



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 - April 15

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

6:00 p.m. ACT Small Groups Offsite

Monday - April 16

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study /Breakfast

2:00 p.m. D Group Meeting

4:15 p.m. UniTy

6:00 p.m. Basketball Practice

6:00 Small Group

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Tuesday - April 17

5:00 p.m. Cultivating Health

5:30 p.m. LWML

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday - April 18

6:30 p.m. ACT

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

7:30 p.m. Praise Team

Thursday - April 19

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Praise Band

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 - April 20

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday - April 21

7:30 a.m. JOY (to Mission Center)

8:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday - April 22

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

5:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

6:30 p.m. Share Group

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: Spring classes continue through May 20th from 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. How can you thank your leader for all they've done?

MIDWEEK CLASSES: Meet on Wednesday's though April. May 2 is the cookout and celebration!

DEAR FRIENDS AT SOTV: If you have not heard I have received a call to St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, WI. I have started the deliberation process and call upon your prayers and loving guidance. These are times of reflection and great discovering in the Holy Spirit. God works greatly in these times to help us discover what role Jesus is playing in us as we live out the mission of rooting, growing, and reproducing disciples. This weekend is the last weekend as vacancy Pastor at Mt. Olive as the new Pastor is being installed this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Next weekend I will be with our SOTV team at Omaha for the "Disciples to Missional Communities" training immersion event. We hope to visit St. James the first week of May. ~ Pastor Dahlke

TODAY is LWML Treat Sunday: All proceeds received in free -will offering will be directed toward mission projects and/or missionaries! The large "mite box" you see is for the use of those who are saving mites at home and wish to deposit them for the LWML mission work. Thank you in advance for your support!

NEW ADULT CLASS: Join us on Sunday mornings in April for a class led by David Swaim. The study is called "Watch Your Mouth" by Tony Evans. This study discovers the power of the spoken Word, discerning what you should/ shouldn't say & developing the ability to praise God and voice wisdom in tough circumstances. Join us!

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.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT YOU'D LIKE IN HERE? – Do you or a group that you serve in here at SOTV have an announcement that they would like publicized? Please send all requests of information for our Shepherd's Corner to Janel Parrott at janel@sotv-wdm.org no later than 12noon on Wednesdays in order for it to be included in that Sundays announcements.

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO MISSION CENTRAL: We want some NOT NORMAL people to be part of Shepherd of the Valley Day at Mission Central on **April 21!** Car pooling vehicles will be LEAVING from the church parking lot at 7:30am sharp to go to Mission Central! The day will start at 10:30am in the Creation Theater. The theater has stadium seating and a large electronic screen to see and hear the real story of creation! Next a free lunch will be served. At 1pm we will hear from two wonderful missionaries from Lima Peru. They work in five locations reaching out to over 150 youth and adults. God is blessing their work! Mission Central is a special place, and whether you have been there before or not, it will be a fantastic blessing if you are able to attend. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards in the narthex. Please RSVP to Mark (249-7226) or Terry (249-9753) Rowley by **April 15** so we can tell Gary how many are coming.

LWML MEMBERS – The next General meeting will be **Tuesday, April 17**, in the Youth Room. Those who can, please meet at 6:15 p.m. to tie quilts. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.; our Bible study will be led by **SPECIAL GUEST** and former member of SOTV, Donna VanHorn. Donna has published a devotional booklet titled **“Tune God In—Your Heart's His Receiver.”** In it she mentions our dear friend Reita Spradlin and Pastor Jeff Meyer (“Save Your Fork” Fame). All ladies invited—you won't want to miss this special event!

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!

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.

COPIER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SOTV is looking to expand its volunteers who help run the bulletins and Shepherd's Corner announcements each week for our worship services. Volunteers currently serve once a month on either a Thursday or Friday and we are hoping to expand that to once every two months. Training on the copier and folding machine are provided. You may volunteer during business hours or in the evening. If you would consider helping serve in this area of ministry once every two months, please contact Janel Parrott at Janel@sotv-wdm.org or call the church office at 515-225-1623.

A SUCCESSFUL SALE: Thank you for your part in making this year's Twice Blessed Sale such a success, whether you gave a flier to someone, shared it on Facebook, shopped, sold, or volunteered! Several local charities were also greatly blessed! Thank you for supporting The Shepherd's Flock Early Learning Center.

THANK YOU THRIVENT MEMBERS: Thank you to many of our Thrivent members who helped donate their “Choice Dollars” to Shepherd of the Valley this past year. We were able to use those funds to purchase a new folding machine for the church. This folding machine is a vital part of our ministries in that it is used to our worship bulletins, children's bulletins and many brochures and booklets for the church and Early Learning Center. We appreciate partnering with our Thrivent members to do the Lord's work!

May 2—CONGREGATIONAL COOKOUT: Join us for a cookout on May 2 at 6:30pm. Bring a side dish as brats, hotdogs, buns, drinks and table service are provided. Join us for the fun & fellowship!

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A Special THANK YOU to Linda Evers! SOTV would like to thank Linda Evers for her 8 years of dedicated service to our Lord and His church. She worked very hard to handle all the details of the church from worship services to the weekly Shepherds Corner and all the details in between. She was a wonderful assistant for both our Pastors and helped things run smoothly. She was and will be a blessing always in Christ's Holy Name and we wish her well in her retirement.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY IS THIS WEEK – Please join us for a delicious breakfast and Bible Study at the Machine Shed (just East of I-35/80 and Hickman Road in Urbandale) at **6:30 a.m. Monday, April 16th**. Come to encourage each other in God's Word and enjoy the fellowship! Questions, contact Ken Setzkorn at kdsetzkorn@midamerican.com.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY: Drake University's four choirs and a faculty/student orchestra will present Beethoven's brilliant & moving “Mass in C Major” on April 21 (7:30 pm) and April 22 (3 pm) at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street in downtown Des Moines. Tickets (\$17 for non-students; \$7 for students of any age) are available online at www.drake.edu/choralperformances and at the Drake Fine Arts Box Office, 515-271-3841. For further information, contact Dr. Aimee Beckmann-Collier (271-2841; aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu).

PRAY FOR THE GIDEONS: During the month of April, the Gideons will be doing a scripture blitz – getting God's Word into all traffic lanes of life. Please keep them in your prayers.

SHOP LOCAL. EAT GLOBAL. LSI's Global Greens Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a win-win for your health and your heart. Through a seasonal subscription, you'll receive weekly certified natural produce grown by former refugees in Central Iowa. This program connects refugees who were farmers in their home countries to land, infrastructure, and business coaching. Sign up for your CSA now! <http://lsiowa.org/refugee/csa/>

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.

MAKE A DIFERENCE: Join IOWAY on **Saturday, April 21**, from 8am—12noon, for an outreach event to hundreds of children and parents at Moulton Elementary School in Des Moines. Many adult volunteers are needed for various tasks. Please sign up at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/moulton_elementary or contact Pastor Aaron Hannemann at cell (515) 554-4615 or Ellie Menz at cell (515) 370-1159 or ellie@iowadistrictwest.org.

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 Wendysue 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.

RUTH HARBOR WALK FOR LIFE: The annual “Walk For Life” will be held on **Saturday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Embassy Suites Downtown Des Moines (Patio outside Riverview Lobby). They recently purchased a 2nd home in Carlisle, IA. This house will more than double their capacity to help women & children and they are in need of hiring more staff to meet the needs of the community. Go to www.ruthharbor.org to get signed up or call their office at 515-279-4661 for more information.

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)
Carolyn Doner
Katelin Erderton
(friend of Gaylon Dayton's family)
Kerry Feekes
(Dan & Nick Feekes' father)
Robert Fogler
(Janet Dayton's father)
Leon and Diane Freeman
Alice Geber
(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
Vonnice Linnevold
(Gary Linnevold's mother)
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)
Eugene Obman
(Friend of Keith Erickson)
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
Todd Robertson
John Sauer
LeRoy Schnauthorst
(Gloria Sears family friend)

MISSION PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for Natalie Howard who serves the Lord through the LCMS as a missionary in the Dominican Republic. She works as a regional business administrator, helping the leadership of the Latin America and the Caribbean region plan the effective implementation of regional strategy and identify the needed resources to meet global and region goals for sharing the Gospel. Natalie also assists with developing and sustaining partnerships with non-profits, including those that work to support individuals with developmental disabilities and those that focus on children's ministry.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: Terry Ober & Teah Luety April 15; John Lauck April 17; Gloria Schulte & Eric Hendershot April 18; Alex Shults, April 20.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: John 10:14—"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as his own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him.... And in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "When people question the value of a life lived with disability, I share God's Word concerning the body of the Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV); "On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.'" Note it does not say those that are weaker, but those that 'seem to be weaker are indispensable!'" Mons Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities—A "Life Quote" from *Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Are you living with a person who is depressed? Getting help for a depressed person can be difficult. Depression, by its very nature, saps energy and crushes hope for ever feeling better. It involves negative and pessimistic thinking, so the depressed person may resist help and believe it is pointless. If your loved one won't agree to talk to pastor or an LFS counselor, start with your medical doctor. Go to the appointment with him/her to fully describe his/her symptoms. Too often depression goes un-treated, which is a shame because it is highly treatable. You don't have to continue to feel this bad. Ca;; your closest LFS counselor— we can help. **Lutheran Family Service** (515) 251-4900 or (515) 573-3138; web site: LFSiowa.org

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Trustees. We are looking for custodial help. The position has flexible hours and duties each week, generally from 12-20 hours per week. Hourly wage will start at \$14 per hour, with review at 30 and 90 days. For more information, and to set up an interview, contact Trinity. Trinitytyle@aol.com
Trinity Lutheran Church, 3223 University Ave, Des Moines IA, 50311 515-279-3609

Kelly Sixta
(Saturday pianist &
Penny Benson's sister)
Frank Stever
(Carrie Lappe's father)
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

