

## **SOTP Statement of Purpose**

"We care for God's children of all ages by growing disciples who make disciples."

## LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" We find peace and healing when we lay what is broken at the foot of the cross.











Ash Wednesday, March 5—12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. "Broken Hearts" (Joel 2:12-14)

Wednesday, March 12—6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship "Broken Vessels" (Mark 14:1-9)

Wednesday, March 19—6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship "Broken Trust" (Isaiah 41:10)

Wednesday, March 26—6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship "Broken Bread" (John 6:48-58)

Wednesday, April 2—6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship "Broken Promises" (Matthew 26:69-75)

Wednesday, April 9—6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. Worship "Broken Justice" (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

> Maundy Thursday, April 17 7:00 p.m.—Living Last Supper

**Good Friday, April 18** 10:00 a.m.—Children's Worship 7:00 p.m.—The Lord's Supper with Tenebrae

Resurrection Weekend Saturday, April 19—5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 20—7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship 9:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship 10:45 a.m.—Contemporary Worship

# A Note From Pastor Mark

Dear Christian Friends,

Exercise is good for us on many difference levels. It helps strengthen our heart, creates better blood flow

through our bodies, helps to boost metabolism as well as puts a little pep in our step. It is a good thing to add a little physical exercise into our day's planning.

The same is true for our spiritual life.

Exercising the gift of faith, entrusted to us in baptism is a good thing and the Lenten Season is a great time to renew, refresh and restore that which may be broken.

The Season of Lent is a time for us to face what may be broken in our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by him through the cross. Last week, Pastor Bill shared a powerful message on restoring relationships. I especially appreciated the story Bill told of the woman dealing with her

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divorce and eventually realized that she needed to lay that decision before the cross in order to find healing. That is the realization all of

us need to find with whatever keeps us from finding peace and restoration.

Each week we will take a look at a variety of Bible stories that deal with something that is broken. Come to an

understanding of how each of these broken elements leads to restoration in Christ is the key to understanding what it means to live today as new creations in Christ.

Those who join us on this Lenten journey will receive a token to carry along as a reminder of Christ's promised gift of grace.

Please make worship and service a vital part of your Easter preparations this year.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

#### FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

First Communion instruction for 5th graders will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays: March 8, 15, 29 and April 5. Students will receive their First Communion on Sunday, April 6 at the worship service of the families choosing either 9:00 or 10:45 a.m. Please call the church office at (847)669-9448 to register your child.

# Pastor Bill's Adult Education

# Adult Christian Education

Years ago, when I was developing a mission congregation in Texas, a mom and her two daughters worshipped with us on several Sunday mornings. No Dad. He was skeptical about the whole "church" thing. Finally, after much cajoling by his daughters, Dad agreed to attend one

Sunday if they promised to stop hassling him about it. He showed up as promised, and I called during the next week to set up an appointment to visit with Dad and his family. I'd hardly sat down, when Dad said to me, "I don't know anything about Lutherans. In one sentence tell me what you believe." Fortunately my mind was working well, and I said simply, "Lutherans believe we are saved by God's grace." And Dad and his family never missed a Sunday after that.

By God's grace. Amazing grace, indeed! But how is this grace lived out in daily life? How does this grace transform our lives so that we become the people God intends us to be? What does it mean to live by grace alone?

"Grace: An invitation to a Way of Life" will be our theme for adult education during this upcoming Lenten season. We'll begin the first Sunday in Lent, March 9, and continue our study through the week of April 13. Based on the 23rd Psalm, a book by the same title--"Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life", written by John Ortberg--will be our guide. Purchasing a book will be necessary for the study. The cost of each book is \$5. They will be available the first of March, and it will be important to read one chapter a week prior to having conversation around each weekly topic: Living in Grace, Grace for Regrets, Sustaining Grace, and so on.

We'll continue our pattern of meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30, on Tuesday evenings at 7:00, and on Wednesday mornings at 11:00. Because of midweek Lenten worship, there won't be a class on Wednesday evening.

Plan to come join us and make this study of **amazing grace** a part of your Lenten journey!

Blessings,

Pastor Bill

## WELCA News

#### SOTP WELCA Spring Retreat - "Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

You are cordially invited to attend a Spring Retreat, hosted by WELCA-W4-Women Who Work Wonders, on **Saturday, April 5, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The tickets are \$8.00 which includes coffee, tea, sweet rolls & lunch from Tropical Café.

- Pastor Bill Waxenberg will direct the program "Lord Teach Us to Pray" followed with Break-Out Sessions
- Opening and Closing Worship Service
- Testimony and Recognition: SOTP Prayer Chain Facilitators



This is a special, significant opportunity to grow during Lent. With Pastor Bill's direction and teaching, we will learn about our prayer strengths. We pray our prayer lives will grow after this experience.

#### Mary Martha

MM will meet **Thursday, March 20, 2014 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Our bible study, Session 7, is from the March 2014 Gather Magazine, "The Daughter of Jephthah." We welcome all women to join us.

#### WELCA Planning Committee

- Chicagoland Friends of Lutheran World Relief, 2014 Spring Luncheon on Friday, April 11.
- Lunch served at noon, doors open at 11:00 a.m.
- Manzo's Banquets, 1541 S. Elmhurst Rd. Des Plaines, IL
- Reservations: \$23.00 each due April I
- Guest speaker: The Rev. Dr. Dean Lueking's presentation "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally"

#### LITTLE LAMBS EARLY LEARNING REGISTRATION



Little Lambs Early Learning Program is now accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 school year. Our program is Bible-story-based and includes developmentally appropriate structured time (craft, music, calendar, learning activities, etc.), as well as free play. We have programs for children ages 2 - 4 by September 1, 2013. Children do not need to be potty trained. Our class sizes are small (not more than 10 children in the I day classes or 12 in the 2 day class). Classes meet from

9:00 a.m. until noon. Our classes are open to members and non-members of SOTP. For more information, availability, and tuition/registration fees, please contact Jill Gillming at <u>littlelambs@sotpmail.com</u>. Additional information and registration materials are available on our website.

# Youth Culture News

## So Lonely Together

With more and more families spending time in the same room while tethered to their smart phones and tablet devices, we may in fact be spending more physical time together as a family, while becoming more and more relationally detached.

We need to spend time with each other while disengaged from our devices. Without being mindful of this, we risk falling into the relational trap that researchers at Stanford University have discovered: that is, for every hour we spend engaged with our technology, our face-to-face interaction with others decreases by thirty minutes a day.

Here are three suggestions you can employ in your home that will help you to both disconnect and connect:

- Place a basket near the front door. Have everyone agree to put their smart phone in the basket when they walk into the house.
- Create no-phone zones. For example, agree to keep smart phones and other devices out of the family room so that the family can truly function to build connections in your family.
- Make meal-times about real-life connections and communication by agreeing to come to the table without any hand-held technology.

## ALCOHOL MARKETING & TEENS

Back in 2003, the alcohol industry self imposed some standards designed to regulate the marketing of alcoholic beverages to underage TV viewers. A new report from the CDC and the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth at Johns Hopkins University has found that the alcohol industry has violated its own rules. In twenty-five of the nation's largest television markets, almost one in four alcohol ads violates the standard which prohibits ads when the under twenty-one audience exceeds 28.4 percent. With alcohol advertising as a prevalent part of our kids media diet, we need to pay attention and look for opportunities to talk about ads that

promote attitudes, behaviors, and habits that see alcohol consumption as necessary and fun. The reality is that for the alcohol industry to survive, they must engage in the practice of cultivating new drinkers. Parents, you need to respond by cultivating your child's ability to see through these manipulative efforts.



## Youth Culture News

#### TRENDS

#### Moral Relativism

Here's a little phrase you may have heard from your teen in one form or another in response to your efforts to provide parental guidance and direc-

tion: "That may be ok for you. But it's not right for me." Welcome to the world of moral relativism. Your kids have been encouraged to create truth for themselves. In their world, the

only rule is that there are no rules. It's up to the individual to determine what is right and what works for them. Take a look around and you'll see evidence of teens living under the authority of self as they make all kinds of lifestyle choices. The end result of the loss of this shared moral compass is anarchy. While moral relativism makes our parenting task that much harder, we must confront it whenever it rears its ugly head in our kids' lives. Always be ready to lovingly and gracefully point out the contrast between God's never-changing standards, and the fluid ever-changing personal "truths" of moral relativism.



Latest Research

Sports Dropout

Researchers at Michigan State University report that 70% of kids who play youth sports drop out by the age

of 13. The reason? Too much pressure from parents and a society who put a premium on athletic ability, performance, and winning. Sadly, many of these dropouts are gifted athletes who should

be developing their God-given athletic gifts and abilities long into the teen years. Others are late bloomers whose discouragement leads them to hang it up, causing them to miss out on the years of successful play that could be theirs if they would only be encouraged to hang in there long enough for their bodies and skills to develop. Then there are those who continue on while allowing the pressure to excel to lead them to try to get an edge through cheating and/or performance enhancing drugs. The youth sports landscape is not good. Ask yourself, "Am I putting too much athletic pressure on my kids?" Make sure your expectations are reasonable.

## QUICK STATS

- Eating disorders will affect about 20 million women in the U.S. at some point in their lifetime, and the same is true of about 10 million men. (National Eating Disorders Association)
- American teens have a combined annual income of over 91 billion dollars. (Packaged Facts)

## **CREATION RESTORATION 4.0**



Our youth mission trip team has a heart to take care of the creation that God has given us, and a desire for serving others. In Genesis, after God created Heaven and Earth, sky and water, and, plants and animals, He created man and woman, and then placed them in the garden to take care of it. Additionally, when Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment is, His response was "Love God with all of your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself". We will be modeling these two passages with our upcoming mission trip. From June 15th to June 24th, we'll be travelling to the

Yellowstone National Park area to grow in our faith and to serve those who are less fortunate. In addition to all of the great things we'll see and do while we are at Yellowstone, we will be serving the community of Cody, Wyoming. Cody is a town of about 10,000 people, with many people living below the poverty level. We will do home repairs for people who don't have the funds or physical ability to do things for themselves. We also hope to construct a playground near a ministry center in one of the poorest neighborhoods. We'd like to ask for your support, by specifically praying for:

- The team's preparation for the trip.
- The team's safety while travelling and while serving in Wyoming.
- The continued passion for our youth to serve those who are less fortunate
- The successful accomplishment of our mission to help those in need.

In the upcoming months, we'll be holding several fundraisers, which you may wish to be a part of, in order to help fund our trip. You can purchase gift cards, to stores you normally shop at, from our table at church. We get a small percentage for all gift cards that are purchased through us. We'll be hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser, where teams can show off their trivia skills for great prizes (start putting together your 6-person team...you won't want to miss out on this one). Need some help with Spring Cleaning? We'll have a job board where you can post what you need done and what you're willing to pay—Members of the mission trip team would love to help you out. We'll also be having a car wash, and a Culver's fundraising night. Keep an eye out for the official announcements and dates of our fundraisers.

## Thank you for supporting our youth!

#### www.greggornation.com

## **GEMS News**

The GEMS season is quickly approaching the end of this season. Brandi and Jenn are not planning on teaching next year. Please contact Jenn (jennhuston77@gmail.com) or Brandi (brandilorenzo96@gmail.com) if you would be interested in teaching in the



fall. The program meets two times a month on Wednesday night with  $4^{\text{th}}$  and  $5^{\text{th}}$  grade girls.

## SOTP SUPPER CLUB—"EAT, GREET AND MEET"

Looking forward to nice weather and out- door Bar-B-Qs? Or maybe the Patio of a restaurant?

Once again, the Senior Shepherds will be posting a yellow signup sheet in the Crossroads for the Spring/Summer Supper Club or use the online signup on our website "Registration" page.

<u>Mid-April through August</u> we will be sharing hospitality and food within small groups of 6 to 8 people. Groups are made up from the sign up list. Singles are welcome.

Groups meet 4 times during the spring/summer time period. Each group determines what, when and how they will meet. Often one home hosts the main meal while others bring salad, desserts, etc. Some groups decide to "eat out" or "order in" for one or all of their meals it is up to the folks in that particular small group.

For more information or questions please contact Sandy Hupert. Phone <u>224-569-6041</u> or E-Mail <u>sandyhupert@gmail.com</u>

#### Á BON APPÉTIT!

## **QUILTER'S SILENT AUCTION**

The Prairie Point Quilters will be holding a "Silent Auction" of a beautiful handmade quilt the last weekend of March (March 29 & 30) and the first weekend of April (April 5 & 6) before and after church services. This will be in conjunction with the Prairie Point Crafter's Spring Craft Boutique. All proceeds from the auction will go towards purchasing batting, material and other quilting supplies. Notification of the winner will be announced following the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, April 6. The Prairie Point Quilters appreciate your participation in this endeavor.

## MISSION TEAM NEWS

#### LENTEN OFFERING

#### Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center

Half of the Lenten Offering (Ash Wednesday, Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday) will be sent to LOMC. It is a year-round camp and retreat facility and ministry of the three Evangelical Lutheran Church in America synods in Illinois. Located on 640 acres of hills, prairies, pond and forests near Oregon, Illinois, it offers experiences connecting the Word of God with the World of God. Programs for youth, adults, families, and congregations are offered. Many of our SOTP youth and adults have attended programs at LOMC, and SOTP hosted the LOMC Swing Choir a couple of years ago.

We have an opportunity to learn more about LOMC when Russ Senti, Executive Director of LOMC, will speak at our Lenten Wednesday Service on April 2. You can check out the LOMC website at http:// www.lomc.org/.

#### Senior Care Volunteer Network (formerly Faith in Action)

Half of the Lenten Offering will be sent to the Senior Care Volunteer Network, which assists our senior neighbors in McHenry County and Sun City to live independently in their own homes. Last year 375 volunteers provided the following no-cost services for 1000 seniors: 220,000 miles of transportation, 24,000 volunteer hours (such as respite for caregivers, companionship) 16,000 unique services (such as home and yard maintenance). To learn more check the website at

#### http://www.scvnmchenrycounty.org/.

Do you or a family member need services? If you are age 60 or older and live at home in McHenry County or Sun City Huntley, you are eligible. If you can use a little help with minor home maintenance, transportation, friendly visits or phone calls, and many other services, contact the Senior Care Volunteer Network in Crystal Lake, Illinois at 815-455-3120.

#### **STUBBS FAMILY SUPPORT**

SOTP is again helping to sponsor the Stubbs family in Tanzania with a pledge of \$3,000.00 over the next two years. They are involved in spreading God's word through music and teaching at Makumira University College and the surrounding community. Please pray for Randy, Carol and their children. Check out their website at <u>www.stubbsmission.info</u>.

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#### **EXODUS WORLD SERVICE**

Exodus World Service is grassroots organization representing a wide range of denominational backgrounds. We unite our different gifts in the ministry to "welcome the stranger" and "love our neighbors as ourselves." Refugees from all over the world have had to leave their homes for political and religious reasons (think Syria). Millions end up living in dire conditions in refugee camps. Some are able to come to the United States to build a new life. Organizations like Exodus World Service provide assistance in that transition. We at SOTP are involved. Our Welcome to America Collections have welcomed four families to the Chicago area, including the **Rai** Family from Nepal, the **Lai** Family from Malaysia, the **Toma** Family from Iraq, and the **Sabree** Family from Syria.

#### Welcome to America Collection

Once again the Mission Team is starting to gather things to help a refugee family get started at a new home in America.

- Kick off for this collection is Ash Wednesday, March 5
- Look for the tall sign in Crossroads and sign up to bring needed items
- Bring the items during Lent.
- We can use people to help deliver the items when the refugee family arrives

If you have questions, contact Sandy Hupert at (224)569-6041.

#### Celebration of Hope Dinner

#### Friday, April 11, 2014, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

This is an annual opportunity to hear inspiring stories and celebrate the ministry of welcoming refugees. The dinner is complimentary, but you will be given an opportunity to give a gift to this ministry. Reservations are required. If you would like to attend or have questions, contact Sandy Hupert at (224)569-6041 or <u>sandyhupert@gmail.com.</u>

For more information about the Celebration Hope Dinner or about the work of Exodus World Service, check the website at <u>http://www.e-w-s.org/</u>.

## GO GREEN FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY COFFEE HOUR!!

On Sunday, March 16, during the coffee hour, we will be celebrating dear St. Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland. Think of something green to share that day, or Irish soda bread would do, as well. Sure 'n begorrah, we'll have a grand time!

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent member and have any 2013 Choice Dollars remaining, they must be designated by March 31, 2014. You can do it on line or by calling Thrivent at 800-847-4836.

#### **BUILDING FUND UPDATE FOR MARCH, 2014**

Loan Balance Estimated Payoff Date 7/1/2020

\$910,502.68

#### 2014 ENVELOPES

Due to the cost of mailing, any 2014 envelopes that haven't been picked up will be available for pick up during Church business hours at the office. You may also be able to get them on the weekend by contacting Ralph Wehnes.

#### SIMPLY GIVING MEDALLIONS

If you are enrolled in the "Simply Giving" EFT program, you may want to use a Medallion to put in the offering plate. They are on the Usher's table. If you are not enrolled and want information regarding "Simply Giving, contact the Church office or Ralph Wehnes at 224-569-2808.

#### STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Committee/Team is looking for additional volunteers. The Stewardship team plans the pledge drive, investigates various workshops, and looks for ways to encourage members to utilize their interests in SOTP. If you are interested, please contact Donna Kelly (donna@sotpmail.com) or Ralph Wehnes (ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

## A NOTE FROM OUR FINANCE TEAM

In an effort to promote consistency and accuracy in the collection, reporting and posting of monies received by church staff and church groups, the Finance Team has developed a form and procedure for this purpose.

We encourage all staff and group leaders to use this form for recording the collection of all such receipts. This would include children and youth functions, bazaar or craft sales, church events where monies are collected, book or DVD sales, etc. Essentially, any monies collected that doesn't come in the collection plate would fall into this category.

Forms and instructions are available in the church office. An Excel version of the form is also available. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Don Schneider or Sue Wehnes.

## **STEWARDSHIP TALES**

A golf professional, hired by a large department store to give golf lessons, was approached by two women. "Do you wish to learn to play golf?" he asked one of the women. "Oh no, she replied, "it's my friend here who would like to learn. You see, I learned yesterday." Perhaps that's our attitude toward giving—I learned yesterday, how about today?

Think on this:

• If I give nothing-I cast a vote in favor of closing my Church.



- If I give only to local support-I vote to stop missionary activity.
- If I give grudgingly-I find no joy, nor receive the blessing of the Lord.
- If I give proportionately-I shall give something, even if out of necessity, mine must be small.
- If I give systematically-I make it possible for my Church to plan in advance
- If I give sacrificially-I shall testify to the high value I place on Christ and the Church.

Consider the above, you may find you're more in the rough than the fairway.

## WELCOME CENTER NEEDS MUGGERS

How would you like to be a mugger? We are a friendly church, but guests won't know this unless we show them.

Are you looking for an easy way to serve your church? Are you friendly and like to smile? Do you like to talk to people? Do you have 20 minutes monthly or every other month to volunteer on a Sunday morning? That's all it takes to help out in the Mugging Ministry. You don't need any special knowledge or skill. See how good you feel greeting new guests. Please contact Joanne Bychowsky (847-669-5616/ joanneb63@sbcglobal.net with any questions or if you are interested in giving it a try.

If this is not something you want to do, please escort new people to the Welcome Center so they can be mugged by one of our volunteers.

## **March Volunteer Schedules**

## ALTAR GUILD

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Becky Tuzik, Tom & Darlene Polzin & Volunteers

#### Sunday 9:00 a.m. (setup) and 10:45 a.m. (re-set)

Adele Wogstad & Dee Pedersen

#### Sunday 10:45 a.m. (take-down)

| March 2                         | March 9              | March 16                          | March 23                       | March 30             |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sandy Hupert<br>Marlene Boehler | Jan &<br>Don Koerner | Merrily Burkland & Barb Beaudette | Sandy Hupert & Marlene Boehler | Jan &<br>Don Koerner |

I continue to encourage our members to become a member of Altar Guild. If you have interest in serving please contact Sue Wehnes at (224)569-2808. On-the-job training is available.

## WORSHIP GREETERS

#### Saturday 5:00 p.m. Services

| March 1                    | March 8             | March 15                 | March 22                       | March 29                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kay O'Shanna               | Kay O'Shanna        | Kay O'Shanna             | Kay O'Shanna                   | Stevie Massei            |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. Services  |                     |                          |                                |                          |
| March 2                    | March 9             | March 16                 | March 23                       | March 30                 |
| Chris &<br>Mary Trodahl    | Ron &<br>PJ Knudsen | Roy &<br>Michelle Rankin | Judy Sanford &<br>Alice Murphy | Warren &<br>Elaine Brody |
| Sunday 10:45 a.m. Services |                     |                          |                                |                          |
| Bob & Carolyn Malm         |                     |                          |                                |                          |

#### **SWEATSHIRTS NEEDED**

The Prairie Crafters needs GENTLY USED SWEATSHIRTS. Please place them in the container in the church office or give them directly to Alice Hallett. Thank you so much for your donation.

## FOOD PANTRY

Items needed this month for the Grafton Food Pantry:

# Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shampoo and Soup - especially Chicken Noodle

Thank you so very much for all you do.



## **Financial News**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of January 31, 2014

|                        | YTD Actual   | YTD Budget   |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund Income:   | \$ 53,266.65 | \$ 42,945.00 |
| General Fund Expenses: | \$ 43,030.77 | \$ 35,143.00 |
| Net Income:            | \$ 10,235.88 | \$ 7,802.00  |

#### General Fund Notes

Through January, operating revenues exceed expenses. Member contributions exceed budget primarily due to Prepaid Pledges of \$15,480.00 from 2013 being recognized in 2014. Expenses are over budget primarily due to the expense categories headed Facilities and Church Insurance in Other Church Expenses account for approximately \$6,600.00 expenses in excess of Budget . These expenses should even out as we spread it over the next six months for insurance and the full twelve months for Facilities.

#### Building Fund Year-to-Date as of January 31, 2014

| Building Fund Balance 01/31/2014 | \$ 87,266.27                     |  |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Building Fund Donations          | \$ 20,477.62                     |  |  |
|                                  | \$ 6,533.40 prepaid 2013 pledges |  |  |
| Loan Principal Payments          | \$ 0                             |  |  |
| Loan Interest Payments           | \$ O                             |  |  |
| Principal Only Payments          | \$ O                             |  |  |
| Total Building Fund Expenses     | \$ 0                             |  |  |
| Net Income                       | \$ 27,012.02                     |  |  |

#### January Principle and Interest Payment made in December 2013

The current building loan balance is \$921,896.32. In addition to our regular principle and interest payment in February we anticipate making an additional debt reduction payment of approximately \$20,000.00 bringing our balance to approximately \$900,000. Thanks to your faithful giving we have reduced our building loan by over \$1,000,000 in slightly over 4 years.

Jim Henley SOTP Treasurer

**March Birthdays** Date ... Name I ..... Annette Carlson, Joe Jones, Zach Ott 2...... Ronnie Bretsen, Taylor Ramey 3 ...... jill Hoffman, James Hisel 4..... David Bishop 5 ...... Michelle Nielsen, Matthew Behm, Jamie Lukes 7..... Carol Roth, Tamara Polzin, Timothy Ramirez, Madison Black 8...... Carol Bletz, Taylor Dean 10...... Richard Dahl, Merlyn Thompson, Richard Gerhardt, Pamela Perrott, Vivian Kasal, Jaime DeBlieck, Emily Rossman, Alyson Johnson, Kendall Wolf I I..... Denise Gartzke 12...... Alice Hallett, Jaxson Domenz 13..... Chris Hinde 14...... Lisa Piskule, Bentley Jacobs 15..... Lauren Flanagan 16...... Ferdie Kimminau, Grant Jahr, Brooke Grabs, Ashlyn Grabs, Daniella Berti 17...... Mark Wilkerson, Colt Luedtke 18..... Alexis Kowalski 19...... Dee Jones, Phyllis Thomson, Seth Conroy, Annabel Johnson, John Robinson 20...... Cheryl Konie 21....... James Rice, Jeff Bala, Braden Turk 22...... Wally Fuelgraff, Devan Turk, Payton Marx, Derek Reincke 23...... Mary McCullough, Michael Hoch, Annika Yndestad, Zachary Ethan Powe, Lillian DeBolt, Cecelia DeBolt 24...... Karen Ankerberg, Sara Solem, Chad luergensen 25...... Gerd Rankin, Brandon Wade, Trevor Dowell 26...... Paula Meyer, Jim Milford, Noreta Walker, Sandi Stewart, Al Guttenburg 27...... Ruth Quam, Jennifer Trevino, Kylie Golembeck 28...... Renae Greene, Rachel Miller 29...... Wayne Schmidt, Lisa Sova

- 30...... Kay O'Shanna, Amy Johnson, Jennifer Powe
- 31...... Orion Samuelson, Alixandria Rhode, Amanda Juergensen

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> Tammy Uteg Music Librarian

#### **Congregation Council**

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