



Shepherd
OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Caring For All God's Children

Congregational Newsletter May 2016

Statement of Purpose

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

BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

We are moving Forward in Faith!

Calling all Shepherd of the Prairie
members—

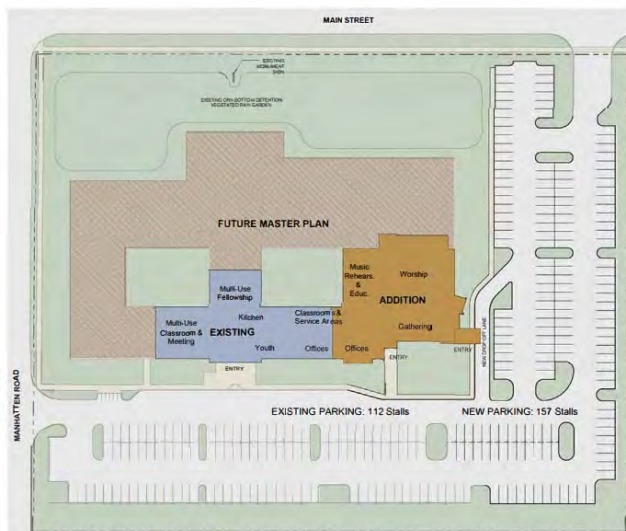


**Mark your calendars for the next
Congregational Meeting scheduled for
May 11th at 7pm.**

The Congregational Council is calling a meeting to approve the parking lot expansion, and to approve our architect, GDG, to move forward in finalizing the building plans.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in this mission!

Looking forward to May 11th!



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A Note From Pastor Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An old Chinese proverb goes something like this; “if I keep a green bough in my heart, a singing bird will come.”

Don’t we want all of our relationships to be full of peace with a music-like quality? In order to attract “singing bird” friends, one would be wise to be likeminded to assure a healthy and hopefully, long lasting relationship.

Jesus reminds us that without his presence our friendships may not have the strength or endurance in the hope of bearing fruit. Unless we are grafted into Christ’s vine, enduring his “pruning” correction that is sure to come, we may not attract a flock of “singing birds.”


As a gardener grafts new shoots unto a healthy vine and cuts out the weak or unresponsive ones, Christ does the same with his faithful followers.

For any relationship to remain healthy and vibrant one must be willing to listen or speak words of comfort or wisdom. This holds true whether it be a relationship with spouses, children, friends or in business.

But simply listening or speaking are not the only requirements; one needs to bolster their commitment through unselfish acts of giving, kindness and care.

Strong relationships usually follow a priority of placing God and God’s word first, then our family, followed by our friends.

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Like a grapevine our relationships with others may be at times twisted, entangled and sharp. But if you intend to be a faithful gardener you will certainly take quality time to 'prune' or improve on what this relationship means to you.

The fruit will be your consequence of whether or not you did this out of love for God and another.

Have there been times when you refused to be "pruned" or corrected? What keeps you from developing a deep relationship with another? Remember, Christ is promising to keep you in a relationship forever and all you need to do is to be grafted into his vine. Since love is more than feelings, why not take some action today and make an effort to be a "singing bird" or offer a green bough in your heart for another to perch on? Take your relationships to the next level and enjoy the goodness that God intended you to have.

Blessings to you in the new life all around.

Ponder these questions and be faithful in your life as a disciple. I'll see you in worship.

Pastor Mark

Pastor Bill's Adult Education News

Our time together for adult education classes will end the first week in May as we conclude our study of Paul's letter to the Philippians.

After a summer hiatus, we'll pick things up again in September, so be sure to watch for details throughout the summer.



Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings

Ministry...what an amazing word! According to the dictionary, one of the meanings of the word ministry is, "a person or thing through which something is accomplished". To me that is an ideal way to describe how God brings his kingdom and will through us "on earth as it is in heaven".

Usually, I am on the giving side of ministry and concerned with what I can do to either help others myself, or to help enable others to do so. But this past month, as I have been going through recovery from my surgery, I have been blessed by the opportunity to be ministered to! So many of you have prayed, sent cards, visited, ran errands, given rides, brought plants, flowers, coffee, treats and even meals, called at just the right moment and performed so many other blessings that I don't have a way to say thank you for each and every way God has visited me through you. You are truly the model of ministry! My son brought me to church the Sunday after I came home from rehab and his first comment to me when we got into the car was, "Mom you are really loved by these people!". Your love and kindness came through to him loud and clear and was a witness of, "Caring for God's children of all ages by growing disciples who make disciples".

But God also ministered to me in many other ways during this time. A major way was the quiet time when he and I just communed together and no words were needed; I was able to simply, "Be still and know that he is God" (Ps. 46:10). There were the times of looking at my straight legs and being overwhelmed by and marveling at his healing handiwork. I saw in my mind how he had placed his hands over those of my surgeon, guiding the straightening of the bones and the placement of the new knees. Each time I walked into the therapy room at the rehab center, I was overcome with the sense of Jesus' presence and his hands working through the therapists as I and my fellow journeyers were encouraged to try to stand, to bend our legs, to move crippled hands, to take a first step on our own, to try the stairs.

In fact, thanks to a comment from Pastor Mark, I started calling the therapy room the "Pool of Bethesda" (John 5:2-9). The sense of the healing presence of Jesus was awesome and that room was truly a holy place, set apart for his life-giving ministry.

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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH ~ WORSHIP (Continued)

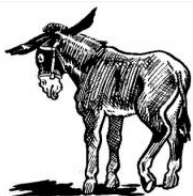
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May God bless you with not only the capacity to minister, but also the gift of being ministered to; of not only loving but of being loved.

Donna Kelly

—Lay Ministry/New Member Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP TALES



Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all.”

Being a servant seems to be a top priority in the mind of Jesus. That shouldn’t startle us because Jesus remains in our midst as the servant of all. Sometimes we aren’t conscious of the opportunities that we have to give our time or talent our church. We participate in prayer. We contribute financially. However, there are skills and talents, time and knowledge that each one of us is blessed with. We don’t always use these for the common good.

The many parish ministries open to the laity can tap a mother lode of talent among men and women. Time and talents are gifts from God that the Lord has sown in our community. God enriches our individual lives and our community life with these gifts. Consider what you may be able to offer in the way of time and talent. Find an area where you may be able to share some of your unique gifts or talents. Giving our time and talent is discovering what God has given each one of us. It is an opportunity to share His treasure with others.

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Shop at AmazonSmile now and select: “Shepherd of the Prairie” as your non-profit organization.

NAME TAGS

More of our members are wearing name tags, thank you! It really helps visitors and new members meet other members.

One easy way to make everyone comfortable is to wear your name tag. If you have misplaced your name tag, you can order a new one at the "Welcome Center" in the Narthex/Crossroads. It also helps Pastor Mark with names as our membership is over 1000.



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On May 1st we welcome several new members into God's family here at Shepherd of the Prairie.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and someone else to them and invite them to participate with you in your SOTP activities. May God bless each and everyone one of us as we seek to live as God's family here and now.



LITTLE LAMBS

We are now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 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 who will be between the ages of 2 - 4 by September 1, 2016.

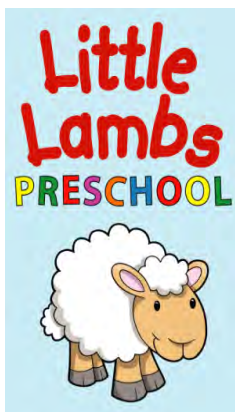
Children do not need to be potty-trained. Our class sizes

are small (*not more than 10 children in the 1 day classes on Wednesdays or 12 in the 2 day classes on Tuesday and Thursday*). Children are welcome to attend classes 1, 2 or 3 days.

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, see our "Registration" page on our website www.sotp.org or contact Jill Gillming at LittleLambs@sotpmail.com.



CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the convenience of Electronic Giving. Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.



Authorization forms and additional

information are available from the church office. Please e-mail Michelle at michelle@sotpmail.com to request one.

COFFEE HOUR



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It's not going to make itself!

The Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship is in need of volunteers! Sign up for a one-time event or on a regular basis, it's up to you!

What does this entail you ask? The volunteer is simply asked to be in the kitchen on Sunday morning (9:50am until 10:40am) to set out any donated treats on the snack table along with making sure the supplies on the counter for the coffee remain stocked. If you can clean up following great but if not this can be done for you! The greatest part is that everything is written down for you and labeled to make it simple. That's it! Smiling and saying "Good Morning" is optional but often appreciated. Ha ha!

You are not responsible for bringing treats unless you want to. This is a VERY easy, but necessary ministry. Sign up with a friend, teens sign up with a parent, or make it a group or family activity. Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to volunteer or for more information please sign up in the Crossroads (bulletin board to the west of the main doors on the wall) or contact Shannon Ross at shannin888@yahoo.com or call her at 815-751-2637.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Help!

On Monday May 23rd from 9 – 12 the Mission Team has committed 60 volunteers to help at the NIFB. Your participation in the past has been unbelievable and I hope you will be able to join us on the 23rd.

There were no openings at the NIFB on any Saturday in May and so it will be a Monday this time. I apologize to the families and working volunteers, because you have been such a huge part of our trips. There will be another trip scheduled on a Saturday in October and I hope you will be able to join us then.

For those who are able to go on the 23rd, let Sid Sorensen know at sorensensid@comcast.net or call 224-858-4168.



MEN'S COFFEE ~ BRAND NEW!

"Women do a much better job of creating and sustaining friendships than do men." A stereotype? Or true?

Believing it to be the latter, men of SOTP are invited to join together for coffee and conversation every Tuesday morning, 8:30-9:30, at the new McDonald's in front of Walmart.



There's no agenda other than building relationships.

No phone calls, no emails, no reservations—just an invitation to join us whenever you can!

QUILTERS NEWS

Perhaps we left the gray clouds of April behind and have moved onto warmer days. On the Tuesdays we meet, the first and third of the month, we use colorful fabrics and warm laughter to chase away those thoughts. We pray over and imagine how our quilts will cheer those they are intended for with warmth, comfort, color and an expression of our love.

We have a few events coming up so put them on your calendar.

A Spring Luncheon on May 17th. Bring a salad, or appetizer and we will have a dessert and drinks. We will meet after quilting early-11:30 for fellowship. We hope our snowbird friends are home by then and can join us for this time of extended fellowship.

Ruby Haerle's birthday party is in the works for September. We will have the arrangements to share by our luncheon..

Quilt dedication is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday June 25th and 26th. (Twice a year-dedicating) On that day we will collect Quarters for Quilts.

Confirmation stoles are needed for the Confirmands and a group of ladies will be designing and sewing them. Many hands make light work for this project.

We talked about how we can be part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

That's it for now, Nancy Morbeck and Donna Sorensen

FOOD PANTRY

Weekend of May 7 & 8 Is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP

NEEDS THIS MONTH:

Pancake Mix
Jelly
Dressing

Cookies
Razors



AND AS ALWAYS, CHECKS MADE OUT TO SOTP THAT STATE "FOOD PANTRY" IN THE MEMO WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FOOD PANTRY.

STUBBS FAMILY

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church proudly sponsors the Stubbs family, missionaries in Tanzania.

If you haven't looked at their website, please take a moment and see what amazing things SOTP is part of in another part of the world.



www.StubbsMission.info

SAVE THE DATE

For our full calendar of events, please go to www.sotp.org



WEEK OF AUGUST 1 - 4,
Vacation Bible School ~
Whether you're a volunteer or an attendee
~ Mark your calendar now.



**Church
Picnic**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, Annual Church Picnic
at Deicke Park, following second service
~ *Save the date!*

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR E-MAILS?

Shepherd of the Prairie sends e-mails frequently:

- Devotionals (*daily*)
- Friday Flourish (*weekly*)
- Newsletter (*monthly*)

If you don't currently receive any of these but would like to, please e-mail a request to: admin@sotpmail.com.

(Please specify which e-mails you would like to receive.)



SUPPER CLUB ~ LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

EAT GREET AND MEET (4 TIMES FROM MAY THROUGH AUG.4)

Sign up at this link: <http://goo.gl/ULRGWL>

Looking forward to nice weather and out door Barb B Qs?

Once again, there is a yellow signup sheet on the Crossroads bulletin board for the Spring/Summer Supper Club.

May through August 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.

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.



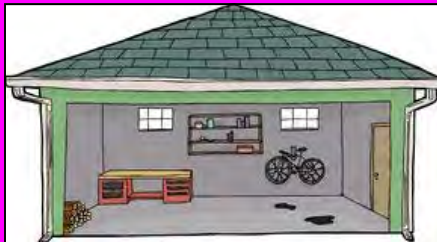
For more information or questions please contact Sandy Hupert. Phone 224-569-6041 or E-Mail sandyhupert@gmail.com better yet click on above link

GARAGE CLEANING

It's that time again!

SOTP youth are once again spring cleaning garage floors (by power washing) for a donation to their Mission Trip.

Please call Michelle at the church office, 847/669-9448, or e-mail michelle@sotpmail.com to request to have your garage floor cleaned.



MAY MUSIC REHEARSALS

- * Prairie Ringers (Adult Bells): Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- * Adult Choir: Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

Children's Choir & Bell Rehearsals ~ Wednesday, May 4



4:30 - 5:00 pm, Jubilate Ringers (*grades 3-5*)
 4:30 - 5:00 pm, Treasures ChoReharsal ir (*grades 1&2*)
 5:00 - 5:30 pm, Joy Ringers (*grades 1&2*)
 5:00 - 5:30 pm, Cherub Choir (*2½-5 year olds*)
 5:15 - 6:00 pm, Blessings Choir (*grades 3-5*)
 5:15 - 6:00 pm, Jubellation Ringers (*middle school*)

- * Youth Band, Rehearsals 5/12 at 6 & 5/15 at Noon, playing May 22nd

QUARTERS 4 QUILTS CAMPAIGN

Start saving your quarters (and other change) ~ the **QUARTERS 4 QUILTS CAMPAIGN** will be held on **Sunday June 26, 2016**. The Prairie Point Quilters will have a table set up in the Crossroads and one of their handmade quilts will be on display.

The semi-annual Dedication of Quilts by the Prairie Point Quilters will be the same weekend. Quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary at both the Saturday evening and the two Sunday services.



SPRING CLEANING? BOOKS, GAMES, MOVIES & MORE

Are you spring cleaning? Do you have items that you want to get rid of and want to donate \$ to the building fund at the same time?

Please bring your unwanted books, games (board & video), movies and music into the office and place them in the drawer "DONATIONS BOOKS, MOVIES, MUSIC, GAMES". Items will be taken to Half Price Books and sold for \$ to go directly toward the building fund. Please contact Michelle Rankin in the office with questions.

YOUTH CULTURE NEWS

Don't Forget To Get Your PARENTING CHRISTIAN KIDS NEWSLETTER

If you find it a struggle to raise strong Christian kids in a troubled world, then this newsletter is for you.

Each Parenting Christian Kids Newsletter is packed with:

- * Articles
- * Parenting principles
- * Pointers
- * And more

All focused on a relevant, monthly theme.

You'll find: Scripture woven throughout; Power Source—a prayer guide; Teachable Moment—a family activity tied to the theme and to Jesus; Current cultural trends and stats that provide insights for parents.



*The Parenting Christian Kids Newsletter is available online at
www.sotpyouth.com*

*We will also provide printed copies available
in the Crossroads area at SOTP.*

YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

"I just want you to know that doing and making positive programming for young people is so important to me, and I will keep doing it. To all the parents out there, thank you for allowing me to be a role model for your children. I really, really do not take that for granted."

K.C. Undercover' actress Zendaya, accepting the Kids' Choice Award for favorite female TV star on March 13, 2016



Trends

Princess Culture

Narcissism has reached epidemic proportions in our culture. It is especially rampant among our children and teens. Narcissism is an excessive self-love and self-obsession that supplants our proper love for God and love for neighbor. In essence, narcissism was what

got our first parents in trouble way back in Genesis 3.

As

Christian

parents, we should be wholly focused on helping our kids see God, others, and themselves in the proper light. But at times, in an effort to instill self-esteem in our kids, even Christian parents set the table for a child to become a narcissist. Writer Elisabeth Broadbent encourages mothers to stop calling their daughter “princess.” Broadbent shares a list of reasons we should stop the practice. Of course, one of those reasons is that we are creating a generation of entitled, spoiled brats. Parents, rather than feeding your kids’ egos by calling them prince or princess, focus on helping them see their need to follow and worship the King of Kings.



Latest Research

Indoor Tanning

Because we live in a world where identity hinges on appearance, our kids will endeavor to conform to the latest body image standards. As a result, many kids will compromise their futures by spending too much time outside in the sun, or even by getting a tan through the

use of an indoor tanning bed. While melanoma accounts for less

than two percent of skin cancer, it is responsible for a large majority of skin cancer deaths, killing one person an hour. A new study has found that women and girls who used tanning beds during their teens and twenties have up to a six times greater risk of developing melanoma than their peers who did not tan indoors. Parents, you have been charged with the responsibility to care for and nurture your children and teens, this includes caring for their physical health. Teach them to steward their bodies to the glory of God by not tanning. If you have a teen who has tanned, be sure to have them regularly checked by a dermatologist.

- Adding just one non-family passenger to a car with a teenage driver increases the rate of accidents by 44%.

(AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety)

- In a recent survey, over 11% of teens reported consuming a caffeinated beverage every day.

(Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior)

QUICK STATS

FROM THE WORD...

Several years ago, David Bryant, director of Concerts of Prayer International and a leader in the prayer movement said, “The primary reason there is an acceleration of prayer [is that] we are becoming more and more of the conviction that we don’t have the answers any longer.” When we look around at today’s rapidly changing youth culture, the pressures and realities facing our kids can leave our parental heads spinning in anxiety and confusion. More often than not we are left looking for answers.



Parents, we need to pray for answers – answers to the questions that we have about raising our children. We must pray for wisdom to answer our children’s questions as they navigate the difficult waters of childhood and adolescence that churn in today’s world. And, we must seek and know the answers to their deep spiritual longing for God so that we can lead them into an understanding of what it means to find their identity in Jesus Christ alone. In addition, we must realize that our children grow in the wisdom and nurture of the Lord in spite of

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

us, not because of us. Sure, they learn a lot from the example we live and the words we speak, but the fact of the matter is that it is ultimately God who uses our meager efforts and gives faith to our kids, and then leads them to spiritual health.

Paul’s words became more and more real to me as I struggled to raise my kids through adolescence: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Phil.4:6, NIV). Prayer is God’s gift to us as we depend on him and his power to keep us on track as moms and dads.

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

		May 1	May 7 & 8	May 14 & 15	May 21 & 22	May 28 & 29	
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster		The Rev. Curt Gerald	Pastor Mark Boster		
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT		Becky Tuzik, Tom & Darlene Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Ann Lehman & Caryl Fabian					
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert & Merrily Burkland	Linda Jahr & Donna Schnepff	Jan & Don Koerner	Darren & Pam Walloch	Marlene Boehler & Barb Beaudette	
Altar Flowers	Weekend			* Ed Cuttle, Celebrating Ed & Carolyn Cuttle's wedding anniversary * Carol Loew-Kalbas, In memory of her husband, Don Loew	* Bob & Tracy McDuffee, in celebration of their wedding anniversary	Bob & Carol Hartman	
Assisting Minister	9:00 AM						
	10:45 AM						
Bulletin Assemblers	WEEKEND	Elaine Mucababich & Sue Trestrail	June Kobler & Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink & Marlene Tresp	Gordon & Jan Burseth & Deanna Moore	Elaine Neukirch & Barb Krmpotich	
Coffee Hour Hosts	SUNDAY	< Help needed, please sign up in the Crossroads >			Friends Bible Study class	< Help needed, please sign up in the Crossroads >	
Coffee Hour Treats	SUNDAY	Carol Forsythe	Carolyn Bergstrom	Theresa Dobek & Nancy Ottinger	Friends Bible Study class	< Help needed, please sign up in the Crossroads >	
Communion Bread	5:00 SAT	Michele Miller			Elaine Neukirch		
	SUNDAY	Nancy Ottinger	Joanne Klinger	Judie Brady	Jen Powe	Renae Greene	
Communion Stewards	5:00 SAT						
	9:00 AM						
	10:45 AM						
Counters	Weekend	Warren Brody, Gail Quam & Sue Blotch					
Greeters	5:00 SAT		Elizabeth Anderson	Jackie Elkin	Sue Blotch	Becky Tuzik	
	9:00 AM			Donna Reynolds	Alice Murphy		
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm		Rankin Family	Victor & Kathy Pizarro	Dolly Cardascio	
Nursery	9:00 AM	Jen Kolcz	Judie Symbal	Jamie Patel	Jen Powe	Jen Powe	
	10:45 AM	Mary Lee Rishel	Blue Geller	Jocelyn Doden	Sandy Hupert		
	Clean Up	Mary Lee Rishel	Blue Geller	Judie Symbal	Sandy Hupert		
Readers	9:00 AM						
	10:45 AM						

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES (cont)

		May 1	May 7 & 8	May 14 & 15	May 21 & 22	May 28 & 29
Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 AM		VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Dawn Bach, Kim Szekely GUITAR: Dennis Caravello DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Ron Mudge GUITAR: Dennis Caravello DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Kim Szekely, Sheri Ott GUITAR: Dennis Caravello DRUMS: Brian Buesing	
Sound- board	5:00 SAT		Dan Willis	Dan Willis	Dick Brush	Dick Brush
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	
	10:45 AM	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson	
Ushers	5:00 SAT		Denis & Carol Minutillo	Sue Mattiucci & Doreen Drinan	Dan & Cheryl Madro	Steve Murphy Randi Dawson
	9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Jerry & Marty Bergman Waren Brody John Jensen Walter Lemke	JACK CONTI James Blanchard, Chris Hinde, Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp	ROY RANKIN John Arneson, Chris Solem Walter & Carol Roth Dan Wentzloff Carol Engstrom	SID SORENSEN Mike & Michelle Saletta Jeff & Karen Stipes Ed & Carolyn Cuttle	JACK CONTI James Blanchard, Chris Hinde, Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp
	10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE, John Richardson, Paul Ross, Michelle Saletta Chris Swanson	MARK FRENDEIS Patrick Fleener, Charlie Powe, Andrew Szekely	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner, Adam Walloch & Darren Walloch	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris, Dick Gerhardt, John Richardson	MARK FRENDEIS Patrick Fleener, Charlie Powe, Andrew Szekely
Visual	9:00 AM	Ferdie Kimminau	Tim Reincke	Ferdie Kimminau	Tim Reincke	
	10:45 AM	Jack Ott	Alan Torkelson	Jack Ott	Alan Torkelson	
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Donna Allen & Joanne Bychowsky	Nancy Ottinger & Cheryl Adams	Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson	Cliff & Linda Dungey	Jules & Brigitte Pelka
	10:45 AM	Helen Fenzan & Marty Jacobsen	Victor & Kathy Pizarro	Elaine Neukirch & Judy Petropolis	Joanne Bychowsky	Jim & Barb Auwerda

If you aren't currently involved in ministry at Shepherd of the Prairie and would like to find your niche, please contact Donna Kelly at donna@sotpmail.com or the church office at 847/669-9448.



There are so many different ways to get involved,
you may be our missing piece!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report - Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of March 31, 2016:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
General Fund Income:	\$ 149,739.84	\$ 143,637.00
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 133,020.29	\$ 143,646.00
Net Income:	\$ 16,719.55	\$ (9.00)

General Fund Notes: Through March operating income was more than expenses by \$16,719.55. Member contributions are over budget by \$6,102.84. Expenses are under budget \$10,625.71. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$16,728.55 primarily due to unfunded Provision Accounts, prepaid pledges, controlled staff costs, and increased member contributions. We continue to encourage the restraint of staff and mission teams in their spending in the various expense categories.

Building Fund Year-to-Date as of March 31, 2016:

Building Fund Begin Balance 03/01/2016:	\$ 192,880.21
Debt Reduction Donations	\$ 1,200.00
Building Fund Donations	\$ 0.00
Forward in Faith	\$ 188,667.02
Mission Plus Interest Income	\$ 471.39
Memorial Donations Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Building Fund Income/Donations:	\$ 190,338.41

Loan Principal Payments	\$ 12,559.29
Loan Interest Payments	\$ 3,949.71
Principal Only Payments	\$ 785.00
Capital Campaign Expenses	\$ 0.00
Architectural Expenses	\$ 6,599.10
Building Fund Total Expenses	\$ 23,893.10
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 166,445.31
Ending Fund Balance:	\$ 359,325.52

We continue to accumulate funds in the Forward in Faith (Building Fund) account per Council direction and Congregation approval on future building expansion requirements.

The March month end building loan balance is \$517,864.45. Thank you for your faithful tithing as we continue to cover our mission operational costs, funding our building loan obligation, and our future building expansion.

Jim Henley
SOTP Treasurer

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carolyn Bergstrom, Donna Cygan, Rick Miller
- 2 Sheri Ott, Michelle Rankin, Michael Burian, Noelle Schlachta
- 3 Doris Kopp, Jan Koerner, Steve Murphy, Alexis Werner
- 4 John Dawson, Nelly Rojas, Brian Buesing, Brandon Young
- 5 Richard Brush, John Thunholm, John Baumstark
- 7 DeWayne Klein, Lori Conway
- 8 George Goodhue, John Lindquist
- 9 Marlene Boehler, Elaina Satalino
- 10 Joseph Trevino, Gavin Glosson
- 11 Kathy Kann, Sasha Suski, Tyler Deblieck
- 12 Richard Thompson, Judith Sanford, Harriet Thompson, Sharon Little, Craig Forsythe, Laura Ramey, Brayden Patel
- 14 Jill Dobek
- 15 Caryl Fabian, Chris Solem, John Berti, Grace Moretti, Ashlyn Rankin
- 16 Dennis Lilla, Dottie Bobzin, Tim Reicher, Michael Habrat
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