



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

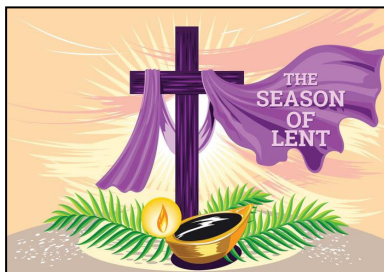
## Congregational Newsletter March 2020

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

## LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES & SUPPERS

- ⇒ **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
  - ⇒ *No Dinner*
  - ⇒ Service, 12:00 Noon
  - ⇒ Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 5:30-6:30 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 5:30-6:30 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 5:30-6:30 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 5:30-6:30 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 5:30-6:30 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5**
  - ⇒ Traditional Service, 9:00 am
  - ⇒ Contemporary Service, 10:45 am
  - ⇒ Ecumenical Palm Sunday Concert, 3:00 pm
- ⇒ **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9**
  - ⇒ Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10**
  - ⇒ Children's Service, all are invited, 10:00 am
  - ⇒ Evening Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11**
  - ⇒ Service, 5:00 pm
- ⇒ **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 12**
  - ⇒ Traditional Service, 9:00 am
  - ⇒ Contemporary Service, 11:00 am



## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Pastor's  
Corner

Dear Constant Reader,

As we journey through Lent under the theme "Marked with the Cross of Christ" I have been reading through the book of Psalms. This morning my devotion led me to Psalm 119. The Psalm celebrates God's word as the inspiration for life. The psalm is also a prayer to God which expresses praise and makes promises of commitment. It expresses a relationship between the psalmist and God.

One hears a yearning for God's law, a desire to meditate upon God's precepts, and to live within the beauty of the guidance and generosity of God. Verse 9 addresses the question of a young man. "How can young people keep their way pure?"

The answer lies in seeking God and living in and with the word of God. This scripture reminds us of the relationship we have with God which hopefully has grown over years of life.

I grew up in a church which believed in challenging children to read the Bible and to memorize some of its most powerful verses.

The word of God lives in one's heart. When we were young, we were faced with making important choices in life. Which path will we travel? What crowd of kids do we follow? What values do we choose for life? Sometimes we chose the wrong crowd and suffered for it. Other times we made better choices and good things happened.

One of my childhood friends chose a good education, worked hard and eventually became an environmental engineer. Another childhood friend turned to a life of crime. Eventually he was convicted and incarcerated.

American society is littered with people who have suffered from poor life choices and a lack of a relationship with a loving God. But there are also those who have chosen well who have a relationship with the God who loves them and shows compassion.

As you look back on your life, what themes do you see? What promises did you make regarding your relationship with God? Was there ever a time of rebellion, wandering and searching? Where did your life's journey take you? How is life now? It's never too late to renew a prayer of promise and desire for a closer relationship with God's word of promise.

PSALM 119

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

## Adult Education

**Forgiveness.** It's a many-faceted thing. At times it's easy. At other times it's hard. Still at other times it's nigh unto impossible. Forgiveness takes work, a lot of work. Usually it's a two-way street. Someone says, "I'm sorry." Another says, "I forgive you." But there are instances where it's a one-way venture. Folks don't always ask, sometimes because they're not interested, or have moved away, or have died. Yet we feel a need to offer it. Forgiveness gets even murkier when we plumb it's depths. Does forgiveness mean re-union? Reconciliation? Can we forgive without the expectation that a broken friendship will be put back together? And where is God in all this? **Forgiveness is what our Lenten study will be about. We begin on Sunday, March 1, at 10:20, and on Wednesday, March 4, at 11:00.** We'll explore this phenomenon of forgiveness for 6 weeks, using a variety of biblical stories. We'll read, listen, and wrestle. The thing we won't do is look for easy answers. Come join us!



*Pastor Bill*

## Ministry Musings



We have been talking a lot about Discipleship here at SOTP. In his message a few weeks ago, Pastor Mark asked how we lived out our Mission Statement; "Caring for God's Children of All Ages by Growing Disciples Who make Disciples". He pointed out how we do a really bang up job of "caring for people of

all ages"; but not so such a good job of "growing disciples who make disciples".

That got me thinking about what it means to be a disciple. Jesus called 12 men to be his close, small group so that he could "disciple" them in the ways of God. But he had many other men and women who were disciples. He spent three years teaching them, helping them to become the people he needed them to be in order to continue with the Kingdom-life he had be launching while he was here on earth. The disciples needed to learn how to see things from God's perspective instead of the notions they have been taught and raised with. Those existing ideas and doctrines were good, as far as they went. But he

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wanted them to see that they could be so much more! Jesus taught them to love their enemies, to love one another with a self-sacrificing love akin to his for them. To be great was to choose to be least. To be first was to choose to be last. To follow him was to take up their cross; to give up their will for God's, just as he did when he picked up his cross.

Discipleship is all about following our master Jesus and learning to live by the wisdom of his words. It's about walking together in the way of Christ, learning to die to ourselves, learning how to leave what we were and learning who we now are in him. Discipleship is a churchy work meaning how we mature in Christ, how Christ is formed in us, in our thoughts, our actions and our lives.

Discipleship isn't just about worship attendance, or Bible study, or even serving on a Ministry team; although certainly those things are very important in living out our discipleship. Discipleship is walking together in the way of Christ, learning to do things his way, to be more like Jesus and less like the world. Remember, we are to be salt and light to the world; to add the flavor of God and the light of his love to this world that is often dark and tasteless. It is growing in our faith, stretching our minds and hearts to take in more and more of Jesus so we can be more and more like him and live in his love for others.

*Donna Kelly*

## *Come and See*

### Lent Season

Season of Lent...what an interesting time in the church year. There are many traditions that circulate around the season of lent, but these traditions are pretty similar. Some people choose not to eat a specific food like beef and chicken. Some people find something else to fast from during the season like soda, television, social media, etc. What these traditions have in common are a form of fasting, or sacrifice, for a specific amount of time leading up to Easter. Now that we have covered what people usually do, we should really talk about why we do these things. I have two main questions that I would like to discuss and that have been the main things I have contemplated during this season. The first question is: Why do we choose something to fast from? Following that is: How



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should we choose what we should fast from?

Growing up in the church, I always thought we just chose something to fast from because that's what you do, but I never really gave any thought about it. I'll be really honest, I wasn't always so great at keeping with that fast either. As I got older, I wanted to know more about why we do this. Why is this a big tradition in the Christian world? As I navigated this question, I found some really neat answers. You usually created a habit, but I created a sense of desidon't fast for the sake of fasting but for the sake of reminding. For me, I usually choose something that I enjoy, and partake in often. I do this because it provides frequent reminders when I want to use or consume the thing I chose. But what am I being reminded of? I'm being reminded of my relationship with the Lord. It is a great reminder to spend time with Him, and often.

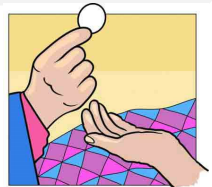
Now this allows us to move into our next question. How should we choose what we should fast from? For example, one year I chose to fast from watching Netflix. Now if you know me, you know I love a good show to binge watch, but every time I wanted to watch Netflix, I was reminded of my fast for the lent season. With this reminder came a substitute. Instead of my desire to watch tv, I decided to replace that time by spending time with Jesus. I would pray, read my bible or even just meditate. The hope is that I would do this enough during the lent season to create a habit! A habit of actively pursuing a relationship with God. Now after the Lent season, I could still watch Netflix, but I noticed that my desires changed a bit. Don't get me wrong, I still enjoyed a good show now and then, but I noticed how much time I gave to mundane things like Netflix and how much time I really wanted to be giving to my relationship with God. I not only re. A desire to spend more time with the Lord!

So, this season, join us in the practice of being reminded! Reminded of what a gift it is to be able to spend time with Jesus. Pick something in your life that you give time to often or you desire greatly (within reason) and use it as your reminder.

*Tessa DeLong*

## HOME COMMUNION

If you or someone you know would like to have Holy Communion brought to their home, we want you to know that we have trained Barnabas Ministers who have been called to serve you. They can also come to a care facility or hospital. All you need to do is let Donna Sorensen know.



Contact: Donna Sorensen [sorensensid@comcast.net](mailto:sorensensid@comcast.net)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On **February 16th** we formally welcome several new members into our family at SOTP:

RUTH MECKLENBURG

KEVAN MECKLENBURG

KATHY BURNS \* MARY HOLBROOK

ROB & ALISON WOMAC

(HENRY, WILLIAM AND NICHOLAS)



We are blessed to have these brothers and sisters in Christ join us! ***Please make yourself known to them and invite them to activities here at SOTP.***

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES—NEW DATES!



**Parents of 5th graders** please register your child on-line at [www.bit.ly/SOTPCommunion](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPCommunion) and mark your calendars for First Communion classes with Pastor Mark.

**Classes will be from 9:30 am - 11:00 am**

**Saturdays: March 7, March 14 & April 4**

First Communion will take place Palm Sunday weekend, the weekend of April 4 & 5, at the service of your choice.

Thanks so much for your spiritual care of your children. We are thankful for your partnership in the Gospel!

*Contact: Michelle Rankin, [Michelle@sotpamail.com](mailto:Michelle@sotpamail.com)*

## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

**We are now accepting registration for the 2020-2021 school year.** Our preschool has programs for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2020).

Children do not need to be potty trained.

Our class sizes are small (not more than 10-12 per class). 1, 2 or 3 day classes are available to both members and non-members. For more information please contact our Preschool Director, Jill Gillming or go to our website and look under FORMS for CLASS REGISTRATION.



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



## COLLECTING DONATIONS



**Youth will be collecting  
MARCH 20 – APRIL 5  
for their Mission Trip.**  
Contact: *Melissa Juergensen*  
*Youth@sotpmail.com*

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING/TOWELS
- ACCESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS

## CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT

**Saturday, March 14, 2020** *Kiswaukee 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 or through the church office.

## MEMORY GARDEN UPDATE



The Memory Garden Committee is close to finalizing the rules and regulations for purchasing a niche in the Columbarium. We expect to receive plans from our architect soon. Once the plans are received, we will review with the Congregation

Council and request to submit them to the Village of Huntley to procure a building permit. After receiving a building permit, the project will be presented to the SOTP congregation for approval.

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

## 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 **March 10 & 24 and April 7 & 21 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.

## EASTER LILLIES



Place Your  
Easter Lily  
Order

As we begin our Lenten season, the Worship Committee is busy planning for our Easter Celebration. This year your committee will be decorating the sanctuary with Easter Lilies. Order forms will be available on the blue table outside the office. This year Easter Lilies will

cost \$15 per lily. You may purchase them in memory of or dedicated to a loved one by filling out the form. The lilies will be available to sale **March 7-March 22.** At that time, we do have to call in our order for Easter.

Easter Lilies may be taken home after the 11am Easter Service. Lilies will need to be picked up by Tuesday, April 14th or they will be disposed of.

Thank you again for helping make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter.

Your Worship Committee

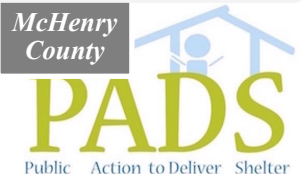
*Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com*

## 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*





## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of March 7 & 8

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend before all services  
Thank you so much for your great donations last month.  
They were so excited to see cereal on their shelf again  
and have requested it again.



### NEEDS THIS WEEKEND:

*CEREAL \* COOKIES \* CRACKERS \* TOILET PAPER  
TOOTHPASTE \* PAPER TOWELS*

*AND CHECKS MADE OUT TO SOTP THAT STATE "FOOD PANTRY" IN THE MEMO  
Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



### Building on Faith

### NEW already in progress!

The New Hope partnership is a group of churches of varying denominations united to fund and build Habitat for Humanity homes in their community. New Hope is NOW building a home at 233 N. Weston in Elgin and **needs SOTP participation**. We invite you to put your faith into action by volunteering at the construction site, providing lunches for the volunteers and praying for our mission. Construction and lunch volunteers are needed the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. No experience is necessary to volunteer, all tools etc. are provided.

To sign up for February 8th or 22nd at [www.bit.ly/SOTPhabitat](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPhabitat)

CONTACT CARL OR SANDY HUPERT FOR FURTHER INFO. 224-569-6041 and/or [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com) or [carlhupert@gmail.com](mailto:carlhupert@gmail.com).

## FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

Sunday, March 15, 2020 4:00 pm

Come participate in a number of service projects for the whole family! We will be meeting in the church's Crossroads and have different stations with projects for kids and their parents to work on! We will be making lunch sacks for our local PADS shelter, tying blankets for our local nursing homes, creating place-mats for folks who receive Meals on Wheels, and making cards for active military and veterans!



Contact Tessa DeLong [tessa@sotpmail.com](mailto:tessa@sotpmail.com)

## NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK

Please hold the date and mark your calendars accordingly for **Saturday, May 23, 2020** so you can

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

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

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

help do **God's Work with Your Hands** at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Mission Team has committed our church to provide 60 volunteers to help put together food items to feed our hungry neighbors. If needed, there are also sit-down jobs that contribute to the projects. Simply let us know. Whether you have been there or not in the past, you will discover how great it feels to assist.

A Saturday date was successfully chosen so that families (children minimum age 8) have a better chance of participating together. It is a great learning experience for people of all ages. **Please consider signing up.** If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please call Sharon Stangle at 224-628-2107

The Northern Illinois Food Bank's address is: 273 Dearborn Ct., Geneva, IL, Plan to arrive by 8:45 in time to confirm registration, gather together for a prayer, and begin working at 9:00. The project will end by 12:00. Participants are welcome to carpool together. If you need assistance in organizing a carpool, we are happy to assist.

As the Bible tells us:

### ISAIAH 58:10

Feed the hungry and help those in trouble, then your light will rise and the darkness around you will be as bright as day."

### EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### PHILIPPIANS 2:13

It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Contact: Sharon Stangle    [stangle.ds@gmail.com](mailto:stangle.ds@gmail.com)*

## PRAYER CHAIN



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

**[sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email](mailto:sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email)**

To start receiving distribution and pray with us, please send request to [admin@sotpmail.com](mailto:admin@sotpmail.com)

## THE ARTIST SERIES PRESENTS...



The Wartburg College Castle Singers & the Kammerstreicher (chamber) orchestra will be at Shepherd of the Prairie on **Saturday, March 7, at 7:00 pm.**

The Castle Singers have been hailed as a model of musicianship since their inception in 1950. Under the direction of Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, this chamber ensemble continues to prepare a wide variety of repertoire from Byrd to The Beatles and beyond. Comprised of advanced vocalists who are dedicated to exploring challenging choral literature, the Castle Singers enjoy performing both on and off campus throughout the academic year. They strive to prepare quality choral literature, both old and new, with flexibility, stamina and dramatic flare.

The Kammerstreicher is the Wartburg College chamber orchestra. Led by Dr. Jacob Tews, who also conducts the Wartburg Community Symphony Orchestra. The group is comprised of Wartburg students who pursue a variety of majors but have in common skills on violin, viola, cello, and bass. Repertoire for Kammerstreicher concerts is best described as "eclectic." Recent performances have featured Baroque and Classical works by Bach, Corelli, and Mozart, standard string orchestra pieces by Britten and Warlock, and arrangements of songs by the Beatles and Radiohead. The group even branches into the realm of improvisation, exploring jazz and bluegrass alongside contemporary classical improvisations and aleatoric music.

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

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



- Sign up to bring lunch or a snack to Refresh [www.bit.ly/RefreshSnacks](http://www.bit.ly/RefreshSnacks)
- Sign up for Remind to stay connected to Refresh: [www.bit.ly/RefreshText](http://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.**
- **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](mailto:youth@sotpmail.com)*

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Thanks for bring treats for our Coffee Fellowship. I also would like to thank those who donate cash for supplies. All together we have a pleasant Fellowship. Several people have volunteered to help setting up before the 9:00 service and one has been helping with the cleanup. Helping only takes a few minutes so please sign up to help. Thank you, Annette

*Contact: Annette Petersen  
[petersenannette12@gmail.com](mailto:petersenannette12@gmail.com)*

## PROPERTY CONCERNS?

Our property team has a new way for the congregation to communicate directly with them. If you have any building related issues, problems or needs please contact our team at the e-mail below. Once received one of our team members will address your need and/or contact you.

*Contact: Mark Frendreis & team  
[SOTPproperty@gmail.com](mailto:SOTPproperty@gmail.com)*



## 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.*

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

### MARCH REHEARSALS SCHEDULE:

⇒ **Wednesdays**

- ⇒ 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*





## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Lenten Soups Suppers **begin March 4**. This year we are asking the entire congregation to help out with bringing soup for our dinners. You should have received an email including a Signup Genius enabling you to sign up for bringing soups.



We will be **serving supper from 5:30 to 6:30**, so **soups should be here by 5:20**. If you have any questions or for more information please contact Donna Kelly.

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

## 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 and would like to know what two colors they would like. **Blankets will be presented to students on Sunday, May 31st.**



No matter what they choose to do after graduating Alice would like to celebrate them with a blanket. **If you are a High School Senior or a parent of one**, please contact Jessica Panella with what their next step is and what two colors they would like. Thanks!

Contact: Jessica Panella [hawkeye886@comcast.net](mailto:hawkeye886@comcast.net)

## EASTER CANDY DONATIONS



Help us by donating candy for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt! Any and all candy is appreciated! You can drop off your donations in the Oak Room, also known as, Tessa DeLong's Office! We will be **accepting donations until Sunday, March 29th.**

For more information, contact Tessa DeLong [tessa@sotpmail.com](mailto:tessa@sotpmail.com)

## NAME TAGS

More of our members are wearing name tags. It really helps visitors and new members meet other members. One easy way to make everyone comfortable is to wear your name tag. If you have misplaced your name tag, you can order a new one at the "Welcome Center" in the Narthex/Crossroads. It also helps Pastor Mark with names as our membership is over 1200.



## SAVE THE DATE—MORE SPECIAL EVENTS

**ReFRESH SPECIAL EVENT: GUEST FROM ADVENTURESERVE, ANDY BATHJE**

**Sunday, March 1, Following 10:45 am Service**  
Bob McDuffee Youth@sotpmail.com

**FUNDRIVE (COLLECTING DONATIONS) YOUTH FUNDRAISER March 20—April 5**  
Melissa Juergensen Youth@sotpmail.com

**PALM SUNDAY ECUMENICAL CONCERT**  
**Sunday, April 5, 3:00 pm** (free will offering)  
ArtistSeries@sotpmail.com

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Sunday, April 5, Noon**  
Tessa DeLong Tessa@sotpmail.com

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Sunday, April 19, 5:00 pm**  
Bob McDuffee Youth@sotpmail.com

**COFFEE HOUSE**  
**Friday, April 24, 6:30 pm**  
Tyler Greene Tyler@sotpmail.com

**SUMMER KICK-OFF/JASON KOLLUM PERFORMANCE**

**Sunday, May 3, Noon—3pm**  
ArtistSeries@sotpmail.com

**CULVER'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER**  
**Monday, May 4, 4:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Bob McDuffee Youth@sotpmail.com

**NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK**  
**Saturday, May 23, 9am - Noon**  
Sharon Stangle stangle.ds@gmail.com

**FLOWER PROJECT (FAMILY EVENT)**  
**Sunday, June 14, 10:00 am**  
Tessa DeLong Tessa@sotpmail.com

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (REGISTER IN MAY)**  
**July 13—16, 2020 9am - Noon**  
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**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC (DEICKE PARK)**  
**Sun, Aug 23, Following 10:45 am service**  
Michelle Rankin Michelle@sotpmail.com

## 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES



If you haven't picked up your 2020 offering envelopes, they will be available at the Church office during open hours.

Contact: Michelle Rankin Michelle@sotpmail.com

## FINANCIAL RECORDS

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church only keeps financial records on members and non-members that have envelopes assigned. If you are not a member and want envelopes, contact Michelle Rankin in the Church office at 847/669-9448.



## THANK YOU—FORSYTHE FAMILY



The family of Craig Forsythe would like to thank you for the beautiful luncheon that you contributed to for his memorial service. We thank the congregation, community, family & friends. Thank you also to the Huntley High School football team for their support

and for serving and clean up duties. Thank you all for your continued prayers.

*God's Blessings, Silvia, Thor, Viveka, Carol & Philip Forsythe.*

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2020

Operating Income and Expenses for the Year to Date are within the 2020 Budget. Total expenses were \$1,554 under the budgeted amount leaving a positive balance of \$24,454 for the month.

**General Fund Report** The General Fund Balance is \$218,992. Income for the month was \$86,041 and Expenses for the month were \$61,470. Income includes \$24,570 for Prepaid General Fund Pledges. For the month our expenses were \$1,554 under the budget.

**Mortgage Service Fund Report** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$94,885. Income for the month was \$32,763. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536.

	<u>This Month</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 86,041	\$ 63,141	\$ 22,900
Expenses:	\$ 61,470	\$ 63,025	\$ 1,554

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 86,041	\$ 63,141	\$ 22,900
Expenses:	\$ 61,470	\$ 63,025	\$ 1,554

#### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for month: \$ 32,763

Fund Balance: \$ 94,885

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cliff Dungey  
Congregation Council Treasurer

*faith and*  
**finances**

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

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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Bud Hansen, President**   **Matt Greene, Vice President**  
**Cliff Dungey, Treasurer**   **Sarah Wolf, Secretary**  
**Marlene Boehler, Carla Elam, Mike Luecht,**  
**Ellen Nissen, Christa Serpe**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 .....Annette Carlson, Joe Jones, Zachary Ott, Darren Walloch
- 2 .....Ronnie Bretsen, William Glennon, Ruth Glennon, Brendan Hollow, Gayle Holzwarth, Taylor Ramey
- 3 .....Jill Hoffman
- 4 .....David Bishop
- 5 .....Matthew Behm, Lucille Connelly, Michele Marx
- 6 .....Marty Jacobson, Hollie Lindgren, Tamara Uteg
- 7 .....Madison Black, Kathy Burns, Tamara Polzin, Timothy Ramirez, Christine Tinney
- 8 .....Carol Bletz, Taylor Dean, Dina Wagner
- 9 .....Brad Model
- 10 .....Jaime DeBlicke, Skylar Geller, Richard Gerhardt, Alyson Johnson, Vivian Kasal, John Olson, Pamela Perrott
- 10 .....Emily Rossman, Merlyn Thompson, Kendall Wolf
- 11 .....Jaina Farnam, Denise Gartzke, Sandy Werner
- 12 .....Jaxson Thomas Domenz, Alice Halle, Nicholas Liotus, Joanne Schwartz
- 13 .....Chris Hinde, Ronda Shoemaker
- 14 .....Bentley Jacobs, Lisa Piskule
- 15 .....Scott Fiandalo, Lauren Flanagan
- 16 .....Hannah Dobrolinsky, Ashlyn Grabs, Brooke Grabs, Grant Jahr
- 17 .....Debbie Cook, Colt Luedtke, Mark Wilkerson
- 18 .....Alexis Kowalski, Kathy Strang, Skylar Wondriska
- 19 .....Seth Conroy, Jim Hunt, Annabel Johnson, Dee Jones, John Robinson, Phyllis Thomson
- 20 .....Cheryl Konie, Richard Paeth
- 21 .....Jeff Bala, Neal Doden, Jason Farnam, James Rice, Alex Steen, Braden Turk
- 22 .....Bennett Buesing, John Fuellgraff, Thomas Hollabaugh, Payton Marx, Derek Reincke, Ed Richard, Devan Turk
- 23 .....Cecelia DeBolt, Lillian DeBolt, Michael Hoch, Erin Linton, Mary McCullough, Zachary Ethan Powe, Annika Yndestad
- 24 .....Karen Ankerberg, Chad Juergensen, Sara Solem
- 25 .....Marcia Cahill, Trevor Dowell, Courtney Hoster, Gavin Lehmann, Gerd Rankin, Brandon Wade
- 26 .....Charlie Burian, Sandi Stewart, Noreta Walker
- 27 .....Mike Dahlin, Kylie Golembeck, Jennifer Trevino
- 28 .....Rena Greene, Toby Kembowski, Rachel Miller, Christopher Stopka
- 29 .....Arnie Didricksen, Curt Gerald, Bob Peterson, Wayne Schmidt
- 30 .....Amy Johnson, Kay O'Shanna, Jennifer Powe
- 31 .....Lois Grayczyk, Amanda Juergensen, Alixandria Rhode, Orion Samuelson

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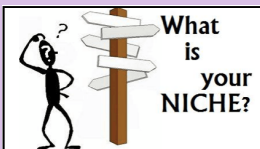
# MARCH SCHEDULES

		March 1	March 7 & 8	March 14 & 15	March 21 & 22	March 28 & 29
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	Donna Sorensen		Wayne Schmidt		
	10:45 AM				Tamara Uteg	
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	<b>2/29</b> Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner	Annette Carlson Marian Mesenbrink	Marian Mesenbrink Marilyn Wilhelm		Alice Hallett, Marilyn Wilhelm Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner
Communion Assistants SIGN UP AT <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	SAT		Sandy & Ralph Scalise	Dorothy Wills Bethany Bower	Sandy & Ralph Scalise	Dorothy Wills Bethany Bower
	9:00 AM	Elaine Gillam Eileen Gerald Cheryl Adams Carol Bletz Jill Hoffman	Cheryl Adams Jill Hoffman	Audrey Schmidt Cheryl Adams	Cheryl Adams Jill Hoffman	Cheryl Adams Jill Hoffman
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert			Arthur Uteg	
Communion Bread CONTACT: JUDIE SYMBAL	SAT		Barb Hoppensteadt			
	SUN	Rachael Yndestad	Rob Lindsey	Lynn Broederdorf	Bethany Bower	JoAnn Ward
Communion Set Up & Take Down CONTACT: JUDIE SYMBAL	5:00 SAT		Barb Hoppensteadt, Susan Mattiucci & Tom Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Barb Davis and Alice Miller	Jill Hoffman and Marily Wilhel	Judy Lindsey and Sandy Schuessler	Adele Wogstad and Judie Symbal	Jill Hoffman and Marily Wilhel
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Judy Petropulos	Jan and Don Koerner	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen	Jan & Don Koerner	Pam & Darren Walloch
Counters	MON	Donna Turner, Warren Brody, Marilyn Wilhelm, Cheryl Adams		Donna Turner, Warren Brody, Marilyn Wilhelm, Dottie Bobzin	Donna Turner, Warren Brody, Marilyn Wilhelm, Ralph Wehnes	
Greeters CONTACT: ELAINE GILLAM	SAT			Linda and Steve Murphy	Dottie Bobzin, Sina Sullivan	
	9:00 AM	Terry Halpin, Cheryl Adams, Elaine Gillam	Terry Halpin, Sue Wehnes, Cheryl Rotermund	Terry Halpin, Elaine and Warren Brody	Terry Halpin, Dolly Cardascio, Vik Bekeris	Terry Halpin, Eileen Gerald, Cheryl Adams
	10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm				



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		March 1	March 7 & 8	March 14 & 15	March 21 & 22	March 28 & 29
Readers SIGN UP AT <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>	9:00 AM	Sue & Ralph Wehnes	Chris & Sara Solem			
	10:45 AM	Carl Hupert	Carol Legel			
Rejoice Worship Band CONTACT: TYLER GREENE	10:45 AM	VOCALS: Annette Boster Bree & Jenn Huston Dana Turk	VOCALS: Chris Brittain Jim Rhode Kim Szekely Pam Walloch DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Chelsea Greene Kylie Rankin Melissa Bala Ricky Falbo GUITAR: Trevor Dowell	VOCALS: Alan Torkelson Casey Rhode Chris Brittain Kim Szekely GUITAR: Trevor Dowell DRUMS: Brian Buesing	
Sound CONTACT: MIKE YNDESTAD	SAT 5:00 PM					
	9:00 AM					
	10:45 AM	Mike Yndestad	Mike Yndestad Tim Torkelson	Mike Yndestad	Mike Yndestad Tim Torkelson	Mike Yndestad
Ushers HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely <a href="mailto:Andrew.Szekely@outlook.com">Andrew.Szekely@outlook.com</a>	SAT 5:00 PM		Karen Eckert Dennis Perkey	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky	JACK CONTI Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Dick Gerhart Frank Cesario Carol Herhart	VIK BEKERIS Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Sandy Seibel Ralph & Sue Wehnes	RALPH WEHNES Sue Wehnes Len Cardascio Dennis & Sally Houghton	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo	MARK FRENDREIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner Jessica Panella Ron Mudge Jeff Ottens Judy Petropulos	ANDREW SZEKELY Jim & Marina Rhode Bob Mollis Vik Bekeris	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo
Visuals CONTACT: MIKE YNDESTAD	9:00 AM					
	10:45 AM	Luther Yndestad Renae Greene	Logan Nagel Ellie Torkelson	Jacob Fiandalo	Alan Torkelson	
Welcome Center CONTACT: JOANNE BYCHOWSKY	9:00 AM	Linda & Cliff Dungey	Cheryl Adams & Eileen Gerald	Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson	Wayne & Lois Grayczyk	Dolly & Len Cardasio
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen & Jan Curtiss	Sandy Werner & Marge Mallow	Elaine Neukirch & Judy Petropulos	Sandy & Carl Hupert	Carol & Steve Legel



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