



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

## Congregational Newsletter May 2017

### Statement of Purpose

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

**EXCITEMENT  
IS  
BUILDING!**



### ***Shepherd of the Prairie Continues to move Forward in Faith:***

Luxury Vinyl Planks...Carpet Planks...Sources and Uses...Guaranteed Maximum Price...Cast in Place Concrete...Owner Contingency...Permanent Welcome Center...Direct Costs...The Coffee Gathering Place...

### ***It's ALL Coming!!!!!!!!!!!!***

Construction terms continue to swirl throughout our congregation. Not sure what they mean? Ask a Building Team Member! They'll know! We all look forward to our Congregational Meeting to approve the construction of our new Sanctuary, Gathering Room, Office Space Shell, and Music/Education Shell. Ground Breaking Tentatively planned for Early June!

The final Ministry Video has been shown in our SOTP services:

**- Outreach, Crafters and Quilters**

**All 8 videos may be viewed on our SOTP website [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org):**

**- History & New Space**

**- Drama & AV**

**- Worship & Helping Hands**

**- Prayer Shawls & Mission Team**

**- Youth & Confirmation**

**- Music Ministry & Adult Education**

**- VBS & Sunday School**

Thanks to Mike Yndestad for producing a professional, and moving series of Mission Moments.

***Any questions? Please see one of your hard working, dedicated Building Team Members: Pastor Mark, Cliff Dungey, Mark Frendreis, Deb Hansen, Bob Malm, Larry Newbanks, Don Schneider, & Joyce Shotick.***

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## 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS

CONGRATULATIONS  
2017 CONFIRMANDS!

**Sunday, May 21st at  
10:45 am,** the following

students will receive the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism:

# Confirmation

JAMIE BECK	KAIA HUSTON	CHARLIE NISSEN
NATHANIEL BLACK	MARISA JODWAY	SAVANNAH PATEL
BRENNEN CLEMENTI	ANNABEL JOHNSON	ALEX ROJAS
JONATHAN CRASE	VENESSA LORENZO	ABIGAIL TINSLEY
TYLER DEBLIECK	PAYTON MARX	JACK TREVINO
JACOB FIANDALO	DYLAN MEJDRICH	KEVIN TWEDT
SKYLA GELLER	GRACE MORETTI	
CHELSEA GREENE	HANNAH MUSIAK	

We pray that God strengthens them with His gifts of grace, to love and to serve as disciples of Christ, and that they may be filled with the joy of His presence.

In their affirmation of baptism, these young men and women are publicly declaring their faith on their own.

In their baptism, their parents, by the power of the Holy Spirit, confessed the faith of the church on their behalf.

Since then, the Holy Spirit has been helping them to learn and follow the teachings of the Lord Jesus.

Now, at their confirmation, by the power of that same Spirit, they will each affirm their baptism with their own confession of faith.

### *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Spring takes hold of our weather again, we as Christians cannot help but ponder the Holy One who has dominion over the earth. We delight in the one who will wake up the sleeping seeds and bulbs, the one who will cause the life blood of the dormant trees to birth new

## *A Note From Pastor Mark (continued)*

buds, blossoms, and leaves.

God alone is the one who will cause the earth and moon to align their positions, the wind to change the flow of cool and warm breezes, the seasonal cycles to resume. Yet there will be conflict in nature as the curse of sin tries to prevail.



With natural disasters, it may appear that God has abandoned earth, yet we know God will stand by us and bring healing.

Perhaps a stronger character and stamina will be built among the survivors.

David, in Psalm 22, uttered words of praise. He acknowledged God's strength, God's deliverance against the power of evil, and God's rescue from death. David recognized that God does not overlook the suffering of those afflicted nor refuse to listen and stay near those who are crying for help.

David saw that through God's plan we are able to fulfill our vows, feed and care for the poor, maintain peaceful hearts that live forever, and desire to proclaim all God has done to benefit future generations.

God is able to bring satisfaction and blessings to those who honor and fear God.

Will we be among those who stand and bow before the Lord with praise on our lips for all God does?

Do we recognize God's works in the center of our action?

Do we consciously intend to partner with God? Do we see miracles?

We will all eventually reach death's door. When we do, there is only one who can give us new

life. God promises to meet us and take us on eternity's path.

As you bear witness again to Springtime, give thanks to God for the promise of Easter life. New life in Jesus name.

*Pastor Mark*

## Adult Education News



During the month of May our adult education classes come to an end--until September, that is! We've been on a Reformation 500 anniversary journey since last fall. We've covered a lot of territory as we've explored one of the most significant events in human history: the Protestant Reformation. In May we

conclude with what Martin Luther called the Theology of Glory and the Theology of the Cross. The first is appealing but a sham. The second appears to be both a sham and shameful, but it alone reflects the true nature of God. And then we'll end by thinking through God's Alien Work and God's Proper Work. God's wrath and God's love. At first glance, much of Luther's writings appear to be out of tune with modern life. But when we begin to explore his teachings, we're often surprised to find out just how relevant the old man was! If only we have ears to hear, minds to absorb, and a willingness to be challenged to think of old things in new ways. **So even if you haven't joined us this past year, it's not too late.**

We'd be delighted to have you the weeks of **May 7 and 21**. (No class the week of May 14 due to Mothers Day.)

*Pastor Bill*

## 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.**

## Ministry Musings

### HELP

Last month we explored the word sorry and how powerful that simple word can be in our life and the life of others. Help can have just as potent an effect on our lives and relationships.



When we are willing to turn to God for help we are bound more powerfully to him through our needs and our vulnerabilities than we can ever be through our accomplishments. Our humanness wants to have us remind God, and anyone else who will listen, of how well we are doing; our abilities to handle whatever comes our way. But when we come to God and lay before him our struggles, mistakes, fears, hopes, dreams and needs we can connect with him in a deeper way than in our strengths. Remember the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18? Jesus says the one who came before God in his sin and despair is the one who was justified.

Petition is another way of saying help. Many of us are uncomfortable about praying for ourselves, but Jesus prayed for himself (Matt 26:9), and taught in the Lord's Prayer to pray for our daily bread, our forgiveness, our safety from temptation and evil. It's easier for many of us to ask for help for others; however, asking God for help for ourselves represents a move from self-reliance to God-reliance, and that is always a step in the right direction!

But in asking God for help for ourselves we need to be careful not to view God as our personal genie, the enactor of our will here on earth. Often our prayers of help for ourselves become a request for our will to be done and to make people or situations bend to our desires or needs. Someone is upset with us and we ask God to help them "get over it"; we're running late due to our own bad time usage and we ask God to make the lights green and find us a close parking space; we have a behavior that needs to be modified and we ask God to "take it away" or "fix it" so we don't have to put in the time, discipline and dependence on him to redirect our behavior.

When we cry to God for help and then leave it in his hands, we may get an answer we don't expect.

Several years ago, when my husband Russ was retiring he wanted to move to Dallas for the warmer weather. This move was something

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that had been in our plans for years, but when the time got closer our daughter was expecting our first grandchild and I really didn't want to move. I remember crying out in despair to God for help, expecting him to change Russ' mind about moving; after all, that's what I wanted and was really asking for. But lo and behold, he changed my heart and mind so that I was OK with the move and the despair was lifted. Not the kind of help I wanted or expected, but later he showed me many reasons why he moved us there.

Anxiety is another cry for help. Life is tough! God doesn't promise us an easy life or a "get out of suffering free" card; even Jesus didn't get one of those. But much of our anxiety hovers around the "what ifs" in life! It tempts us to expect the worst, to inflate every risk into a potential disaster! "What if" I lose my job; "what if" the test shows cancer; "what if" my friend doesn't forgive me; "what if" I never find the right person or lose the one I have found? Anxiety and "what ifs" can be black holes that suck everything into itself!

But a prayer to God for help can give us the opportunity to reframe the situation into an occasion for growth. It's important that we name our fears, hurts and disappointments to God. Then we can ask for his help in bringing us out of the frantic zone and into connection with him where we can hold words like guidance, patience, mercy, courage, wisdom, peace, forgiveness, healing and calm before him as his grace flows over us. 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.

*Donna Kelly*

## **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)**.



## 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.***

## NAME TAGS

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

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



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*Missionary family in Tanzania.*

Website: [www.StubbsMission.info](http://www.StubbsMission.info)



## 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**.

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."*

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of May 6 & 7

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

#### NEEDS THIS MONTH:

- Crackers
- French Dressing
- Razors
- Toilet Paper
- Cookies



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



## DID YOU KNOW? (STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS...)

Did you know?

In Greek, 2 Corinthians 9:7 looks like this: “εκαστος καθως προηρηται τη καρδια μη εκ λυτης η εξ αναγκης **ιλαρον** γαρ δοτην αγαπα ο θεος.”

When translated into English, we read “Each one must do as (s)he has made up his/her mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful** giver.”

The letters of the word that is translated “cheerful” could make up the word “hilaron” from which the word “hilarity” or “hilarious” is derived. When the offering plate is coming down our row, are we filled with delight and merriment as someone hands the plate to us?

I hope so.

Curt Gerald

Chair, Stewardship Team



## FINANCIAL RECORDS

### CHURCH Records

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church only keeps financial records on members and non-members that have envelopes assigned. If you are not a member and want envelopes, contact the Church office.

## LIVING LAST SUPPER ~ THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who had a role in presenting The Maundy Thursday Living supper. Mike Yndestad created a wonderful backdrop of color with the lighting to highlight the set that Barb Pagano designed. I can't forget to thank Carol Lilla and Mary Conti who made the disciples look well pressed and appointed and Greg Dowell making sure the sound was finely tuned to pick up the disciples who were spread out over the stage area as well as Pastor Mark handling the slides.

Especially I would like to thank the players who presented strong portrayals of their disciple.

Thank you all, Chris Solem

A logo with the text "The Living Last Supper" in a white serif font, set against a black rectangular background.

## PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

The quilters are busy getting ready for the dedication of our quilts on Saturday July 8th and Sunday July 9th. **We can use some gently used full or queen size flat sheets** for backers.. The second hand shops sometimes have nice ones.



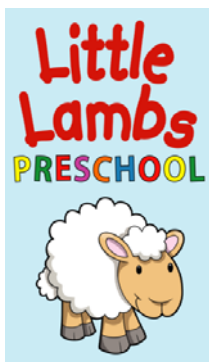
Once a year we put out our '**Quarters for Quilts**' jar and July is will be out. Thanks to all of you who help us with our needles, floss for tieing, thread, etc. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

We have 15 to 21 ladies hard at work the first and third Tuesday of each month, and **more are always welcome**. We also welcome those who want to sew or cut at home.

Thanks for making it possible for us to reach out to those less fortunate around the world and at home with our lovely quilts.

Nancy Morbeck

## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL



**We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 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, 2017.

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.

**UPDATE ~ THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A FRIDAY CLASS IF WE HAVE ENOUGH KIDS SIGN UP!**

**Contact [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com) FOR MORE INFO.**

Classes meet from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Our classes are open to members and non-members of SOTP.

For more information, availability, and tuition/registration fees, see our "Registration" page on our website [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) or contact Jill Gillming at [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com).

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We are receiving checks regularly and they are going toward the new building. Shop at AmazonSmile now and select: "Shepherd of the Prairie" as your non-profit organization.

## SAVE THE DATE!

- ⇒ **Week of July 31 - August 3, Vacation Bible School** Whether you're a volunteer or an attendee, mark your calendar now. Registration information coming soon.
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 20, Annual Church Picnic** at Deicke Park, following second service.



## EAT GREET AND MEET



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

**NOTE, LAST DATE TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER IS SUNDAY MAY 7, 2017.**

Once again, there is a yellow signup 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!

## COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



What does this entail you ask?

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

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

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

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to help make Creation Restoration 7.0 Trivia Night the best one yet!

Your support and care for our young people is truly amazing! We look forward to sharing stories of our trip when we return home from our mission trip.

- Creation Restoration 7.0 Mission trip team



## CHILDRENS BELLS & CHOIR



Final rehearsal for this school year is Wednesday, May 10th. All children will participate in worship on Mother's Day.



## THE PRAYING PARENT BY WALT MUELLER, CPYU PRESIDENT

With my own four children now out of their teenage years and into adulthood, I've had plenty of opportunity to think back on my own parenting journey. On the one hand, I'm grateful for the Godly advice that was given to me by older parents who had already raised their now adult children. All of the good advice I had chosen to follow paid great dividends. On the other hand, hindsight leaves me with some regrets. . . things I wish I had done differently as a dad.

One of my personal parenting regrets relates to prayer. Yes, we prayed for our children. But all too often those prayers were squeezed in between other activities on our busy and frantic schedules. Looking back, I also realize that our prayers were "amped up" in frequency and intensity when we were in the midst of navigating difficult parenting matters with our kids. I'm sure that's not unusual, but I do wish that the frequency and intensity of those "tough time" prayers was the usual rather than the from time-to-time.

Why not take some time to challenge yourself to pray regularly for your children in the same manner that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before His death. In Matthew 26:39 we read: "Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.'"



The great English preacher Charles Spurgeon wrote that there are five aspects to the way Jesus prayed in Matthew 26:39 that we would do well to emulate. How might enlisting each of these aspects change the way you pray for your children?

First, our prayer for our children should be lonely prayer. This does not mean that we are to feel alone as we parent our kids. Rather, we are to look regularly for opportunities to withdraw from all the regular activities, hurriedness, and distractions of life to focus solely on prayer. He was deliberately by himself where no ears but God's ears would hear his prayers. A lonely prayer is an intense and focused prayer.

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Second, our prayer for our children should be humble prayer. When Jesus approached his Father in prayer he fell with his face to the ground. This was a position that represented humble recognition of his Father's power, sovereignty, and holiness. Sometimes we get lost in thinking that we know what to do and how to do it. Reality is, that if we depend solely on ourselves and not on God for guidance, direction, wisdom, and power, we are doomed to eventually fail. It's better to humbly fall flat on your face while crying out to God in prayer, than falling flat on your face through failure rooted in self-reliance.

Third, our prayer for our children should be filial prayer. The word "filial" signifies the affection, respect, and devotion from a son or daughter to a parent. Jesus assumed a filial posture as he approached his Heavenly Father. In the same way, those of us who have been adopted by God as His sons and daughters must "plead" our adoption, recognizing that God has given us the right and privilege to approach Him as His children.

Fourth, our prayer for our children should be persevering prayer. The Bible tells us that while he was in the Garden, he prayed three times. Prayer for our children should be regular and ongoing.

And fifth, our prayer for our children should be submissive prayer. If you're like me, your prayers are uttered while assuming that you know what the most desirable answer and outcome should be. But the prayer of Jesus reminds us that we must trust God's wisdom, as He will give us the answer we need. We must pray, "not my will, but Your will be done."

Perhaps you've only understood Easter as a time to celebrate new life. But Easter is much more than that. This year, make it an opportunity to learn new ways to pray.

### YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

*"Because of social media, we are becoming master manipulators, constant performers, and no one is better at these endeavors than young adults, because they are learning earlier and earlier that these skills are central to success, either social or professional."*

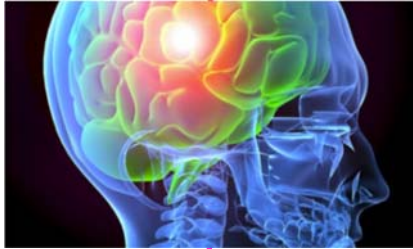
*Donna Freitas, in The Happiness Effect: How Social Media is Driving a Generation to Appear Perfect at Any Cost, p. 76*



### **Trends**

#### ***STI Increase***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are reporting a spike in sexually transmitted infections among young people. Specifically, instances of chlamydia are up nearly six percent since 2014. Instances of gonorrhea are up nearly 13%. And instances of syphilis are up nearly 19%. The CDC is also reporting that almost 20 million new cases of STIs occur every year, over half of them afflicting people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four. The CDC is also reporting that the reason for this sudden spike is that many young people are not wearing condoms. As Christians, we want to be about the task of leading our kids into a healthy experience of sexuality that gives honor and glory to God. Sex is a good gift from God that is to be enjoyed between one man and one woman, within the context of a committed marriage. We flourish spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and physically when we endeavor to find our sexual freedom within God's parameters.



### **Latest Research**

#### ***Non-Concussive head injuries***

Three million children are involved in tackle football programs here in the United States. You've no doubt heard about the growing concerns related to kids, football, and the impact of concussions on their brains both in the short and long-term. Now,

researchers at Wake Forest University are studying the impact of less-serious blows to the head and what they do to football players ages eight to thirteen. This is important research

as the brain is in the middle of a particularly vulnerable stage of change during this period of life. MRIs on test subjects indicate that there are some changes in the brain's white matter, which is the tissue that connects the gray matter of the brain. And the more exposure a boy has to head impacts, the greater the amount of change, even after only one season of playing youth football. While more research is needed to determine the long-term impact of non-concussive hits, parents are wise to consider the possible effects and safety of their sons.

- Among college student spring breakers, 38% said they regretted drinking alcohol, 32% said they regretted a sexual encounter and 11% said they regretted drug use. (*ProjectKnow*)
- 27% of 10- to 18-year-olds named social networking sites as their favorite news source. (*Common Sense Media*)

#### **QUICK STATS**



## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2017

#### First Quarter Report

God is good all the time! God has graciously blessed us with a combined contribution of \$301,423 for the General Fund and Building Fund for the first quarter. We are truly blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit in our giving.

**The first quarter shows us within the budget guidelines for 2017.** The Mission of Shepherd of the Prairie is proceeding on schedule as outlined in the Council Budget adopted by the Congregation. Through March operating income exceeded expenses by \$10,425. Contributions exceeded the budgeted amount by \$5,337 and expenses were under the budgeted amount by \$5,295.

As of March 31st the Building Fund Balance was \$736,758. During the month Building Fund income was \$35,924. This included donations of \$35,180 to the *Forward in Faith* campaign. Building Fund expenses for the month were \$10,674 and Year-to-Date expenses were \$84,757. After applying the monthly loan payment of \$5,273 the Loan Balance on our existing property is \$468,983.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Income:	\$ 157,500	\$ 152,163	\$ 5,337
Expenses:	\$ 147,075	\$ 152,371	\$ (5,295)
Net Income:	\$ 10,425		
Fund Balance:	\$ 96,858		

#### Building Fund

Income:	\$ 143,923	
Expenses:	\$ 84,757	(Related to the new building.)
Fund Balance:	\$ 736,758	

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Daniel L. Wentzloff**  
Church Treasurer

### BOOKS, GAMES, DVD, VHS, CD & MORE

If you are cleaning house & want to bring these items into church, we will take them to Half Price Books and sell them. The money will go toward our FORWARD fund for the new addition to our building. Please drop off in the office, black drawer marked for these items under the mail slots.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1..... Carolyn Bergstrom, Donna Cygan, Carl Lang,  
Rick Miller, Russ Motyka
- 2..... Michael Burian, Sheri Ott, Michelle Rankin,  
Noelle Schlachta
- 3..... Jan Koerner, Doris Kopp, Steve Murphy,  
Alexis Werner
- 4..... Brian Buesing, John Dawson, Nelly Rojas,  
Brandon Young
- 5..... John Baumstark, Richard Brush,  
John Thunholm
- 7..... Lori Conway, DeWayne Klein
- 8..... George Goodhue, John Lindquist
- 9..... Marlene Boehler, Elaina Satalino
- 10..... Gavin Glosson, Nanette Lang, Joseph Trevino
- 11..... Tyler Deblieck, Kathy Kann, Sasha Suski
- 12..... Craig Forsythe, Sharon Little, Brayden Patel,  
Laura Ramey, Judith Sanford,  
Richard Thompson
- 13..... Harriet Thompson
- 14..... Jill Dobek
- 15..... John Berti, Caryl Fabian, Grace Moretti,  
Ashlyn Rankin, Chris Solem
- 16..... Dottie Bobzin, Michael Habrat, Dennis Lilla,  
Tim Reicher
- 17..... Lois Brothers, Joe Hansen, Alexandra Stowell
- 18..... Mike Allegretti, Anita Bull, Mark Fulcer,  
Lincoln Kolcz, Ron Mudge
- 19..... Keith Steen, Carlie Werner
- 20..... Nathan Allison, Brian Bremer, Betty Ferina
- 21..... Janet Kling, Emily Ramirez,  
Jacque Stashwick, Eric Stopka,  
Carol Waxenberg
- 22..... Carl Hupert
- 23..... Zachery Boster, Jonathan Crase,  
Elizabeth McCann, Charlie Tuzik
- 24..... Karen Burren, Evelyn Gniot, Ken Gniot,  
Nicole Schorsch
- 25..... Emily Langlo, Ashlyn Palm, Ryan Schoenberg
- 26..... Calvin Meyer, Melanie Ressler, JoAnn Ward
- 27..... Josha Harding, Donald Hoppensteadt,  
Jack Schlachta
- 28..... Andrew Behm, Sandy Hupert, Jack Ott,  
Arlene Petrine
- 29..... Beth Macaulay, John Richardson, Leo Young
- 30..... Carly Grace Domenz, Thomas Domenz,  
Thomas Larrison, Jeni McCann, Tony Moretti,  
Robyn Ostrem, Kyle Sabie
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**Sheri Ott**

**Nancy Ottinger**

## MAY SCHEDULES

		May 6 & 7	May 13 & 14	May 20 & 21	May 27 & 28
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster			
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik, Sue Mattucci & Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00	Sue Wehnes & Marilyn Schnake			
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Merrily Burkland	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen	Linda Jahr Donna Schnepff	Darren & Pam Walloch
Altar Flowers	Week-end		Carolyn & Ed Cuttle, Celebrating their anniversary	Bob & Tracy McDuffee, Celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary	Joe & Gina DeBolt, in memory of Marion DeBolt & Gene Simons
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	June Kobler Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink Marlene Tresp	Barb Krmpotich (Help Needed)	Alice Hallett Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner (Help Needed)
Coffee Hour Hosts	SUN	(Help Needed)			
Coffee Hour Treats	SUN	(Help Needed)			
Communion Bread	SAT	Jen Powe			
	SUN	Renae Greene	Jen Kolcz	Lanita Palermo & Brandi Lorenzo	Elaine Neukirch
Counters		Warren Brody, Dottie Bobzin & Donna Turner			
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Dorothy Wills	Karen Eckert	Gail Quam	Nancy Zunker
	9:00 AM	Joan Doege Terry Halpin	Mary Trodahl Terry Halpin	Alice Murphy Terry Halpin	Dolly Cardascio Terry Halpin
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			Bob & Carolyn Malm
Nursery	9:00 AM	Jen Powe	Jen Kolcz	Jamie Patel	Judie Symbal
	10:45 AM	Mary Lee Rishel	Jen Powe	Blue Geller	Sandy Hupert
	Clean Up	Mary Lee Rishel	Judie Symbal	Blue Geller	Sandy Hupert

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		May 6 & 7	May 13 & 14	May 20 & 21	May 27 & 28
Ushers	5:00 SAT	Denis & Carol Minutillo	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Warren Brody John Jensen Walter Jerry & Marty Bergman	JACK CONTI James Blanchard Chris Hinde Merly & Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp	WALTER ROTH Dan Wentzloff Roy Rankin Chris Solem Carol Roth Carol Engstrom	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Jeff Stipes Harold & Joan Doege Ralph Wehnes
	10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Vik Bekeris Paul Ross Chris Swanson	MARK FRENDREIS Patrick Fleener Charlie Powe Andrew Szekely Vik Bekeris	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner Darren Walloch Vik Bekeris	BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Vik Bekeris Dick Gerhardt
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Wayne & Audrey Schmidt	Cheryl Adams	Jan Suski Joyce Thompson	Joanne Bychowsky
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen	Kathy & Victor Pizarro	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Carl & Sandy Hupert
Worship Leader	SAT	Michael Waal			
	SUN				

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