



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

**Congregational
Newsletter
November 2018**

Statement of Purpose

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

**Please join us
for Worship at 7:00 pm**



Wednesday, November 21



***Pie Fest
Following
Service!***

*Bring a pie
or just come and
enjoy the fellowship.*

***We always have
plenty to share.***

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A Note From Pastor Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

John 11:32-53

The first weekend in November is the time in the church year we pause to light candles and remember we are surrounded by a great cloud of witness. It is fitting that the raising of Lazarus story, be used to commemorate All Saints Weekend. Through it we speak with confidence of those believers who have gone before, knowing that because of Jesus' authority over death, they are and we are spending eternity with God.

We give witness to statements as above, and yet we, like Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, express the same doubt when experiencing the death of a loved one, the fears or dark times of our lives and when facing death ourselves.

"Oh, sir, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Wasn't she asking, "Why did you delay?"

Do we not, when God's answers to our prayers are not in our expected time frame or as we anticipated, confront God with similar questions, "Oh, God, why did you let him die?", "Why didn't you prevent the cancer from spreading?", "Why was I retired before I was ready?", "Why did my grandchild make such life threatening choices?"

Our faith in God's being able to bring good even from the bad which occurs in our lives is shaken.

And yes, the world is there just as the crowds were with Mary and Martha at Lazarus' grave, questioning their faith in the one whom they followed. So the world questions today, "Why do you believe in Jesus? Why hasn't he answered your prayers?"

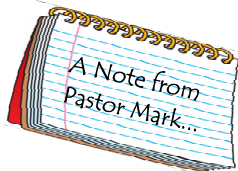
Even Martha, who has just previously confessed, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world," in response to Jesus' statement that he was the resurrection and the life now cautions Jesus when he calls for the tomb to be opened, "But Lord, Lazarus has been dead four days. By this time he will be decaying."

Do we, too, put our human reason, our commonsense in front of believing in God's miracles?

Before asking Lazarus to come out, Jesus prayed, thanking God for having heard him, knowing that God always heard his prayers. He said this for the sake of the people standing there so that they would believe. Jesus, the mind of God, knows us; he knows that we will have doubts. For this reason he sent the Holy Spirit to increase our faith; to be the strength we need to be his stewards into eternity.

As those saints who have gone before us, we, too, must witness to

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A Note From Pastor Mark (Cont.)

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God's glory through our words and, most importantly, through our actions, remembering that it is in the ordinary doings of life that we show that we belong to God.

Jesus lived to show only the glory of God.

On the first weekend of November we will sing "For all the saints who from their labors rest, All who by faith before the world confessed, Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, #422). It is the day we remember, and recommit ourselves to carry the Good News forward for the world to hear and see through our lives!

Peace,

Pastor Mark

Adult Education News



November is the month we conclude our immersion in the epistles of the Apostle Paul. (Say that fast three times!) We've heard his timely and timeless words in his letters to the Thessalonians, the Corinthians, Galatians, Romans, and Ephesians. We've yet to explore his letters

to the **Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Timothy and Titus**. These last six (there are two letters to Timothy) will be our focus in November. We meet at **10:20 on Sundays and 11:00 on Wednesdays**. And even if you haven't joined us thus far, it's not too late. Come any time. Upon completion of Paul's letters, we'll take a **brief hiatus between Thanksgiving and Christmas and then begin anew on January 6**. We hope to see YOU!

Pastor Bill

MINISTRY FAIR

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
**A PLACE
TO SERVE?**

DECEMBER 1ST & 2ND
After worship services
Find out where you can serve!

Prizes, Coffee & Goodies, Opportunities!

Adult Ed—Travels with Charlie



Well, not Charlie exactly, but there is an opportunity for you to travel with your sisters and brothers here at SOTP in **the fall of 2020**. In September of that year we'll embark on a journey to Germany to experience **the Passion Play in Oberammergau** and then explore the **cities and places of Martin**

Luther. A number of people have already signed up, but we'd like to offer another opportunity to talk about this trip. If you think you might at all be interested, join us on **Sunday, December 2, at 10:20 in the adult education room**. We'll talk about the trip and answer any questions you have. There's no obligation for attending, but we hope we can generate some excitement for you to see the Passion Play (*which is performed every ten years*) and then experience first hand the land of Luther. Come join us!

Ministry Musings

Life here at Shepherd of the Prairie has been very busy this year. The building of our new worship and gathering area has been completed, we are completing the music/education/nursery wing, we've moved most everyone into their new office space (still a few moves to complete), we've dedicated our new building and our new organ. We're learning how to live in our new spaces; where to put things, how to use our new spaces, how to set them up and decorate them. It can get a little crazy at times.



I keep thinking of the times I have moved into a new home. Some of the things I brought with me don't fit in the same places they did in the "old" house. What worked perfectly in the "old" house, doesn't work in the same room it did before. The chair I had in the bedroom at the "old" house, is now in the family room, and the painting I had on the dining room wall at the "old" house is now in the hallway at the "new" one. When I first moved into the "new" house, I put my dishes in the upper right-hand cabinet and the glasses in the upper left. After a couple of weeks, I had to switch them because they didn't work where I thought they would! Some of the boxes I packed

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Ministry Musings Continued

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never got unpacked because some of those things just didn't fit into my "new" house and some of the boxes never got opened in the last move! In one move an entire box never even made it to the "new" house!

I think that's what we are doing here at SOTP right now; trying to figure out where everything goes and then adjusting to our new home. Finding what worked before may not work now, and we may need to try some new things. Some of us have been anxious about making this new "house" work, and wonder if we maybe should have stayed at the old one. We can't find things in the same places as they were before and we're not sure we like where they are now. The "house" looks different, feels different, sound different, and we not at ease in our new surroundings yet.

It takes time to get everything "just right" and to feel comfortable and "at home" in the new house. But just like when you move your family to a new home time, and especially love and patience, makes it work. We too are a family and are adjusting to our new home. With time, love and patience we will find ourselves "at home" in our new home as well.

Donna Kelly

NEW MEMBER GATHERING



"Come and see!" Jn 2:46b. 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, November 11th 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 Sunday, November 18th. If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Mark or Donna Kelly through the church office.

Contact: Donna Kelly, donna@sotpmail.com.

FROM THE BUILDING TEAM

What's happening with the Ministry Hallway Buildout???

Three rooms with three different possibilities:

Music/Ed Room #231:

Used for Adult or Children's music practice or warmups. Also small group meetings or education for adults or children. VBS possibilities as well.

New Nursery Room #228:

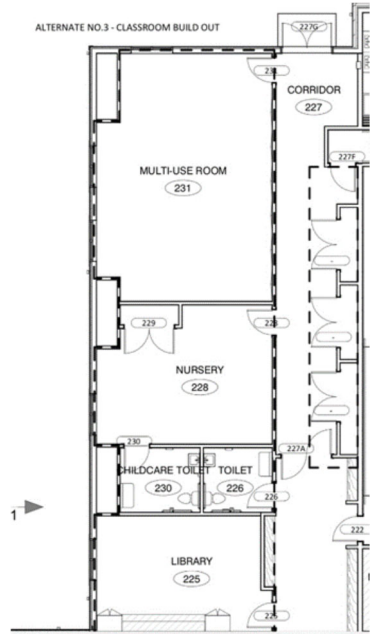
Nursery will now be closer to our families while worshipping, with access easily and quickly reached through side sanctuary door. Childcare toilet safely located inside the nursery.

Library or Quiet Meeting Room #225:

Soft comfortable chairs and couches. This room has many possibilities and could be used for families to gather for prayer before funerals. Could also be used for bride's room in preparation for weddings. Also suited for quiet reflective meetings perhaps grief or survivor discussions.

Two Bathrooms Complete this Buildout:

- 1 Unisex bathroom located in hallway 227
- 1 Childcare bathroom located in new Nursery



Target date for completion? Thanksgiving! WOW!!!

FOOD PANTRY

Weekend of November 3 & 4

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services



THIS WEEKEND ITEMS NEEDED:
TOILET PAPER, DEODORANT,
CONDIMENTS, CRACKERS,
BAKING THINGS (FLOUR, SUGAR, ETC.)

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

GRIEF JOURNEY CONTINUES



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.

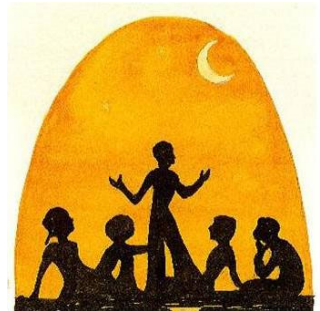
This group is for all who have lost a loved one whether it is a spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, friend or any other relational loss. We meet every other Monday evening and our November meetings will be **November 5th & 19th from 6:30 to 8 pm.**

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.

TELLEBRATION COMES TO SOTP

The Tellebration Celebration Comes to SOTP on November 17th!!!

The McHenry County Storytelling Guild is excited to bring Tellebration and their wonderful stories to SOTP and our Huntley community. Tellebration is a worldwide evening of storytelling creating a network of storytelling enthusiasts bonded together in spirit at the same time and on the same weekend. Ours will include a variety of stories appropriate for storytelling enthusiasts of all ages. **Tellers include professionals Martina Mathesin, Andy Talley, and Will Tremonte (all who have been on Huntley Radio's Once Upon a Time), as well as Randy Solenberger, Joanne Knaack, Glen Mensinger, Zena McFadden, Jerry Martin, and Bill and Carol Waxenberg.**



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This FREE event is for everyone, so invite your friends and neighbors to come join us for stories and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, November 17, from 7:00-9:00 pm.** A sign-up sheet will be available in the Mission and Ministry hallway. This will give us an idea of how many to expect. Questions? Contact Carol Waxenberg at cwaxenberg48@gmail.com or call 214-395-9342.

SOTP HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Friday -November 9, 1pm - 8pm
Saturday-November 10, 9am - 2pm

Handmade crafted holiday items designed to thrill all ages. Homemade Quilts, Christmas ornaments and decorations, character hats, baby items, kitchen gifts, stocking stuffers...just to name a few items for sale.

Bakery goodies will be available for purchase.

Everything sold has been donated, which means every penny raised goes toward paying off our mortgage.

Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com



CALLING ALL SOTP BAKERS!

Bakers
Needed!



SOTP is known for our amazing bakers!

Please consider baking and contributing to our Bake Sale the weekend of **November 9 & 10!**

Contact: Judie Symbal judie.symbal@att.net

ARE YOU CRAFTY?

Would you like to help reduce our mortgage on our beautiful new sanctuary?

Consider donating new, homemade craft items for our Christmas Bazaar. Sewn.

wooden, plastic canvas, embroidered, crocheted, knitted, or any other medium that can be sold. Since all items sold have been donated, every penny goes toward our debt.

Please deliver to church by November 1 with your name and suggested price.

Thank you and God bless you for your help. Alice

Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com



HELPING HANDS NEEDED

There are signup sheets for all who willing & able to help one time for a few hours with an event. Farmers Market, Our Holiday Bazaar, and the Leggee Craft show...

Every Penny goes to our building debt.

Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

It's here again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hope Filled Holiday **Sat. Dec. 8th**

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Looking for a great way to give back this Christmas? Looking for a way to serve as a family, with friends and even make some new friends? Feed My Starving Children is doing a Christmas challenge to pack 1,000,000 meals in a weekend.

We are hoping SOTP can offer a little help. We have volunteered **50 people** to participate in this MOBILE packing event.

This event is held at the **Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center**. We will meet there and help pack the meals.

If you have packed with us before, you know this is always a fun event. If you are new, please consider giving this fun way to volunteer a try. What a great way to get in the Christmas spirit!

Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2D5vmkS>.

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center
1551 Thoreau Drive North, Schaumburg, Illinois

Contact: Contact Jill Brown 847-683-5027, jillbrown14@yahoo.com



PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS



The quilters have had a very successful year. We will be dedicating 100 plus quilts on the 17th and 18th of November. What a blessing these are intended to be to those in need. Ten percent of our quilts will be sent to Home of the Sparrow to gift the women and children seeking shelter there. A special thanks to Janet Suski, a

member, who has sewed numerous quilt tops at home. We can't thank her enough for her dedicated help each year. We also want to thank all those who have donated gently used sheets for backers, and material donations for quilt squares. It is amid much laughter and joy that about twenty members gather on the first and third Tuesday from 9 AM to 12 PM enjoying fellowship while creating our quilts.

The quilters invite all who have quilted with us to join us at our Christmas potluck on Tuesday December 4th after a shortened quilt session.

We also want to thank Thrivent Financial for their donations for batting and seed money for supplies.

Please look for our donation jar, **Quarters for Quilts**, that is used once a year and will be in a designated area.

Nancy Morbeck

FROM THE STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE

God's Grace... Our Response is the theme for our CY 2019 stewardship financial campaign that culminates on **November 4** with a brief Consecration of our Estimate of Giving cards after the 10:45 AM worship service and adjournment to our Multi-Purpose room for a free luncheon in celebration for your financial gifts and time & talent so generously given to SOTP.



We prayerfully wish for two key actions on your part for a successful result for next year's mission and ministry programs. First, **please make your best efforts to have your Estimate of Giving cards completed and placed in our special Consecration Box that will be in the center of the Narthex area just outside our Sanctuary before our November 4 worship service.** It's important to have our estimates for next year completed and submitted to our finance team so our budget can be formed.

Secondly, for those who wish to attend the **free luncheon on November 4 after the 10:45 AM worship service**, please make your reservations **either on your Estimate of Giving form, by computer using the form at SOTP.org, or by calling Rick Miller @ 630-940-6469 and leaving your name, phone number, and number of attendees in your party.** We look forward to having you celebrate with us the many blessings God has shared with you and your family at SOTP Lutheran Church.

Your Stewardship Committee

NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK—THANK YOU!

Thank You!

I simply can't thank you enough for your wonderful service on Saturday morning, October 6 at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Most of the people that signed up were able to attend but it is totally

understood why people cannot attend for various reasons, including attending a funeral at the same time as NIFB program. You are all very kind, wonderful servants that did quite a bit of God's work with your hands (and other parts of your bodies). Our group was divided into 3 for different projects each accomplishing quite a bit:

- ⇒ **One group** worked on canned green beans. They managed to pack up 6,952 pounds of food providing 5,793 meals for hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois.
- ⇒ **A second group** packed up fresh onions. They packed up 12,100 pounds of food providing 10,083 meals for hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois.
- ⇒ **A third group** that needed sit-down jobs helped prepare bags to be used in the near future to help recipients prepare turkey gravy. This group prepared 2,500 bags for the upcoming holiday.

"This was definitely a day that the Lord had made, so let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:24

GIVING TREE

"The Giving Tree" has been set up in the Mission area, just past the coat racks, with drop off boxes too. SOTP will again provide 25 families with gifts, fifteen families from Grafton Food Pantry and ten families from Turning Point, who provide shelter for abused women and children.

- ⇒ All gifts must be new.
- ⇒ PLEASE SECURE THE NAME TAG to the bag or box, as each year we receive gifts with NO tags on them.
- ⇒ DO NOT GIFT WRAP THE GIFTS.
- ⇒ All gifts must be returned by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH** for sorting and delivery.

Contact Barb Hoppensteadt, 847-669-0016 or hoppen@sbcglobal.net



FEMALE FRIDAYS

All women of SOTP are invited to join us for dinner at Jameson's in Huntley on **Friday, November 9th**. It's a fun night of dinner and fellowship. We get together once a month. Join us once—or monthly!



Contact & RSVP to Joanne Schwartz 847-659-1740
joanneschwartz@comcast.net

HELP NEEDED

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, READERS & ASSISTING MINISTERS:

Contact Brigitte Pelka at (815) 353-4774

FOLDERS: Sign up at www.bit.ly/2AsFK3y or contact Michelle in the office

NURSERY: Contact Jen Powe at jen.powe@gmail.com

USHERS: Contact Drew Szekely at aszekely01@outlook.com

Do You SHOP AMAZON?

Shop AmazonSmile.

When you select SOTP as your nonprofit, Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible SOTP.

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

We have received **\$677.39** so far toward the new building.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Our GEMS are excited to be leading us in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year. SOTP will once again be collecting shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to be sent to children in countries torn apart by war, poverty and natural disaster.

We hope SOTP members of all ages will help us fill many boxes of joy.

You can pick up an OCC shoebox at church (or use any shoebox). For packing tips, pick up a How to Pack a Shoebox brochure or go to samaritanspurse.org/occ. **Bring your filled box to SOTP any time before or on NOVEMBER 4TH.** They will do the shopping and pack as many shoeboxes as their money will allow at their October 24th meeting. Donations of individual items before the 21st (crayons, toys, washcloths, etc.) are most welcome, too.

Before distributing the boxes, OCC adds a gospel book in the child's native language, so the boxes truly are a way to demonstrate God's love.

Whether you help with a shoebox, a donation, or your prayers, thank you.

"At the orphanage, we had one toothbrush for 10 girls. My favorite thing in my shoebox was a toothbrush of my very own."

—Jaki, Guatemala Shoebox Recipient

Contact: Sue Lewis at 630-292-6693

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Thanksgiving offering this year will be shared among the following:

- ⇒ Grafton Food Pantry
- ⇒ NIFB (Northern Illinois Food Bank)
- ⇒ ELCA world Hunger (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)
- ⇒ FMSC (Feed my Starving Children)



Thank you all ahead of time for your generous response



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. Marty Jacobson shops for supplies. This is a ministry that is allocated in our church budget.

To help out:

Bring in items for SOTP volunteers to take to PADS. Items currently needed: individual/travel size toiletries (especially deodorant), paper towels, napkins, twin blade disposable razors, bleach (any size), \$5 fast food certificates, ear plugs, cereal, new or gently used long johns (especially bottoms).

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.
 - Help is also needed Wednesday nights at the Woodstock PADS shelter, contact Vik Bekeris at 224-629-8615 for information.
- 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.

Sign up at www.bit.ly/2O9pWGq

Contact: Becky Hennessey at k.b.hennessey@sbcglobal.net

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Your Worship Committee has been busy planning Advent and Christmas in our new sanctuary. Can you help us? We want to decorate the sanctuary with Poinsettias this year. We will begin taking orders for Poinsettias plants beginning **Saturday, November 17** though **Sunday, December 2**. There will be a table

set Up in the hallway to purchase the poinsettia plants. These may be purchased in memory or in honor of your loved ones. *You will be able to take home the plants after the 11pm Candlelight Service on December 24th.*



DECORATE THE CHURCH

Another big event is Decorating for Advent/Christmas. **Saturday, December 8** has been set aside for decorating the sanctuary. The committee wants to use as much as we can from the old sanctuary. As you know our new sanctuary is much bigger, so we are going to need more help. We anticipate putting up four (4) trees. There will be a sign-



up sheet in the hallway. You can always call Barb Pagano or Carolyn Cuttle and let them know that you want to help. Start time will be **9am on December 8th**.

Please check your calendar and join us.

HEARTLAND VOICES & SOTP CHOIR CONCERT

Heartland Voices and our SOTP Choir will be presenting a Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 16th at 3pm**. Can you just imagine the glorious music of Christmas in our new sanctuary? Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend the Christmas Concert with Heartland Voices and our very own choir.



HABITAT RESTORE



The third Thursday monthly 4-6 people from SOTP help at Habitat for Humanity's Restore, Elgin store. We work from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM **NOT CONSTRUCTION WORK, HELPING OUT IN THE STORE ONLY.**

Contact: Carl Hupert, Carlhupert@gmail.com

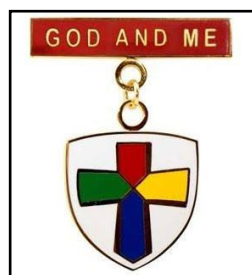
GOD AND ME AWARD

SOTP is planning to offer the God and Me curriculum in early 2019. God and Me is part of a program designed by Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) to foster the Christian growth of children. God and Me is designed to help children become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of "God and Me" together. It is for **boys and girls in grades 1 to 3**. You can find out more about the class at www.praypub.org/god-me.

The class will be lead by SOTP members. It will meet once a week on **Wednesdays for 4 to 5 weeks**. After the conclusion of the class the boys and girls will receive a certificate and a medal. If the boys and girls are part of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or American Heritage Girls this medal can be worn on their uniform. *Note, however, that this is not a Scouting program; it is intended for all boys and girls in grades 1 to 3.*

Lastly, the God and Me class satisfies the Boy Scout requirements for the religious emblem. See scouting.org/awards/religious-awards for more information.

If you are interested in learning more about the program contact Charlie Powe at ch.powe@gmail.com or complete the form at <https://goo.gl/xSKVML>.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS 2019



The Flower List for 2019 will be posted in November. **The cost of the flowers will be increased to \$50.** The smaller version is getting lost in the new sanctuary. Over the course of the last few weeks, the Flower committee has been trying different sizes (cost) to determine what will work best. Please help make the sanctuary bright with live plants by signing up to provide flowers in 2019.

SAVE THE DATE! (MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...)

- **Saturday, December 8**, 5:00 pm & Sunday, December 9, 10:45 am, Children's Christmas Musical
- **Sunday, January 6**
 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Blood Drive
 - 5:30 pm, Chili Cook Off
- **Sunday, January 27**, following 10:45 service, Annual Meeting
- **Saturday, February 9**, 9am - 2pm, Barnabas Training



FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2018

Below is a summary of the church's income and expenses for the month of September and Year-to-date. We encourage everyone to give regularly, proportionally, faithfully, and generously to support our church's mission and ministry all year long.

General Fund Report The General Fund balance is \$411,159. Operating Income and Expenses are within the Annual Budget for Income and Expenses, with Income for the month of \$54,491 and Expenses of \$58,846 for the month. Cash in the checking account is \$411,159 of which \$213,371 is restricted and reserved for future expenditures.

Building Fund Report The Building Fund Balance is \$244,114. Building construction and interest expenses related to the new building were \$79,967 for the month. The first mortgage payment will be made in November.

Building on Faith Donations The Building on Faith Campaign resulted in donations totaling \$126,867 and these funds are used to purchase furnishings for the new Sanctuary. To date \$110,902 has been used to purchase furnishings.

	<u>For September</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 54,491	\$ 57,691	\$ (3,200)
Expenses:	\$ 58,846	\$ 57,194	\$ 1,652
Balance:	\$ (4,355)		

	<u>September Year-to-Date</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 540,617	\$ 519,219	\$ 21,400
Expenses:	\$ 490,067	\$ 520,746	\$ (30,679)
Balance:	\$ 50,550		

Forward in Faith YTD \$ 366,444

<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Month Amt.</u>	<u>YTD AMOUNT</u>
Income:	\$ 18,962	\$ 2,919,018
Expenses:	\$ 79,967	\$ 2,849,927

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Wentzloff
Council Treasurer

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finances

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1..... Dolores Cardascio, Faith Geller,
Lee Gollhardt, Tracy McDuffee, Kylie Rankin
- 2..... Elaine Brody, Bevely Pinnelli
- 3..... Bonnie Domino, Samantha Johnson,
Diana Reincke, Sherry Roberts
- 4..... Jonathan Black
- 5..... Emily Ernst
- 6..... Autumn Maraviglia, Maggie Rojas,
Joseph Trevino, Michael Yndestad
- 7..... Carol Gerhardt, Jenny Hollabaugh,
Nancy Morbeck, Dylan Schorsch
- 9..... Patricia Bour, Sarah Frederickson,
Breanna Huston
- 10..... Zoe Bishop, David Johnson, Mike Kasal,
Nathaniel Reincke
- 11..... Merrily Burkland, Jeffrey Case,
Jocelyn Doden, Carol Legel, Jake Scalise,
Dana Ullrich
- 12..... Norris Bretsen, Randi Dawson,
Thor Forsythe, Paul Marx, Dylan Miley,
Megan Prather
- 13..... Melissa Juergensen, Don Koerner,
Paul Lemke, Emily Schoenberg,
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- 23..... Drew Anderson, Laura Miley
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Janet Thunholm
- 26..... Jill Bohrnell, Barbara Hoppensteadt
- 27..... Ted Anderson, Ellie Conway,
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- 28..... Bailey Greene, Scott Wintersteen
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NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

		Nov 3 & 4	Nov 10 & 11	Nov 17 & 18	Nov 24 & 25
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster			
Altar Flowers		* Gail Quam, in memory of Jordy Lorraine & Nel Quam * Sue Blotch, in memory of Gladys & Floyd Blotch	* Barb Hoppensteadt, in memory of the first anniversary of Don's death * Adele Wogstad, in memory of her daughter, Cathie Chidester	* Chuck & Nancy Zunker, thankful for caring neighbors	* Barb & Joe Niemiec, in celebration of our 35th anniversary
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	June Kobler Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink	Barb Krmpotich Colleen Bender	Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner Alice Hallett Sharon Stangle
Coffee Hour Host		HELP NEEDED, CONTACT ELAINE MUCIBABICH AT emuci60142@gmail.com			
Coffee Hour Treats			Friends Thru Faith	Quilters	
Communion Bread	SUN	Sue Wehnes JoAnn Ward	Sharon Mundt Joan Rice	Jen Powe Marilyn Schnell	Nancy Ottinger Keith Steen
Communion Set Up & Take Down	5:00 SAT	Barb Hoppensteadt, Sue Mattiucci, Tom Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Judy Lindsey Sandy Schuessler	Adele Wogstad Judie Symbal	Alice Miller Barb Davis	Jill Hoffman Deb Swan
	10:45 AM	Kara Burg Jenny Hollabaugh	Jan & Don Koerner	Linda Jahr Donna Schnepff	Pam & Darren Walloch
Communion Stewards	9:00 AM	Donna Sorensen Jill Hoffman		Cheryl Adams	Donna Sorensen Carol Roth
	10:45 AM				
Counters	MON	Warren Brody, Donna Turner, Marilyn Wilhelm, Keith Steen			
Greeters HELP NEEDED	5:00 SAT	Stevie Massei	Steve & Linda Murphy	Nancy Zunker Karen Eckert	Dottie Bobzin Vik Bekeris
	9:00 AM	Sue Wehnes Lynn Meyers Terry Halpin	Carol Bletz Don Schneider Terry Halpin	Carol Bletz Don Schneider Terry Halpin	Judy Sanford Alice Murphy Terry Halpin
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm Marge Marlowe	Bob & Carolyn Malm Marge Marlowe	Bob & Carolyn Malm Marge Marlowe	Bob & Carolyn Malm Marge Marlowe

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Nursery	9:00 am	Jen Koltz	Jen Nagel	Judie Symbal	Jen Powe
	10:45 am	Blue Geller	Jeni McCann Jen Powe	Blue Geller Judie Symbal	Sandy Hupert
Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 am	VOCALS: Annette Boster Kim Szekeley Pam Walloch GUITAR: Grant Jahr	VOCALS: Jim Rhode Kim Szekeley Sheri Ott GUITAR: Grant Jahr	GUITAR: Grant Jahr	VOCALS: Aly Johnson Chelsea Greene Melissa Bala Shonna Rankin GUITAR: Trevor Dowell Harry Choin DRUMS: Brian Buesing KEYBOARD: Allison McCann
Sound	5:00 SAT	Dan Wills	Dan Wills	Dick Brush	Dick Brush
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin
	10:45 AM	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson
Ushers	SAT 5:00 PM	Barb Hoppensteadt Sue Mattiucci Vik Bekeris	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke John Jensen Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky	JACK CONTI Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Dick Gerhart Carol Gerhart Frank Cesario	VIK BEKERIS Dave Stangle Sharon Stangle Carol Engstrom	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Jeff Stipes Ralph Wehnes Susie Wehnes
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo	MARK FRENDREIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart Todd Johnson	JOHN BOEHLER Darren Walloch Don Koerner Jessica Panella Ron Mudge	ANDREW SZEKELY Jim Rhode Marina Rhode Bob Mollis Ronda Shoemaker Kim Szekeley Vik Bekeris (S)
Visuals	9:00 AM		Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding
	10:45 AM	Chris Swanson	Alan Torkelson	Chris Swanson	Alan Torkelson
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Linda & Cliff Dungey	Bonnie & Chuck Bayser	Jan Suski Joyce Thompson	Elaine & Warren Brody
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen Sandy Werner	Keith Steen	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Joanne Bychowsky
Worship Leader	SAT	Michael Waal			
	9:00 AM				
	10:45 AM	Tyler Greene			

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