



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

**Congregational
Newsletter
January 2020**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26th

Following 10:45 am Service

NEW

**SOTP Huntley
MOPS**

(Mothers of Preschoolers)

Meetings



Are you a mom? If so, this group is for you! Come join us for food and fellowship as we help each other through this thing called motherhood, one gathering at a time.

Moms of older children, called "Mentor Moms," are also welcome to join!

January meeting dates are:

- Wednesday, January 8th from 5:00 - 6:30PM
- Wednesday, January 22nd from 5:00 - 6:30PM

Meet in the SOTP Library (*next to the Nursery*).

For more information, contact

Amy Ehmen (amyburns517@gmail.com)

Stay up to date by visiting: <http://bit.ly/SOTPMOPS>

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A Note From Pastor Mark

Pastor's
Corner

Where does your food come from? In our urbanized society it's common for someone to answer, "from the grocery store." Of course, we know that's not the source; it's only a convenience.

Our food grows from the earth.

We live in a society of plenty. And we know that our "plenty" requires laborers and farmers for growing and harvesting. These things don't just happen. Yet no matter how much we labor, the earth must have good soil, and the weather conditions must be favorable, and the seed must be good, in order to reap the harvest. A host of natural disasters such as drought, storms, flooding and soil erosion can dash our hopes and change everything. The future is never certain.

In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches his disciples what we call "The Lord's Prayer" in connection with his teaching to "go into your room and pray." Prayer is not about showing off, but about our personal relationship with God, praying for God's Kingdom to come, and praying for our daily bread. Isn't that interesting?

Food and salvation go hand in hand.

In Isaiah 25 we see this connection between food and salvation. On the mountain of the Lord, "the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear" (verse 6). Isaiah proclaims in this vision of salvation that all tears will be wiped away, and death will be no more.

Daily bread, feasting, is the sustenance of life. It is the center of salvation. In the church, we remember Jesus, in the last supper, giving bread and wine, his body and blood, for our salvation. This act is central to Christian life and faith. Food is involved. It is the sustenance of life, and here it is experienced in community.

Jesus taught us to pray, "give us this day our daily bread." It is for all of us together, in communion, gathered together, eating together. Salvation is meant to be experienced in community. That's why families (should) eat together, and why we encourage our church family to join us on Wednesday night for dinner in "fellowship halls"

It's about fostering belonging and community.

Even as many of us have plenty, many in the world, and some in our own communities, are left jobless and hungry. As we pray, "give us this day our daily bread," are we including everyone? Right now, more than 1 billion of the 6.8 billion people on earth are undernourished. Millions of these die each year from lack food. Shepherd of the Prairie faithfully support World Hunger Appeal of the ELCA.

As we begin this New Year, please know how thankful I am for the many

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A Note From Pastor Mark (Cont.)

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ways SOTP reaches out and strives to live out our statement of purpose. "Caring for God's Children." Let's continue to show extravagant care, having hearts as Christ who had a special affection for those who "are least among us."

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

Ministry Musings

As we come to Christmas and all of the festivities and the celebration of God coming to earth as a human being to share our lives, to look death straight in the eye and to be victorious, I like to not only look back on the past year but to look forward to what will come in the new one.



One of the things I am most excited about for 2020 is the launch of our Small Groups Ministry. SOTP has grown so much and so quickly that it becomes harder and harder for us to connect with each other. We have many opportunities to serve and fellowship, but small groups can really help to connect us.

I've been involved in several small groups throughout my life. The first real small group I can remember being a part of was in high school. I was part of a group of just a few teens in my city that were trained to lead retreats for other Lutheran Church youth groups in the area. What a joy it was to be part of a team of four that worked together, studied together, prayed together and served together to share God's love with other area youth. And not only was our team a small group, the group as a whole functioned as a small group as we met for prayer, study, training and sharing.

My church's youth group also served as a small group. We spent a lot of time together over the four years of high school and a lot of sharing took place while we studied, played and cared for each other. The support and connection I experienced from the other kids was amazing and healing.

As an adult, my husband and I were part of two small groups. One was a group of other young couples in our church who shared Marriage Encounter together. This group was the source of great times of fun and fellowship. We not only studied the Bible and served God together, but every year we rented a house up in Green Lake,

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Ministry Musings (Cont.)

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Wisconsin and spent a weekend together just enjoying each other's company. When my husband Russ died, the flowers I received from the "Green Lake Gang", meant more to me than I could ever say. The support this group gave me when my mother died was overwhelming and we all worked together to support another family when both parents became very ill at the same time.

Russ and I also were part of a Marriage Encounter leadership small group. As we worked together to plan and lead Marriage Encounter weekends, the closeness we shared was the nearest thing to heaven I can imagine.

These small groups had a few things in common that made them so special and satisfying. First of all, they each had Christ at the center. Together we worshipped and praised him. Second, they all shared in Bible study and prayer as we looked for God's leading. Third, we cared for one another; when one needed help, we were all there to do and give what we could. Not that there were never any disagreements, but with Christ as our center and others as our focus, we were able to strive to love each other unconditionally. Fourth, we prayed; for each other and for our ministry daily. Then, we played together. We had fun! Whether it was going bowling, a summer picnic, Christmas caroling, weekend outings, family game nights, or just being together telling stupid jokes, we enjoyed each other's company. Lastly, we served together. Some of the groups were formed to serve, some just found ways to care for others and the world around us.

These small groups made lasting connections and a huge difference in my life. I truly believe my life would have been very different had I not been part of these small groups. I hope you have had small group experiences in your life as well. And now you have the opportunity to be part of one again, or for the first time. My prayer for you in the new year is that you will become a member of a small group here at SOTP and take the time to work with the other members to make your group one that prays, studies, worships, plays, cares, and serves together; that you will create a lasting connection that will make a difference in your life.

Donna Kelly

PRAYER CHAIN

To directly distribute an e-mail to the prayer chain,
please e-mail:

sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email

To start receiving distribution and pray with us,
please send request to **admin@sotpmail.com**



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!



SOTP is happy to have Sunday School for our preschoolers - 5th graders **at both the 9am & 10:45 am services.**

Kids will begin in the service with their families and then head off to Sunday School after the children's sermon.

**STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW TEACHERS TO
TEACH ONCE A MONTH!**

Contact: Jill Brown Jillbrown14@yahoo.com

BARNABAS CAREGIVING

Recently I heard an interview with Tom Hanks, actor portraying Mr. Rogers. My children watched Mr. Roger's Neighborhood and as time passes I recognize the value of a child's program where listening, love and kindness was taught. Tom Hanks told his audience that he experienced the value of listening when he became Fred Rogers. In fact he coined the acronym WAIT "Why Am I Talking?" He said, "Listen More, Talk Less".



Right away I thought about the mission of Barnabas Caregiving Ministry. It's one goal is to encourage through listening.

During our December meeting, our group did just that. We encouraged each other through listening. We recognized that the skills taught during training are tools we are utilizing more comfortably during our visits. We listen and care with our heart.

The primary audience to receive caregiving is the alert, elderly person who is homebound, those experiencing acute or chronic grieving, health problems or just in need of someone to listen. We bring communion and send cards.

We meet on the **second Tuesday monthly at 10 am** during the winter months at church.

We are truly blessed to have Barnabas Caregiving Ministers in our midst.

If you know of anyone who would benefit in this Ministry, please let us know.

Contact: Donna Sorensen 224-858-4168

SMALL GROUPS

YOUR ARE INVITED!!!

As SOTP grows in numbers and ministry, we need to find ways to enable all of our members to connect with each other in enjoyable and meaningful ways. A great way to do that is through small groups. A small group is a gathering of 8 to 12 people who meet on a regular basis for fun, fellowship, and support. Small groups can be fellowship groups, service groups, or Bible Study groups.



This Photo by Unknown

We are offering a congregation-wide opportunity for participation in some new Small Groups. We will be kicking off this program the first week in February, with an 8-week commitment that will take us through Lent. Each group will choose their own group format, day and time to meet. We will have a variety of materials available that can be used for the groups; video formats, Bible Studies, Life studies based on each week's lectionary and more. We are planning to have one group that will meet online via the ZOOM platform (it's very easy to use!!).

There will be several ways to be a part of our SOTP Small Group Ministry: you will be able to go on to sotp.org and sign up for a group; or you can sign up in the Welcome area on Sundays; or by contacting the church office.

We will be hosting a "COME AND SEE" event on during our regular Wednesday Night Dinners on **January 22nd**. Come for a meal, fellowship, and to find out more about small groups. You will have an opportunity to sign up to participate in a small group that evening as well.

On **January 29th**, we will be offering and opportunity for all of the Small Groups to meet together, to form our small groups and for each group to meet to decide when and where they will meet.

We are looking for people to serve as leaders or hosts for the groups as well as people to participate. Anybody interested in learning more about how small groups work is invited to join us on **Saturday January 11th, from 10 am to noon**. For more information contact Donna Kelly; donna@sotpmail.com, or through the church office.

Jan 11th – Small Group Info and leader training

Jan 22nd – Small Group Information Evening and Dinner

Jan 29th – Small Group Kick-Off

Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOOD DRIVE

at SOTP



JANUARY 5

8am
to
1pm

Schedule a time at:
www.bit.ly/BloodDriveJan2020

Contact:
Nancy Ottinger
neotter@aol.com

CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT

Saturday, March 14, 2020 - Kishwaukee College, Malta IL



ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be the Keynote Speaker
In addition to workshops from the keynote speaker and NIS Bishop
Jeffrey Clements, other workshops feature topics including:

Administration/Council/Treasurers, Education, Evangelism/
Outreach/Hospitality, Global/Inter-Faith, Leadership, Social
Justice, Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness, Stewardship,
and Youth/Young Adult/Family Ministry

For more information or to register:
Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.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.

BOOK CHATTERS

Book Chatters meets **the 3rd Wednesday monthly from 1-3 pm**. The group is informal and very welcoming, and we'd love to have you join us!

January 15, 1-3 pm
THE WEDDING SHOP
by Rachel Hauck

Contact: Gail Barnard gbarn664@gmail.com



MUSICIANS NEEDED



We need you! Do you play an instrument or sing? 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 the Thursday night** before the Sunday that they lead worship. If you are interested, please contact Tyler for more information and to set up a meeting.



Contact: Tyler Greene Tyler@sotpmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Save
the
Date

Trivia Night 2020!

Sunday, April 19, 5:00 pm

Contact: Youth Team Youth@sotpmail.com

FOOD PANTRY

Weekend of January 4 & 5

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

NEEDS THIS WEEKEND:

*CEREAL * COOKIES
CRACKERS*

*CANNED CARROTS * READY TO EAT SOUP*

*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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY DINNERS



Come one, come all! Join our SOTP community with **Wednesday night dinners** for \$2 per person **from 5:30 - 6:15 pm** most Wednesday nights (check calendar).

Contact: Nick Wolf bsa.nwolf@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

JANUARY REHEARSALS SCHEDULE:

⇒ **Wednesdays (Resuming 1/8/20)**

- ⇒ 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



CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

This year's Christmas Eve offerings was divided equally between:

- ELCA World Hunger Fund
- Home of the Sparrow
- Elgin Crisis Center
- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois



NEW MEMBER GATHERING

"Come and see!" John 2:46. 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, February 9 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, **February 16th & 17th**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly or Pastor Mark through the church office.

Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Sunday, February 9, 3:00 – 5:30 pm

Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com

MEN'S COFFEE



All men are invited to join us at McDonald's by Walmart in Huntley **every Tuesday at 8:30 am** for coffee & fellowship.

Contact: Pastor Bill Waxenberg pastorBill@sotpmail.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

ANNUAL REPORTS



LAST CALL ANNUAL REPORTS

We **MUST** receive your
annual report no later than
January 5.

Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com

LOOKING FOR HOMES....

SOTP Artist Series will present the Wartburg Choir at their Artist Series event on **March 7, 2020**. The choir members will need a place to spend the night on Saturday night. Please consider offering your home to two choir collegiate college members for the night of March 7. The students will be divided in groups of two or four (if you can handle four). It would be for one night only. Please give it prayerful thought. If you think that you could help, please contact Jane McMullen and share your name that you are interested in helping host Wartburg College Choir. More information about the event to come.



Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com

THE AGAPE RINGERS



On **Sunday, February 23, 2020** the SOTP Artist Series presents the Agape Ringers, Chicago's Premiere Handbell Ensemble at 4pm. This group has been in existence since 1992. The program will include a wide variety of musical styles from Beethoven and Mozart to classics like "Fly Me to the Moon". This will be a great afternoon of music by a phenomenal group.

Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com

REFRESH YOUTH (GRADES 7—12)

In our culture, we often look for meaning and identity in many other sources. But only when we recognize Jesus as our life source can we experience complete, fulfilled joy. In verse 11, Jesus says he has spoken these things so our joy will overflow.

We appreciate your prayer and support for our ministry. May God bless you.



- Join us Sundays from
- Sign up to bring lunch or a snack to Refresh **www.bit.ly/RefreshSnacks**
- Sign up for Remind to stay connected to Refresh: **www.bit.ly/RefreshText** or text to the number 81010 using the message @mjuergensen and you will start getting the text messages as we send them.
- We have lots of fun exciting events planned for the next few months. **Please plan to join us at Refresh on Sundays from Noon - 1:30 pm ~ even if you have never attended before.**
- **January 3-4** Holiday/New Year celebration with progressive dinner, gift exchange and lock in
- **Mission Trip for 8th—12th grade students** is scheduled for **June 6-14, 2020**. Planning has begun. We will be starting the fundraising and Trivia Night planning soon!

Contact: Bob McDuffee & team youth@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 on January 14 and 28 and February 11 and 25 from 6:30 to 8 pm.**

*If you have any questions or to sign up, let me know.
Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com 847/669-9448*

LOVE IN A GLOVE BOX & PADS

ITEMS NEEDED----CAN YOU HELP?

Have you ever been approached by someone on the street in need of food, clothing or basic necessities ? During the winter season there is an urgent need to support the homeless in our community. SOTP will be providing "love in a glove box" bags on the missions table in the narthex beginning in January.

We can use any or all of the items listed below:

- ⇒ Chapstick
- ⇒ Hand sanitizers
- ⇒ Tissues
- ⇒ 6 oz. toothpaste
- ⇒ toothbrush
- ⇒ 1-2 oz. men's deodorant
- ⇒ Shaving Cream
- ⇒ Disposable Razors
- ⇒ 3 in 1 Shampoo Conditioner & body Soap
- ⇒ Clean heavy socks for men
- ⇒ Men's size gloves or mittens
- ⇒ Beef jerky / Nutrigrain bars
- ⇒ Gallon sized zip lock Bags
- ⇒ Granola or protein bars



They will be used for:

- ⇒ Luv N Gluv Box (*Bag for homeless to be kept in your car when the occasion might occur.*)
- ⇒ PADS
- ⇒ LSSI Partners in compassion Prison release Hygiene kits

PLACE ITEMS in Mission Box on Hallway table or Mission Box in closet across from the tables.

Contact: Becky Hennessey 847-961-6050.

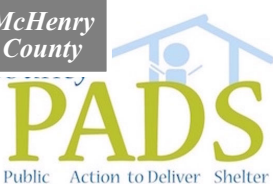
PADS

If anyone is interested in helping out **Thursday nights** at Willow Creek in Crystal Lake, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/SOTP2019PADS>

Volunteers needed for donating food and/or working shifts.

Contact: Vik Bekeris vikb1706@gmail.com

McHenry
County



THANK YOU!

SOTP Worship Committee wishes to thank everyone who worked to make this Christmas season wonderful. Many people are involved to make the church alive with merriment. Thanks to those who decorated, bought poinsettias, baked extra communion bread, served as extra ushers and greeters for all the events. Thanks to folders of all the bulletins, the bakers for coffee hour and servers, to music makers.

So many people helped to make this holiday season wonderful. **THANK YOU all, Worship Committee!**

Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com



“UNDECORATING” PARTY

Time to declutter! There will be an “undecorating party” **after January 5, 2020**. It is time to pack up Christmas for another year. **Please watch the Flourish for the exact date and time.** Remember that many hands make the work go quickly. More information to come on date and time.

Contact: Carolyn Cuttle ednca@comcast.net



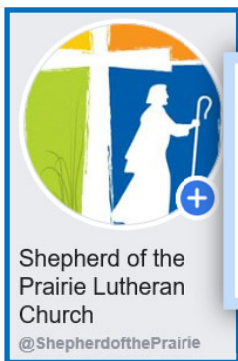
GIVING TREE



A **BIG thank you** to all for being so generous with gifts. Grafton Food Pantry and Turning Point appreciate all the gifts. My Graton Food friend, Mary Hardy who passed away in November, won't see all the gifts this year and I will miss her hugs. Without my quilting ladies, (sorting gifts), two sets of drivers and my "behind the scene helpers," Michelle Rankin and Donna Kelly, this wonderful MISSION work wouldn't happen.

We had a total of **17 families** from Grafton and **13 families** from Turning Point. **The total of gifts purchased came to over 200.** This year, families got larger and it seems the older children are moving back home with parents, this is what happened at Grafton. The increase at Turning Point is because there is more abuse in families and women and children are finally getting help at Turning Point. The gifts have all been delivered to Grafton Food Pantry and Turning Point. Thank you ALL so much for your generous gifts. The smiles on the faces tell the story of appreciation for the gifts. They can't thank us enough. Thank you and a very Happy New Year to all.

Contact Barb Hoppensteadt hoppen@sbcglobal.net



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ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Each year Alice Hallett, a member of Shepherd of the Prairie, crochets blankets for all graduating seniors. She likes to personalize them for each person with two colors of their choosing. In order to do this she would like to know what two colors they would like.

No matter what they choose to do after graduating Alice would like to celebrate them with a blanket. Many students choose the colors of the school they will be attending, military bound students might choose the colors of the branch they are entering, or patriotic colors, and some students may choose their two favorite colors.

If you are a High School Senior or a parent of a High School Senior, please contact Jessica Panella with what their next step is and what two colors they would like. Thanks!

Contact: Jessica Panella hawki886@gmail.com



2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Your 2020 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. Please try to pick them up ASAP.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

FEMALE FRIDAYS

SOTP women are invited to join us for dinner at Jameson's in Huntley on **January 10th at 6pm** for a fun night of dinner & fellowship.

Join us once—or monthly!

*Contact: Alice Miller
admiller93@comcast.net*



FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2019

General Fund Report The General Fund Balance is \$180,291. Income for the month was \$62,635 and Expenses for the month were \$62,610. At this point in the year our Income is 4% greater than last year and \$66,000 less than projected in the Budget. Expenses were \$56,880 less than projected in the Budget.

Mortgage Service Fund Report The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$76,954. Income for month was \$18,439. The required monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536. At this point in the year the Mortgage Fund Balance is equal to just under four (4) months payment.

	<u>For Month</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 62,635	\$ 66,658	\$ (4,023)
Expenses:	\$ 62,610	\$ 67,127	\$ (4,517)

	<u>For Year-to-Date</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 673,680	\$ 733,238	\$ (59,558)
Expenses:	\$ 676,014	\$ 732,831	\$ (56,817)

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for month: \$ 18,439
Fund Balance: \$ 76,954

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel L. Wentzloff
Church Council Treasurer

faith and
finances

DO YOU SHOP AMAZON?

Shop AmazonSmile, when you select SOTP as your nonprofit. Same Amazon you know & love, but Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchase to SOTP.



We have received **\$1,077.99** so far toward the new addition.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1.....Marlene Hunt, Tom Keane, Caitlin Ross,
Nellica Seibert
- 2.....Ava Allison, Evan Reincke, Jim Zei
- 3.....Vik Bekeris, Phil Casablanca, Riley
Dobrolinsky, Addilynn Grady, Jessica
Panella, Gretchen Rossman
- 4.....Mark Miley
- 5.....Sandy Petersen
- 6.....Denis Minutillo, Elaine Neukirch,
Jacqueline Petersen
- 7.....Heather Farnam
- 8.....Liss Kundich, Barb Niemiec, Elizabeth
Rojas
- 9.....Linda Murphy, Michael Parmele, George
Sebastian
- 11.....Lucy Dahlin, Joan Doege
- 12.....Caiden Luedtke, Lanita Palermo, Jack
Trevino
- 13.....Maddox Black, Alexander Linton
- 14.....Kurtis Arndt, Larry Newbanks, Evelyn
Olbrich, Robert Petersen
- 15.....Dinah Lindsey, Joyce Thompson
- 16.....Nancy Zunker
- 17.....Rick Behm, Christian Kasal, Emilie Ulmer
- 18.....Steven Brown, Connor Martin, Joan Smith
- 19.....Eliott Burg, McKenzie Fulcer, Jeff McNeal,
Ruth Roper
- 20.....Loretta Brindell, Jared Davis, Daniel
Hibbeler, Pam Luedtke, James Murphy,
Tim Torkelson
- 21.....Mel Kling, Shannon Mejdrich
- 22.....Bill Berens, Tracy Blanchard, Melody
Emery, Shayne Piskule, Katie Torkelson,
Hailey Trudeau
- 25.....Kevin Hennessey, Kate Kembrowski,
Annette Petersen, Benjamin Sparks
- 26.....Sophia Burian
- 27.....Marilyn Schnake, Pamela Walloch,
Dorothea Wills
- 28.....Danielle Crespo, Bradley James, Audrey
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- 30.....Patrick Fleener
- 31.....Connor Brittain

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JANUARY SCHEDULES

		Jan 4 & 5	Jan 11 & 12	Jan 18 & 19	Jan 25 & 26
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster		Donna Kelly Preaching	Pastor Mark Boster
Assisting Minister SIGN UP AT www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam	9:00 AM			Wayne Schmidt	
	10:45 AM				
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI			Marian Mesenbrink	Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner 1/29: Alice Hallett Jody Linton
Coffee Hour Host	SUN	Help Needed Please Sign Up on Clipboard (Coffee Bar on Sunday or Bulletin Board all week)			
Coffee Hour Treats	SUN				
Communion Assistants SIGN UP AT www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam	SAT	Ralph & Sandy Scalise	Dorothy Wills Bethany Bower	Sue & Bill Kamphausen	Tom Polzin Barb Hoppensteadt
	9:00 AM	Dolores Cardascio	Carol Waxenberg	Audrey Schmidt	
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert	Carol Waxenberg		
Communion Bread	SAT	Lori Paeth			
	SUN	Lanita Palermo Merrily Wilhelm	Jenny Hollabaugh Jacque Stashwick	Elaine Newkirch Renae Greene	Merle Lewis P.J. Knudsen
Communion Set Up & Take Down	5:00 SAT	Sue Mattiucci and Barb Hoppensteadt			
	9:00 AM	Jill Hoffman and Donna Newbanks	Barb Davis and Alice Miller	Adele Wogstad Judie Symbol	Judy Lindsey and Sandy Schuessler
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert and Merrily Burkland	Sandy Petersen Marlene Boehler	Jan and Don Koerner	Pam & Darren Walloch
Counters	MON	Ralph Wehnes, Warren Brody, Marilyn Wilhelm, Cheryl Adams			
Readers SIGN UP AT www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam	9:00 AM		Carol Waxenberg		
	10:45 AM	Carl Hupert	Bob McDuffee		
Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 AM	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Bree & Jenn Huston GUITAR: Grant Jahr	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Jim Rhode, Kim Szekely, Pam Walloch GUITAR: Grant Jahr DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Chelsea Greene, Kylie Rankin, Melissa Bala, Ricky Falbo GUITAR: Grant Jahr Trevor Dowell	VOCALS: Alan Torkelson, Casey Rhode, Chris Brittain, Kim Szekely GUITAR: Grant Jahr DRUMS: Brian Buesing

JANUARY SCHEDULES (CONT.)

		Jan 4 & 5	Jan 11 & 12	Jan 18 & 19	Jan 25 & 26
Sound	SAT 5:00 PM	Dan Wills	Dan Wills	Dan Wills	Dan Wills
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin
	10:45 AM	Tim Torkelson	Mike Yndestad Tim Torkelson	Mike Yndestad	Mike Yndestad Tim Torkelson
Sunday School Teachers	9:00 AM	Deb Hansen Megan Prather	Barb Pagano Jeff DeLong	Geri Lynn Schlichting Jill Brown	Geri Lynn Schlichting Jill Brown
	10:45 AM	Barb Pagano Jeff DeLong	Geri Lynn Schlichting Jill Brown	Geri Lynn Schlichting Jill Brown	Geri Lynn Schlichting Jill Brown
Ushers <small>HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Andrew.Szekely@outlook.com</small>	SAT 5:00 PM	Barb Hopensteadt Karen Eckert	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky Carol Engstrom	JACK CONTI Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Dick Gerhart Frank Cesario	VIK BEKERIS Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Sandy Seibel Dave & Sharon Stangle Carol Engstrom	RALPH WEHNES Sue Wehnes Len Cardascio Dennis & Sally Houghton
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo Melissa Bala	MARK FRENDEIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner Jessica Panella Ron Mudge Darren Walloch	ANDREW SZEKELY Jim & Marina Rhode Bob Mollis Vik Bekeris Casey Rhode
Visuals	9:00 AM	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding
	10:45 AM	Renae Greene	Alan Torkelson	Jacob Fiandalo	Alan Torkelson
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Wayne & Lois Graysek	Cheryl Adams Eileen Gerald	Jan Suski Joyce Thompson	Len and Dolly Cardascio
	10:45 AM	Joanne Bychowsky	Sandy Werner Noreta Walker	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Joanne Bychowsky

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