



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

## Congregational Newsletter *June 2016*

### Statement of Purpose

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

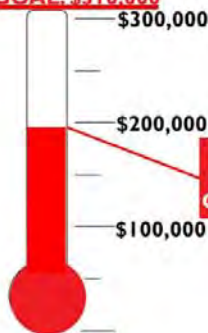
## BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

**We continue to move Forward in Faith!**



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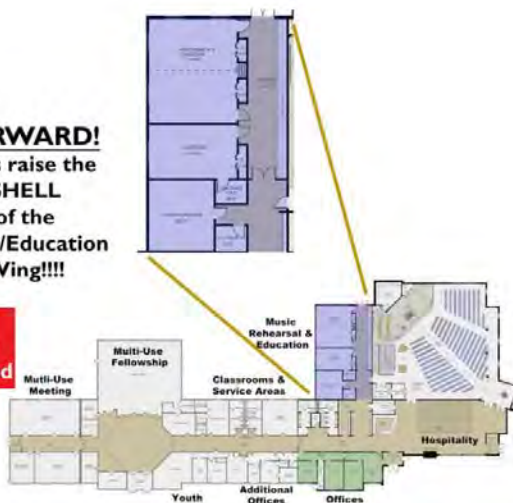
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**\$193,784  
Pledges +  
Gifts in Kind**

### **FORWARD!**

Let's raise the  
**SHELL**  
of the  
Music/Education  
Wing!!!!



**We're raising the Music/Education Shell  
and we're over half way there!**

Should you want a FORWARD envelope or pledge card,  
or have any questions, please visit the Building corner  
in the crossroads for more information.

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-noon, Mon-Fri**

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many happenings on this earth cannot be explained or understood in human terms.

When Spring erupts with all its growth and beauty, we stand in awe of a God who designed such a phenomenon. As our son Seth, who is now living in Colorado Springs, is experiencing when we view the vast mountains and wilderness with such varying components, we again hold the Creator in high status for such incredible magnitude.

In the book of Acts, “a-ha” moments about. God knows just when to give us one, and we pray that our antenna will always be out far enough to catch a glimpse when the wonder occurs near us.

The beginning of Acts tells of the disciples waiting around in Jerusalem, after their last moments with their master teacher, for the gift of Holy Spirit baptism to come from God, just as Jesus told them (Acts 1:4). It has been seven weeks since Easter morning. Jesus has returned from the dead and assured them of his promises, and then left mysteriously by ascending into heaven in a cloud. With all these events the disciples are probably perplexed about what they should do and where they should be.

Onto this stage comes the small group (120 according to Acts 1:15) of disciples of Jesus, perhaps the latest “new” religion to rise up in Jerusalem. As they are gathered, sitting together in one house, God sends a gift. And they are overwhelmed with the power, the wisdom, the knowledge God gives. They are filled upon seeing the fire and hearing the strong wind. They pour into the streets, using languages they had not known before, telling the wonders of God.

Peter is empowered to explain the happenings culminating in thousands of converts, and the Christian Church, the Body of Christ, is launched. So what happens to the Holy Spirit today?

As we begin summer season at SOTP we encourage your faithfulness in being attentive to the Spirit’s call in your life. Join us especially in worship this summer as each week we will dig into Scripture and introduce you to some famous Biblical characters beginning with “Adam and Eve.”

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Where have you seen the Spirit active? Any miracles? What action does the Holy Spirit cause within you? Do you believe the power of God's gift? Will it make a difference in your life?

I'll look forward to seeing you along the way.

*Pastor Mark*

## PRAIRIE POT LUCKS

This summer in place of our Summer Book Read we will be gathering for a time of food and fellowship, fun and discussion. This summer, Pastor Mark will be focusing on Biblical characters for

his sermons. At our potlucks, we will hear more about the character Pastor Mark focused on that week in worship and find out even more about that person and their story. Our discussion around the tables will center on the Biblical character and/or story, where we might see ourselves in that story and how what we learn about the story or character might be applied to our lives today.



- ♦ All are welcome and there is no cost involved.
- ♦ There will be activities planned for children so we encourage families to come.
- ♦ There is no commitment so if you cannot attend each of the potlucks, attend the one or ones you can!
- ♦ Please bring a dish to pass; drinks and tableware will be provided.
- ♦ Dates: June 12; July 10; Aug 7
- ♦ Time: 5 – 7 pm

## Ministry Musings

This morning during morning my “coffee time with God”, I read something that made me sit up and take notice. The author of the book I am reading wrote, “Do you trust Jesus?” This is not the same as “Do you believe Jesus really existed?” or “Do you believe certain doctrines about Jesus?” For Jesus, the call to trust him was closely linked to the call to follow him. If we truly trust him, we will follow him on the road, imitate him, learn from his example, live by his way.” (We Make the Road by Walking, by Brian D. McLaren)



For much of my life, faith and trust in Jesus meant believing the “right” things, doing the “right” things, saying the “right” things, and worshipping the “right” way. Who decided what was right was unclear...usually it was the proverbial “they”, whoever that was!

As I have grown older and experienced all of the things come have come my way in this journey called life, I have discovered that trusting Jesus is vastly different then believing facts and doctrines about him.

I remember a time when I was extremely worried about one of my grandchildren when they were just a baby. I heard the Spirit whisper to me, “What is the worst that could happen in this situation? Now imagine it. OK, is this worst situation anything that you and I cannot handle together? If not, then why are you worried?” That short little incident changed my life. It didn’t happen automatically over night, but it now takes a much shorter time to get to the point of trust!

When I think of trusting Jesus, the picture of Indiana Jones (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade) walking out of the cave onto the “invisible” bridge flashes into my mind. Although he and the audience can’t see the bridge, he trusts his father’s research and takes that first step into what appears to be thin air. Then the camera moves and we can see the bridge that has always been there! Sometimes trusting Jesus seems like stepping out in faith into what appears to be thin air; but when we trust that he is there, just like that “invisible” bridge, we can step out onto his mercy and grace that holds us up and never lets us go.

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Ministry can be like that too. Sometimes we as God's people think that ministry is believing the "right" things, doing the "right" things, saying the "right" things, and worshipping the "right" way. We get so caught up in the many details, working hard at keeping things status quo, and making sure everything is right and proper that we miss hearing the Spirit whispering in our ear to step out in faith and look with fresh eyes for the additional ministry opportunities he has for us.

I pray that we can all find innovative ways to trust Jesus in our ministries and in our life journeys.

*Donna Kelly*

## STEWARDSHIP TALES

Regardless of whether you tithe or use some other method of measure, the return you make to God should come from the "first fruits" of your labor.

This means that your return to God comes first before paying other bills. Remember when Jesus and his disciples were watching people make

their donations to the Temple? The disciples were impressed by the large gifts some rich people were making. Jesus agreed; but he noted that the rich were making their gift from their surplus, while a poor widow woman was making her gift out of what she needed to live. Jesus made it clear that, even though it was only a few pennies, her's was the greatest give of all. If we give simply from what we have left over after all our needs are met, it is not really sacrificial. If there is no pain in our giving, then we can be sure that we are not giving enough. Examine contributions to your church and other charities. Does it adequately represent you're your response to God?

Does it proclaim you as a good steward of the blessing God has granted to you and your family?



## **BUILDING FUND– FORWARD IN FAITH – FORWARD**

### **One Fund – Two Campaigns**

There seems to be some confusion regarding these three terms. Let's see if we can clarify these terms for you.

- **Building Fund** The Building Fund is a separate and distinct Fund within our accounting system that is restricted to paying expenses related to our building. In the past these expenses have been primarily mortgage payments and debt reduction. In the past members have been asked to make an annual Pledge to the Building Fund to support these costs.
- **Forward in Faith Campaign** In the summer of 2015 we began a new Capital Campaign which we named Forward in Faith (FIF). At that time, we were planning to build a new Multi-Purpose space. Members were asked to make a three-year Pledge to this campaign. The donations to FIF are deposited into the Building Fund and are used to pay the expenses associated with our building project. If you put an amount on the Building Fund line on your envelope it is treated as a Forward in Faith donation and is counted toward your Forward in Faith Pledge.
- **FORWARD Campaign** After hiring an architect and “visioning” our needs it was determined that what we really needed was a new sanctuary, more office space and more music/education space. Since the cost of this change in direction exceeds the anticipated amount we would have needed for a multipurpose room, it became necessary to ask everyone to consider making a special additional gift to bridge this gap.

This additional campaign has been named FORWARD and is being tracked separately from Forward in Faith. If you are making a donation to the FORWARD Campaign, or are fulfilling a Pledge that you have made to the FORWARD Campaign, be sure to mark FORWARD on the check or envelope so that we can track it separately from FIF donations. It is important that all FORWARD gifts be received in 2016. The decision on exactly what we build will have to be made in December 2016, and the cash on hand will determine what we can afford to build.

If you have any questions regarding these donations, please contact a member of the Stewardship Team, the Building Team or the Finance Team. Main team contacts:

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Sue Wehnes (Stewardship Team) [susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net)  
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Don Schneider (Finance Team) [donschneider@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donschneider@sbcglobal.net)

## JUNE MUSIC REHEARSALS

- Youth Band for Sunday, June 26, 10:45 am service:
  - \* Rehearsals: Thursday, June 2, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Sunday, June 5, 12:15 - 1:45 pm  
Thursday, June 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Ring a Story Drama Bells for Sunday, July 12:
  - \* Rehearsals: Thursday, June 2, 6:30 pm  
Thursday, June 9, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, June 11, 10:00 am
- Ring a Story Drama Bells for Sunday, July 24:
  - \* Rehearsals: Thursday, July 7, 6:30 pm  
Thursday, July 21, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, July 23, 10:00 am



## NEW MEMBERS

On May 2nd, we formally welcomed new members into our SOTP family:



**Jerry & Sandy Frank \* Curt & Eileen Gerald**  
**Cindy, Dan, Jeremy & Brenden Hollow**  
**Rich, Blue, Skyla & Faith Geller**  
**Ruth Roper \* Sherry & Dennis Perkey**  
**Joon & Paula Lee \* Joanie Eastland**  
**Ron, Carla, Jamie, Josh & Jake Elam**  
**Fred & Lori Wysk \* Curtis & Jenny Hollabaugh**  
**Matt, Julie, Kate, Maggie & Nora Kemblowski**

We are blessed to have these brothers and sisters in Christ join us!  
Please make yourself known to them and invite them to activities here at SOTP.

## NIFB ~ SOTP SUCCESS AGAIN!!!!

Thank you to all that participated! The Onioners packed 2,136 bags- 10,680 pounds equivalent to 8,900 meals while the Sweet Chocolates packaged 620 bags of cereal, 775 pounds equivalent to 645 meals. As far as jobs, I think the chocolate cereal group got the better deal - the aroma was most tempting.

This day was another example of Shepherd of the Prairie's mission to care for God's Children of all ages-Whenever and wherever we serve, we are part of God's great mission "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS".

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

We will be volunteering again August 13th.

Individuals and families are welcome! Feel free to invite your friends!

**Saturday  
August 13th  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm**



Where: Feed My Starving Children (We will meet there at 11:15)  
1072 National Parkway Schaumburg, IL 60173

Who: 40 Volunteers needed to pack. Sitting jobs are available.

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple, children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and they ship these meals to our distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world in their history.

**Contact: Jill Brown 847-683-5027 or [jillbrown14@yahoo.com](mailto:jillbrown14@yahoo.com)**

Age Requirements: Kindergarten-2 grade: 1 adult per 1 student  
3-6 grade: 1 adult per 3 students / 7-9 grade: 1 adult per 4 students / 10-12 grade: 1 adult per 5 students

No jewelry is permitted in the packing room, labeling areas, Warehouse Crew Area or when inspecting raw ingredients. Jewelry includes earrings, watches, rings, necklaces, pins, brooches, etc. *(Wedding bands are permitted, however if your band has a stone you will be required to wear a glove. Also, facial piercings, and new earrings that lock in the back are permitted. Medical alert bracelets/necklaces may be worn.)*

**Please wear close toed shoes.**



## SOTP BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS



Our 7th bowling season came to a close on May 20th. Team 7 "Mark's Outnumbered" played Team 6 "Holy Rollers" for the league championship. When it was all over, poor Mark Frendreis could only say, "We were not only Outnumbered, but were Outgunned & Outmatched". For the 2nd year in a row the Holy Rollers "ROLLED

right over the competition, STRUCK them in the heart, and SPARED no mercy". Congrats to Tim & Vivian Lukes, Marilyn Sauerberg & Jack Voss. Marilyn & Jack are new members of SOTP, and the word is that they were hired by the Lukes because they were such good bowlers. I've requested a Federal Investigation into this matter.

Thanks to everyone who brought treats the last night. I hope each bowler had fun, and would agree it was a successful season. Have a great and safe summer. We look forward to season 8 starting in September. We would love to add new teams, and welcome any new bowlers. Both men & women, good or not so good bowlers are invited to join. Our only interest is to have "FUN" with other church members one Friday night each month.

If you would like to join this group of "HIGH ROLLERS" call Wayne Schmidt at (847) 659-1331, or E-Mail me at [schmidtw12@comcast.net](mailto:schmidtw12@comcast.net).

Blessings to all, Wayne

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of June 4 & 5 Is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP

#### NEEDS THIS MONTH:

Dressings	Cookies
Cereal	Hair Care Products
Meal in a Box	Juices



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

## SAVE THE DATE

For our full calendar of events, please go to [www.sottp.org](http://www.sottp.org)



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



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

## 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@sottpmail.com](mailto:michelle@sottpmail.com) to request one.

## THANK YOU ~ SORENSEN

Sid's surgery for the AVNode Ablation took place & was successful. Praise God for the staff at Sherman Hospital who met all his needs. Prayers, hugs, kind words, visits and cards supported us greatly. Lastly, a grateful Thank You goes to Pastor Mark for his spiritual support, visits, prayers and concern. We could not be more blessed.

Thank you all ~ Donna & Sid Sorensen

## CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Send your kids on an over-the-top underground adventure!



Kids will explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love. Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids get to see, hear, touch, and even taste! And these are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call **God Sightings**. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project.

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Cave Quest Closing for each day at 11:30 a.m., a daily exploration of Jesus—the light of the world!

August 1st through August 4th.

The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12:00 p.m.

[REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE NOW](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SOTPVBS2016)

at the link on our church website [www.SOTP.org](http://www.SOTP.org) or simply go to: <http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SOTPVBS2016>

## MEN'S COFFEE ~ SOMETHING 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!*

## CREATION RESTORATION 6.0 THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Whether you enjoyed Trivia Night, purchased a Lou Malnati's Pizza Certificate, ate at Chili's or Culver's, had your garage cleaned, made a donation, or prayed for us, the participants from this year's mission trip would like to thank you for supporting us!



Your prayerful and financial support has enabled 42 people to be the hands and feet of Christ. When young people attend our mission trips, their lives are changed. The participants may have never thought about the dire need that other people have until they see first hand for themselves. These mission trips are not an end of the school year trip, they are a beginning of a life filled with serving others. Our trips grow a heart for service and your support has made this happen!

We'd like to ask for your continued support by praying for us while we are on our trip. Specifically, please pray for safe travels, good weather, friendships, changed hearts, and for it to be a spirit-filled week!

## THANK YOU & UPDATE ~ POSTCARDS



We are excited to let you know we sent 124 postcards to 14 children with life threatening illnesses. Many thanks to our congregation for providing postcards, postage, and for writing delightful notes to the children. Special thanks to Barb Pagano and the sweet girls in GEMS for all their work and to Chris Trodahl for creating the postcard drop box.

Since this project was so successful and heart warming, we will do it again next year. You can save your postcards or drop them off at church in the Mission Team mailbox. OR, you can continue to send postcards to children listed on the Send Kids the World web site, [sendkidstheworld.com](http://sendkidstheworld.com)

## THANK YOU ~ KOERNER

We thank everyone in our SOTP family for all of their prayers and concerns during Don's mom's long stay in skilled care at Friendship Village. It is a beautiful place, but difficult to see a loved one slip away. We know that she is at home in the arms of her Lord. She loved her church and loved to see Pastor Mark. Many thanks for cards and wishes upon her passing and especially Pastor Mark and friends for visiting with us. Don and Jan Koerner



## 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](http://www.sotpyouth.com)*

*There are also copies available in the Crossroads area at SOTP.*

## THANK YOU ~ GEMS PARENTS



I would like to thank all the parents for allowing me to be a part of their daughter's Christian education. They have taught me more than I taught them!!

You, as parents, should be congratulated for raising such lovely daughters.

Thank you & God bless all of you, Barb Pagano

## YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

*"Because I have to remember that even though my strength with my followers oftentimes is being very authentic with them, sometimes if I share too much too soon, when I'm still in the moment of figuring out who I am, it gets written down as if it's public record and, you know, I am a teenager, so my ideas are constantly shifting."*

Hunger Games actress Amandla Stenberg, when discussing being a public person and speaking out on social issues, *Seventeen.com*, April 26, 2016



## Trends

### *Helicopter Parenting*

Parents, is it possible that we can do too much for our kids? Recent research that looked into the overparenting approach known as helicopter parenting indicates that trying to do too much for our kids in order to help them, actually hurts them in the long run. Of course, common sense tells us that helping our kids with their homework and even completing assignments for them leads them to expect that they are not personally responsible for their own academic performance. In fact, researchers are now making a connection between high levels of parental academic support, and negative outcomes in adolescents and young adults. Specifically, poor resilience, an increased sense of entitlement, and a reduced sense of responsibility. Doing too much for our kids can keep them from growing up and taking responsibility for their own lives. Proverbs 22:6 tells us, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it."



## Latest Research

### *Electronic Vaping Devices*

Recently, there's been speculation among those who manufacture and market electronic cigarettes that the use of these devices among teenagers may

actually serve as a deterrent to smoking conventional cigarettes. Now, new survey results have health officials warning us that rather than deterring kids from smoking cigarettes, the use of vaping devices have a risk-promoting effect for the onset of smoking. Teenagers who had used electronic vaping devices were far

more likely than their peers to try regular cigarettes over the course of the next twelve months. Additionally, researchers found no support for the idea that electronic cigarettes help teen smokers wean themselves off of traditional tobacco-based cigarettes. The reality we must communicate to the kids we know and love is this: smoking of any kind is harmful rather than helpful. As people called to care for our God-given bodies, our kids must be taught to worship God through adopting healthy habits.

- Teens will frequent a restaurant 2 times for every time they fill up their gas tank. (*Piper Jaffray Taking Stock With Teens Survey, Spring 2016*)
- In 2005, teens spent an average of \$152 annually on video games. Teens are expected to spend \$214 on video games in 2016. (*Piper Jaffray 2016*)

## 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 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

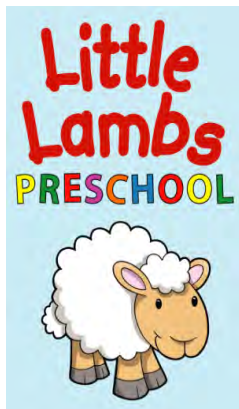
about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Phil.4:6, NIV). Prayer is God’s gift to us as we depend on him and his power to keep us on track as moms and dads.

***“These people honor  
me with their lips, but  
their hearts are  
far from me.”  
Matthew 15:8 (NIV)***



## 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](http://www.sotp.org) or contact Jill Gillming at [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com).

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](mailto: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!



## JUNE SCHEDULES

		June 4 & 5	June 11 & 12	June 18 & 19	June 25 & 26
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster			
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik, Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Jackie Elkin & Marilyn Schanke			
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert & Merryly Burkland	Jan & Don Koerner	Linda Jahr & Donna Schneff	Darren & Pam Walloch
Bulletin Assemblers	Weekend	June Kobler & Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink & Marlene Tresp	Anita Bull & Elaine Muibabich	Elaine Neukirch & Barb Krmpotich
Communion Bread	5:00 SAT	Nancy Zunker			Michelle Saletta
	SUNDAY	Brandi Lorenzo	Jeanne Henley	Pam Perrott	Sharon Stangle
Counters	Weekend	Warren Brody, Gail Quam & Sue Blotch			
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Gail Qualm	Stevie Massei	Karen Eckert	Dolly Cardascio
	9:00 AM	Terry Haplin & Carol Engstrom	Terry Halpin & Dolly Cardascio	Terry Halpin & John Arneson	Terry Halpin & Carol Roth
	10:45 AM	Bob & Tracy McDuffee	Jim & Barb Auwerda	Len & Dolly Cardascio	Vic & Kathy Pizarro
Nursery	9:00 AM	Jen Kolcz	Judie Symbal	Mary Lee Rishel	Jen Powe
	10:45 AM	Judie Symbal	Jen Powe	Jocelyn Doden	Sandy Hupert
	Clean Up	Judie Symbal	Jen Powe	Jocelyn Doden	Sandy Hupert
Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 AM	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Sheri Ott, Kim Szekeley GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Brian Buesing DRUMS: Chad Juergensen	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Carol Legel GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Brian Buesing DRUMS: Chad Juergensen	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Sheri Ott, Kim Szekeley GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Brian Buesing DRUMS: Chad Juergensen	Youth Band
Ushers	5:00 SAT	Denis & Carol Minutillo	Sue Mattiucci and Doreen Drinan	Dan and Cheryl Mandro	Steve Murphy and 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 Jeff & Karen Stipes Ed & Carolyn Cuttle
	10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE, John Richardson, Paul Ross, Chris Swanson	MARK FRENDEIS Patrick Fleener, Charlie Powe, Andrew Szekeley	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner, Adam Walloch & Darren Walloch	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris, Dick Gerhardt, John Richardson
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Warren & Elaine Brody	Nancy Ottinger & Cheryl Adams	Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson	Cliff & Linda Dungey
	10:45 AM	Helen Fenzan & Marty Jacobsen	Joanne Bychowsky	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Noreta Walker & Judy Petropolis

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report - Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of April 30, 2016:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
General Fund Income:	\$ 196,355.87	\$ 191,516.00
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 183,137.16	\$ 191,528.00
Net Income:	\$ 13,218.71	\$ (12.00)

**General Fund Notes:** Through April operating income was more than expenses by \$13,218.71. Member contributions are over budget by \$4,839.87. Expenses are under budget \$8,390.84. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$13,230.71 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 April 30, 2016:

Building Fund Begin Balance 04/01/2016:	\$ 192,880.21
Debt Reduction Donations	\$ 1,565.00
Building Fund Donations	\$ 0.00
Forward in Faith	\$ 195,411.02
FORWARD	\$ 35,489.00
Mission Plus Interest Income	\$ 704.20
Memorial Donations Building Fund	\$ 0.00

Building Fund Income/Donations: \$ 233,169.22

Loan Principal Payments	\$ 16,183.04
Loan Interest Payments	\$ 5,598.96
Principal Only Payments	\$ 1,200.00
Capital Campaign Expenses	\$ 0.00
Architectural Expenses	\$ 6,599.10
Building Fund Total Expenses	\$ 29,581.10
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 203,588.12
Ending Fund Balance:	\$ 396,468.33

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

The April month end building loan balance is \$513,825.70. 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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rebecca Miller
- 2 Mark Michalak, Michelle Jacobs,  
Charles Werner, Shonna Rankin,  
Sydney McGuine
- 3 Candi McNeal, Olivia Lorenzo, Brady  
Prather
- 4 Ken Pohlmann, Sandy Martin, Jacob Trevino,  
Nathaniel Black
- 5 Rachael Yndestad, Curtis Hollabaugh
- 6 Frances Wilson, Kim Scalise, Rob Satalino,  
Jamie Elam
- 7 Joanne Bychowsky, Chuck Bayser,  
Corin Casablanca
- 8 Sid Sorensen, Jonathan Boster, Sean Solem,  
Rebecca Mudge
- 9 Gloria Samuelson, Kaitlyn Richards,  
Kellen McNeal
- 10 Lisa Adams, Kymberly Clementi,  
Noah Konie, Elaine Berens
- 11 Carole Cesario, Anthony Serpe
- 12 Payton Serpe
- 15 James Conway, Vicki Maraviglia,  
McKenzie Schlachta
- 16 Samantha Guttentburg
- 17 Leah Bloomfield
- 18 Melvin Keef
- 19 Emily Dunfrund, Judie Symbol,  
Deanne Byers, Jill Gillming
- 20 Len Cardascio, Matthew Alpert, Morgan  
Alpert, Hannah Robinson, Ethan Gartzke
- 21 Karin Henkle, John Browne,  
Michael Glosson, Pierce Cordle
- 23 Ron Knudsen, Rebecca Fulcer,  
Kimberly Ernst
- 24 Susan Krizmanich, Kathy Pizarro,  
Avary Deblieck
- 25 Jacob Andrew Marx
- 26 Bill Brindell, Stevie Massei, Dennis Perkey,  
Patrick Desiato, Katie Casablanca,  
Alexander Rojas, Austin Allegretti,  
Xander Mans
- 27 Reagan Bishop, Angela Himebaugh
- 28 Carolyn Malm, Daniel Rossman
- 29 June Hermes, Anthony Maraviglia
- 30 Dana Turk, David Huston

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### **Annette Boster, Cherub Choir**

### **Michael Waal,**

Blessings & Treasures Choirs

### **Denise James, Joy Ringers**

### **Michael Parmele**

Sunday School Director

### **Sue Wehnes, Renae Greene**

Contributions Secretaries

## **Congregation Council**

**Mike McCann, President**

**Matt Greene, Vice President**

**Amy Brittain, Secretary**

**Jim Henley, Treasurer**

**Adam Adams**

**Marlene Boehler**

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### **Worship Schedule**

***10805 Main Street***

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#### **Saturday Evening**

**5:00 p.m.**

#### **Sunday Morning**

**9:00 a. m. Traditional Service**

**10:45 a. m. Contemporary**

**Service**

*Refreshments between Services*

*Nursery care provided all morning*

**Sunday School at both services  
(September through May)**

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