

LIVE STREAM @ SOTV

We are slowly becoming a video world. If you don't believe, consider these statistics:

More than 500 million hours of videos are watched on YouTube every day
72 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every 60 seconds
45% of people watch more than an hour of Facebook or YouTube videos every week

If you think that's a lot of video content, all of us will be consuming more video in the future.

As many of you know, we are currently Streaming the Sunday early Service.

Why do we Stream the Sunday Service?

Question some might have, here are a few reasons.

- To Reach people who are unable to attend
- To Reach the Travelers
- To Help Members Stay Connected
- To Reach more people

With the Current setup that we have here at Shepherd of the Valley it is taking two people to do the Live Stream on Sunday Mornings, one person to take care of the Camera, and one to take care of the Stream.

If you are interested in how we do it, or in helping with doing it, please get ahold of Rob Burkhardsmeier or Ken Purdy and they will be glad to answer your questions.

There will be a meeting for all who would like to help in the Streaming on Tuesday October 12th at 5:30 pm at SOTV for all who are interested to learn and/or help.

Where to watch the Stream:



Budget Time

If a person has been checking the newspaper lately, one of the topics frequently highlighted in the past few weeks has been budget planning for the local city and county governments. Proposals, taxes, levies and various assessments are all debated and discussed as avenues to fund the various budget requests and requirements of each governmental entity, with the public encouraged to weigh-in with opinions and comments on the process.

Much the same is currently happening at Shepherd of the Valley. We have started our budget process, asking each of our boards to look over their needs for the upcoming year and put forward those requests to our congregation at the November 14th Voter's Meeting. For those not familiar with the process, here is a brief description of what each board is in charge of come budget time:

Board of Lay Ministry (Elders): Salary/Support for Pastors, Secretary, Organists, Administrative Supplies and Convention Attendance

Board of Evangelism: Promotional Materials and Advertising

Board of Stewardship: Offering Envelopes, People Matter and Human Care Ministries

Board of Education: Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Education and Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance

Board of Youth: Middle/High School Events and Youth Conventions

Board of Trustees: Church Property Maintenance/Repairs, Insurance, Utilities, Custodial Services and Snow Removal

We have around 160 services per year, approximately 35 weeks of Sunday School and Catechism classes, weekly and monthly youth events, VBS in the summer and year-round adult education bible study between services. It's a busy ministry! Our budget for 2021 was \$308,330. We know there will be increases in 2022 due to rising costs of goods and services and a large special assessment from the City of Bismarck for completed street repairs. There are no tax brackets or levies at SOTV. We as members give as we are able according to the blessings our Lord has given to us. That is a slight paraphrase from Deuteronomy 16:17, and it's not from might or fright that we give, but rather through willingness and thankfulness.

I hope as you read this that it peaks a little bit of interest in our budget process. Ideas and inputs shouldn't be limited to a small group of members, so if you have comments or want information, please bend my ear. Join a board that fits your strengths and talents. And please put the November 14th Voter's Meeting in your calendars and take part in this process.

Steven Reiman

President, SOTV

Middle School Youth Event

All Bethel and Shepherd of the Valley Middle School students (grade 5-8) are invited every third Sunday to a time of Bible Study, food, friends, and games. Our next meeting will take place at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 17th from 1:00 to 2:30. Come along and join us. Bring a friend!

RSVP to pastorwoodside@gmail.com or text to 951-217-3385

Board Game Club Fun Incredible Extraordinary for High School Youth

Youth in grades 9-12 from all five of our local area churches are invited to participate in a weekly board gaming club! Our next event is scheduled for Oct 24th at Shepherd of the Valley from 1:00-3:00, after second service. We will begin with a prayer and devotion, followed by fellowship and games. Pastor Woodside has a fairly large collection of games, but feel free to bring your own favorite games to play as well. Light refreshments will be provided. Come along and bring a friend!

RSVP to pastorwoodside@gmail.com or text to 951-217-3385



We are exploring options to provide Bible study for members at Shepherd of the Valley. Adult Bible Study is offered every Sunday morning at 9:30 during the education hour and is led by Pastor Wolfgram or Pastor Woodside.

Would you like an in-home Bible study? Week nights or during the day? A book of the Bible or topical study? A survey seeking insights regarding Bible Study preferences will be distributed in coming weeks. Please let us know your preference either through the survey or by talking with Pastors Wolfgram and Woodside.

The commemoration of All Saints will take place on Sunday, November 7. In an effort to remember loved ones who have died in the Lord, members of Shepherd of the Valley are invited to purchase a red-long stemmed rose to honor them. The cost is \$4.00 per rose. Forms are available for you to place your order. Please place your order by October 31st.

All Saints Day

AND THE VERDICT IS IN....

On Sunday, September 12, voters from Shepherd of the Valley elected to go ahead with the proposed church sign. It is hoped that we will have the old sign removed and the new sign installed in its place by mid-late November. Thanks to all who shared insights and in an effort to bring this project to the table for discussion and ultimate approval.



"MAIN STREET LIVING" MEDIA MINISTRY

OCTOBER UPDATE

With October comes our church's commemoration of the REFORMATION and Luther's stand for the truth of Holy Scripture! As one looks around today, it is quite obvious that there is need for another reformation as we see what is being taught in many so-called "Christian" churches. Rather than teaching according to God's Word, the sanctity of human life and God's sacred plan for marriage and gender, along with many other Biblical teachings, have been turned up-side down as in the days when Isaiah warned of those who call evil good, and good evil. Holy Spirit, help us remain ever faithful to your Holy Word!

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH", 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website.

God's blessing in Christ! -Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

"MSL North" Programs for October 2021

Oct 3: Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message "Love the Lord Your God," based on Matthew 22:34-46. "This Is The Life" episode: "Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.

Oct 10: Rev. Arie Bertsch, President of the ND District LCMS, presents the message: "Jesus Looking at You, Loved You," based on Mark 10:17-22. "This Is The Life" episode: "Families Come First" A man contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father.

Oct 17: Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Stewards of God's Riches," based on Mark 10:23-31 and Ecclesiastes 5:10-20. "This Is The Life" episode: "Conspiracy of Silence" - A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness.

Oct 24: Rev. Brian Dole, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message "Bartimaeus: An Image of Discipleship," based on Mark 10: 46-52. "This Is The Life" episode: "Big Account" - An advertising agency art director learns the impact of his work on his family and others.

Oct 31: Rev. Dan Deardoff, Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brandon, SD, presents a special reformation message as Martin Luther. "This Is The Life" episode: "The Sexton" - A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church.

"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally "This Is The Life," along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting **at 10:00 am Central Time / 9:00 am Mountain time** on the following **WDAY XTRA Channels:** Bismarck/Dickinson KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 Cable channel 594

MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on www.mainstreetliving.com then click on "North (Fargo)".



Hi, my name is Hayden Rensner! I am from Effingham, Ill., where I grew up at Faith Lutheran Church in Shumway, Ill. I now attend Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S.D., where my father serves as pastor.

In May, I graduated from Concordia University Nebraska with degrees in Theology, TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), and World and Intercultural Studies.

It is with great excitement that I am able to say that the LCMS Board of International Missions has extended me a Solemn Appointment to serve in the role of English Education and outreach in the Czech Republic. The Czech Republic is an extremely atheistic/agnostic country with a strong secular influence. The Good News of the Gospel is a much-needed message for the people of the Czech Republic.

As a missionary in the Czech Republic, I will have various roles. One role is that I will be a virtual English tutor for students attending the Riga Luther Academy located in Riga, Latvia. Students attend this Academy virtually from various countries such as Italy, Spain, Ireland, Pakistan, etc. The goal of Riga Luther Academy is to grow the number of pastors and church-workers within the region so that the Lutheran church will grow and flourish as the Gospel message is proclaimed.

Another role that I will be fulfilling will be to work in partnership with the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession and their mission organization to provide outreach and in-reach opportunities for the congregation members. Through continued partnership efforts, the LCMS works with this church body in their evangelism efforts on behalf of growing the church in the Czech Republic.

I am eager to join the work that the Lord is doing in the Czech Republic. I am fully reliant on faithful congregations and congregation members to partner with me in my ministry efforts through prayer and financial support throughout this fundraising period and beyond... throughout the duration of my ministry in the Czech Republic. I am eager to partner with your group in my ministry efforts as we work together to bring the Good News of the Gospel to the Czech Republic.

We look forward to Hayden's visit with us during the education hour on October 10 where she will tell us how the Lord has prepared her for this very special ministry opportunity and how she anticipates God's rich blessing as she serves Him.



ND District LCMS Youth Gathering

For grades 6 and up!

Thursday - Saturday, October 21-23

Ramada Inn, 3333 13th Ave South, Fargo

Registration cost: \$150 + housing (prorated fee available)

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 10



Sponsored by:

ND District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Life Together/Youth & Young Adults



OCTOBER

- Deb Beck
- Jean Leuwer
- Jerry Lippert
- Leona Mittag
- Aspen Roaldson
- Jason Colby
- Sylvia Dever
- Blake Nelson
- Daniel Russell
- Grace Wolfram
- LaRae Kuusisto
- Jason Kuusisto
- Bobbie Burkhardtsmeier
- Bradford Holton
- Duaine Dockter
- Hudson Hintz
- Keaton Hintz
- Roger Lawyer
- Kim Reiner



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| Andrew Kalonick | 10/1 |
| Olivia Dever | 10/4 |
| Brianna Albrecht | 10/6 |
| Brittany Miller | 10/7 |
| David Aarhus | 10/11 |
| Sharon Schwagler | 10/14 |
| Nate Burkhardtsmeier | 10/14 |
| Lyn Krecklau | 10/16 |
| Andrew Krecklau | 10/16 |
| Deb Beck | 10/21 |
| Carol Mohl | 10/29 |



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| *Oct 3 | Taylor B.
Jensen H. | 815am
1045am |
| Oct 10 | Dax L.
Jason C. | 815am
1045am |
| *Oct 17 | Aspen R
Reese D. | 815am
1045am |
| Oct 24 | Gavin V.
Brekken Z. | 815am
1045am |
| *Oct 31 | David A.
Olivia D. | 815am
1045am |



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| Don & Pat Bitz | 10/07/60 |
| Brent & Lyric Purdy | 10/10/08 |
| John & Connie Hoffman | 10/13/79 |
| Dan & Linda Houfek | 10/20/72 |

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1-15 Dick Dever

16-30 R Burkhardtsmeier

