



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

## Congregational Newsletter April 2017

### Statement of Purpose

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

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

- **SUNDAY, APRIL 9, PALM SUNDAY**  
9:00 am Traditional Service  
10:45 am Contemporary Service
- **THURSDAY, APRIL 13, MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:00 pm Service
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 14, GOOD FRIDAY**  
10:00 am Children's Service (*All are invited*)  
7:00 pm Traditional Good Friday service **S**
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 15, HOLY SATURDAY**  
5:00 pm Service
- **SUNDAY, APRIL 16, EASTER SERVICES**  
9:00 & 11:00 am Services

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

# BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

At Wednesday's Lenten service, Pastor Mark indicated that there's Good News, and there's Bad News for the Building Team. The Good News is that the construction industry is booming. The Bad News is that... the construction business is booming!



As Pastor Marks said, the bids for the new sanctuary and Mission Center expansion came in higher than expected. These higher bids are largely attributable to:

- 1) A recent surge in material prices, and
- 2) The strong construction activity in our area limited the number of available sub-contractors.

Pastor Mark also stated that the Building Team has been hard at work for the last several weeks with our Construction Manager and Architects to Value Engineer our project and bring it within budget. On Friday, March 24th, your Building Team met for 3 ½ hours to do just that.

We are pleased to report to you that the Value Engineering process has resulted in significant progress in lowering project costs! However, the Building Team feels that there are more opportunities to reduce costs and also attract more bidders. **To take full advantage of these opportunities, the planned Congregational Meeting and Ground Breaking scheduled for April will be rescheduled for a future date: Probably May or early June.**

Please continue to keep the Building Team in your prayers. We thank you for your patience in this most important sanctuary and Mission Center expansion. The new dates for the congregational meetings will be announced as soon as the value engineering process is completed.

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What if there had been no resurrection?

What if we didn't have a resurrection to look forward to?

What if, upon our death, that was it, our souls simply vaporized, and with no promises, there was nothing but a dark, empty bleakness awaiting us.

In a few weeks we will again hear the story of the Resurrection. I suppose for a number of people it is nothing but another event in the church year. But for those of us who believe in the resurrection, is it enough to hear the story and be reassured that we, too, will be taken from the grave and given a new life?

Shouldn't we be doing something more than listening and taking part in the Easter services?

How about asking ourselves if we need a resurrection of the heart?

Why not dig around in our hearts and throw out anything that hinders us from being better and more faithful servants?

Why not resurrect the spiritual life we once had if it has somehow gotten buried in the ashes of daily living?

Why not surprise our self and others by leaving them wondering about the new attitude in us?

Let others come to us expecting the normal self only to find that we are burning with a new zeal much like Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them when they learned the true meaning of Jesus' absence.

Remembering the Easter story of the resurrection is one thing, living it is another.

Why be a listener only?

Why not be like the women going to the tomb and hearing the two angels tell them that Jesus had risen from the dead as he said he would?

This Easter, don't just listen to the story, allow it to make a difference in your heart.



*Pastor Mark*

## Adult Education News



In April we conclude our study of Martin Luther's Small Catechism as a part of our Reformation 500 series. Following a brief Easter break, we'll pick up things up again on **Sunday, April 23** as we focus on the great paradoxes and tensions of the Lutheran faith. Remember: a paradox are two things that are opposite, yet both are

true. So we'll explore the idea that we are at one and the same time saint and sinner, and look at both God's wrath and God's love. And we'll take up Luther's doctrine of the two kingdoms, as well as what he called the theology of the cross and the theology of glory. Join us as we meet on **Sunday mornings at 10:20 and Wednesdays at 11:00 am** and (after Easter) at 7:00 pm. And lest you think these topics are out of date, let me assure you they're as relevant today as they were 500 years ago. Come and see for yourself!

*Pastor Bill*

### SUPPERS WITH LUTHER

Are you new to being a Lutheran, or has it been a while since you were confirmed? Come join us for "Suppers with Luther" on Wednesday evenings in April & May. We will be looking at the core values and practices of the ELCA Lutheran Church. Come at 5:30 and at 6 we'll grab dinner from the Lenten Soup Supper and continue to learn as we eat together. The class will run from **5:30 to 6:45**. We will meet **April 19th, 26th, and May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th** so come and join us! If you have any questions please contact Donna Kelly through the church office 847-669-9448 or at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).



### LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. We have programs for children **ages 2-4** (by September 1, 2017).

**Children do not need to be potty trained.**

Our class sizes are small. 1, 2 or 3 day classes available. For more information please contact

Jill Gillming at [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com) or go to our website and look under FORMS for CLASS REGISTRATION.

## Ministry Musings

### Sorry

I can remember when my children were young and one of them would say or do something “mean” or wrong to their sibling and I would take the child who had done the wrong and stand them in front of the sibling and say, “Tell them you are **sorry**”. The child would say a feeble, “**sorry**”, and I would make the two of them hug. I am sure most of the time they were **sorry** alright, not that they had hurt the other but that mom had caught them at it!



God encourages us to confess our sin to one another and to ask not only him, but those we have harmed for forgiveness. James 5:16 says, “Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each person so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right is something powerful to be reckoned with.” (The Message). When the problem is out in the open, the wound can be acknowledged and then healed. And as with a broken bone, the healed area can be even stronger than it was before.

It is hard to admit to somebody that we have wronged them. Often, we hope that if we ignore the hurt and/or the broken relationship it will simply go away. In reality the relationship won’t go back to normal until we can talk it out, apologize (say **sorry**), and offer and receive forgiveness.

But there are times when we have been wronged by someone and they may be blissfully unaware that they have wronged us, or we have wronged someone without being aware of it. All we see is that the relationship has been strained, the comfortableness between us is stretched thin and we or they may not know why.

Someone hurts us; someone does us wrong. For sure, that person is wrong for doing what they did, and we may have a reason to feel hurt. But without **sorry** and forgiveness what often happens? We may start to hold a grudge and begin to feel bitter, angry. We play the hurt over and over in our minds; nursing it, helping it to grow and take on a life of its own. Eventually we may even begin to justify our anger and unforgiveness and enlarge the hurt out of proportion. Often, we start to feel superior; assuring ourselves that we would never treat

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another person like that, let alone a friend. We may refuse to forgive and that allows our inner being to begin to change as our inner climate warms in anger and cools in the bitterness that comes from unforgiveness.

While the other person was absolutely wrong to do what they did, our response to the wound can also be very unwise. Rather than cleaning the wound with **sorry**, putting on the salve of forgiveness, and allowing the wound to heal, we keep picking at the scab and let the injury fester and become infected. While the wound wasn't our fault, the infection certainly may be. And many times, the infection spreads and our whole attitude and soul becomes diseased with bitterness and judgement.

Paul tells us in Romans 12:18, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone!". How much more freeing and healing it is to forgive; get the salve on the wound and let it heal. And yes, even if the other person doesn't ask for forgiveness or say **sorry**!

*Donna Kelly*

## 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, May 7th 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, Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 12th. If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Mark or Donna Kelly through the church office.

## TOUCHSTONES



Many here at Shepherd of the Prairie have lost loved ones in recent months and we thought this might be a good time to draw us all together into a group where we can possibly help each other to deal with the devastating losses of our loved ones. We here at SOTP would like to provide that kind of opportunity for you. There

are no requirements to commit to a specific length of time to attend nor that you must attend every session; you don't even need to speak except to introduce yourself and tell us who you have lost. There is no charge for participation in this group.

This group is for all who have lost a loved one whether it is a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a child, a grandchild, a friend or any other relational loss. **We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Shepherd of the Prairie at 6:30 pm starting on May 9th.**

*If you have any questions or to sign up please contact Donna Kelly at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) or 214-676-1788.*

## STUBBS FAMILY MISSIONARY UPDATE

Randy and Carol Stubbs, the missionaries we help support in Tanzania, have returned to the U.S. from Africa for Carol's continuing treatment for leukemia. She has undergone an aggressive round of chemotherapy and is now recuperating and regaining strength at her mother's home in Wisconsin. She will undergo further treatment in the near future. So far her lab results appear promising.

Randy made a quick trip back to Tanzania to wrap up things at Makamira University and the Center for African Culture and should be back within a few days.

They have asked for continuing prayers. **If you wish to send a card or best wishes to Carol** the address is: Carol Stubbs, c/o Anna Ash, 7483 Brookhaven Dr., West Bend, WI 53090



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE SPONSORS THE STUBBS FAMILY



## EAT GREET AND MEET

WELCOME ALL, can you believe it is already time to sign up for the summer supper club??

*SupperClub*  
FOOD & FRIENDS

Once again, there is a yellow sign up sheet on the Crossroads bulletin board for the Spring/Summer Supper Club or sign up at the link on the SOTP website.

May through August we will be sharing hospitality and food within small groups of 6 to 8 people, meeting 4 times. Groups are made up from the sign up list. Singles are welcome.

Each group determines what, when and how they will meet. Often one home hosts the main meal while others bring salad, desserts, etc. Some groups decide to “eat out” or “order in” for one or all of their meals it is up to the folks in that particular small group. For more information or questions please contact Sandy Hupert. Phone 224-569- 6041 or E-Mail [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com).

À BON APPÉTIT!

## EASTER DECORATING ~ HELP NEEDED



Your Worship Committee could use your help on **Saturday, April 15th**. The wonderful Easter Flowers that you ordered will arrive **at 9am**. We need to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Could you please come and help?

We will be shorthanded so would appreciate any help that you can offer. With many hands, the decorations should take about 1.5 hours. Please call the office and let us know that you can

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of April 1 & 2

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

#### NEEDS THIS MONTH:

- Crackers
- French Dressing
- Razors
- Condiments
- Toothpaste



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



## PALM SUNDAY FESTIVAL CONCERT

A Palm Sunday Festival Concert will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church in West Dundee on **April 9**. For many years, musicians from several different local churches have come together in Lenten reflection through the sharing of music, song, scripture, prayer, and fellowship.

The Palm Sunday Festival Concert will feature a mass choir, instrumental soloists, and clergy from area churches. Pre-service music will begin at 2:45 with the hour-long concert starting at 3 pm. Ample parking is available.



The concert is free – no tickets necessary.

Please make plans to come to this wonderfully inspirational event on April 9th. It is the perfect way to begin Holy Week with music and scripture. You don't want to miss it!

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Please hold the date and mark your calendars accordingly for Saturday, May 13, 2017 so you can help do God's Work with Your Hands at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Mission Team has committed our church to provide 70 volunteers to



help put together food items to feed our hungry neighbors. If needed, there are also sit-down jobs that contribute to the projects. Simply let us know. Whether you have been there or not in the past, you will discover how great it feels to assist.

A Saturday date was chosen so that families (children minimum age 8) have a better chance of participating together. It is a great learning experience for people of all ages. Please consider signing up. If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please call Dave or Sharon Stangle at 224-628- 2107 or email [stangle.ds@gmail.com](mailto:stangle.ds@gmail.com).

As in the past, participants are invited to meet at church by 8:00 AM and travel to 273 Dearborn Ct., Geneva, IL, or you can go directly there and arrive by 8:45 in time to confirm registration, gather together for a prayer, and begin working at 9:00. The project will end by 11:30. Participants are welcome to carpool together. If you need assistance in organizing a carpool, we are happy to assist. As Isaiah 58:10 tells us, "Feed the hungry and help those in trouble, then your light will rise and the darkness around you will be as bright as day."

## GIVE KIDS THE WORLD POSTCARDS



Our Mission Team is once again doing the project to send postcards to children with life-threatening illnesses. As you know, children enjoy receiving mail, even the old fashioned way. Look how happy this young girl was made from receiving postcards. .. The project is "Send Kids the World". Feel free to go online to learn more about this program, [www.sendkidstheworld.com](http://www.sendkidstheworld.com). As Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another." GEMS Please help us fill out postcards at the table in the hallway by the restrooms on **April 22 & 23** before and after all services. We will also have postcards available to fill out on Trivia Night (April 23)!

## PADS

**Help needed Please!!!!!!** We are looking for volunteers for this month. The date is Sunday April 23rd. The times are 5:45pm until 8:00pm. Please sign up online at

[www.goo.gl/f3aR5F](http://www.goo.gl/f3aR5F) or call Jill Brown or Rebecca Hennessy. Thank you so much for your help in this important ministry!



## COFFEE HOUSE AT SOTP



Save the date: **Friday, April 21st 6:30 - 8:00 pm**. Join our youth band for some fun, inspirational contemporary Christian music and enjoy flavored coffee and desserts along with some incredible fellowship. This is a night you won't want to miss!

## EASTER EGG HUNT ~ CANDY REQUEST

We are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 am** here at SOTP. *Bring your family & friends!*

Children can come hunt eggs and enjoy fellowship and fun leading up to our Easter Celebration.



## RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

Do you enjoy eating out?

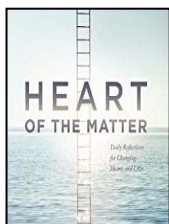
April is full of opportunities to eat out and support our youth for their mission trip.

- **April: Entire Month**, All Day, Every Day, Chili's (Algonquin, W. Dundee, Crystal Lake, Hoffman Estates, Streamwood, South Elgin, Arlington Heights, Rockford & Gurnee) Flyer required, see below
- **Monday, April 3**, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Portillo's (Crystal Lake) Flyer required, see below
- **Friday, April 7**, Noon - 9:00 pm, Panda Express (Algonquin) code: 227664
- **Tuesday, April 11**, 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Culver's (Huntley) No flyer or code required
- **Friday, April 21**, Panera, (Algonquin) Flyer required, see below

**For the nights that require flyers,**  
please either pick up in the Crossroads  
or print off our website [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org)



## YOUTH CULTURE ~ HOT QUOTE



God wants to make us people who are more interested in what he wants for us than what we want for ourselves. He will not relent until we are free from our slavery to an agenda of personal happiness. ~ Timothy S. Lane and Paul David Tripp, in the devotional book *Heart of the Matter: Daily Reflections for Changing Hearts and Lives*, pg. 358.

## TOO MUCH ME- WALT MUELLER, CPYU PRESIDENT

“Oh, how cute!” I watched as a couple of adoring grandmotherly types stopped in the store to admire the little toddler being pushed by her mother through the aisles. Yes, the little girl was quite cute. But I’m not so sure about the graphic T-shirt she was wearing. Her T-shirt loudly proclaimed, “It’s All About Me!” As I walked away I wondered to myself, “If that’s how that mother is treating her daughter, how will that notion mis-shape and destroy her life?” Okay, okay. It’s just a T-shirt. But its message is one that we increasingly live out in today’s world. . . and that’s not a good thing. Isn’t that what got us into trouble in the first place? Everything was perfect for our first parents as they inhabited the Garden given to them by God as a place for them to live to His glory. But all that goodness came undone as our first parents ushered corruption into the world by giving in to the tempter’s invitation to be like God. By making it all about themselves and bowing to the idol of “me, myself, and I,” our first parents set the course that each of us have followed. Sadly, when we share with our kids the lifegiving corrective offered in the words of Jesus when He invites us to “deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24), our kids filter His words through a culture that consistently screams the exact opposite message. Marketing messages foster entitlement by encouraging our kids to satisfy their personal wants and desires without care or concern for others. The Apostle Paul warned the young Timothy that in the “last days” (using the present tense to indicate the here and now) people would become “lovers of their own selves” rather than “lovers of God” (II Timothy 3). In today’s youth culture, we see this reality encouraged, embraced, and lived out in three ways.



First, there is the emergence of Narcissism. Rooted in the story from Greek mythology about the young self-obsessed Narcissus, Narcissism is defined as self-love, vanity, conceit, arrogance, and self-centeredness. Our children and teens are susceptible to this because of where they’re at in their development. Ego-centrism, if you remember, is a huge reality during our growing up years. This combines with the cultural push to indulge and serve self to push them away from a desire to deny self and follow Jesus. Second,

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there is “expressive individualism.” This is the now commonly-held belief that a person’s highest loyalty is to himself or herself. True happiness is achieved through being true to what one feels like at any given moment in time. Consequently, there is little or no regard for Scripture, parental authority, or the call to follow Jesus. Third, the current cultural focus on self has led to the fluidity of identity. The Scriptures teach us that freedom comes in finding one’s identity and place in Christ. . . which leads to a desire to conform to His will and His way. The culture encourages us to place ourselves at the center of our lives and universe. As a result, we have the freedom to choose our source of meaning, free from any outside borders, boundaries, constraints, and influences. We call this “authenticity.” Parents, to nurture our kids in the faith requires us to know both Word and world. The world is pushing our kids to love themselves with reckless abandon. Sadly, that is not the way to life. Instead, the Word offers the way, the truth, and the life through self-denial. Are you pointing your kids to a life of bringing glory to God, or a life that brings glory to self?

### FROM THE WORD....

What is our purpose in life? We discover our true purpose and identity when we see ourselves as individuals made in the image of God for a relationship with God. The way into that relationship with God is through following Jesus. Have you ever paused to ponder the wonder of God’s grace? Isn’t it amazing that He has provided a way back into relationship, purpose, and identity through Jesus Christ? Following Jesus is the path to life and salvation. In Matthew 16:24, Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and “follow” Him. When Jesus called His first disciples to “follow” it was not a suggestion, but a command (Matthew 4:19). One Bible scholar says that the word “follow” is “the Disciple’s word.” It’s the word that’s the key to life. It’s the word used to describe a soldier who follows their leader or commander. It’s also the word used to describe attaching one’s self to someone, or to “stick to” someone. Parents, Jesus uses the word “follow” to summon you and your children to Himself. It involves an act of self-denial and surrender that includes both a cost and a cross. But ultimately, it is the only way to freedom in this life and the next.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church's youth mission trip team will be hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser on Sunday, April 23rd, beginning at 5:00 PM to help fund their upcoming mission trip to remove tires from the Big South Fork River and to do home repair for those who can't do it themselves.



You are invited to participate in our Trivia Night in a number of ways:

- First, we'd love to have you test out your trivia skills by **registering to compete** at our Trivia Night. You can register a team of up to 8 people to compete, or you can just register yourself and we will assign you to a team. The cost to participate is \$10 per person and includes dinner served by members of our mission trip team. We will also provide child-care if you want or need to bring any young children with you. There will be opportunities to win prizes, raffles, a bake sale and a silent auction. It's a great way to spend a fun evening with members of our community and support our efforts to help those in need.
- Second, we **are looking for sponsors** for Trivia Night. Business owners are invited to either sponsor a Trivia Night team for \$100, or a round of trivia for \$250. If you sponsor a Trivia Night team, we will supply any promotional items you have (Business cards, pens, keychains, etc.) at a team's table. If you sponsor a round of trivia, we will announce your business as a round sponsor at the beginning of a round of trivia and hand out any promotional items you may have. ALL sponsors will be listed on a flyer the participants will be given to take home at the end of the evening. This is a great way to promote your business to up to a couple of hundred people all at the same time.
- Finally, we are **looking for donations of prizes** (items that were donated last year were small electronics such as Bluetooth speakers, earphones, phone cases, and thumb drives; promotional clothing, gift cards and gift certificates), items for raffles (gift baskets, auto services, other services, a night out, etc.), and larger items for our silent auction (last year a stay at somebody's time share was donated as well as some great items for a "man cave"). To successfully raise funds at our trivia night we rely heavily on donations from our community and are extremely grateful for whatever can be given. We will make sure to acknowledge any donations you can make.

To sign up to participate in our Trivia Night by either being a participant, sponsor, or to donate, please contact the church office, or **Greg Dowell at 847-917-4734 or greggornation@gmail.com.**



### Trends

#### *Selfies, Self-esteem and satisfaction*

The word selfie wasn't even a part of our vocabulary fifteen years ago. Now, selfies, selfie-taking, and selfie-curating are taking up huge amounts of our time. For our kids who have been born into our self-obsessed culture, taking and posting selfies is a part of their daily routine. Researchers are now discovering that we are spending lots of time viewing other people's selfies. The result is not benign. It seems that the more a person views their own and other's selfies, the lower their level of self-esteem and life satisfaction. Of course more research needs to be done on why this is, but we can speculate that we are basing our value and worth on how our selfies and the online response measures up to the amount of likes and comments posted on other people's selfies. Why is it that we are so obsessed with comparing ourselves to others? Parents, we must teach our kids to live to the glory and honor of the audience of one. That would reduce so much pressure.



### Latest Research

#### *Dating Abuse Through Technology*

As our children and teens integrate smartphones and other devices into their lives at younger and younger ages, we must become increasingly diligent in not only monitoring the way they use these devices, but in setting borders and boundaries. In effect, it is our parental responsibility to both protect our kids from being harmed, and from harming others.

Researchers at the University of Texas have found that fifteen percent of sixth graders report that they have perpetrated at least one form of abuse toward a dating partner through technology. Of course, the fact that sixth graders even have dating partners is cause for concern in and of itself. The most common form of dating abuse was using a partner's social media account without their permission, and instilling fear in the partner if calls or messages were not answered and returned. Our Christian kids need to learn that they are to follow Jesus onto the digital frontier. Are you monitoring your kids and teaching them how to be digital disciples?

### QUICK STATS

- A 2013 study showed that 93.7 percent of adolescents ages 12–14 who drank alcohol got it for free the last time they drank. (*National Survey on Drug and Alcohol Use 2013*)
- “My friends smoke” and “I thought it was cool” are two of the main reasons those between the ages of 12 and 17 start smoking. (*Canadian Lung Association*)



## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2017

Thanks to your faithful and generous support the mission of Shepherd of the Prairie is off to a successful start in 2017. Through February operating income exceeded expenses by \$2,636. Contributions slightly missed the budgeted amount by \$77 and expenses were slightly under the budgeted amount by \$3,763.

As of February 28th the Building Fund Balance was \$ 716,830. During the month of February we received donations of \$32,275. This included \$31,639 to our Forward in Faith campaign and \$60 to our FORWARD campaign. Building Fund expenses for the month were \$34,423 and Year-to-date expenses were \$85,088. The Loan Balance on our existing property is \$472,946.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Income:	\$ 101,365	\$ 101,442	\$ (77)
Expenses:	\$ 98,729	\$ 102,492	\$ (3,763)
Net Income:	\$ 2,636		
 Fund Balance	 \$ 89,070		

### Building Fund

Income:	\$ 107,999	
Expenses:	\$ 85,088	( \$62,513 for Architectural Fees )
 Fund Balance:	 \$ 716,830	

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Wentzloff  
Church Treasurer

CREATION RESTORATION 7.0  
AND SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**TRIVIA NIGHT  
FUNDRAISER**

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**APRIL 23RD 2017 5PM**

**DINNER • BAKE SALE  
PRIZES  
SILENT AUCTION**

**\$10/PP**

**847-669-9448**  
for information and to sign up

10805 Main Street • Huntley

**HoverPark  
FUNDRAISER**

**HAVE FUN & RAISE MONEY**  
Help Support Our SOTP Mission Trip

**MARCH/APRIL SOTP PROMOTION**

Help raise money for the Shepherd of the Prairie Mission Trip. Every time someone goes to HoverPark and enters the promotional code SOTP, \$5 will go towards the Mission Trip.

**USE PROMO CODE:  
SOTP**

**EARN \$5/GUEST**

During the months of March and April, every time you or anyone enters this promo code, \$5 will be paid to SOTP Lutheran Church. Support SOTP while having fun.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2.....Mary Tabatt
- 3.....Robin Anderson, Kristen Bala,  
Dave Frederickson
- 4.....Amy Casablanca
- 5.....Mary Lee Rishel, Darlene Soest,  
Marilyn Wilhelm
- 6.....Dorothy Carlborg, Jessica Dawson,  
Janet Suski
- 7.....Dotty Lucia, Lynn Moran, Larry Scimeca
- 8.....Stacy Rapach, Lindsay Sparks
- 9.....Roger Clausen, Edward Cuttle,  
Carol Forsythe, Cole Raines,  
Addison Raistrick, Dave Ressler,  
Mitchell Flanagan
- 10.....Paige Cordle, Camden Dean,  
Donald Kundich, Debbie Lindquist,  
Kerry Miller
- 12.....Colton Allegretti, Orlo Austin,  
Frank Cesario, Andrew Ressler,  
Elloise Torkelson
- 13.....Suzanne Alpert, Delainey Black, Jack Conti
- 14.....Catherine Johnson, Marc Piskule,  
Cecilia Ramey
- 15.....Kathleen Bloomfield, Kim Frendreis,  
Jianna Trevino, Wylder Weston
- 16.....Jill Behm, Linda Dungey, Ernest Hermes,  
Jennifer Huston, Lilly Lee, Roberta Seroni,  
Lila Stegge
- 17.....Dan Hollow, Seth McCulloch,  
Kathy McGuine
- 18.....John Boehler, Marcie Schlachta,  
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- 19.....Angela Crase, Luke Palermo
- 20.....Troy Fleener, Zachary Ulmer
- 21.....Jeffrey Cordle
- 22.....Dean Dobrolinsky, Allison McCann,  
Calle Mejdrich, Dan Wentzloff
- 23.....Kyle Frendreis, Matthew Kann, Jeff Roberts
- 24.....Doris Pizzillo
- 25.....Carol Didricksen, Carol Larson,  
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- 26.....Janice Burseth, Rebecca Hennessey, Jill Lamb,  
Jamison Mathiesen, Kelvin Walker
- 27.....Andrew Brown, Ronald Elam
- 28.....Walter Roth, Ethan Schoenberg,  
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## APRIL SCHEDULES

		April 1 & 2	April 8 & 9	April 15 & 16 EASTER	April 22 & 23	April 29 & 30
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster				
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik, Tom & Darlene Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Ann Lehman & Donna Newbanks				
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert & Merrily Burkland	Jan & Don Koerner	Marlene Boehler & Sandy Petersen	Darren & Pam Walloch	Jan & Don Koerner
Altar Flowers	Weekend	No Flowers for Lent		Easter Sunday		
Assisting Minister	9:00 AM	Donna Sorensen	Larry Newbanks	Wayne Schmidt		
	10:45 AM	Kris Fleener	Tammy Uteg	John Boehler		
Coffee Hour Hosts	SUN	Donna Kelly				
Coffee Hour Treats	SUN					
Communion Bread	SAT	Donna Brown				
	SUN	Mary Trodahl	Barb Krmpotich	Judie Brady, Jill Brown, Brandi Lorenzo	P.J. Knudsen	Michelle Saletta
Communion Stewards	5:00 SAT	Tom & Darlene Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Judie Symbal Barb Pagano Ron & PJ Knudsen	Alice Hallet Donna Newbanks, Randi Dawson, Merilyn Sauerberg	Audrey Schmidt, Carol Bletz, Ralph & Sue Wehnes		
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Lisa Adams Art & Tammy Uteg	John Richardson, Vik Bekeris, Michael & Rachael Yndestad	Marlene Boehler, Elaine Neukirch, Jessica Panella, Sandi Stewart		
Counters	Weekend	Warren Brody, Fred Wysk, Donna Turner				
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Stevie Massei	Becky Tuzik	Becky Tuzik	Karen Eckert	Elizabeth Anderson
	9:00 AM	Elaine Brody	Joanne Klinger	Sara Solem	P.J. Knudsen	Judy Sanford
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm				
Lyrics	9:00 AM	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Greg Dowell
	10:45 AM	Greg Dowell	Greg Dowell	Greg Dowell	Alan Torkelson	Greg Dowell
Nursery	9:00 AM	Jen Powe	Judie Symbal	Jen Powe	Jen Kolcz	Jamie Patel
	10:45 AM	Jocelyn Doden	Sandy Hupert	Mary Lee Rishel	Sandy Hupert	Blue Geller
	Clean Up	Jocelyn Doden	Judie Symbal	Mary Lee Rishel	Sandy Hupert	Blue Geller
Readers	9:00 AM	Doreen Drinan & Marilyn	Randi Dawson & Carol Bletz	Ralph & Sue Wehnes		
	10:45 AM	Carl Hupert	Linda Murphy	Marlene Boehler		

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Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 AM	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Dawn Bach, Jim Rhode, Kim Szekeley, Sheri Ott GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Jon Boster PIANO: Tyler Greene DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Dana Turk, Ron Mudge GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Jon Boster PIANO: Tyler Greene DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Chris Brittain, Jim Rhode GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Jon Boster PIANO: Tyler Greene DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Shonna Rankin, Sam Johnson, Nicole Jachec GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Jon Boster, Trevor Dowel PIANO: Tyler Greene DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Dana Turk, Ron Mudge GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Jon Boster PIANO: Tyler Greene DRUMS: Brian Buesing
Sound-board	5:00 SAT	Dan Wills	Dan Wills	Dick Brush	Dick Brush	
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	
	10:45 AM		Tim Torkelson	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson	
Ushers	5:00 SAT	Denis & Carol Minuttillo	Doreen Drinan Becky Tuzik	Carol Hartman Becky Tuzik	Steve Murphy Randi Dawson	Barb & Don Hoppensteadt
	9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Warren Brody John Jensen Walter Lemke	JACK CONTI James Blanchard Chris Hinde Merly & Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp	WALTER ROTH Dan Wentzloff Roy Rankin Chris Solem Carol Roth John Arneson	ED CUTTLE Jeff Stipes Harold & Joan Doege Ralph Wehnes	WAYNE SCHMIDT Warren Brody John Jensen Walter Lemke
	10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Vik Bekeris Paul Ross Chris Swanson	MARK FRENDEIS Patrick Fleener Charlie Powe Andrew Szekeley Vik Bekeris	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner Darren Walloch Vik Bekeris	BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Vik Bekeris Paul Ross Chris Swanson	BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Vik Bekeris Paul Ross Chris Swanson
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Carole & Frank Cesario	Nancy Ottinger & Cheryl Adams	Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson	Chuck & Bonnie Bayser	Cliff & Linda Dungey
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen	Joanne Bychowsky	Elaine Neukirch & Judy Petropolus	Debbie Lindquist & Noreta Walker	John & Sandra Richardson
Worship Leader	SAT	Michael Waal				
	SUN					

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