



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

Congregational Newsletter *January 2017*

Statement of Purpose

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



*The Church Council of
Shepherd of the Prairie
Lutheran Church
has set the date for the
Annual Meeting of the Church for
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
immediately following the
10:45 a.m. worship service.*

*All confirmed members of the church are
encouraged to participate in this
very important church meeting.*

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

A Note From Pastor Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Deliverance...what does this word mean for you?

I suppose for most of us it is getting out of a tight spot or a bind of some kind or even surviving critical surgery.

Whatever, and more than likely, it wasn't by our own efforts either that saved us.

I can remember several times that a timely warning shout saved me from a potential bad block on the offensive line while playing football at Indiana State and another time a falling building truss while working on a Habitat for Humanity project.

I think that most of us can relate to similar situations when a 'call' set us free.

Have you heard God calling you? If so, what was your reaction? Did you answer or are you still pondering a suitable response?

If you haven't heard God calling you, how do you think you will respond when it happens?

Well, God knows your name and who you are so there is no getting around that.

Walking in darkness implies walking without God. Wouldn't you say that the very fact that you called out to God for whatever reason is God's way of calling you? If not, then why call to God at all? It's a two-way deal here.

You call, God will answer. God doesn't want you stumbling around in the dark, but rather wants the best for you in everything.

When Jesus called for his disciples, they dropped everything and followed him.

That takes a tremendous amount of faith and belief to drop whatever you are doing to follow a stranger. How many of us would leave home, family, friends, and a good job to follow this man?

Here is what I have come to understand, I don't think we have to drop everything.

Where
is
God
calling
you?

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A Note From Pastor Mark Cont.

We can serve him right where we are by being a light or a voice for someone who doesn't know the way or perhaps isn't sure they have heard God's call.

What brought you to God?

Was it someone who awakened in you the awareness that God knew your name?

Maybe you reached out for God in a certain moment of need or perhaps there was always a stirring in your heart? Maybe someone simply invited you to Shepherd of the Prairie and you visited and something caused you to feel at home with family.

Take a moment to read Ephesians 5:8-14 and decide what it means for you that out of darkness there is deliverance and a light to guide each one of us. When God calls, don't put God on 'hold.'

Blessings to you and your family at the beginning of this New Year.

Pastor Mark

Adult Education News

Beginning **Sunday, January 15**, our Reformation 500 journey continues! We've explored the impact of the Reformation on both church and society, and discovered the influence that that Gospel of John and the Apostle Paul had on Martin Luther. Now it's time to look at some of the other major players during this time of upheaval and change. Some of them were

fellow Lutherans--Luther's wife Katie, his compatriot Philipp Melancthon, his friend turned enemy Andreas Karlstadt. Others were staunch Roman Catholics who were trying to preserve their



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Pastor Bill's Adult Education News Cont.

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traditions--Pope Leo X; the German emperor Charles V; John Eck, defender of the Catholic faith; and John Tetzel, indulgence salesman par excellence! And then there were others, known as Protestants, who wanted to move further from the Catholic Church than Luther: John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, the Enthusiasts and the Anabaptists. These topics will take up the month of January, and we hope you'll join us! Even if you haven't been a part of our class thus far, you're welcome any time. We meet on **Sunday mornings at 10:20, and on Wednesdays at both 11:00 am and 7 pm.** Choose whatever time works best for you, and don't hesitate to move around as your schedule allows. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill at bwaxenberg@gmail.com. And a blessed New Year to you! Blessings to you.

Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings

Here



I recently read a book about simple words to use in our spiritual journey. The author sets out twelve words that, when practiced, can serve as a means to bring us into closer relationship to God. They made a great impression on me and I would like to share them with you over the course of this year.

The first word is HERE. Here is a simple word by which we show up. In school, at least when I was a kid, the teacher would

call roll and when she got to my name I would say, "here". By that simple word, I would make known my presence; that I was 'here', I had shown up and was ready for the day ahead.

Even before I read this book, I would often be in a specific place and time and think, "I am here, right now, in this place". The awareness of

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Ministry Musings Cont.

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my surroundings would sharpen and I would have a renewed sense of how I fit into those surroundings. As I write this I am here in this place (the church office).

Here at this time (on a cold wintry morning). Here at this stage of my life (semi-retired senior citizen).

Here in the midst of great sadness in our congregation (as we are planning a funeral). Here as gifts from the congregation are being sorted for our giving tree recipients.

But as wonderful as it is to experience my here, it is even more important to be aware that God is here, in this place, at this time. He has chosen to be here, to make his presence known to me here and now.

He is here on this cold morning, in this office, in my stage of life, in the middle of our sadness and our caring for others.

And God and I are here together; joined in a mystery that is God with us. His presence is the Presence that transcends and overflows all of my here-ness. God is here and we can become present to each in ways that cannot be explained or understood; especially in time of great sadness or fear. When I am here and God is here and we are here together, that peace that passes all understanding seems to come more closely.

One way I practice here-ness with God to find a quiet place and to simply be with God. To put aside all the things that distract me and tempt me to be elsewhere instead of here. When I practice being here in the quiet places with God it becomes easier to be awake to God's here-ness in the midst of a crowd and the crazy rush and crush that colors my life. I am more able to take a deep breath for a second and be aware that even in chaos, God and I are here together. Sometime I take in a deep breath with the words from Hebrews 13:5, "never will I leave you, never will I forsake you," and then breath out with the words from verse 6, "the Lord is my helper, whom shall I fear?".

I urge you as this new year begins to find ways to simply be here with yourself and here together with God.

Donna Kelly

FORWARD IN FAITH... BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

Your SOTP Building Team has been busy meeting with the architect, construction manager, city planning commission, and designer! Shepherd of the Prairie continues to move Forward in Faith:

- December 8th Huntley Village Committee of the Whole approved the plans to build SOTPs addition of a new sanctuary unanimously
- December 8th the Furniture, Materials/Interior, Security, and Acoustics/AV sub-committees met to recommend options and choices to the Building Team.
- The month of January begins the bidding process
- The plan is to have congregational vote to approve the construction loan in February
- Hopes of breaking ground in April or May

Please remember that these are fluid dates

- New Ministry Moments video titled "VBS & Sunday School" were shown Dec. 17th & 18th, and reinforce that all videos can be viewed on the SOTP website under the Building Team section.



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 on **Sunday, February 12th from 3:00 - 5:30 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 on the following weekend, February 19th & 20th. If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Mark or Donna Kelly through the church office.



THANK YOU FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE



The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone that helped to make our Advent and Christmas season. Your participation with purchasing poinsettias to grace the sanctuary, decorating the church inside and outside,

playing the bells, children and adults singing Christmas music, making special treats...there are so many different people that work to make this holiday special. Thank for serving as ushers and greeters, setting up chairs and taking down chairs. I could go on but I just wanted to thank you Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran church for making this holiday so special for all!!!

YOU ARE INVITED

New Year - New Friends!

Come join the
Prairie Crafters on
**Thursday, January 5th at
10:30 am** for fellowship
and a pot luck at church.



Bring your thoughts and ideas and a dish to share. What a way to start the New Year. We can't wait to meet you!

~ SOTP Prairie Crafters

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES



If you have not yet picked up your 2017 offering envelopes they are available in the Narthex/Crossroads. *Note: the envelopes have been changed slightly from previous years.*

EVEN IF YOU ARE ON SIMPLY GIVING

you still need to pick up offering envelopes. Your envelope number is how we post your offerings; and you are given special offerings envelopes to use for Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those envelopes can be used for special giving for the various agencies supported by SOTP.

Please include your NAME make sure you designate the funds on the envelope – general fund and building fund. We do not have time to verify against your pledge. Space is available on the envelope for special funds – food pantry, altar flowers, FORWARD and other special giving.

As a reminder, we only keep financial records for anyone that has envelopes issued. If you want 2017 offering envelopes, contact Ralph Wehnes or the church office.

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE SPONSORS THE STUBBS FAMILY

*a missionary family in Tanzania. Check out their website at
www.StubbsMission.info*

NEW MINISTRY

We at Shepherd of the Prairie have an opportunity to share God's love in a new and exciting way. Deer Path of Huntley is the only facility in the northwestern Chicago area that provides affordable assisted living for adults with disabilities; and it is right here in our community!

For the last several months, Don Schneider & Carol have been picking up a young man from Deer Path and bringing him to 9 am worship. There are times when they are out of town and we could use a few people to step in and bring this gentleman to worship. It would be best if the SOTP person that helps this resident was a male as he occasionally has toilet needs which might be uncomfortable for a female.

There are also other residents at Deer Path who may be interested in joining us in worship as well. **To bring them here we will need people to volunteer for this exciting ministry.**

There are a few requirements:

- ♦ A car that is fairly low to the ground as the residents would not be able to climb up into a high vehicle.
- ♦ A vehicle that is large enough to be able to fit the wheelchair of the resident.
- ♦ The ability to fold the chair and store it in your car.
- ♦ There is help at Deer Path to be assist the resident in and out of the vehicle if necessary.

We would also need some people here at SOTP to assist in getting the residents in and out of the vehicle if necessary.

If you would be interested in more information about this ministry, please contact Donna Kelly; donna@sotpmail.com or at the church office 847-669-9448.



SOTP WEAR

Last Chance to Order!

Many members (*new and not-so-new*) have wondered when we were going to sell Shepherd of the Prairie wear.



YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED!

We started taking sales in November, but not many ordered. If you placed an order earlier, we don't have enough orders to place an order yet.

We will be taking orders January 8 & 15.

(If you are not in town and still want to order, please let Michelle know that you are mailing in an order.)

There are forms available to print on the SOTP.org website.

TURN ALL ORDER FORMS ALONG WITH CASH OR CHECK TO
MARINA RHODE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE **BY JANUARY 16.**

NAME TAGS

More of our members are wearing name tags. It really helps visitors and members meet other members. Many times we know faces and we know names ~ but we don't always put the two together. 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".



FOOD PANTRY

Weekend of January 7 & 8

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

- Deodorant
- Progresso Soup
- Shampoo
- Bleach
- Tomato Paste



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

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YOU

Thank you for your generous involvement in our church community in 2016. Your contributions (time, talents and financially) are building a foundation for SOTP that we hope goes well beyond our lifetimes.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help out in 2017. We are blessed to have so many people involved in different ministries.

Volunteering isn't just about taking care of the church (as a family and as the building), it's about getting to know each other while serving God. There is no better way to get acquainted with others here at SOTP.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

SOTP went to FMSC two weekends in a row. The first weekend many members went and the second weekend many confirmation students and families went. Thank you to all who gave of their time to help others in need, especially during this busy time of year.



YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

I tried everything that they had – wine, women, song, money, career, drugs, art – every kind of extravagance; every kind of restraint. Everything helped in its way in that it said, 'This doesn't work.' I think that's the greatest help you can get – to find out that it doesn't work – because nothing works. Nothing in this human realm was meant to work.



- Leonard Cohen

Communication - Walt Mueller, CPYU President

Communication with our teenagers is not always easy. The cultural and developmental differences between us sometimes makes it difficult to communicate effectively. The fact that some or maybe all family members are “wired up” to their hand-held devices adds an extra challenge. While we might be satisfied with blaming our poor communication on our teens, the burden falls on us as parents to improve our intergenerational communication.

Dr. Wayne Mack offers some very helpful communication advice in his book, *Your Family God's Way*. He lists five “circuit jammers to family communication” that can clog the lines and weaken relationships:

Excessive negative talk. This takes place when we constantly complain, find fault, and seldom affirm or talk about the positive virtues of our kids. Excessive negative talkers rarely acknowledge the good things happening in the world, the church, or their family. These verbal purveyors of gloom and doom foster a depressing atmosphere in the home. Home becomes a place where heaviness, rather than happiness, prevails. Look for the positive, and talk about it!

Mind-reading speech. We throw a real monkey wrench into our communication with our kids when we assume and tell them what they really meant by what they said. If you've been the victim of someone who's told you, “You can't fool me. I know what you meant,” you know how quickly communication breaks down. Just to be sure, ask clarifying questions so that you get at the heart of what they're trying to say.

Verbal manipulation. Because we're older and more experienced than our kids, it's often easy to enlist verbal attempts to control, manipulate, or punish our kids. Statements like “You'll be the death of me yet,” “I wish you had never been born,” and “You're just no good,” destroy relationships. Think before you speak, and choose words that build up rather than tear down.

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YOUTH CULTURE NEWS CONTINUED

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Cotton candy speech. If cotton candy is the main component of your diet, watch out. Likewise, homes built on conversation that is superficial, lacking depth, and void of substance will weaken and starve. Relationships will be shallow where serious issues and deep concerns are never discussed. Look for and make opportunities to talk intentionally and deeply about God's Word, current events, and your teen's cares and concerns.

Knee-jerk speech. A quick, thoughtless response is usually an unwise response. Hastily spoken words are seldom profitable. Choose your words carefully by thinking before you speak. Maybe we should more regularly heed the words of Proverbs 18:13 – "He who answers before listening – that is his folly and shame."

Have a blessed time celebrating the birth of the Savior with your family. And, may your communication with your kids bring honor and glory to Him!

PARENTAL SHAMING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

As our use of social media has become a bigger and bigger part of our lives, it's necessary for us to monitor how kids are using social media. In particular we want to keep them from posting in inappropriate ways. But recently, we've been learning that as parents, we need to be careful about using social media as a way to discipline or call-out our kids. More and more parents are reacting by posting rants about their kids' behavior. You might have seen videos of fathers smashing a child's cell-phone, or mothers verbally berating a daughter for posting inappropriate photos. Parents, we believe that public shaming on social media is a dangerous practice. You see, shame is more about who our kids are, as opposed to what they have done. When our children fall into sin, it is best to address the behavior and issue discipline in the privacy of the home and relationship. Godly discipline addresses the root heart issues of behavior. Public shaming only fuels more rebellion.

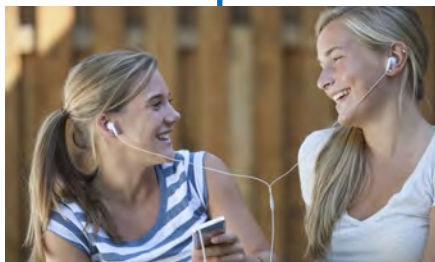


Trends

Adolescent hearing loss

Parents, one of our primary responsibilities is to lead our children from childhood through adolescence and into a healthy adulthood. Of course, we want them to be spiritually and emotionally healthy.

But we must also work to facilitate their physical health. Medical professionals are now sounding a warning regarding the possibilities of adolescent hearing loss as a result of growing up in an ever-louder world. In particular, personal listening devices that are accessed through ear-buds have created an environment that is doing serious damage to hearing. Noise affects the ear through mechanical and metabolic damage to the sensory hair cells in the cochlea. The extent of noise damage is determined not only by how loud our kids are listening, but by how long they are exposed to loud noises. With ninety percent of adolescents using earphones, it's even more important that we educate them on safe use, and monitor that use. God's given them the gift of hearing. Let's protect it!



Latest Research

Internet Addiction

Health care professionals are still trying to sort out how to define and address the problem of Internet addiction. What researchers are certain of, is that young people who spend excessive amounts of

time on the Internet are more likely to suffer from mental health problems. These problems include anxiety, an inability to pay attention, depression, impulsiveness, lack of

judgement, and ADHD. The study was conducted at McMaster University in Canada and focused on college-aged young people. The researchers administered the Internet Addiction Test as well as another scale. Those who screened positive had significantly more trouble dealing with their day to day activities, including life at home, work, school, and in social settings. Parents, realize that technology is not an evil thing. But don't forget that technology can be used in destructive ways. It's your responsibility to set God-honoring borders and boundaries that keep your kids from Internet addiction.

- On average, teens reported getting 7.7 hours of sleep on school nights. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that teens get 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. (Pediatrics)
- In 2015, there were 1.5 million reported cases of chlamydia - the highest number of STD cases ever reported to the government - and people between the ages of 15 and 24 accounted for the largest number of infections. (CDC and TIME Magazine)

QUICK STATS



**Thank you to all to provided poinsettias &
decorations for our Christmas services:**

Cheryl Adams, dedicated and in memory of **Martin Adams**
John and Marlene Boehler, in memory of **Karen Hedger**
Lynn Broederdorf, Louise and Bonnie Vanaria, in honor and
memory

of their parents, their brothers and **Lenny Johnson**

Al Collingbourne, in memory of loved ones

Sue & Dick Brush, dedicated to the new church

Carolyn & Ed Cuttle, in honor of their family and memory of their
parents and brother, **Clif**

Don & Barb Hoppensteadt, in memory of their son (**Ron**) & parents

Marty Jacobson, in memory of her husband, **Jim**

Johnson Family, in memory of **Jerry and Carol Higgins, Bill**
Simonton

and **Ken Bach**.

Carol Kalbas, in memory of her husbands, **Don Loews & Bill Kalbus**

Dick & Janet Larrison, in memory of their parents and son **Tom**

Marian Mesenbrink, in memory of loved ones

Bob & Tracy McDuffee, in memory of family members no longer with us

Victor and Kathy Pizarro, in memory of family and friends

Robert & Joyce Peterson, dedicated to the holiday

Petelle Kids (*Sharon, Gary, Carl, Steve*) dedicated to **Don and Carlee Patelle**

Harry and Donna Reynolds, dedicated to Christmas Promise and in
memory of **Harold and Betty Perkins, Dr. Ray and Virginia**
Reynolds and Beverly Brown

Chris & Sara Solem, in memory and honor of their families

Donna Sorensen, in memory of **Sid, Segurd and Ester, Harley and**
Agnes

George & Louise Sebastian, in memory of Family and Friends

Sue Trestrail, in memory of her dear husband, **Harry**



JANUARY SCHEDULES

| | | January 1, 10 am | January 7 & 8 | January 14 & 15 | January 21 & 22 | January 28 & 29 |
|--------------------|----------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Presiding Minister | | Pastor Mark Boster | | | | |
| Altar Guild | 5:00 SAT | | Becky Tuzik, Sue Mattuicci, Tom & Darlene Polzin | | | |
| | 9:00 AM | Sandy Hupert & Merryly Burkland | Ann Lehman and Caryl Fabian | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | | Marlene Boehler and Sandy Petersen | Jan & Don Koerner | Linda Jahr Donna Schneff | Darren & Pam Walloch |
| Altar Flowers | Weekend | | Barb & Don Hoppensteadt, in memory of their son Ron on the 5th anniversary | Dona Reynolds, in celebration of Harry's birthday | | Lou & Darlene Soest, in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary |
| Assisting Minister | 9:00 AM | Kathy Dahl | Barb Niemiec | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | | Kris Fleener | | | |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | SUNDAY | SOTP Congregation, please bring your leftover Christmas | | | Friends Bible Study | |
| Coffee Hour Treats | SUNDAY | | | Quilters | Friends Bible Study | Harry & Donna Reynolds |
| Communion Bread | SUNDAY | Michelle Saletta | Sue Wehnes | Elaine Neukirch | Jen Powe | Pam Perott |
| Communion Stewards | 5:00 SAT | | Tom & Darlene Polzin | | | |
| | 9:00 AM | Judie Symbal Sandy Hupert JoAnn Ward June Kobler | Alice Hallett Joanne Klinger Chris & Sara Solem | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | | Renae & Matt Greene Chris & Sara Solem | | | |
| Counters | Weekend | Ralph Wehnes, Warren Brody & Donna Turner | | | | |
| Greeters | 5:00 SAT | | Nancy Zunker | Becky Tuzik | Karen Eckert | Becky Tuzik |
| | 9:00 AM | Michelle Rankin | Lynn Meyers | PJ Knudsen | Judy Sanford | Barb Niemiec |
| | 10:45 AM | | Joanne Klinger | Joanne Klinger | Bob & Tracy McDuffee | Michelle Rankin |
| Nursery | 9:00 AM | Jen Powe | Jen Powe | Judie Symbal | Jen Powe | Jamie Patel |
| | 10:45 AM | | Blue Geller | Jocelyn Doden | Mary Lee Rischel | Sandy Hupert |
| | Clean Up | Jen Powe | Blue Geller | Jocelyn Doden | Mary Lee Rischel | Sandy Hupert |
| Readers | 9:00 AM | Carl Huper JoAnn Ward | Chris & Sara Solem | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | | Renae Greene | | | |



JANUARY SCHEDULES (Cont.)

| | | January 1, 10 am | January 7 & 8 | January 14 & 15 | January 21 & 22 | January 28 & 29 |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| Rejoice Worship Band | 10:45 AM | | | | | |
| Sound- board | 5:00 SAT | | Dan Willis | Dan Willis | Dick Brush | Dick Brush |
| | 9:00 AM | | Tom Polzin | Jim Rice | Tom Polzin | |
| | 10:45 AM | | Tim Torkelson | Brian Ott | Tim Torkelson | |
| Ushers | 5:00 SAT | | Denis & Carol Minutillo | Doreen Drinan Becky Tuzik | Carol Hartman Becky Tuzik | Randi Dawson Becky Tuzik |
| | 9:00 AM | ANDREW SZEKELY Donna Kelly Jan Koerner | 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 Harold & Joan Doage | WAYNE SCHMIDT Jerry & Marty Bergman Warren Brody John Jensen Walter Lemke |
| | 10:45 AM | | MARK FRENDEIS Patrick Fleener, Charlie Powe, Andrew Szekely | JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner, Darren Walloch Vik Bekenis | BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Paul Ross Chris Swanson | BOB MCDUFFEE, John Richardson, Paul Ross, Chris Swanson |
| Visuals | 9:00 AM | | Josh Harding | Josh Harding | | |
| | 10:45 AM | | Alan Torkelson | Jack Ott | | |
| Welcome Center | 9:00 AM | Joanne Bychowsky | Nancy Ottinger Cheryl Adams | Jan Suski Joyce Thompson | Warren & Elaine Brody | Wayne & Audrey Schmidt |
| | 10:45 AM | | Sandy Werner Joanne Bychowsky | John & Sandy Richardson | Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis | Carl and Sandy Hupert |
| Worship Leader | Sat Sunday | 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 are one of our missing pieces!



FINANCIAL NEWS

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

| | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund Income: | \$ 552,882.25 | \$ 526,669.00 |
| General Fund Expenses: | \$ 504,544.50 | \$ 526,702.00 |
| Net Income: | \$ 48,337.75 | \$ (33.00) |

General Fund Notes: Through November operating income was more than expenses by \$48,337.75. Member contributions are over budget by \$26,213.25. Expenses are under budget \$22,157.50. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$48,370.75 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 November 30, 2016:

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|---|---------------|
| Building Fund Begin Balance 11/01/2016: | \$ 192,880.21 |
| Debt Reduction Donations | \$ 4,507.00 |
| Building Fund Donations | \$ 0.00 |
| Forward in Faith | \$ 514,554.36 |
| FORWARD | \$ 123,132.46 |
| Mission Plus Interest Income | \$ 3,274.37 |
| Memorial Donations Building Fund | \$ 0.00 |

Building Fund Income/Donations: \$ 645,468.19

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Loan Principal Payments | \$ 42,062.90 |
| Loan Interest Payments | \$ 16,630.10 |
| Principal Only Payments | \$ 4,142.00 |
| Capital Campaign Expenses | \$ 831.51 |
| Architectural Expenses | \$ 98,821.43 |
| Construction Manager Exp | \$ 000.00 |
| Other Phase II Expense | \$ 16,406.14 |
| Building Fund Total Expenses | \$ 178,894.08 |
| Net Income(Loss): | \$ 466,574.11 |
| Ending Fund Balance: | \$ 659,454.32 |

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

The November month end building loan balance is \$485,003.84. 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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tom Keane, Caitlin Ross
- 2 Mel Kling, Ava Allison, Evan Reincke
- 3 Gretchen Rossman, Riley Dobrolinsky,
Phil Casablanca, Vik Bekeris,
Jessica Panella
- 4 Mark Miley
- 5 Sandy Petersen
- 6 Denis Minutillo, Elaine Neukirch,
Jacqueline Petersen, Nel Quam
- 8 Liss Kundich, Elizabeth Rojas,
Barb Niemiec
- 9 Michael Parmele, Linda Murphy,
Aidan Conway, George Sebastian
- 11 Joan Doege
- 12 Lanita Palermo, Jack Trevino
- 14 Larry Newbanks, Kurtis Arndt,
Evelyn Olbrich, Robert Petersen
- 15 Joyce Thompson, Dinah Lindsey
- 16 Tom Eberly, Steve Conway,
Nancy Zunker
- 17 Rick Behm, Christian Kasal,
Emilie Ulmer
- 18 Connor Martin, Steven Brown,
Joan Smith
- 19 Jeff McNeal, Ruth Roper,
McKenzie Fulcer, Elliott Burg
- 20 Tim Torkelson, Loretta Brindell,
Pam Luedtke, Daniel Hibbeler
- 21 Shannon Mejdrich
- 22 Tracy Blanchard, Katie Torkelson,
Melody Emery, Hailey Trudeau,
Bill Berens, Shayne Piskule
- 25 Claudia Morgan, Benjamin Sparks,
Kevin Hennessey
- 26 Sophia Burian
- 27 Marilyn Schnake, Pamela Walloch
- 28 Audrey Schmidt, Bradley James
- 29 Matthew Vitner, Justin Prather
- 30 Patrick Fleener

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