading, sorting mail and meal preparation
- Encouragement to live a healthy lifestyle

Senior Companions can also offer support if someone is living with a chronic condition or coping with a stressful life event.

This program is provided at no charge because Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa receives funding from the community and federal grant funds. Your charitable donation will make sure the program continues to help people live independently in their own homes. Anyone can refer a client, age 21 or older, who is living independently and a resident of Polk or Warren County and needs extra social support and a friendly visitor to continue to live independently. Please contact Julia for more information at 515-558-9957 or Juliat@vnsia.org.

REMINDER - Church office hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9 am-noon.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Norma Allen
(Gaylon Dayton's aunt)
Rebecca Michelle Arman
Jessica Arment
Janie Baines
(LeRoy Monson's stepsister)
Ann Bass
Jesse Bawek (Former member &
Praise Band Drummer)
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)
Norvina DeNeui
(Patsy Linnevold's aunt)
Tom Donaldson
(Dave & Marcia Johnson's friend)
Carolyn Doner
Katelyn Erderton
(friend of Gaylon Dayton's family)
Kerry Feekes
(Dan & Nick Feekes' father)
Robert Fogler
(Janet Dayton's father)
Alice Geber
(Sheri Ober family friend)
Emma Gehring
(Kaylene Crouch's niece)
Eugene & Kathy Hart
Myrne Hayman
(Reita Spradlin's sister)
Phyllis Hunter
Robert Johnson
(LeRoy Monson's brother-in-law)
Grant Jones
(Michael & Katie Shepard's nephew)
Ruby Kastner
(Dorothy Rix' sister)
Hank & Jan Krohn
Vonnice Linnevold
(Gary Linnevold's mother)
Judy Lukensmeyer
(Melanie Belden's sister)
Scott McClure
Nadine McNamara
(Dave McNamara's mother)
Mark Mohr
Randy Nemitz
Kristine Nicewarner
(Karen Jackson's sister)
Janet Nihart
(Friend of McNamara family)
Eugene Obman
(Friend of Keith Erickson)
Carol Pieper
Ginny Penton
(Gloria Sear's friend)
Jeremy Plucker
(Neal Baedke's nephew)
Kate Plucker
(Neal Baedke's sister)
Adam Rix
(Larry & Dorothy Rix' grandson)
Todd Robertson
John Sauer
Lanae Seid
Mackenzie Sobek

MISSION PRAYER REQUEST Please pray for Rev. Steven and Cynthia Schumacher who serve the Lord through the LCMS as career missionaries in Ghana, West Africa. Steven teaches courses in Lutheran theology and serves as the dean of academics and student activities at the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana in Accra, Ghana. He also assists the ELCG with their deaf ministry efforts. Cynthia assists the ELCG as an English as a Foreign Language teacher at their seminary.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: Kristin Collum, Lindsey Hohl, & Lucas Wardenburg - January 14th; Pat Nemitz - January 16th; Kristin Hohl - January 17th; Sharon Bauer & Mamie Sauer - January 18th; Bill Bauer & Joe Dworak - January 19th; and Kim Carstens & Darcy Jones - January 20th.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK: Neal & Deb Baedke - January 18th.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Because of what Jesus has done for us, we are redeemed people with infinite value. Our inherent value does not come from who we are, but from Whose we are. "Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands" (Isaiah 49:16a). God pours out His love upon us as a father pours out love upon his children. Although each person responds differently to the love that God gives, God's love is consistent and unwavering. Christians are people who believe that our lives are good gifts from God. We live our lives in response to God's marvelous love shown on the cross.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "The church must be reminded that it is ... the conscience of the state ... It must be the guide and the critic of the state ... If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority." *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org*

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Child development experts say three A's are needed for a healthy self-esteem to develop in children: Affection—a sense of belongingness, of being wanted, accepted, cared for, enjoyed, and loved; Acceptance—a sense of worth, an inner feeling that I count, I'm valued, I have something to offer; and Approval—a sense of being competent—confident that I can perform a task, meet a challenge, cope with life. It's essential for parents to provide these for their young children, but depending on others (including our parents) to meet these needs for us as we grow is risky, and ultimately doomed to fail. Self-esteem is challenged every day through bullying, discrimination, objectification, and disappointment when others (or we) don't live up to expectations. How about looking for and finding the three A's – always and forever without disappointment - here instead? *John 1:12; 1 Corinthians 3:16; John 15:5.* **Lutheran Family Service** (515) 251-4900 or (515) 573-3138; web site: LFSiowa.org

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Celebrate a special day such as baptism, birthday, anniversary, or any special event in your life with us. Just sign up on the chart provided on the Altar Circle/LWML Bulletin Board and Rita Rusch will contact you to make arrangements for the flowers or you may furnish your own flowers. We thank you in advance for providing flowers for the Altar as well as sharing a special time with us! You may take your flowers home to enjoy after Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service.



Frank Stever
(Carrie Lappe's father)
Alice Anne Swenka
(Gene & Kathy Hart's daughter)
John TenPas
(ELC Kindergarten Student)
Carrie Valerio
(Reita Spradlin's daughter)
Wayne and Mary Vaudt
(Terry Vaudt's father & mother)
Maryjane Waldroup
(Barb Monson's sister)
Dee Weaver
Marcia Weitzel
(Jodi Parrott's aunt)
Susan Williams
Chris Yelle