



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

Congregational Newsletter December 2017

Statement of Purpose

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

HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00 AM

5:00 PM FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

11:00 PM CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

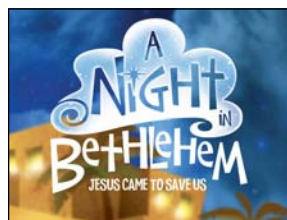
10:00 AM



A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

4:00—7:00 pm



Travel back in time & visit Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth.

- Make bread with The Bethlehem Baker
- Grind spices at The Spice Shoppe
 - Visit The Woolery
- Be counted at The Census Taker's Office
 - Come see The Stable
- End the night with a Birthday Party for Jesus

Fun for all ages.

All are welcome, bring your family & friends!

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A Note From Pastor Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Remember how we felt when we thought we were going to be duly honored or awarded a prize ribbon or perhaps awaited the arrival of an important guest, and we did our best to be presentable and had our words all picked out, only to have it all come to naught.

Our name never came up, we were forgotten and the guest cancelled.

All these expectations we have had built up in our mind never amounted to anything but a shattered dream.

Do you think that the innkeeper would have given Mary and Joseph a first-class room had he known the significance of their visit?

Who would give a second thought to a pair of unknown strangers asking for a room when the sign said, "No Vacancy?" Either send them to the competition down the street or let them sleep in the stable was the best he could do.



Well, certainly he didn't expect his establishment to be the birthplace of the world's Redeemer, did he? One wonders what he felt afterward.

In the same manner, how do we sometimes know to whom we have really talked or entertained in our home?

Worse yet, whom have we turned away from our door when we had the opportunity to be helpful?

Dale Evans wrote the book, *Angels Unaware*. That title is referred to in Hebrews 13:2; "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." It makes me wonder if I will have the opportunity to meet these people that I perhaps was less warm to than others, in the afterlife. What will be my excuse? That their visit was totally unexpected; or more honestly, surely some lame excuse that didn't hold water in my self-described effort to be a servant.

Christ said he will come again. For some, this is fiction, for us believers it is an expectation. The next time you answer the door, or await a guest, or have a chance meeting with a stranger, perhaps it is wise to take a different attitude as to what they have to say despite their looks or dress.

Given the present state of alarm and distrust in our society, one can only rely on God's grace and encouragement that we are serving a need to someone else. Let's not be like the innkeeper.

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A Note From Pastor Mark (continued)

What are you expecting this season? Nice gifts, plenty of food, a good time, good health? On what are your expectations based? Let us put our trust in God and live each day with the full expectation that when God comes, we are ready.

Pastor Mark

Adult Education News

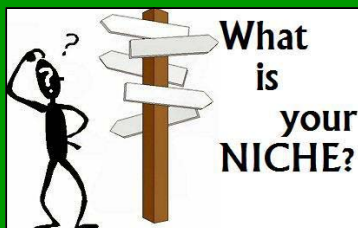


During the month of **December** we'll take a **brief hiatus** before beginning **something new in January**. And what's new? After a year-plus of examining the Reformation from a wide variety of perspectives, we'll embark on a new journey, **beginning January 7** and continuing to Lent. We'll focus on **the prophets** of the Old

Testament. Who were they? What was their message? Why did God call them to their task? And what does their message of long ago say to us today? Come join us on **Sunday morning at 10:20, or on Wednesday morning at 11:00 or Wednesday evening at 7:00** as we explore the likes of Samuel and Elijah, Isaiah and Jeremiah, Amos and Hosea, and the others who were called by God to proclaim both judgment and hope. See YOU then!

Pastor Bill

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 through at the church office at 847/669-9448 or e-mail Donna@sotpmail.com



Ministry Musings

“... in this way we (the church) are like the various parts of the human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body, not the other way around. The body we are talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to



much would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ’s body, let’s just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren’t. If you preach, preach God’s message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don’t take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don’t get bossy; if you’re put in charge, don’t manipulate; if you’re called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don’t let yourself get irritated with or depressed by them; keep a smile on your face.”

Romans 12:4-8, The Message

This past year we have considered words to help us draw closer to God and to find ways to serve. We reflected on; HERE, THANKS, O, SORRY, HELP, PLEASE, WHEN, NO, WHY, BEHOLD, and YES. As we come to the end of the year our final word is not really a word as much as it is an idea or a challenge. The word is [...]. The dictionary defines the use of ... as a thing that represents or stands for something else. I think of [...] of not just standing for something else, but as “and so on” or endless possibilities.

If these words have helped to reshape our thinking and relationship to God, what’s next? What’s the next step in living this relationship? [...] opens us up to the opportunities in front of us to bring God’s Kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven”. The passage from Romans gives us a picture of what that service should look like, each of us using the talent God has given us in his service and to his glory and I encourage you to read the entire chapter of Romans 12. Pastor Mark talked about us being ‘1 talent people’, and encouraged us to use that one talent for the good of the body. Hiding or protecting that talent out of fear to venture forward; or of being wrong; or of not wanting to appear ‘foolish’

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Ministry Musings Cont.

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not only diminishes us but the whole body of Christ. (See Jesus' parable in Matthew 25:14-30)

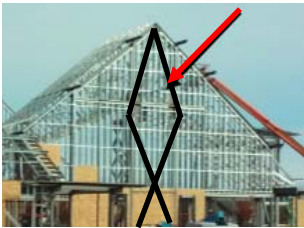
So in this new year, I challenge you to take those interests, talents and abilities we identified in our survey last month and find ways to use them for God's glory. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Donna Kelly

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Do you see it??????

Do you see the fish?



Around Week # 8 we began to see it...the fish, standing on its tail, looking up to the sky on the south side of the sanctuary. On the north side, a cross from the peak to the ground. It takes your breath away! Were these two Christian symbols planned by the architect? Did the Building Team plan this surprise hiding under the siding and the Tyvek? I can honestly say no.

That was not part of our plan. Clearly it was all part of God's Plan to wrap our Mission Center with signs of His love. God is surely with us all of the way!

Progress:

- Taste the water!!!! The watermain is complete and as a result our SOTP water has lost its "unique" smell. Wednesday night dinners no longer has to haul in bottled water. The water running from the kitchen faucet is fresh tasting and crystal clear. Halleluiah!

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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

- Metal roofing is complete and the nailer board installation has begun. Shingles coming soon!
- RTU-1, RTU-2, and RTU-3 have been ordered which gets us closer to heating the sanctuary, office, and music/Education wing.
- The Interior Committee along with the Pew Committee continue to meet, coordinate orders, and re-evaluate the choices for the floors, altar and walls.
- Electrical rough in continues
- Look for the brick work to begin on the North side of the addition. That is sure to also take our breath away!

God is so Good! All of the time!

We can not wait to see what other surprises God has in store for our construction!

EAST DRIVE IS CLOSED

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO WALK, PLEASE PARK IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING'S FRONT PARKING LOT THAT YOU ENTER OFF OF MAIN ST. (NOT THE BACK ONE)

CULVER'S FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Support our upcoming youth mission trip and take the night off of cooking dinner!

Join us at the Huntley Culver's on Route 47

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

and a portion of all sales will be donated to our youth.



TRIVIA: Did you know that **any weekend** that you go to Culver's after a service and give them your bulletin when you order, they donate a % of your order back to SOTP?

**SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE SPONSORS THE STUBBS FAMILY
MISSIONARY FAMILY IN TANZANIA.
www.stubbsmission.info**

THE GIVING TREE



There are only two more weeks to get your "Giving Tree" gifts back to church **by Sunday, December 10th**. Do NOT WRAP the gifts as the families are given wrapping paper.

Thank you. Barb Hoppensteadt.

PADS

What is PADS?

Public Action to Deliver Shelter (McHenry County founded 1988). This program is not government supported. Since 2009, PADS reports a 51% increase in people needing help (33% increase in homeless individuals diagnosed with mental illness 54% increase in chronically homeless and 46% increase in transitional youth).



How does SOTP help?

We make lunches and serve dinner. Preferably five volunteers are needed. Youth volunteers are welcome (depending on maturity level and if they are able to sit still for one hour following directions without adult supervision). We meet at SOTP Sunday evenings at 5:45 p.m. to make lunches for the shelter, and then transport lunches (including donations) to Bethany. We serve dinner from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Jill Brown shops for supplies. This is a ministry that is allocated in our church budget.

When?

The 4th Sunday of the Month, October through April.

To sign up:

Use our PADS online form at www.goo.gl/hi8WKv or contact Becky Hennessy 847-961-6050 (k.b.hennessy@sbcglobal.net) or Jill Brown 847-683-5027 (jillbrown14@yahoo.com).

Where?

We support Bethany Lutheran Church every 4th Sunday at 76 W Crystal Lake Ave in Crystal Lake IL 60014. This is only a 15 to 20 minute commute from SOTP. Linda is our contact at Bethany--she has been in charge of that facility for over 25 years and will assign your job. There are 7 churches in McHenry County that provide overnight shelters (rotated Monday through Sunday) from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. A transportation bus is used to commute the homeless between the churches.

Contact: Jill Brown jillbrown14@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP

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Synonyms - care conservancy control maintenance management protection supervision attention custody economy governing guardianship keeping safekeeping salvation saving storage supervising sustentation upkeep cherishing conserving directing guarding managing preservel preserving protecting safeguarding

Antonyms - ignorance neglect negligence destruction spending squandering waste

I admit it. I was an English Major in college!

Curt Gerald,
Stewardship
Team Leader

Curtgerald61@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex/Crossroads. Even if you are on EFT ("SIMPLY GIVING") you still are assigned offering envelopes.

Your envelope number is how we post your offerings; and you are given special offerings envelopes to use for Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The additional envelopes can be used for special giving for the various agencies supported by SOTP. Please pick up your envelopes as soon as you can. We only keep financial records if you have an envelope number. If you don't have offering envelopes and would like some, contact Ralph Wehnes; phone# 224-569- 2808 or email, ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net.

When you pick up your 2018 envelopes, make sure the number on the envelope agrees with the name label on the box. If it's different, contact Ralph Wehnes. Please include your name on your offering

envelope. Please make sure you designate the funds on the envelope in conjunction with your pledge – general fund and Forward in Faith (building fund). Space is available on the envelope for special funds – food pantry, altar flowers, and other special giving.



FEMALE FRIDAYS

Join the women of SOTP for a night out! These nights are for all women of SOTP to get together for a night of dinner and fellowship.

**The next Female Friday is
Friday, December 15 at 6:00 pm**

Jameson's Restaurant in Huntley



Please RSVP to Joanne Schwartz at 847/659-1740 or joanneschwartz@comcast.net so we can have a reservation big enough to accommodate everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you!

GRIEF JOURNEY SUPPORT GROUP

If you have lost a loved one and would like to be part of a group that can provide support, comfort and ideas for journeying through this season of grief, we here at Shepherd of the Prairie would like to provide that kind of opportunity for you. There are no requirements, or need 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 January 9th.



GRIEF JOURNEY
SUPPORT

If you have any questions or to sign up, please contact Donna Kelly at donna@sotpmail.com or 214-676-1788 or through the church office.

DO YOU SHOP AMAZON.COM?

Sign up with AmazonSmile and Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to SOTP.

To those of you that already do this, thank you! As of November, we have received \$473.80 toward the new building at no additional cost to you!

Next time you shop Amazon, go to [AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com) select: "Shepherd of the Prairie" as your non-profit organization.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpmail.com 847/669-9448

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Hurricane Help is still very much needed in many places. For this reason SOTP's Christmas Offerings will be designated to the ELCA Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund.

With in this fund, 100% of the \$ donated will go towards hurricane relief.

POINSETTIAS

ADVENT IS COMING!!!

POINSETTIAS ON SALE NOW!!!

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with red poinsettia plants. We will be selling the plants the first two weekends in December before services. This year we are offering a choice of two sizes.

**6" red poinsettia with red foil for
\$11.00 each OR**

**7" red poinsettia with green foil for \$25.00
each.**



Your offering may in in memory of OR dedicated to special people that you wish to remember.

Plants may be taken home after the 11pm Christmas Eve Service.

Thank you for supporting the church and making it beautiful for Advent!!!!

HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY



Your Worship Arts committee needs helpers to decorate the sanctuary for Advent on **DECEMBER 8 (FRIDAY) STARTING AT 9AM**. There is much work to do and we could use lots of helpers. Look forward to seeing you and working with you to

make the church beautiful!!! Questions? Talk with Barb Pagano or Carolyn Cuttle

STRESS RELIEF CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Send Christmas greetings with your SOTP family!

We all like to send Christmas greetings and love to our family at SOTP.

Instead of spending money and time on cards and postage, why not bring in one card to post on our Christmas Bulletin Board to give your greetings to all at once?

Then comes the best part, you can take the money you would have spent to send those cards to SOTP members and donate it to FORWARD and have the money go towards the new addition! **The bulletin board will be ready for your cards starting Dec 6.** To give your gift simply mark "other" on your offering envelope and write in CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.



Contact: Michelle Rankin Michelle@sotpmail.com

HEARTLAND VOICES & SOTP CHOIR

Heartland Voices is proud to present *This Christmastide: Lux Christus*. This 28 member ensemble will honor the season with a tribute to the "Light of Christmas." The program will highlight the



tenderness, love and hope this time of year represents. You will recognize some of your holiday favorites as well as some new Christmas songs sure to become classics. They will present selections by Whitacre, Poulenc, Mendelsohn, Rutter and many more. Lux Christus will be presented on Sunday, Dec 17 at 3pm in the sanctuary and will feature our very own Shepherd's Voices choir. We are happy to reunite this year for a very special program. Merry Christmas! No ticket is required but a free will offering will be collected.

Heartland Voices will also present This Christmastide: Lux Christus, on Friday, December 15 at 7:30pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL (8 S Lincoln St) and on Saturday, December 16 at 3pm and 7:30pm at First United Methodist Church in Elgin, IL (216 E Highland Ave). For tickers or more information please visit www.heartlandvoices.org or call 847-429- 9486. If unable to attend but want to help, please consider donating on our website or by sending your tax deductible donation to P.O. Box 5484 - Elgin, IL 60121-5484 Contact: Chris Brittain

CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUSE



**JOIN US AT SOTP
AS OUR YOUTH BAND
PLAYS LIVE MUSIC
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
AT 6:30 PM**

*Contemporary Christian Music * Christmas Carols*

*Desserts * Beverages*

Games (Feel free to bring your own)

*No Charge * Free Will Offering*

*Fun For All Ages * Bring Family & Friends*

GREEN TREES THANK YOU!

A special thanks for all who helped at the Green Trees Housing complex in Huntley. The work done in 2017 will make maintaining this facility much easier in the future. More "partnering" with the Village, the County and the Landscaper will also help .



Thank you also for those who contributed financially without reimbursement. A special thanks to Carol & Bill of Defiore Jorgensen Funeral home in Huntley.

Their generous gift allowed us to purchase over 30 plants to replace the "bad stuff" we removed. *(All purchased at Lowes when they had 75% off)*. Yes, some of the weeds will return! See you in 2018.

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 Pastor Mark.

SOTP MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

CHILDREN'S BELLS & CHOIRS Wednesdays

- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Jubilate Bells (3rd grade - 5th grade) 5:15 - 5:50 (Sanctuary)



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT 9:00 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

ALL CHILDREN'S MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM SERVICE

ADULT HANDBELLS Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm

ADULT CHOIR Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com

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 or
Michelle Rankin in the church office
for more information..

SOTP PRAYER CHAIN

Shepherd of the Prairie is blessed with a wonderful prayer chain.

If you have a prayer request that you would like to add, or if you would like to start receiving the distribution and start praying for those that need them, **e-mail SOTPprayers@gmail.com**. Lists are in the Friday Flourish and as a printout on the usher's table.



PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

We are working on quilts for our next dedication sometime early next year. We are currently in need of sheets to use as backers and material. Thank you for your help.

There are only two more days of quilting before we break for the holiday. **The 5th of**

December will be our Christmas pot luck. All past and present quilters are invited to attend. Bring a salad, casserole or desert and we will quilt first breaking early for our luncheon.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR ~ THANK YOU!



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped with our Holiday Bazaar for 2017! For those who made crafts, those who baked, those who set up, those who took down, those who helped spread the word, those who shopped... and so many more! Thanks to you we raised **\$3,157.00** to go toward the new building over the weekend!

SUPPER CLUB

THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.

START YOUR NEW YEAR RIGHT. AND EAT, MEET AND GREET in fellowship with other "SOTPers"

Once again, Winter season, Supper Club is almost upon us..

Four (4) times During January 2018 through APRIL 2018 we will be sharing hospitality and food within small groups of 6 to 8 people. 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.

Sign up as soon as you can on the yellow signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Cross Roads area or on line by going to www.goo.gl/pLejiz. Groups will be determined by mid January.



THE OUTREACH TEAM WANTS YOU!

Did you know that we have an exciting ministry at SOTP called the Outreach Ministry? Be a part of community events with your brothers and sisters in Christ and help our Outreach team promote our church while making Jesus known in Huntley. The Outreach Ministry wants you! For more information contact Mike Yndestad: Mike@yndyproductions.com 630-291-5364 or come to the next ministry meeting night the second Monday of each month at 7 PM. See you there.

**The church
has left
the building.**



SEND KIDS THE WORLD

If you don't mind and would like to continue sharing God's love with a child with a life threatening illness, we encourage you to go on line to: www.sendkidstheworld.com/index.php/home.html

It is a very informative web site with many children listed. A couple more children have been added to the website:



- **JEREMIAH** is 11 years old. His interests are Thomas the Train, Disney, movies, and Legos.
- **MEL** is 13 years old. Her hobbies are You Tube, Horror movies, dancing, drawing, singing, playing outside, and going on the computer.

It truly only takes a couple minutes to write a postcard that ultimately does God's work with your hands making a sick child happy and also helps reduce the parent's stress. Receiving postcards definitely touches their hearts.

If you would like to send postcards to children but don't have any at home, we are more than happy to help. We still have some left over that were donated to GEMS at SOTP. Just let Barb Pagano bobbipgolf@aol.com (phone: 815-258- 6854) or Sharon Stangle stangle.ds@gmail.com (224-628- 2107) know.

WHAT TO WRITE: Write a cheerful note to the child. Example, tell about the picture on the front of the postcard. Or just "Greetings from..." Simple is best. Do NOT write get well soon because some of the kids will not get well. You want to cheer them up, not hurt them. Another great alternative is to write one of your favorite bible verses. Example: "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118: 24." Have fun sending postcards!

This is a great way to share God's love for one another. As Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another."

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2017

2018 Annual Budget: The proposed 2018 Annual Budget will be increased to meet the expected growth occurring as a result of the New Sanctuary and increased Pastoral needs with our growing congregation. We are pleased that our mission efforts have been very successful. God has truly blessed us.

Operating Income and Expenses are within the requirements of the Annual Budget. Through October contributions Year-To-Date exceeded the budgeted amount by \$28,770 and expenses Year-To-Date are under the budgeted amount by \$19,204. Operating income Year-To-Date(YTD) exceeded expenses by \$47,660.

The Building Fund Balance was \$284,203. During the month Forward in Faith donations totaled \$66,309. Building Fund expenses related to the new building were \$531,069 for the month and Total Building Fund Expenses were \$908,355 Year-To-Date. The large amount is result of construction payments.

General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/Under
Income:	\$ 535,980	\$ 507,210	\$ 28,770
Expenses:	\$ 488,320	\$ 507,524	\$ (19,204)
Net Income:	\$ 47,660		
Fund Balance:	\$ 134,093		

Building Fund

Income:	\$ 498,639
Expenses:	\$ 908,355
Fund Balance:	\$ 284,203

faith and
finances

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Wentzloff, Church Treasurer

FOOD PANTRY

Weekend of December 2 & 3

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

NEEDS THIS MONTH:

- ⇒ Crackers
- ⇒ Personal Items
- ⇒ Christmas baking ingredients



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

Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Elizabeth Anderson, Jacob Guttenburg
- 2 William Chapman, Mark Frendreis, Tess Miller
- 3 Tim McMullen, Marlene Tresp, Mike Ulmer
- 4 Brady Allegretti
- 5 Raquel Hess, Jackson Moretti
- 6 Lisa Berens, Amanda Stenson
- 7 Daniel Black, Barb Douglas
- 8 Hallie Guttenburg, Mike Maraviglia
- 9 Larry Rapach, Donna Schnepff, Scott Seibert
- 10 Sophie Dowell, Dave Kosmen
- 11 Sherry Perkey
- 12 Ericka Berti, Megan Juergensen
- 13 Devin Burg, Carolyn Cuttle
- 14 Coral Kolcz
- 15 Katie Desiato, Macy Luedtke
- 16 Doug Sandberg
- 17 Martha Bergman, Seth Boster, Shane McGuine,
Katie Ostrem, Nancy Ramirez, Richard Stashwick
- 18 Elaine Mucibabich, Ella Trudeau
- 19 Emma Johnson, Susan Mattiucci
- 20 Jack Bloomfield, Sandy Frank, Karen Gollhardt,
Wilma Lyding, Enrique Rojas
- 21 Tristan Mathiesen
- 22 Chuck Little, Andrew Raistrick
- 23 Alexandra Adams, Susan Lewis, Lynn Meyer,
Deanna Moore, Sandra Seibel, Bill Waxenberg,
Daniel Wills
- 24 Carol Goodhue, Marina Reicher, Lydia Seibert,
Mary Ann Wiek
- 25 Jim Henley, Jake Satalino
- 26 Chelsea Greene, Matthew Ostrem,
Darlene Polzin
- 27 Amy Johnson, Shelby Kowalski, Carol Lilla,
Hannah Retzlaff, Darrel Thompson
- 28 Annette Boster, Ernie Clifford, Patricia Mallow,
Mike McCann, Taylor Wade
- 29 Chuck Lamb, Angeline Stoica, Robert Weldon
- 30 Michael Grabs, Karen Mulcay
- 31 P.J. Knudsen, Pat Milford

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Annette Boster

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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

DECEMBER SCHEDULES

		Dec 2 & 3	Dec 9 & 10	Dec 16 & 17	Dec 23 & 24	Dec 30 & 31
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster				
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik, Sue Mattiucci, Tom & Darlene Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Sue Wehnes & Judie Symbol			10:00 am Sue Wehnes, 11:00 pm Judie Symbol Jan & Don Koerner	10:00 am Sue Wehnes, Judie Symbol, Pam & Darren Walloch
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Merrily Burkland	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen	Linda Jahr Donna Schnepff		
Altar Flowers	Weekend	Advent				Sara & Chris Solem, celebrating their anniversary
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00	Rick Miller	Kathy Dahl	Larry Newbanks	10:00 am Kathy Pizarro 11:00 pm Wayne Schmidt	10:00 am
	SUN 10:45	Tammy Uteg	John Boehler	Donna Kelly		
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	June Kobler Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink Marlene Tresp	Barb Krmopotich Janet Kling	HELP NEEDED	Alice Hallett Janet Kling HELP NEEDED
Coffee Hour Hosts	SUN					
Coffee Hour Treats	SUN	Ev Gniot		Sharon Little		
Communion Assistants	9:00 AM	Judie Symbol Adele Wogstad Sharon Little June Kobler	Alice Hallett JoAnn Ward Ralph & Sue Wehnes	Kathy Dahl June Kobler Donna Newbanks Evelyn Gniot	10:00 am Rick & Kathy Miller Jodi & Zoe Dowell 11:00 pm Ralph & Sue Wehnes Audrey Schmidt Sara Solem	
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Art Uteg Lisa Adams Sandy Pelka	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen Don & Jan Koerner	Kathy Pizarro Linda Jahr Marty & Donna Schnepff		
Communion Bread	SAT	Merilyn Schnell				
	SUN	JoAnn Ward	Randi Dawson	Joan Rice	Lanita Palermo	Tom Noesen Bev Pinnelli
Counters	MON	Ralph Wehnes, Warren Brody, Donna Turner				
Greeters HELP NEEDED	5:00 SAT	Dorothy Wills	Steve Murphy	Dorothy Wills	Betty Knawa	Stevie Massei
	9:00 AM	P.J. Knudsen Terry Halpin	P.J. Knudsen Terry Halpin	Alice Murphy Terry Halpin	10:00 am Dolly Cardascio 5:00 pm Bob & Carolyn Malm 11:00 pm Audrey Schmidt	10:00 am Lynn Meyer
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm				
Nursery HELP NEEDED	9 AM	Judie Symbol	Jen Kolcz	Jen Powe		
	10:45 AM	Blue Geller	Mary Lee Rishel	Sandy Hupert	10:00 am	10:00 am
	Clean Up	Blue Geller	Mary Lee Rishel	Sandy Hupert		

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Readers	9:00 am	Sharon Little Ralph Scalise	Ralph & Sue Wehnes	Kathy Dahl June Kobler	10:00 am	10:00 am
	10:45 am	Carl Hupert	Marlene Boehler	Grant Jahr		
Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 AM	GUITAR: Grant Jahr DRUMS: Mike Yndestad KEYBOARD: Michael Waal	VOCALS: Dana Turk Jen Huston Kim Szekely Sheri Ott GUITAR: Grant Jahr DRUMS: Mike Yndestad KEYBOARD: Michael Waal	VOCALS: Kim Szekely GUITAR: Grant Jahr KEYBOARD: Michael Waal	Youth Band	
Sound	5:00 SAT	Dan Wills	Dan Wills	Dick Brush	Dick Brush	
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin			
	10:45 AM	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson	Brian Ott		
Ushers HELP NEEDED	5:00 SAT	Dennis & Carol Minuttillo	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy	Becky Tuzik
	9:00 AM SUN	WAYNE SCHMIDT Warren Brody John Jensen Walter Lemke	JACK CONTI James Blanchard Chris Hinde Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp	VIK BEKERIS Roy Rankin Dan Wentzloff Dave Stangle Sharon Stangle Chris Solem Carol Engstrom [A]	10:00 am ANDREW SZEKELY Donna Kelly John Boehler 5:00 pm Darren Walloch Jim & Diana Murphy Bob McDuffee Becky Tuzik HELP NEEDED 11:00 pm Jessica Panella Vik Bekeris Mike McCann HELP NEEDED	10:00 am Vik Bekeris Donna Kelly
	10:45 AM SUN	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Cody Ross Paul Ross Chuck Peterson	MARK FRENDREIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart Andrew Szekely [T]	JOHN BOEHLER Darren Walloch Don Koerner Jessica Panella		
Visuals	9:00 AM		Josh Harding	Josh Harding		
	10:45 AM	Jack Ott	Alan Torkelson	Jack Ott		
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Frank & Carole Cesario	Cheryl Adams		10:00 am Joanne Bychowsky	10:00 am Noreta Walker
	10:45 AM	Joanne Bychowsky		Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis		
Worship Leader	SAT	Michael Waal				
	9:00 AM					
	10:45 AM	Tyler Greene				