



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

## Congregational Newsletter September 2017

### Statement of Purpose

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

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



#### Construction Progress Week # 2: August 18th, 2017

- ◆ Gates established on east and west entrances for sub-contractors
- ◆ Preparation for concrete continues
- ◆ Neil Concrete busy setting forms
- ◆ Stark's initial excavation complete and will be back next week to backfill
- ◆ Additional Rock brought in to provide a solid foundation...
- ◆ "On Christ the Solid Rock We Stand"

#### Construction Progress Week # 1: August 11th, 2017

- ◆ Sidewalk removed on east side of building
- ◆ East building entrance/exit closed and to be used for emergency only
- ◆ Bench by playground removed
- ◆ Pine Oak tree that was on east side by bench replanted on the north end
- ◆ Stark begins digging trenches in preparation for concrete

**EAST DRIVE IS CLOSED AND WILL BE BE THROUGH SPRING!**

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

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, the pace of ministry is beginning to kick into high gear around here at Shepherd of the Prairie. The hallways, rooms and the east side of the building are filled with a cacophony of sound. Many of those sounds unlike I have ever heard before.

The most important thing happening at SOTP is that lives are being changed, the Gospel is being proclaimed and we are making room for more to hear and experience the grace of God here in this place.

For my morning prayers this morning I was reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Paul offers a prayer for his readers that they may "know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that (you) may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:18

He describes God as "him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine."

We live in God's abundance and God's abundance lives within us. But we lack the ability to imagine adequately God's abundance, even when it lives in us.

We underestimate God and we underestimate what is within us!

Paul was concerned that the believers in Ephesus would not lose heart because of the sufferings he faced. It is easy to become discouraged when one hears bad news.

Do you remember a time when bad news came and it seemed everything you cared about was pointless?

How did you manage through the circumstance?

What lessons did you learn?

When we are personally affected by a piece of bad news, we can become more aware of other people's bad news and everything grows dim.

When we become discouraged, it is difficult to climb out of the hole.

*View out the East Door....*



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

Paul would remind us in Ephesians 3 that there is much more available than what we know or see.

God's abundance, God's abundant love, is all around us and within us.

Take time to notice God's abundance around you and within your life.

What abundance do you notice around you? What abundance or surprising resources have you discovered within you?

We often underestimate our abilities and inner resources.

Paul prayed for his followers. "(I pray that) you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit..." God's abundant Spirit, indeed, God's abundance, fills our hearts, too. Take notice of the abundance that dwells within you and thank God for God's mercies and grace.

*Pastor Mark*

## *Adult Education News*



**Reformation 500 anew!** Last year we covered an incredible amount of ground in our Reformation 500 story. Not all the ground, of course. There's still much to do! And so in September we'll inaugurate a new year with a review of where we've been and an introduction to where we're going. And where's

that? We'll be talking about science and the Reformation. What were those amazing scientific discoveries and who were the famous scientists during the days of Martin Luther? And what **music** was composed during this time? Music that's still with us today that has shaped our faith and theology? Then we'll explore **the history of the Lutheran church in the United States**. Where did our Reformation ancestors come from? How did they help to shape America--and how did America shape them? And finally what about **the Lutheran church today**? At home? Abroad? How does the Reformation continue into the 21st century and beyond?

All this begins on **Sunday, September 17, at 10:20, and on Wednesday, September 20, at 11 am and 7 pm**. Come join us! And even if you didn't participate in adult education last year, it's never too late. There's always room for YOU!

*Pastor Bill*

## Want to Travel with SOTP Family?



Interested in travel? How about taking a trip to parts of Greece, Italy, and Israel? Or to Germany? On **Sunday, September 10, at 10:20 and again at 11:45**, you're invited to join us in the adult education room to hear about potential trips to the places where Jesus walked and Paul traveled, as well as to the significant towns of Luther's Reformation.

The first trip, Lands of the Bible Cruise, will occur October 29-November 11, 2018. The second trip, which includes the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, is scheduled for September, 2020. A year from now and three years from now! But it's not too early to start planning. So if you have the least inkling to make one or both of these journeys, or are just plain curious, come join us!

*Pastor Bill*

## Ministry Musings

### WHY?

**NO!** was the word we considered last month. **NO!** It can't be this way! We spoke of raging at God and denying what has happened by saying **NO!**



But the time comes when our hearts and minds make a subtle shift to acceptance when we cry out **WHY?** I remember when my husband Russ died that I lived in that state of denial and shock saying **NO!**, this can't be true; **NO!** he can't really be gone. As time went by I distinctly remember when my **NO!** changed to **WHY?**

**WHY?** is a question and prayer of faith; we don't have the answers and we don't understand, but somewhere deep down we dare to hope that there may be an answer, so we ask, "**WHY?** Lord?. When a loved one dies even after fervent prayer we may ask, "**WHY?** didn't I have enough faith?". If life seems out of control we may ask, "**WHY?** don't you just pull yourself together?". When we find ourselves in the same mess or the same sin over and over we may ask, "**WHY?** don't you just see what's right and do it?". When we wonder if God hears us or if he is even there we may ask, "**WHY?** don't you just believe?".

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## Ministry Musings Cont.

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On the cross Jesus asked, “My God, My God, **WHY?** have you forsaken me?”. At that moment, like sometimes happens to us, everything he has trusted in has collapsed under him. But still he cried My God, My God. Even in that instant of total darkness, is it possible that for Jesus the word **WHY?** Held open the door just a crack, a hope against hope that somehow there might be a purpose for this madness? Jesus asked **WHY?**, and that validated the pain, abandonment and despair; but those things did not have the last word! His My God and **WHY?** God spoke of not only his honesty but his faith and trust, not in a plan but in GOD!

During my time of loss, people said things to me like, “It’s all part of God’s plan” or “He has a reason this has happened.” But I refused then and I do now to believe that God is like some heartless puppet master who causes earthquakes, child abuse, murder, disease or death as part of a preordained plan.

Rather, I tend to believe and ask in my **WHY?** what possible good can be brought out of this tragic suffering? This stance makes no assumption that the present moment is inevitable or intentional, nor is it meaningless, but it trusts that as Paul says in Romans 8, “That’s why we can be sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good”. (The Message)

The **WHY?** that seeks an explanation for what has happened looks backward and invites passivity and resignation and we are all there at some point. But the **WHY?** that seeks meaning by bringing some future good out of this agony looks forward to a new creative possibility. Even in our greatest season of **WHY?** good can be sought after and hoped for. Good can be worked. Good can rise again!

*Donna Kelly*

## COMMUNITY OF CARING BOARD



The Community Of Caring board is used to make members and friends of Shepherd of the Prairie aware of various ministries available in the immediate area (within 10 miles of SOTP) who may be going through personal crisis or have a specific need which may be addressed.

The board is on the wall between the bathrooms in the east end of the building. To add something to the board please consult with the Sr. Pastor.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On August 20th, we formally welcomed several new members into our family at SOTP:



**ELAINE GILLAM**

**MIKE & JUDY LUECHT**

**LUKE & BETH BROCKMAN**

**BEN & LAURA HINKLE**

**MICHAEL & ALISA LEHMANN** (*Gavin & Tessa*)

We are blessed to have these brothers and sisters in Christ join us!

Please make yourself known to them  
and invite them to activities here at SOTP.

Updated contact and photo directories,  
including our newest members,  
are available on the Usher's table.

## SUPPER WITH LUTHER

Are you new to the Lutheran tradition or has it been a while since confirmation? Come join us for Suppers With Luther where we will explore the basics of who Luther was and who we are as Lutherans.



We will meet from **5:30 to 6:45 pm** on Wednesdays

**September 20th and 27th, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.**

Dinner will be available and the cost is \$2 per person. So come and join us for learning, fun and fellowship (*as well as a great dinner*)!

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly through the church office or through [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).

## DO YOU SHOP AMAZON.COM?

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you already know. Same products, same prices, same service. The only difference is Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Shepherd of the Prairie at no cost to you.

To those of you that already do this, thank you! 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.



**Sunday School starts Sunday, September 10th!**

**Celebrate between services with Kona Ice!**

*Register by e-mailing Mike at [Mike\\_Parmeles@yahoo.com](mailto:Mike_Parmeles@yahoo.com)*

*\* Child's Name \* Birthday \* Grade \* Parent's Name \* Phone # \**

## BOOK CHATTERS ~ READING LIST

Like to read? Then talk about it? Another year of reading is planned by the Chatters which meets at the church from **1-3 p.m.** each third Wednesday of the month. ***We're a small group that's yearning to grow a bit.*** That means we'd love to welcome you to the group. We are more about enjoying the books and each other than we are about stuffiness --



often we dissolve into hilarity. Sometimes we shed tears. Once this past year, we arrived at the meeting and admitted the book was such a turnoff that nobody had finished it -- then we proceeded to discuss Charles Dickens, his style, and the legal profession for the full two hours. We do chat!!!! Read over the list chosen by the group and plan to join us for all, or some, or even one discussion.

### THE LIST:

- ⇒ **September 20** ANGRY HOUSEWIVES EATING BONBONS by Lorna Landvik - (a book about a book club).
- ⇒ **October 18** REDEEMING LOVE by Francine Rivers— (a Biblical story set in later times)
- ⇒ **November 15** BRAIN ON FIRE by Susannah Catalan— (a woman fights a frightening brain disease and wins)
- ⇒ **December 20** CHRISTMAS BELLS by Jennifer Chiaverini— (a book about the carol "I Heard the Bells")
- ⇒ **January 17** WHERE THE HEART IS by Billie Letts— (a sweet story about a baby born in Walmart)
- ⇒ **February 21** SHOE DOG by Phil Knight— (Knight invented the Nike brand and has a good story)
- ⇒ **March 21** REBECCA by Daphne du Maurier— (our yearly classic which all promise to read)
- ⇒ **April 18** THE BOY IN STRIPED PAJAMAS by John Boone— (a painfully ironic tale/fable about the Holocaust)
- ⇒ **May 16** THE STARS ARE FIRE by Anita Shreve— (two women learn to depend on each other to escape tragedy)
- ⇒ **June 20** THE ORPHAN'S TALE by Pam Jenoff— (another Holocaust story, but this one promises a "Hallmarkian" ending. In other words, we end the year not sad)

Please join us!! **Contact: Gail Barnard at [gbarn217@comcast.net](mailto:gbarn217@comcast.net)**



## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Please hold the date and mark your calendars accordingly for **Saturday, October 7, 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 60 volunteers to help put together food items to feed our hungry neighbors. If needed, there are 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 12:00. Participants are welcome to carpool together. If you need assistance in organizing a carpool, we are happy to assist. As the 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."

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors | Volunteer. Donate. Get Involved.

[WWW.SOLVEHUNGERTODAY.ORG](http://WWW.SOLVEHUNGERTODAY.ORG)

## FARMER'S MARKET HELP NEEDED

SOTP outreach team and our crafters are in need of some volunteers to help with setting up, and taking down the tables and canopy at the Huntley Farmers Market some Saturday mornings (**Sept 2, Oct 7, Oct 14**).

This is a great opportunity for students needing service club, NHS or silver cord hours. It is also a great opportunity for outreach and service! **Contact either:**

- \* **Mike Yndestad** [yndyproductions@yahoo.com](mailto:yndyproductions@yahoo.com)
- \* **Alice Hallett** [agrndmom3@gmail.com](mailto:agrndmom3@gmail.com)



**Times, location and sign up at:**  
[www.goo.gl/tP3MxH](http://www.goo.gl/tP3MxH)



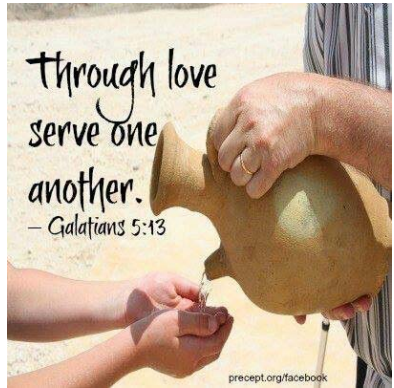
## LIVE BODIES NEEDED

The Mission Team needs you!

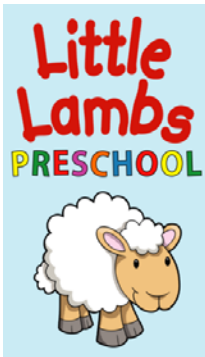
### LIVE BODIES NEEDED WITHIN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS.

Please stop by the red Mission Table in the Crossroads for more information and to sign up:

- ♦ **THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**, 1 pm to 3:30 pm, Habitat Re-Store helpers (4 to 6 People)
- ♦ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**, 8 am 3K walk or 5K Run chipped race ALL AGES, everyone is invited!
- ♦ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Pack Food at Lutherdale and bringing back to our own Food Pantries (12 to 24 people)
- ♦ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**, 9 am, Northern IL Food Bank (see pg 8)



## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL



### We are still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year.

Our program is Bible-story-based and includes developmentally appropriate structured time, as well as free play. We have programs for children between the ages of 2 - 4 by September 1, 2017.

Children do not need to be potty-trained. Our class sizes are small. Children are welcome to attend classes 1, 2 or 3 days.

**UPDATE ~ THERE IS A FRIDAY CLASS ADDED!  
ALSO, SPOTS STILL OPEN FOR TUESDAY/THURSDAY CLASS  
Contact 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.**

## SOTP MUSIC MINISTRY

**ALL ADULT AND  
CHILDREN'S  
CHOIRS AND HANDBELLS  
START THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2017.**



### CHILDREN'S BELLS & CHOIRS

- ⇒ Blessings Choir (3rd - 8th grade) 4:30 - 5:10 pm (K-1 Room)
- ⇒ Cherub Choir (toddlers - 2nd grade) 5:00 - 5:20 pm (Big Sunday School Rm)
- ⇒ Chimers ring & sing (kindergarten - 2nd grade) 5:30 - 5:50pm (Big Sunday School Room)
- ⇒ Jubellate Bells (3rd grade - 5th grade) 5:15 - 5:50 (Sanctuary)

### 2 NEW CHOIRS

- ⇒ "Ring and Sing" Sing God's praises while ringing our new chimes for children. This choir will be directed by Annette Boster.
- ⇒ "Spirit Ringer Revival" Youth and high school bells. Rehearsals are twice a month on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 pm. See calendar for rehearsal dates.

ADULT HANDBELLS Starts Tuesday September 13, 7 to 8:30pm

ADULT CHOIR Starts Wednesday, September 14, 7:15 pm

## STUBBS' MISSIONARY WORK

The Stubbs, our sponsored missionary family who do God's work in Tanzania, have just returned from there after a brief visit.

Carol (who is in remission from a rare form of leukemia) handled the trip well and reported the following: "It is quite a trill to see the Cultural Arts Center in its nearly completed state. Randy's vision and persistence to bring this project to fruition midst many challenges is quite remarkable. I pray that many will be blessed by the CAC through the joy of dance, music and education."



Both Randy and Carol thank all who have prayed and helped in so many other ways these past months. Continuing prayers will be needed in the future.

## BOWLING LEAGUE



Attention All Bowlers! Our 8th season starts the **15th of September**, and if you enjoy bowling, along with fun with other SOTP members, "NOW" is the time to sign up! We are returning to Bowlero / Brunswick on Randell Rd. We meet the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 7:00 PM. We are always

looking for new bowlers, regular or substitutes, full teams or single bowlers.

There is no requirement to be a good bowler, as this is a "FUN" social league. It is open to all ages from high school to 100, men & women, married or single. Couples CAN bowl together, (or we can separate you if your mate criticizes your style or score).

This is a great way to have some fun, get together with friends, make NEW friends, get some exercise, and only have to make 1 evening commitment a month. And best of all, since we're a Church League, no one will "PREACH" to you about your style, gutter balls, or bad bowling.

**Call Wayne Schmidt at (847)659-1331.** Leave a message if no answer, or E-Mail me at [schmidt12@comcast.net](mailto:schmidt12@comcast.net).

## FALL SUPPER CLUB

**PLEASE TRY OR TRY AGAIN  
TO MEET WITH SOMEONE NEW AT SOTP  
OPPORTUNITY AWAITS WITH FALL SUPPER CLUB  
EAT, MEET & GREET**

**4 TIMES BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF DECEMBER**

**Sign up by going to this link: [www.goo.gl/JrBtV6](http://www.goo.gl/JrBtV6)**

Here is the scoop:

- ⇒ Once people have signed up on line or on the yellow sign up
- ⇒ sheet in the Crossroads, all names are split into to groups of 6 to 8 people with a designated start up person. (singles welcome)
- ⇒ Each small group then decide when and how they want to meet.
  - \* *Maybe at Host house where others bring salad, dessert, etc.*
  - \* *Maybe eat out for one or all 4 gatherings.*
  - \* *Maybe order in Chinese or Pizza.*



## 5K RUN/3K WALK FOR REFUGEES

“...IN AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS YOU HAVE DONE IT TO ME.”

~ Matthew: 25:40

HELP SOTP help refugees by helping Exodus Service Organization



**JOIN OUR TEAM** “SHEPHERDS OF THE PRAIRIE” as we run a 5k chipped race or WALK a 3k route on **Sat. morning, Sept. 9th** (Save the date!) in beautiful historic and wooded district of Long Grove. Stay tuned for further details... you will be able to register on line **JUST want to donate?** You can also do that on line Contact Sandy Hupert for details at [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com) or 224-569-6041

**ALSO, look in the Crossroads** for the new Welcome to America sign-up sheets. Check it out and see if there is anything you might be willing to donate.

### WE NEED NEW OR GENTLY USED

- ⇒ 3 Kitchen Towels
- ⇒ a manual can opener
- ⇒ 2 rolls of paper towels
- ⇒ Queen size blanket or comforter or spread
- ⇒ Clock radio with alarm
- ⇒ Small trash basket (*for a bathroom*)
- ⇒ And more

**Contact Sandy Hupert at [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com) or 224-569-6041** or ask any Mission Team Member if you have questions. **Please do not donate items unless YOU have signed up for the item(s) ahead of time.** We have little storage room and cannot at this point accommodate duplicates ahead of time. (*one can keep them at their home if willing to wait for next collection.*)

## 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.

## CONFIRMATION

- ⇒ Register NOW at [www.goo.gl/iWS3CU](http://www.goo.gl/iWS3CU)
- ⇒ PARENT MEETING, Parents Only  
Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ FIRST NIGHT OF CONFIRMATION  
Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 pm



## SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS NEED YOU!

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HELPERS NEEDED!



Our Sunday School program is in need of adult and teen help! Can you help out sometime?

**Contact Mike Parmele at 309/251-6075 or [mike\\_parmele@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_parmele@yahoo.com)** for more information.

## USHERS NEEDED

The Usher Ministry is seeking new members to serve on Saturday/Sunday services. Flexible schedule (serve once per month) and "on-the-job" training available!



A great way to serve at SOTP! Please **contact Andrew Szekely [aszekely01@hotmail.com](mailto:aszekely01@hotmail.com)** or Michelle Rankin in the church office for more information..

## CROCHTERS & KNITTERS NEEDED



Our crafters need help this summer! Can you help them out with knitting and/or crocheting some items for their summer sales? **Contact Alice Hallett at [agrndmom3@gmail.com](mailto:agrndmom3@gmail.com).**

## GREETERS NEEDED

The SOTP Greeters Ministry is in critical need of greeters for our 5:00 Saturday service and need additional greeters for our 9:00 Sunday service. It's a wonderful way to serve at SOTP and all you need give is your presence, a smile and a handshake. For more information or to sign up, please **contact Dolly Cardascio at [lendolly@aol.com](mailto:lendolly@aol.com)**



**GREETERS MINISTRY**

## REFORMATION 500 COMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017 2:30 PM

- **COME MEET KATIE LUTHER** and learn what life was like with Martin. FYI: Katie was well known for her “Bier” making skills hence we will start the afternoon with “root-bier” floats!

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 3:00 PM

- **LUTHERAN/CATHOLIC DIALOGUE** Do you have questions about what are the theological differences of the Lutheran's and the Catholic's? How best can we celebrate our faith together?
- Submit your questions in the box at the table in the crossroads.
- This forum will be moderated by Pastor Mark, and led by Pastor Bill and our guest Father Rich Rosinski from St Thomas Moore in Elgin, IL.
- Great desserts will be served too!!

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017 5:00PM

- **SPECIAL EVENING PRAYER WORSHIP** This service will be led by the Adult Choir and highlight the Reformation then and now! You won't want to miss this beautiful service celebrating the Light of the World!

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 REFORMATION SUNDAY

#### **CELEBRATING 500 YEARS**

- Festival Worship at 9:00 am and 10:45am
- All Congregation Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake  
“Reformation Bingo”, Polka contest, great meal and more.
- Free tickets are be available at Reformation 500 table in Crossroads.



## JULY ORNAMENT SALE REPORT



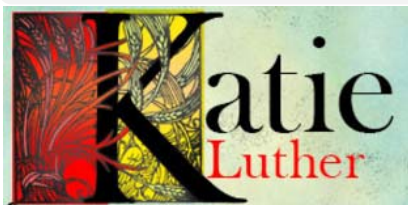
The Reformation Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas in July ornament sale. We started with 128 ornaments and now have just five to sell! We will be able to present Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) a check for \$1000. THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to the choir who offered to bake one batch of Christmas cookies for the sale. We had over 540 cookies baked and the congregation ate all but three dozen (36) cookies!!!!

Thank you for your purchase and we are sure that the ornament will look beautiful on your Christmas tree for years to come!!!!



## KATIE LUTHER VISITS SOTP



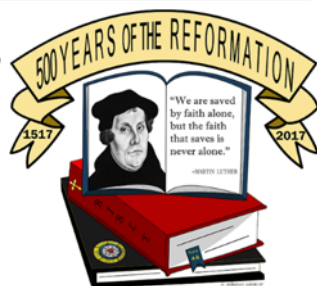
Thanks for everyone who came to meet Katie Luther and learn about life during the mid 1500's and life with Martin Luther. That was really a fun afternoon. It was also highlighted with Root "Bier" floats.

Thank you for supporting the work of your Reformation Committee.

## REFORMATION DINNER

Come one come all **Sunday October 29th** to Shepherd of the Prairies 500 year celebration of the Reformation taking place at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn.

Don't miss out on a great night of games, dinner and best of all..... dancing! That's right, dance the night away with the great music from the band PHENIX.



Doors will open approximately 3:30 pm and music will end at 8:30. What a great opportunity to share fellowship, fun and friendships!

**Tickets go on sale soon.**

Each ticket is \$25.00 (\$50.00 a couple). ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

If you're bringing your family, tickets for children 3-12 years old are \$10.95 and will have a kid friendly meal offered.

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of September 2 & 3

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

#### NEEDS THIS MONTH:

- ⇒ Razors
- ⇒ Shampoo
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Cereal
- ⇒ Progresso soup
- ⇒ Canned Carrots
- ⇒ Toothpaste



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



## FINANCIAL NEWS

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

The Message: Give Generously

1 Timothy 6:18-19...go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage ... do good ... be rich in helping others ...be extravagantly generous."

July Report: Shepherd of the Prairie Income and Expenses are in line with the Annual Budget adopted by the Congregation. Through July operating income Year-To-Date(YTD) exceeded expenses by \$40,442. Contributions Year-To-Date exceeded the budgeted amount by \$26,988 and expenses Year-To-Date are under the budgeted amount by \$14,294.

As of July 31 the Building Fund Balance was \$905,828. During the month of July Forward in Faith donations totaled \$35,975. Building Fund expenses related to the new building were \$22,663 for the month and Total Building Fund Expenses were \$153,015 Year-To-Date.

Existing Mortgage Paid in Full: As required to obtain the new Construction Loan of \$3,750,000 our existing mortgage has been paid in full. We will begin paying interest payments on the new loan.

2018 Budget Process: The Finance Team has begun the process of preparing the 2018 Annual Budget and a preliminary Recommended Budget will be presented to Council to review in October.

General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/Under
Income:	\$ 382,035	\$ 355,047	\$ 26,988
Expenses:	\$ 341,593	\$ 355,887	\$ (14,294)
Net Income:	\$ 40,442		
Fund Balance:	\$ 126,876		

#### Building Fund

Income:	\$ 364,924
Expenses:	\$ 153,015
Fund Balance:	\$ 905,828

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel L. Wentzloff  
Church Treasurer

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**finances**

### ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF EFT (ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER)

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. EFT is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

### FINANCIAL 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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 .....Natalie Dobrolinsky, Susan Krewer, Bayleigh Masters, Liam Nagel, Beverly Noffz
- 2 .....Abby Fiandalo, Phillip Jacobs, Jason Lindquist, Steve Sparks
- 3 .....Judie Brady, Nancy Eberly, Kristina Harvat, Lois Long, Alice Miller
- 4 .....Brett DePorter, Kira Frendreis, Beth Wintersteen
- 5 .....Adrienne Araoz, Colleen Bender, Jake Harding, Harold Henkle, Teri Wilson
- 6 .....Kelly Hibbeler, Olivia Krewer, Adam Walloch
- 7 .....Stephen Browne, Jean Clausen, Jeremy Hollow, Pearl Kolcz
- 8 .....Gerhardt Neukirch
- 9 .....Riley Petersen, Gail Quam
- 10 .....Nicole Grabs, Beth Mudge, Samantha Szekeley, Jordan Wills
- 11 .....Alan Henningsen, Sally Schuett, Gloria Scimeca, Donna Sorensen
- 12 .....Leah Anderson, Jamie Bremer, Emma Konie, Bryce Prather
- 14 .....Adam Luedtke, Gladys Meese, Marilyn Sauerberg, Janice Shuff
- 15 .....Tyler Allegretti, Deb Case, Eric Lindgren, Todd Schilling, Clara Seibert
- 16 .....Andrew Fulcer, Luther Yndestad
- 18 .....Morgan Bach, Joseph Case, Chris Nack, Victor Pizarro, Marty Schnepff
- 19 .....Linda Christopherson, Kristi Cordle, Raymond Dunn, Donna Newbanks, Crystal Schilling, Joyce Shotick, Chris Swanson
- 20 .....Josh Bremer, Gordon Burseth, Joshua Miley, Meredith Parmele, Rob Schuett
- 21 .....Autumn Kasal
- 22 .....James Blanchard
- 23 .....Teagan Papka, Sandy Scalise, David Stangle, Adele Wogstad
- 24 .....Tyler Greene, Ruby Haerle, Wendy Papka
- 25 .....Rick Miller, Cameryn Piskule
- 26 .....Lois Kosmen, Nanette Wade
- 27 .....Candy Henningsen
- 28 .....John Shepard
- 29 .....John Arneson, Haley Sabie, Lori Wysk
- 30 .....Abby Clifford, Bill Harding, Mike Huston, Michael Luecht, Nathan Ulmer, Gianna Young

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**Matt Greene**, Vice President

**Amy Brittain**, Secretary

**Dan Wentzloff**, Treasurer

**Adam Adams**

**Cliff Dungey**

**Bud Hansen**

**Sheri Ott**

**Nancy Ottinger**

### **Annette Boster**

Cherub Choir & Ring and Sing Choir

### **Michael Waal**,

Blessings Choir & Jubellate Bells

### **Jane McMullen**

Jubilate Bells, Adult Choir, Adult Bells

### **Michael Parmele**

Sunday School Director

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

Contributions Secretaries

# SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

		Sept 2 & 3	Sept 9 & 10	Sept 16 & 17	Sept 23 & 24	Sept 30
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster				
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik, Sue Mattiucci, Tom & Darlene Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Jackie Elkin & Marilyn Schnake				
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Merilly Burkland	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen	Jan & Don Koerner	Pam & Darren Walloch	
Altar Flowers	Week-end		Jim & Barb Auwerda, In memory of Ina Auwerda (Jim's mom)		Betty & Joe Hansen, Celebrating their 55h Anniversary	
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	June Kobler Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink Marlene Tresp	Barb Krmpotich Jill Hoffman	Elaine Neukirch <u>Donna Turner</u> Wed, Donna Turner Alice Hallett Anita Bull	Donna Turner Jill Hoffman
Coffee Hour Hosts	SUN	HELP NEEDED, SIGN UP IN THE CROSSROADS				
Coffee Hour Treats	SUN	HELP NEEDED, SIGN UP IN THE CROSSROADS				
Communion Bread	SAT	Donna Brown				
	SUN	Merilyn Schnell	Nancy Ottinger	Lanita Palermo	Renae Greene	
Counters	Week-end	Warren Brody, Dottie Bobzin & Donna Turner				
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik	Steve Murphy	Sue Blotch	Betty Knawa	Karen Eckert
	9:00 AM	Joanne Klinger Terry Halpin	Carol Engstrom Terry Halpin	Dolly Cardascio Terry Halpin	Judy Sanford Terry Halpin	
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm				
Nursery	9:00 AM	Jen Powe	Jen Kolcz	Judie Symbol	Jamie Patel	
	10:45 AM	Blue Geller	Mary Lee Rischel	Jen Powe	Sandy Hupert	
	Clean Up	Blue Geller	Mary Lee Rischel	Jen Powe	Sandy Hupert	

## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES (Cont.)

		Sept 2 & 3	Sept 9 & 10	Sept 16 & 17	Sept 23 & 24	Sept 30
Ushers  <b>HELP NEEDED</b>	5:00 SAT	Denis & Carol Minutillo	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy	Barb & Don Hoppensteadt
	9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Warren Brody John Jensen Walter Lempke	JACK CONTI James Blanchard Chris Hinde Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp	VIK BEKERIS Carol Engstrom Roy Rankin Dan Wentzlof Dave Stangle Sharon Stangle Chris Solem (alt)	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Jeff Stipes Harold Doege Joan Doege Ralph Wehnes (alt)	
	10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Cody Ross Paul Ross	MARK FRENDREIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart	JOHN BOEHLER Darren Walloch Don Koerner Jessica Panella	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Dick Gerhart Andrew Szekely	
Worship Leader	SAT SUN	Michael Waal				

**If you aren't currently involved in a ministry at Shepherd of the Prairie and would like to find your niche, please contact Donna Kelly at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) or through the church office at 847/669-9448.**

