



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

## Congregational Newsletter August 2019

### Statement of Purpose

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

*Fellowship, food & fun*

## CHURCH Picnic



### ANNUAL PICNIC

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25  
AROUND NOON**

DEICKE PARK

FOLLOWING 10:45 AM SERVICE

Hamburgers, hot dogs,  
drinks, plates, silverware &  
napkins provided.

**BRING THE KIDS FOR GAMES!**

Sign up so we are sure to have enough:

**[www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic2019](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic2019)**

Optional, bring a dish to share: Last name: A-O side/salad and P-Z dessert  
You may want to bring lawn chairs in case we fill the pavilion. (More info pg 15)

Contact: Sharon Little  
[skl55little@mac.com](mailto:skl55little@mac.com)

## BLESSINGS

### AUGUST 10 & 11 SERVICES

- **Kindergarten Blessing**  
(e-mail RSVP for this one only to [Michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:Michelle@sotpmail.com))
- **Blessing of the Backpacks**
- **Teacher Blessing**

Contact: Michelle Rankin [Michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:Michelle@sotpmail.com)

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## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

### *Pastor's Corner*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever participated in a small group and felt like you didn't belong? Maybe your interests or personalities were different, and no matter how hard you tried, or how much you wanted to belong, it just wasn't a good fit.

Have you ever felt that way visiting a church?

On the other hand, imagine you joined a group of some sort and, to your delight, the others made you feel very welcome, and you began to grow and contribute.

That is always the hoped for response from people who experience what God is up to at Shepherd of the Prairie.

In Romans 5:11-22, the writer Paul, talks about grafting into Christ – accepting Christ and taking on the role of a Christian. Paul says “we put off the world's ways and follow the teachings of Christ.

We are adopted, or grafted, into the world of believers. Your fellow believers come from every race and tribe in the world, yet all belong to the same root that strengthens and guides them.

God warns us, though. Should we fail to render kindness, we will eventually be cut off. (It sounds harsh, but that's what the text says!) Our actions will show whether we belong to God or not.

When we plant a garden or a tree, we expect something to grow. It's the same thing when we're grafted into the fellowship of Christ. Faith without works is empty, just like a barren garden or a dying tree offers only what might have been. God grafted the wild branches (Gentiles) into the established roots (Jews) in order to replace the original branches that became unfruitful.

What does it take to be fruitful? We can serve others. We can smile, we can greet people as they enter church, we can give of our time and money, and we can pray for those in need.

We can be Christ's hands and feet at work in the world. We can draw strength and life from the true root in Jesus Christ.

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

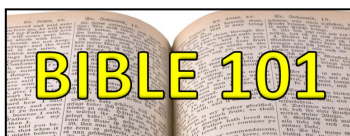
## Adult Education

Three things are happening soon, and if Jesus doesn't return in the next few weeks, you need to put these on your calendar--immediately!



First, on **Sunday, August 18**, Dr. Martin Marty, renowned theologian, writer and Lutheran pastor, will be here at SOTP, **2 pm**, to talk about the church today and our future tomorrow. Dr. Marty has been interviewed numerous times on NPR because his insights into the challenges of the church-in-the-world are incredibly perceptive. You won't want to miss this, the first in our series of inviting the broader community into our midst beyond Sunday worship.

Second, beginning on **Sunday, September 8 and Wednesday September 11**, we'll inaugurate a **new year of Bible study**, starting with the books collectively called "Wisdom Literature": several of the psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. These insightful books draw on the wisdom of God as well as the wisdom of the world as they help us to navigate through the ups and downs of daily life. They also lay the foundation for our study later in the fall of the Gospel of Matthew, the main gospel for this next year.



Third, once again we're offering **Bible 101!** This time we'll meet on **Saturday, September 28, 10-2**. So far almost 200 people have joined us for this adventure into the basics of the Bible: where it

comes from, why we have it, the different types of literature that the authors used, what the Bible does and doesn't do. A sign-up sheet will soon be available on the bulletin board across from the office suite. Watch for it!

Remember these dates--and come join us!

*Pastor Bill*

## Ministry Musings

I recently read a blog about how judgmentalism can hurt a church and it gave me pause and got me thinking.

As I often do, I looked up the meaning of "to judge" in the dictionary. To judge means:



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- To pass sentence upon
- To form an estimate or evaluation
- To hold an opinion by comparing
- To form a bad opinion of someone's behavior, often because you think you are better than them
- To officially decide who will be the winner of a competition

Then I went back and reread the blog with those definitions in mind. Doing so reminded me of all the judgements I make upon a daily basis. "Why can't he get here on time." "She should keep a better eye on her kids at the pool." "She should think before she speaks." "He should be kinder to people." "Why can't he get his work done on time?" "Come on, get moving! The speed limit is 55 here!" "Get off your phone!!!" And many others. Thinking it over, I couldn't believe how many judgments I make about people in a single day!

The blog mentioned how judging others is the basis for racism, sexism, and almost every other 'ism' you can imagine and how it is absolutely incompatible with the faithful walk Jesus calls us to. Jesus said in John 13 that the world will know that we are his disciples by our love. In many circles, Christians are better known by their judgements than by their love.

This blog mentions four things with which being judgmental is incompatible. The first area is LOVE. The presence of judgement almost always guarantees that love will be absent. Again, in John 13, Jesus gave his disciple (us, me) a new command, to love one another as he loved us. He didn't say judge one another, or fix one another, or decide that I am better than one another. He said love one another. Before I approach another, I need to deal with my own issues and encounter a loving God who forgives and restores me. Then, after having been loved so completely by God, I can love others. And to remember, that if I am judging you I'm not loving you. I can't love and judge at the same time.

The second area that judgment affects is HELP. As a rule of thumb, those who judge don't help, those who help don't judge. Judgment upon another creates a line; a line that means "better than", "smarter than", "more righteous than" you. Sure, sometimes my 'one another' makes mistakes, and if I am called by the Spirit to do so, I can bring that to their attention lovingly. But I can't forget to do

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## *Ministry Musings (Cont.)*

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what Jesus said in Luke 6 about looking first for that plank in my own eye before I try to tell my 'one another' about their speck. The purpose of removing someone else's speck is to help them, not to make them worthy. The reason God calls me to step into another person's shoes is not to judge them, but to help them. If my motive isn't to help them, then I shouldn't bother; I'll probably only make it worse. And if I am truly working to help them I won't carry a sense of judgement.

The third area that judging others affects is HUMILITY. Judging often brings out those ideas mentioned in the definition noted earlier. Judging is never grounded in humility, it is most always grounded in arrogance. When I judge others, I tend to carry with myself a sense of condescension (I'm would never allow that to happen to me or it must be their fault) or pity (oh, poor, stupid you). Judgement always says I'm better, smarter, more righteous than you and of course I'm superior to you. When I judge, I always make myself out to be the winner of the "competition".

The last area is PRAYER. Judging someone and praying for them are pretty much mutually exclusive. I may judge you and pray about you, asking God to change you or your mind so that you come into line with my much better way of seeing things. But I can never truly pray for one that I judge. On the other hand, if I want to stop judging you, I need to pray for you. To pray that God blesses your socks off; that he gives you all you need; that he gives you more than he gives me; that he surrounds you with his presence, grace and mercy. It's pretty much impossible to judge someone and truly pray for them at the same time.

God never asked me to judge the world; he asked me to love it. The same is true for his people. He never asks me to judge his people; he commands me to love them as I love myself. To serve my neighbor as Jesus did; to wash feet, to carry my cross, to lay down my life (and my judgements). WOW!

*Donna Kelly*

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

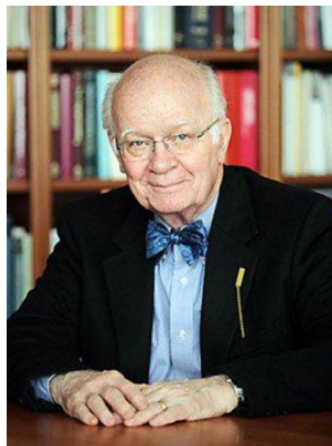


Thank you so much to all our volunteers that served at Feed My Starving Children August 13th! We helped pack 47,088 meals that morning!

Thanks, Jill Brown

## DR. MARTIN MARTY AT SOTP!

Martin Marty, an American Lutheran religious scholar, is coming to SOTP on Sunday, August 18, 2019. This is a special event for SOTP as Dr. Marty is a well-known religious scholar and publisher of over 60 books. Born on February 5, 1928, Dr. Marty is 91 years young. Although born in Nebraska, his career includes being a pastor in the northwest suburbs and professor of religious history at the University of Chicago for 35 years. He is a speaker and columnist.



Dr. Marty is a prominent interpreter of religion and culture today and a marvelous speaker. He will be speaking with us on Sunday at 2pm followed by a small reception. Please mark your calendars for this once in a lifetime experience.

Dr. Marty is married to Harriet. They have seven children (two are foster children), 9 grand children and 7 great grandchildren. He has been past president of the American Academy of Religion and the American Society of Church History. He has also served on two presidential commissions. Dr. Marty is a gifted and eloquent speaker. This is a very special event that should not be missed.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 2pm** for Dr. Martin Marty at Shepherd of the Prairie!!!!

*Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com*

## SUPPERS 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 7:00pm** on Wednesday Evenings, **September 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23 and November 6**. Our Wednesday Night Suppers will be served; 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.

come a *Contact Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com*



## 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, August 4th from 3:00-5:30 pm.** This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the life and ministry of SOTP and for you to consider prayerfully whether or not you want to formally become a member of the SOTP family.

We will welcome new members on the following weekend, August 10th & 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly or Pastor Mark through the church office.

*Contact Donna Kelly [Donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:Donna@sotpmail.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 Tuesday evening beginning July 13th from 6:30 to 8 pm.**

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

*Contact: Donna Kelly at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com)*

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY



All men are invited to meet on the **first Wednesday monthly at 9:00 am** at Sammy's Restaurant in Huntley to share breakfast and fellowship. Come once—or monthly!

*Contact: John Shepard [fennvilleduo@comcast.net](mailto:fennvilleduo@comcast.net)*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

If you would like to donate some of your time to helping Habitat for Humanity build homes in Crystal Lake, please contact Carl Hupert.

⇒ We need up to 12 people in **September**.

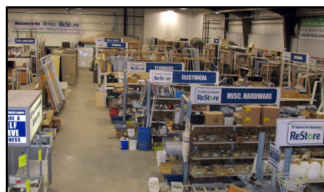
⇒ They may also be able to use 4-5 individuals on **shorter notice**.



Carl will compile a list or schedule based on responses.

*Contact Carl Hupert carlhupert@gmail.com*

## RESTORE (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY)



**The third Thursday monthly from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm** volunteers from SOTP are needed to help at Habitat for Humanity's Restore, Elgin **NOT CONSTRUCTION WORK, HELPING OUT IN THE STORE ONLY.**

*Contact: Carl Hupert  
carlhupert@gmail.com.*

## FALL SUPPER CLUB

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SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, EAT, MEET & GREET

SIGN UP [www.bit.ly/SOTPsupper2019](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsupper2019) or on the sign-up sheet outside of the new offices.

### Here is the scoop:

Once people have signed up, all names are split into groups of 6 to 8 people with a designated start up person. We encourage everyone to participate, singles and couples, in order to get to know the folks you see at service!

Each small group then decides for themselves when and how they want to meet. Typically, each month there is a host couple who provides the entree, and the remaining participants fill in with appetizer, salad, and dessert. Then the next month there is a different host couple and those taking care of the appetizer, salad, and dessert rotate as well. In that way each month one couple or person is responsible for a different course of the meal. Each group meets 3-4 times for the current session depending on the number of couples or singles in the group.

Other groups have decided to order in Chinese or pizza, or go out for the evening to change things up a bit. It is entirely up to the group how they would like to handle the details.

If you have any questions or would like more information, let us know.

*Contact: Sharon Stangle 224-628-2107 ds@gmail.com or  
Marilyn Sauerberg at 847-544-6454 ggmar35@gmail.com*



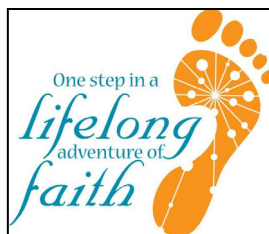


## CONFIRMATION

We are excited about kicking off our confirmation journey with our **6th, 7th & 8th graders** this year!

- **Parent/student night is Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m.** At least one parent and your student should attend this very important first meeting of the year.
- We will start regular classes the following week on Wednesday, September 25th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Contact: Pastor Mark Boster [PastorMark@sotpmail.com](mailto:PastorMark@sotpmail.com)



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS



Wednesday night dinners will kickoff on **Wednesday, September 25th from 5:30 - 6:15 pm.**

Contact: Nick Wolf [bsa.nwolf@gmail.com](mailto:bsa.nwolf@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

### REHEARSALS RESUMING SOON:

#### ⇒ **Sunday, August 18**

- ⇒ Blessings Choir, (3rd - 8th grade), 10:10 - 1:40 am

#### ⇒ **Wednesday, September 4**

- ⇒ Chimers ring & sing (K - 2nd grade) 4:30 - 5:00 pm (Music/Education Room)
- ⇒ Cherub Choir (toddlers - Kindergarten) 5:00 - 5:20 pm (Big Sunday School Rm)
- ⇒ Jubilate Bells (3rd - 8th grade) 5:15 - 5:50 pm (New Sanctuary)

Contact: Jane McMullen [Jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:Jane@sotpmail.com)



## REFRESH

Re:refresh for Those in 8th Grade & Up—**Exciting New Schedule**

We will be meeting **every Sunday, right after the 2nd service**, starting about noon and ending at 1:30 pm. Come for church at 10:45 and stick around for some fun and fellowship and watch as our friendships grow! Lunch is provided.

Contact Greg Dowell [Greg@sotpmail.com](mailto:Greg@sotpmail.com)



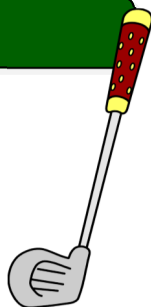
## SOTP GOLF OUTING

Shepherd of the Prairie's "Fairway to Heaven" Golf Outing will be **Sunday, September 22, 2019 3:00 PM** at Pinecrest Golf Club in Huntley. There will be a BBQ Buffet following at Pinecrest.

*\*Shotgun Start \* Scramble Format \*On-Course Games*

*\*Range Balls Included \*Modified Peoria Scoring System*

*\*Free Child Care during Golf Outing \*Raffle Prizes given at BBQ*



### Playing Options

Golf / Cart / Buffet ..... \$38.00

Golf / Walk / Buffet ..... \$30.00

Golf / Cart / NO Buffet ..... \$22.00

Golf / Walk / NO Buffet ..... \$14.00

Buffet Only / NO Golf ..... \$17.00

Contact: Jim Rhode [jrhode22@gmail.com](mailto:jrhode22@gmail.com) or

Bob McDuffee [mcduffeeb@comcast.net](mailto:mcduffeeb@comcast.net).

## FOOD PANTRY

### **Weekend of August 3 & 4**

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services  
(Volunteers needed Sunday mornings, sign up on Sign Up Genius at



### NEEDS THIS WEEKEND:

CRACKERS (ESPECIALLY RITZ), DISH SOAP, JUICE

CANNED MEATS, READY TO EAT SOUPS

FRUIT COCKTAIL, SNACKS, COOKIES

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](mailto:agrndmom3@gmail.com)

## BOOKS, MOVIES, GAMES, CELL PHONES...

Cleaning house? Donations of these items can be dropped off in the closet across from the new offices. They are turned in for cash which will go directly toward reducing the mortgage on our building.



Contact: Michelle Rankin [Michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:Michelle@sotpmail.com)

## FAMILY PARK TOUR 2019

### Come One Come All!

Bring Your Own Lunch and  
Join Us from 10:30 am -  
1:30 pm!

Last meet up of this year!

**August 6:** Sting Ray Bay,  
Huntley



Contact Kerry Zimmerman  
[zimmerman317@gmail.com](mailto:zimmerman317@gmail.com)

## MUSICIANS NEEDED



We need your help! Do you play an instrument?  
Do you sing? Are you looking for a new way to be  
involved in worship?

We are in need of volunteers to help create a  
moving worship experience. If this sounds like  
something you would enjoy doing, please  
consider joining the SOTP Worship Team. We are always looking for  
singers, instrumentalists, sound and visual technicians. The Worship  
Band rehearses weekly at 6:15pm on  
Thursday nights. If you are at all interested in  
participating in worship in a new way, please  
contact Tyler Greene for more information and  
to set up a meeting.

Contact: Tyler Greene [Tyler@sotpmail.com](mailto:Tyler@sotpmail.com)



## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



**We started accepting registration for the 2019-2020 school year.** Our preschool has programs  
for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2019).

Children do not need to be potty trained.

Our class sizes are small (not more than 10-12 per  
class). 1, 2 & 3 day classes are available to both  
members and non-members. For more information  
go to [www.bit.ly/SOTPLittleLambs](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLittleLambs)

Contact: Jill Gillming [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com)

## BOOK CHATTERS 2019-2020 READING LIST



Book Chatters meets from **1-3 p.m.** at the church on the **third Wednesday** of each month. We have chosen our reading list for next year, starting with a book about a book club and continuing through June with a variety that includes fiction, nonfiction, inspirational/religious, classic, Christmas, and this year a brain candy for the cabin fever month of

January – after which we will warm up in February with a book about book burning.

Elaine Neukirch arranges for Huntley residents to preorder the books at the Huntley Library through her by giving her their library card number and e-mail – it's a slick way to let the library worry about getting the books to us for reading a month ahead of discussion. The group is informal and very welcoming, and we'd love to have you join us on our special Wednesdays.

**SEPTEMBER** -- THE READING GROUP by Elizabeth Noble

**OCTOBER** – THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE by Lisa See

**NOVEMBER** – KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON by David Grann

**DECEMBER** – WOMEN OF CHRISTMAS by Liz Curtis Higgs

**JANUARY** – THE WEDDING SHOP by Rachel Hauck

**FEBRUARY** – FAHRENHEIT 451 by Ray Bradbury

**MARCH** – THE RADIIUM GIRLS by Kate Moore

**APRIL** – LOST ROSES by Martha Hall Kelly

**MAY** – POPE JOAN by Donna Woolfolk Cross

**JUNE** – ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN by Lisa See

*Contact: Gail Barnard [gbarn664@gmail.com](mailto:gbarn664@gmail.com)*

## NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK

Thank you tremendously for all the work you did today at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. You did a great job doing God's Work with Your Hands packing 2,895 pounds of cocoa into 33,088 bags for our hungry neighbors. It will certainly help them enjoy their holiday meals. It was a real pleasure working with you, such wonderful Christians, for volunteering and doing good deeds in a zealous way.

God bless each and every one of you, Sharon Stangle



## MEMORY GARDEN - UPDATE

The Memory Garden Committee has met many times since being formed in 2018. We have been studying locations, requirements, and columbarium manufacturers. We have also reviewed other memory gardens in the area. We are planning to present our recommendation with a rendering of our efforts to the Church Council at the August meeting. If you have any questions related to the teams efforts feel free to contact Ralph Wehnes who serves as the team chairperson.



*Contact: Ralph Wehnes [ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net)*

## GREEN TREES HOUSING - UPDATE



We had a successful turnout on June 1, with help from 38 people and promises of more help to come. Thanks for those who came out. We enjoyed a cookout and good companionship.

This is always an on-going maintenance effort, and the rains of June have brought back lots of weeds and a race to

keep up. We also concentrated our efforts in areas that had not been worked before.

This, combined with only a few volunteers, have left us in a situation where we will have to prioritize what to do. Jill Brown has begun some planting, but before we do more, we will have to assess the situation. **WE CANNOT CONTINUE WITH ONLY 3-4 PEOPLE.**

**Contact Jules (see below) to schedule time to help out.**

**ONE SAD NOTE TO REPORT.**

The Village has always supplied us with free Mulch. My main person there has been MIKE LINGTON. Mike has always been responsive to our needs, putting mulch wherever we wanted.

After helping us with June 1 delivery, Mike passed away a few days later, while on vacation with his family. Please keep Mike's family in your prayers. Mike was only 56.

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for their program that granted us \$250 for plants and expenses. Stay tuned for further updates.

*Contact: Jules Pelka [julespelka@gmail.com](mailto:julespelka@gmail.com)*

## PRAYER SHAWL ANYONE?



Looking for a shawl to give to a loved one, friend or neighbor? Not finding one on the “rack” that fills your need?

Please check out the upper “A” cabinet in the mission hall, we have an abundance of shawls ready for giving.

Are you a crocheter or knitter? Join us in creating shawls. We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am.

Contact: Alice Hallett [agrndmom3@gmail.com](mailto:agrndmom3@gmail.com)

## PRAYER CHAIN



To add a prayer request or to start receiving prayer requests to pray for those in need of prayer, please e-mail:  
[SOTPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:SOTPrayers@gmail.com)

## ADDITIONAL MARK YOUR CALENDAR DATES

- **God's Work Our Hands Celebration, September 8, Noon - 4pm**
  - Contact: Sandy Hupert, [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com)
- **Blood Drive, Sunday, November 3**
  - Contact: Nancy Ottinger, [neotter@aol.com](mailto:neotter@aol.com)



## FEMALE FRIDAYS

SOTP women are invited to join us for dinner at Jameson's in Huntley on **Friday, August 9th at 6pm** for a fun night of dinner & fellowship. Join us once—or monthly!



Contact: Joanne Schwartz 847-659-1740  
[schwartz@comcast.net](mailto:schwartz@comcast.net)

## BARNABAS CAREGIVING

If you are aware of anyone who is homebound and would enjoy a visit from a Barnabas Minister, or if you would, please let Donna know.

Contact: Donna Sorensen 224-858-4168





## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC DETAILS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The picnic will be at Deicke Park after second service, **around noon on August 25th**. We have the Cole Pavilion reserved for us. When you enter the park, go straight ahead and then take a slight right and follow it to the Cole Pavilion on the left.



All the meat will be provided-hamburgers and hot dogs. We will supply all the drinks, plates, cups, silverware, napkins, etc.

You can bring your appetite and you are kindly requested to bring a side salad/dish if your last name starts with A-O. P-Z, please bring a dessert.

There will be games for the children, so bring them along.

You might also want to bring a couple lawn chairs, in case we fill the pavilion.

Please sign up online or on the sheet in Crossroads by 8/18 so we have enough food for all.

*Contact: Sharon Little sk155little@mac.com.*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



Mark your calendars, **rehearsals start Sunday, September 29th 2:00—4:00 pm** and will continue weekly on Sundays. Musicals will be shared in worship on Saturday, December 8th at 5:00 pm and Sunday, December 9th at 10:45 am.

*Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sofpmail.com*

## THANK YOU—CAROL & WALT ROTH

We would like to thank members of the congregation for their prayers, thoughts, phone calls and cards. It's amazing how much they all mean when you're not feeling well. Today we got the results from a PET test, designed to check if cancer is still present. I still have a spot that is not totally clear; so I will be starting radiation in about a week. I feel confident this treatment will work. Walt got a pacemaker last week and is doing well and is thinking of hitting the links (if summer ever arrives.)



Carol & Walt Roth

## PLANT WATERING HELP NEEDED

Are you looking for an easy volunteer job to help the church? The Worship Committee needs volunteers to help water the palm trees. There is a watering schedule of twice a week. If we could find six more volunteers, **each person would water the palms once a month.** The palms would thrive from our loving care. It takes about 30 minutes to water the plants. The church is open from 9am until 2pm Monday-Friday.



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## DIAKONIA

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		Aug 3 & 4	Aug 10 & 11	Aug 17 & 18	Aug 24 & 25	Aug 31
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster				
Assisting Minister SIGN UP AT <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	9:00 AM	Rick Miller		Wayne Schmidt	Doug Sandberg	
	10:45 AM	Kathy Pizarro		Tamara Uteg	John Boehler	
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink Jody Linton	Barb Krmpotich Janet Kling	Alice Hallett Sharon Stangle Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner	Jody Linton Sharon Stangle
Coffee Hour Host	SUN	HELP NEEDED: SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD IN HALLWAY BY OFFICES CONTACT: ELAINE MUCIBABICH ELAINE MUCIBABICH EMUCI60142@GMAIL.COM				
Coffee Hour Treats	SUN					
Communion Assistants SIGN UP AT <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	SAT	Tom & Tamara Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Judie Symbal Cheryl Adams Carolyn & Ed Cuttle Michelle & Grace Clifford	Carol Engstrom Elaine Gillam	Audrey Schmidt Judie Symbal Cheryl Adams Eileen Gerald Elaine Gillam	Cheryl Adams	
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Marge Marlowe Matt & Renae Greene Elaine Neukirch	Marge Marlowe	Art Uteg Marge Marlowe Kathy Pizarro Rachael & Annika Yndestad Linda Jahr	Donna & Marty Schnepff Marge Marlowe Marlene Boehler	
Communion Bread	SAT	Randi Dawson				
	SUN	PJ Knudsen	Renae Greene	Lanita Palermo	Tom Noesen Bev Pinelli	
Communion Set Up & Take Down	5:00 SAT	Barb Hoppensteadt, Sue Mattiucci, Tom & Tamara Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Judy Lindsey Sandy Schuessler	Alice Miller Barb Davis	Jill Hoffman Judie Symbal	Adele Wogstad Judie Symbal	
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Merrily Burkland	Jan & Don Koerner	Linda Jahr Donna Schnepff	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen	
Counters	MON	Warren Brody, Marilyn Wilhelm, John Throckmorton, Dottie Bobzin				
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Stevie Massei	Steve & Linda Murphy	Gail Quam Sue Blotch		Nancy Zunker
HELP NEEDED CONTACT DOLLY CARDASCIO	9:00 AM	Ron & PJ Knudsen Terry Halpin	Carol Engstrom Elaine Gillam Terry Halpin	Eileen Gerald Elaine Gillam Terry Halpin	Dolly Cardascio Barb Davis Terry Halpin	
	10:45 AM	Dolly Cardascio Bob & Carolyn Malm	Dolly Cardascio Bob & Carolyn Malm	Dolly Cardascio Bob & Carolyn Malm	Marge Marlowe Bob & Carolyn Malm	

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Nursery <b>HELP NEEDED CONTACT JEN POWE</b>	9:00 AM	Jen Nagel	Jen Powe	Judie Symbol	Jen Nagel	
	10:45 AM	Jeni McCann	Jen Powe	Blue Geller	Sandy Hupert Jen Nagel	
Readers <b>SIGN UP AT www.bit.ly/ SOTPworshi pteam</b>	9:00 AM	Doug Sandberg	Marian Mesenbrink	Joan Riffner	Marilyn Sauerberg	
	10:45 AM	Carl Hupert		Kathy Pizarro	Marlene Boehler	
Sound	SAT	Dan Wills	Dan Wills			
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	
	10:45		Tim Torkelson		Tim Torkelson	
Ushers <b>HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Andrew.Szekel y@outlook.com</b>	SAT 5:00 PM	Denis & Carol Minuttilo	DIANA MURPHY Jim Murphy	CAROL HARTMAN Sue Matiucci	Steve Murphy Barb Hoppensteadt	Arnie & Carol Dickerson
	SUN 9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky Carol Engstrom	JACK CONTI Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Dick Gerhart	VIK BEKERIS Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Sandy Seibel Dave & Sharon Stangle Carol Engstrom	ED CUTTLE Ralph & Sue Wehnes Len Cardascio Jerry & Pat Darow Dennis & Sally Houghton Carolyn Cuttle	
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo Jeff Ottens Melissa Bala	MARK FRENDREIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner Jessica Panella Ron Mudge Darren Walloch	ANDREW SZEKELY Jim & Marina Rhode Kim Szekely Bob Mollis Vik Bekeris Ronda Shoemaker Casey Rhode	
Visuals	9:00 AM	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	
	10:45 AM		Alan Torkelson		Alan Torkelson	
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Chuck & Bonnie Bayser	Cheryl Adams Carol Engstrom	Jan Suski Joyce Thompson	Wayne & Audrey Schmidt	
	10:45 AM	Joanne Bychowsky Noreta Walker	Marty Jacobsen Jan Curtiss	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Fred & Lori Wysk	
Worship Flowers		Ed & Pam Richard, celebrating their 8th Wedding Anniversary	Chuck & Sandy Petersen, celebrating their 55th Anniversary	Carol & Barry Farnam Celebrating their 54th Anniversary		