



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

Congregational Newsletter August 2016

Statement of Purpose

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

SOTP ANNUAL PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 14



Organized by our Fun For All Ages group,
this picnic is for ALL ages.

Our SOTP congregation has so many wonderful people
in it ~ some you know, some you don't.

Meet up with old friends ~ and make new ones!

We hope you are able to join us.

**We would like to know ahead of time
the # of adults & kids that will be attending.**

**We would really appreciate having a headcount for
the kids in 5th grade & younger by August 10th
(for goodie bags & games).**

**Please register the # of adults & children through the
link on our website (or sign up in the Crossroads).**

Some things to remember:

- **Bring a dish to pass, if possible (*SOTP supplies burgers, hot dogs, drinks, plates and silverware*)**
 - **Wear your SOTP logo wear
(or *God's Work, Our Hands* shirts) if possible**
 - **Bring your own chairs if you want
(*not everyone will fit at the picnic tables*)**

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A Note From Pastor Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Luke 10:38-42...Martha, Martha, Martha. Sit down and relax for crying out loud! Leave whatever you're doing and come join us. Take care of it later."

My morning devotions today were a reflection on the very family story of Mary and Martha.



We all have been tempted to say something like that to someone who can't seem to sit still and flits from room to room, upstairs, downstairs, keeping busy with mundane things that other people are content to handle once they have attended to a more pressing need first.

But a Martha-type person has to keep at it. The house could catch fire, but a Martha will make sure it is clean before the fire department arrives.

Actually, why should Martha complain? After all, she made the choice to busy herself.

Mary made her choice and you don't hear her complaining and why should she? She wasn't doing any work—she could do that later. Mary simply took time to listen to what Jesus had to say.

Martha wasn't astute enough to realize the reality of what was going on. She wanted Christ to visit on her terms and no doubt was looking for compliments about her cooking and neat house,

but if Christ had something to say to her, well, he would just have to wait until she was good and ready to sit down and listen. She perhaps didn't want word to get out that she didn't know how to entertain.

But in a way, are we all not like Martha?

Haven't we all, at one time, gone our own way when other things were of a more important nature? Haven't we sometimes said "no" or "later" to a spouse, friend, co-worker or to a request from the church? Haven't we passed up an opportunity to serve in order to attend to our own

personal needs? What tends to draw our interest away from those things to which we know we should have attended?

Well, regrets always follow, don't they?

What do you think Martha did after Jesus rebuked her?

Do you suppose she went and pouted or did she sit down and listen? We need to discern what is not only food for our soul but also on how we "feed" our neighbors and those with whom we come in contact.

What are the people who listen to us hearing? Are we Christ to them or should they listen to another? Does it make any difference to us? If not, why not?

As the summer months draw to a close and as we move into our fall programming, let's take time to reflect on things which seem to keep us busy and on those things which we say "no." How often does God take a back seat to what we deem important to us? How might we change?

Pastor Mark

Pastor Bill's Adult Education News

The first Sunday in August, **August 7**, will be our third and final congregation summer potluck. We will gather from 5:00 -7 :00 for delicious food and an inspiring discussion about the Apostle Paul, one of the first, and surely the greatest, missionary of the Christian church. Paul will be the focus of Pastor Mark's sermon that morning. So even if you haven't joined us thus far, come be a part of a delightful evening this month. Besides bringing yourself, please bring an entree, or salad, or vegetable dish, or dessert. Drinks and table service are provided.

Potluck Dinner



Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings

We've been talking a lot about breaking down barriers and getting out of our comfort zones lately here at SOTP. We all tend to live and gravitate to those places and people that make us feel safe and at ease. For many of us, stepping out of that "comfort zone" and experiencing new places, activities and people is difficult and can actually be frightening. Fear of the unknown can keep us locked away in our own little worlds and groups where we feel safe.



One of our members recently told me of a time he stepped out of his comfort zone and invited a new member to become part of a group ministry here at SOTP. He was a little uncomfortable, but made the effort and now that "no longer new" member is an integral part of that ministry. He told me, "you gotta ask!"

He's right! Many times our newer members (or even long-time members) find it difficult to simply jump in to connect with a group. I know I did when I first joined here. I had just lost my husband and had moved back to Northern Illinois when I became a member. My whole world had been turned upside down and I was totally at a loss as to what to do next. I felt like SOTP was where I needed to be and wanted to get involved, but wasn't sure where (or if) I would fit in. A very special lady came to me and invited me to join the ministry team she was a part of. I don't know if I would have done so had she not invited me. She also sat with me in church, introduced me to other people and invited me to join in other activities and soon I felt at home here.

I know it is comfortable to always sit with our friends and join in our regular activities, but is there someone in the row behind you, or in front of you, or on the other end that you don't know? Greeting them is great, but how about inviting them to sit with you, or even more daring, get up and go sit with them! Invite them to join you for dinner, or breakfast or lunch, or coffee after worship. Or how about at the next potluck or activity you participate in?

Step out of the boat and onto the water (Matt 14:29-31) in faith and see what God has in store for you!

Donna Kelly

NEW PICTORAL DIRECTORY

It's time for a new SOTP Family Album!!



It seems like our "New Member Directory" has as many photos in it as the last one we did a few years ago!

So, we will be taking photos for our new directory soon ~

make your appointment off the link on our website.



We really want to have all of you included in our directory!
As a THANK YOU to you for having your photo taken, you will receive (for no charge) a printed copy of the new directory AND an 8x10 of your photo.

Please call Donna Kelly with questions or if you need help making an appointment.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

If you have been worshipping with us for a while here at SOTP and would like to know more about us as a worshipping community, we would love to have you join us at our New Member Gathering. We will be offering the gathering twice, once on Sunday August 21st from 3 – 5:30 pm and again on Wednesday August 24th from 6 – 8 pm. This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the life and ministry of SOTP and for you to consider prayerfully whether or not you want to formally become a member of the SOTP family.

We will welcome new members the following weekend, August 27th & 28th.

If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Mark or Donna Kelly through the church office.



STEWARDSHIP TALES

Sacrifice is a key word these days. We've been through some high times lately, thinking we could have whatever we wanted and pay for it later, but the bills are coming due. The national debt is now an astronomical figure. Lots of people are being asked to make sacrifices at work. Companies that are struggling ask employees to make personal sacrifices so that the company can, in some cases, survive. One healthy way that all of us can sacrifice for the cause of Christ is to offer a sacrificial gift-- a truly grateful portion of our treasure in thanksgiving for all the good things God has given us. When we set aside a significant portion of our income for God's cause in the world, we make an important statement about ourselves and our trust in God. At the same time it demonstrates that we care about other people. As a nation, in one way or another we sacrifice in order to make our country stronger. Parents plan ahead and make difficult sacrifices to send their kids to college. We make sacrifices for our spouses and our children and close friends. By sacrificial giving, we give back to God a share of the treasures we have received, thereby helping to build up the Church, and to aid in the suffering and needy of the world.



How Does Stewardship Relate to FORWARD Campaign

The word Stewardship in the Bible refers to how we manage three things, our time, our talents, and our treasures. Now let's look at the three words and see how they could be related to our FORWARD campaign.

Time: We found out in March we were \$310,000.00 short of reaching our goal to complete at least the shell of the music room and class rooms. Then the FORWARD campaign was introduced to close the gap. In three months we have received 2/3's of the amount needed. Now we have six months to get the remaining 1/3. *Projection-WE WILL GET THERE!

Talent: We have the Building Team, Finance Team, Stewardship Team, and many other members working behind the scene to achieve this goal. *Projection-THEY WILL HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Treasures: The \$200,000.00 received so far came from 44 giving units. We still have 355 giving units that have the opportunity to make a donation to the FORWARD campaign so we can build what we need next year. *Projection-YOU WILL HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

EXODUS RUN/WALK FOR REFUGEES

Some of you have been asking for SOTP to do a 5K.... Here it is.

SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY MORNING SEPT. 10, 2016

Refugees walk hundreds of miles to find safety.

Will you walk or run to support them?

More than 13 million refugees do not have a safe place to call home. This year some will be invited to find safety and freedom in the U.S.A. Starting



over is difficult. Exodus World Service helps these refugees.

YOU CAN HELP by:

- Being a participant in this walk/run in Long Grove
- Supporting a runner/walker

Contact Sandy Hupert at sandyhupert@gmail.com (224-569- 6041) or any Mission Team member if you are interested in participating or would like the name of a participant to support. They are a great source for any other question concerning Exodus as well. Carl and Sandy have done this walk with their 6 & 8 year old grandchildren . It is a great family activity, benefiting those in need. Also, some of the stores in Long Grove will open up for the event.

WE NEED RUNNING & WALKING MATES.

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF A SOTP TEAM
to Help Exodus Run/Walk for refugees?!?!?!?**

Event course is a 5K Chip-timed race and a 3K walk through historic business district and Long Grove country roads. Entry fee includes water, goodie bags, pancake breakfast, t-shirt (of course) ,etc.

BOOK CHATTERS

Book Chatters meet each third Wednesday at 1 pm at the church. We try to keep chit-chat at a minimum and dive directly into the month's reading. However.... we all become friends (some for several years now) so occasionally do have a bit of catch-up to do. **And we want new friends to join us.** To tickle your curiosity and whet your appetite, we are hereby releasing our next season's reading list. Get started on the list and plan to join us!!

SEPTEMBER	<u>THE STORIED LIFE OF A. J. FIKRY</u> by Gabrielle Zevin
OCTOBER	<u>AN INVISIBLE THREAD</u> by Laura Schroff
NOVEMBER	<u>OUR SOULS AT NIGHT</u> by Kent Haruf
DECEMBER	<u>UNAFRAID</u> by Francine Rivers (<i>This story of Mary is a repeat from several years ago – as a Christmas message it's a must to repeat – we'll also watch "The Nativity"</i>)
JANUARY	<u>THE BOYS IN THE BOAT</u> by Daniel James Brown
FEBRUARY	<u>LEAKHOUSE</u> by Charles Dickens (<i>our nod to the classics</i>)
MARCH	<u>A MAN CALLED OVE</u> by Fredrik Backman
APRIL	<u>THE MARTIAN</u> by Andy Weir
MAY	<u>AN UNDISTURBED PEACE</u> by Mary Glickman

These books represent a mixed bag of books recommended by book club reading lists, as well as those suggested by members of the group. Please plan to join us for an individual discussion or for the entire season.



Book Chatters

Gail Barnard, Book Chatters Leader

THANK YOU ~ PRAIRIE CRAFTERS



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who so faithfully helps the Prairie Crafters by donating many of our needs!
(*Speaking of needs..... The Crafters could use large buttons.....*)

NEW FACES AT COFFEE HOUR ~ WELCOME!

Have you noticed the pretty young woman and her family who have taken on the responsibility of the Sunday morning coffee hour? Please welcome Shannon Ross when you see her. Since Easter, Shannon has been learning the ins and outs of the Fellowship Hour and has taken over the reins. Bless her!



Marty Bergman and I want to thank Shannon for her energy and new ideas as we take a step back from the kitchen duties. We also want to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and goodies on Sunday mornings. We hope you will continue to do so. Sign up is still found on the sign up board in the Gathering Place. Marty and I will be signing up, too, and hope to see your names on the list! You can contact Shannon Ross at shannon888@yahoo.com. ~ Carol Waxenberg

THANK YOU ~ SORESENS



Nine years ago Donna and I joined Shepherd of The Prairie. It took just one visit on a Sunday morning for us to know this was going to be our new church family. What we didn't realize was what an incredible family it was going to be. During my recent illness the expression of love demonstrated by the number of cards, the phone calls, and visits was amazing. You will never know how much all of that meant during the ten weeks. I am convinced that because of that and your prayers and the many visits by Pastor Mark and Pastor Bill is the only reason I am still around today. What a wonderful feeling knowing the SOTP family is always there when needed. You are special and Donna and I thank you from the bottom of our heart. Blessings to all of you. ~ Sid and Donna Sorensen

FOOD PANTRY

Weekend of August 6 & 7
Is Food Pantry Collection
Weekend at SOTP
before all services

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



- TP
- Cereal
- Ketchup
- Mayo
- Relish
- Bleach
- Cookies
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Corn (*not cream*)
- Salad Dressing

SUPPER CLUB

SOTP ADULTS

Don't "FALL" out of touch with
fellow SOTP members.

Meet new people.

Expand old relationships.



GATHER TOGETHER OVER A MEAL, 4 TIMES DURING SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER. Add your name(s) to the "FALL" Yellow Supper Club Signup sheets posted in the Cross Roads.

Sunday Sept. 4 th is the last day to sign up for the fall session.

If you are not familiar with how the Supper Club is done please read on. Folks sign up every 4 months (*Trying one session does not automatically sign you up for more, it is up to you.*) After the cutoff date folks (*singles are welcome*) are divided into small groups of 6-8 people. Usually (*but not always*), one hosts the main meal in their home, then the others bring a dessert, salad, etc. Then another takes the main meal, etc. Some groups order in or eat out for 1 or more of their meals. Each group of 6-8 makes their own plan and convenient times to gather.

Questions? Or want to sign up via phone or e mail?? Please do contact Sandy! sandyhupert@gmail.com or call 224-569- 6041.

ANGEL BABIES



SOTP is beginning a new ministry we are calling ANGEL BABIES. Every year thousands of parents experience the pain of losing a child before or during birth. Many time these babies are wrapped in a simple hospital blanket when they are given to the parents to hold for the first and last time.

ANGEL BABIES will be crocheting, knitting or sewing cocoons in which to wrap these babies as a symbol of love and that these babies matter. Many babies are actually buried in their cocoon. The cocoons will be given to local hospitals to use in their neonatal and birthing centers.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry and/or would like a copy of the patterns to make these cocoons, please contact Kathy Guerrieri at 847-828-0682 or Donna Kelly at the church office.



ACTIVE CHRISTIAN PARENTING

Another opportunity!

In case you missed it last year, we once again will be offering a six-week class, titled "Active Christian Parenting." If you're looking to improve your parenting skills, your communication skills with your kids, your ability to be a better listener and more consistent disciplinarian, then this is for you! Last year several families took the class and all said the art of being a parent was enhanced.

The six classes will meet on Sunday afternoons, from 3:30 - 6:00, beginning September 11. The cost is \$25 per family, child care provided.



Want to know more? For three Sundays in August--the 14th, 21st, and 28th--an information table will be available in the Crossroads. Want to know even more than that? Then come to an Information Night on Sunday, August 28, 4:00 - 5:30. This might be just the thing you're looking for! Contact Chuck & Sharon Little

LITTLE LAMBS

We are now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year.

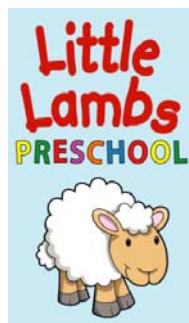
Our program is Bible-story-based and includes developmentally appropriate structured time (*craft, music, calendar, learning activities, etc.*), as well as free play. We have programs for children who will be between the ages of 2 - 4 by September 1, 2016.

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.**



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesday Night Dinners will be resuming on September 21st (mark your calendar)! Please join us between 5:30 - 6:15 pm on Wednesday nights. The cost is \$2 per person (max of \$10 per family). It's so nice to sit down & enjoy a meal with your SOTP family. *(Want to help in the kitchen? Please contact Brandi Lorenzo or Jenn Huston.)*



MUSIC REHEARSALS ~ JOIN US!

⇒ Children's choir & bells

rehearsals resume Sept 7

- 4:30 - 5:00 pm, Jubilate Ringers (grades 3-5)
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm, Treasures Choir (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)
- 5:00 - 5:45 pm, Jubellation Ringers (middle school)



⇒ Prairie Ringers & Spirit

Ringers rehearsals resume Aug 30 at 7:00 pm

⇒ Shepherd's Voices rehearsals resume Aug 31 at 7:15 pm

⇒ Worship Band rehearsals continue Thursday nights at 6:30 pm

⇒ Youth Band meeting after 10:45 service on 7/31, contact Tyler Greene for information

BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

The Building Team conducted video recordings Tues, July 26th with many volunteers from the Mission Teams. These videos are being created to highlight each ministry's growth opportunities due to the new building expansion. A big thank you to Mike Yndestad for donating his time to create the videos and also to all our ministry volunteers! Keep an eye out for the videos to appear before church services in the near future! Shepherd of the Prairie is so blessed to have such

FORWARD
IN FAITH

See page 18 for more information.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Begins September 21st!!!

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders get ready, because Confirmation kicks off on September 21st with a special treat—

Our kick-off will be hosted by Peder Eide!
It will be a great night of worship and learning what confirmation is all about.

**ALTHOUGH THIS IS OUR CONFIRMATION
KICK-OFF,**

**OUR WHOLE CONGREGATION
AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO MISS IT!



Please put these important dates on your calendar:

- **September 7**, Parent/Student Information Night 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- **September 21**, Confirmation Kick-Off With Peder Eide 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- **November 11-13**, Confirmation Retreat @ LOMC
- **Saturday, December 17, 9-11 am**, Feed My Starving Children

**Please register your child for confirmation at
www.sotpyouth.com**

YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

“Could you stop filming me with that video camera? Because I’m really here in real life, you can enjoy it in real life rather than through your camera. This isn’t a DVD, this is a real show. And I’d really like you to enjoy my show because there’s lots of people outside that couldn’t come in.”

- *Singer Adele, talking to an audience member at a concert in Verona, Italy on May 29, 2016.*



Trends

Car Surfing

Because of where they're at developmentally, adolescents are by nature more prone to risk-taking behavior than are adults. That reality hit

home once again through the tragic story of 18-year-old Kyle Scholla.

Kyle was killed in the parking lot of a Colorado Wal-Mart when a dangerous and

risky game of car-surfing went wrong.

As indicated by its name, car-surfing is a thrill-seeking activity in which a person rides outside of a vehicle by standing on the hood, roof, trunk, or bumper. While we don't know the details of what happened in this case, stories like these usually result from an in-the-moment impulsive decision to take a dare or show-off. Perhaps you remember how this would play itself out in your own adolescence, impulsivity and foolishness. Parents, it's important that we think out-loud with our kids, warning them about the dangers of risky behavior. And, we must remind them of the importance of thinking before acting.



Latest Research

Pornography and Masculinity

What does it mean to flourish as a human being? This is a question worth pondering as we consider where young men find their value and worth in life. In other words, what is it that they aspire to? In Mark 12:30, Jesus gives us a clear statement on what we are to aspire to.

He says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." In other words, every nook and cranny of our lives must be directed towards faithful obedience to our Lord. But in today's culture, researchers are telling us that young men who regularly use pornography are more likely to measure their masculinity, social status, and self-worth by their ability to score with, as the research states, "hot women." What we think about and how we spend our time, effort, and money indicates who or what we worship. What are you doing to steer your kids away from these lies and into a life of allegiance to God?

- In 1966, 96% of teens said they believe in God. Now, 50 years later, 83% of teens say they believe in God or other divine beings. (*Newsweek*)
- 65% of Americans either strongly agree or somewhat agree that it's a good idea to live with one's significant other before getting married. (*Barna Group*)

QUICK STATS

FROM THE WORD...

When Jesus was bringing what's known as "The Sermon on the Mount" to a conclusion, he presented those present with a choice. It's a choice that he lays before all people in all times and places who listen to his teaching. The choice is between obedience and disobedience. The obedience that Jesus calls for is not an obedience that results in our being saved, but an obedience that flows out of our gratitude for having been saved.

We sometimes erroneously come to believe that what a person says about themselves lines up with the reality of who that person really is. In Matthew 7:21, Jesus warns us that saying is not the same as being. To call him "Lord" is not necessarily a sign of living under His Lordship.

Intellectual knowledge is not enough. We must endeavor to be truly transformed by Christ, a reality which is evidenced not only by the words we utter, but by the minute-by-minute choices that we make each and every day.

"Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 7:21



The reality is that every time we make a choice, we are choosing sides. We either choose for Christ and His Kingdom, or we choose to go against Christ and His Kingdom. Take stock of your life by looking at your lifestyle and choices. Does your life indicate that you are a sayers? Or, are you a sayers and a doers?

AUGUST SCHEDULES

		Aug 6 & 7	Aug 13 & 14	Aug 20 & 21	Aug 27 & 28
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster			
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik, Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Donna Newbanks & Joanne Klinger			
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert & Merilly Burkland	Darren & Pam Walloch	Jan & Don Koerner	Linda Jahr & Donna Schnepff
Altar Flowers	Weekend		Russ & Donna Lundstrom, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary	Ronnie & Norris Bretsen, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary	
Coffee Hour Hosts	SUNDAY	Merilyn Schnell	Help Needed ~ Nobody is signed up yet		
Coffee Hour Treats	SUNDAY	Merilyn Schnell	Help Needed ~ Nobody is signed up yet		
Communion Bread	5:00 SAT	Nancy Ottinger		Tom Noesen & Bev Pinnelli	
	SUNDAY	PJ Knudsen	Jeff Cordle	JoAnn Ward	Jill Brown
Counters	Weekend	Warren Brody, Cal Meyer & Gloria Samuelson			
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Steve Murphy	Karen Eckert	Gail Quam	Stevie Massei
	9:00 AM	Terry Halpin & Elaine Brody	Terry Halpin & Dolly Cardascio	Terry Halpin & Mary Trodahl	Terry Halpin & Joanne Klinger
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			
Nursery	9:00 AM	Jen Kolcz	Judie Symbal	Jen Powe	Jamie Patel
	10:45 AM	Blue Geller	Mary Lee Rishel	Jocelyn Doden	Sandy Hupert
	Clean Up	Judie Symbal	Mary Lee Rishel	Jen Kolcz	Sandy Hupert
Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 AM	VOCALS: Sheri Ott, Dawn Bach, Brian Buesing GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Grant Jahr DRUMS: Chad Juergensen	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Dana Turk, Ron Mudge GUITAR: Dennis Caravello DRUMS: Chad Juergensen	VOCALS: Shonna Rankin, Sophie Dowell GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Trevor Dowell KEYBOARD: Allison McCann DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Sheri Ott, Dawn Bach, Kim Szekeley 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



AUGUST SCHEDULES (Cont.)

		Aug 6 & 7	Aug 13 & 14	Aug 20 & 21	Aug 27 & 28
Ushers	5:00 SAT	Denis & Carol Minutillo	Sue Mattiucci & Doreen Drinan	Becky Tuzik & Carol Hartman	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 Carol Engstrom	ED & CAROLYN CUTTLE Jeff Stipes Harold & Joan Doages
	10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE, John Richardson, Paul Ross, Chris Swanson	MARK FRENDREIS Patrick Fleener, Charlie Powe, Andrew Szekely	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner, Darren Walloch Vik Bekeris	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris, Dick Gerhardt, John Richardson
Visual	9:00 AM	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding
	10:45 AM	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Joanne Bychowsky	Nancy Ottinger & Cheryl Adams	Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson	David & Sharon Stangle
	10:45 AM	Helen Fenzan & Marty Jacobsen	John & Sandy Richardson	Elaine Neukirch & Judy Petropoulos	Noretta Walker
Worship Leader	Sat	Mark Sikkila	Michael Waal		
	Sunday	Tyler Greene	Michael Waal	Tyler Greene	Michael Waal

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 June 30, 2016:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
General Fund Income:	\$ 307,955.33	\$ 287,274.00
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 274,679.26	\$ 287,292.00
Net Income:	\$ 33,276.07	\$ (18.00)

General Fund Notes: Through June operating income was more than expenses by \$33,276.07. Member contributions are over budget by \$20,681.33. Expenses are under budget \$12,612.74. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$33,294.07 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 June 30, 2016:

Building Fund Begin Balance 06/01/2016:	\$ 192,880.21
Debt Reduction Donations	\$ 2,312.00
Building Fund Donations	\$ 0.00
Forward in Faith	\$ 285,360.06
FORWARD	\$ 61,075.00
Mission Plus Interest Income	\$ 1,271.79
Memorial Donations Building Fund	\$ 0.00

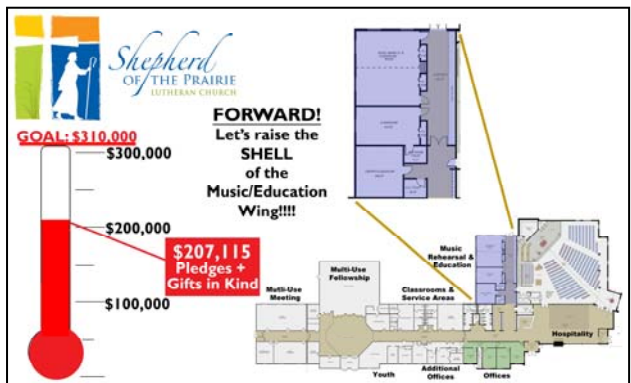
Building Fund Income/Donations: \$ 350,018.85

Loan Principal Payments	\$ 23,520.39
Loan Interest Payments	\$ 8,807.61
Principal Only Payments	\$ 1,937.00
Capital Campaign Expenses	\$ 602.41
Architectural Expenses	\$ 6,599.10
Building Fund Total Expenses	\$ 41,466.51
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 308,552.34
Ending Fund Balance:	\$ 501,432.55

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 June month end building loan balance is \$505,751.35. 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



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Birth Date	Name
1	John Kawa, Alexandria Miley, Troy Miller
2	Darin Allison, Joyce Petersen
3	Jennifer Baumstark, Nate Brown, Carla Elam, Alice Murphy
4	David Macaulay, Marian Mesenbrink, Emmetta Shepard, Kathryn Weston
5	Elaine Lewis, Len Suski
7	Lauren Black, Joanne Klinger, Marley Reicher
8	Laura Klaus, Josh Ramey
9	MacKenzie Alpert, Madison Alpert, Nancy Ottinger, Sarah Wolf
10	Tom Knawa
11	Sandra Lemke
12	Carlee Petelle, Colin Wade
13	Larry Graf
15	Erica Bishop, Alexa Ernst
16	Cade Golembeck, Alex Lee, Marissa Rojas, Paul Ross, Nathan Stopka
17	Warren Brody, Joseph Roberts, Sarah Roberts
18	Barbara Beaudette, Carol Engstrom
20	Tyler Hennessey, Betty Knawa
21	Aidan Hibbeler, Savannah Patel
22	Christine Black, Michael Saletta
23	Barbara Auwerda, Jared Grabs, Carrie Lyne Mathiesen
24	Jeff Kolcz, Louis Soest
25	Christa Serpe
26	Joseph Browne, Larry Dale
27	Jessica Hess
28	Jim Auwerda, Brian Bala, Martha Brenner, Gloria Desiato, Cassidy Mathiesen, Rebecca Powe, Abby Ressler, Mary Victorson
29	Adam Adams, Barry Burren, Sue Wehnes
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