



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

**Congregational  
Newsletter  
January 2021**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021**

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**Following 10:45 am Service**

Online worship continuing for now  
**9:00 am (Traditional) & 10:45 am (Contemporary)**

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WORSHIP**

**[www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) and on Facebook live**

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[michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:michelle@sotpmail.com)

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## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

### *Pastor's Corner*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
The New Year and the Liturgical calendar connect in a powerful way in early January. Epiphany always lands on January 6 and the first Sunday after Epiphany is Baptism of our Lord Sunday. It is a day to remember Jesus full participation in the human experience.

The baptism of Jesus also announces the beginning of his public ministry.

Up to this point Jesus is unknown. The entrance of Jesus into the public stage of the Gospel story is announced by John, a strange figure who is out in the wilderness. His proclamations and cries attract attention as people come out to see what he is about. John's identity isn't well known.

Those coming to see him were not sure what to expect. Who is John? What is he doing? What does he know that we don't know? Is he really someone to be taken seriously?

People listening to him wondered if he was the Messiah (Christ). But John quickly disqualifies himself. "I only baptize with water." There is someone coming who will "baptize with Holy Spirit and fire."

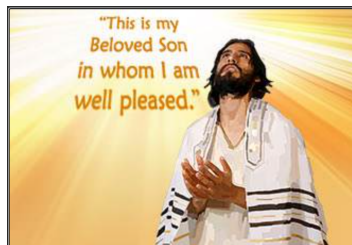
A voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son, with whom I am pleased" (Luke 3:21b-22). The unknown Jesus becomes known as "(God's) beloved Son."

It is an amazing revelation. Yet the story of Jesus has only begun. Exactly what it means for Jesus to be "beloved Son" is still to come. His identity, only now glimpsed by a very few, will grow into a public life and drama that will become the story of Salvation.

Each one of us begins life wondering who we are and what our purpose may be.

"What are you going to be when you grow up?" is a question common to youth. Do you remember experiencing this quest for identity in your life? I remember a friend who was going through a midlife crisis. "I'm 50 years old and I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up!" he said, with tongue in cheek.

Knowing who we are and what is important in life takes time and work. As this new year begins I invite you to think back in your life and recall what it is that has shaped you. Who have you become as your life has unfolded? Have you become what you expected to be? What surprises



## *A Note From Pastor Mark (Continued)*

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have you experienced? What more might you imagine yourself to become? How might some of those plans fit in giving yourself to God's work through the church.

Let's be thankful at the possibility of new beginning into 2021!

Thankful for the ministry we share at Shepherd of the Prairie.

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

## *Adult Education*



We're ready to begin again! January comes with an invitation for you to join us for our weekly Bible study. We'll inaugurate the year with a weekly study of six images the biblical writers use for God. Some of the images in the Bible are familiar to us, like Creator and Shepherd. But there are others we want to

explore which may be less well known: Potter, Rock, Lover, Parent, Warrior, Host. As with all the images in the biblical story, these are intended to give us a clearer picture of who our God is, God's character, and how God wants to relate to us. All these images are metaphors and metaphors can be powerful indeed. Watch for details in the coming weeks. And **be sure to join us in January** by going on-line to our church's website. I look forward to being with you again--even if it is virtually!

*Pastor Bill*

## **GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY**

Both Food items and monetary donations are needed.

There are Drop Boxes in the Front and Back of the Food Pantry at 11481 Allison Ct, Huntley.

Would appreciate the following:

*Canned Chicken \* Dry Soup (Ramin & other) \* Syrup*

*Satline Crackers \* Skillet Melals like Hamburger Helper*

*Canned Corn \* Personal Care Items (Hair Conditioner & Other)*



**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED.**

*Call Harriet Ford at the Grafton Food Pantry at 847-254-8351.*

## Ministry Musings

Welcome to a new year! 2020 was an extremely difficult year for many reasons; a pandemic, a contentious election, political unrest, social justice issues, and the list goes on. Each one of us has been impacted in countless ways, some good, some not so good. Some of us have lost loved ones and are grieving. Some of us have lost jobs and are grieving. Many of us have lost our sense of purpose, our sense of identity and are grieving. Most of us have lost the ability to interact closely with friends and family, especially during this past holiday season, and are grieving. People have expressed to me that they seem to be “stuck”. Stuck in our homes; stuck in front of our computer screens, stuck worshipping in our living rooms, stuck having to take on new roles as teachers, caregivers etc., stuck with nothing to do that seems normal; stuck in fear, anger, grief, anxiety, depression, boredom...



Recently I started reading a book by Max Lucado entitled, “You Are Never Alone”. It’s a study of the signs done by Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John. One of the chapters deals with the healing of the invalid at the pool of Bethesda, found in John 5:1-13. This man had been there begging for his livelihood and waiting to be healed for 38 years. That’s long time to be “stuck”. The focus of the chapter is not so much on the healing of the man as on Jesus’ questions to him, “Do you want to get well?”. That’s quite a question! “Do you want to get well?”

After all, the man has spent most if not all of his life sitting by the side of the pool and begging. He makes just enough to get by. He doesn’t have to work to earn a living, he doesn’t have to deal with bosses and cantankerous clients. He doesn’t have to work out in the fields in the sun. It may not be a fun or thriving way to live, but it’s all he knows. He can complain that it’s not his fault; no one will help him get into the pool. Sometimes it’s like the old saying, “Better the devil you know than the one you don’t”.

And Jesus comes to the man and asks him if he really wants to get well? Is he really ready to give up his ‘stuckness’ and do what needs to be done to really get well and get on with life? Jesus is asking him if he wants to get well or does he like being sick? If he gets well he will have to get up, get a job, get to work, get on with his life.

Max says, “That’s the question Christ asks all of us. Do you want to get...Sober? Solvent? Educated? Better? Do you want to get in shape? Over your past? Beyond your upbringing? Do you want to get stronger, healthier, happier? Do you want to leave behind an old anger or grudge? Would you like to leave Bethesda in the rearview

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## *Ministry Musings (Cont.)*

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mirror? Are you ready for a new way? Are you ready to get unstuck? Life feels stuck when it makes no progress. When you battle the same discouragement you faced a decade ago or struggle with the same fears you faced a year ago. When you carry that hurt or that grudge from year to year. When you wake up to the same hang-ups and habits. When Bethesda becomes a permanent mailing address. When you feel as if everyone gets to the pool before you and nobody wants to help you."

Jesus told the man to stand up, pick up your mat, and walk! Had he not stood up, picked up his mat and started walking, he would have never experienced the healing Jesus had brought to him. He would have remained at the pool begging for his dinner and wishing someone would get him into the pool. He would have remained stuck!

Jesus has the same healing in mind for you and me. He has the same words for us to start being unstuck!

Stand up – do something. Take action. Write a letter. Apply for that job. Reach out to a counselor. Go back to school. Volunteer. Get help. Get radical. Stand up!

Pick up your mat – Make a clean break with the past. Get rid of what feeds your bad habit. Cut up the credit cards, get rid of the secret stash of candy or liquor, put filters on your phone and computer, quit hanging with the bad crowd, quit replaying a past hurt or incident and find a way to focus your mind on the positive.

And walk – Assume something good is going to happen. Set your sights on a new goal, a new way of thinking and doing things, and begin the journey.

But first of all, look into Jesus' eyes. Hear his question and call, "Do you want to get well?" Turn to him for healing and help along the way. He will always be beside you encouraging you into a new unstuck life. He knows you are stronger than you think, and has faith in you. How it will happen is up to God. Our job is believing it will and following the Spirit's lead.

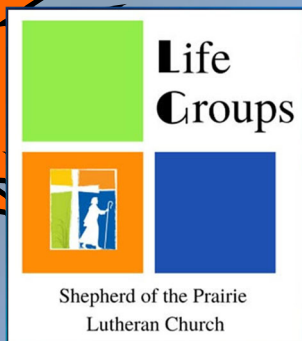
As this new year begins, I hope you will trust in Jesus and believe that he is doing a new thing in and for you. Isaiah 43:18 – 19 is one of my favorite words from God, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

May your new year bring new life into your life!

*Donna Kelly*



GET  
CONNECTED



AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR,  
WHY NOT MAKE A RESOLUTION TO  
BECOME PART OF A LIFE GROUP?

It's a great way to engage  
with your brothers and sisters  
here at SOTP and to learn more  
about our Lord.

*Or even better, start a new group!*

You don't need to be a Bible scholar  
or even have a lot of Bible background;  
we can all learn together!

For more information, to join a group or  
start a group contact Donna Kelly.

Happy Life Group Year!!

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

## 2020 DONATION INFORMATION



Electronic Giving contributions and donations dropped off at the church, must be received by midnight December 31, 2020.

All mailed in donations should be postmarked no later than December 31, 2020 and received and posted by the Finance Contribution Secretary by January 5, 2021.

Contact: Sue Wehnes [susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net)

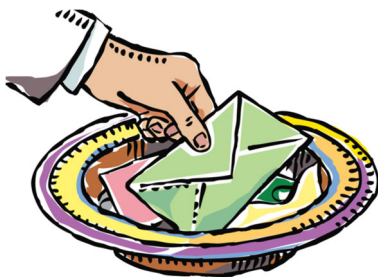
## SOTP FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION SECRETARY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Sue Wehnes is retiring as the Financial Contribution Secretary. Please reach out to Sue and thank her for her dedication and years of service.

The Finance Committee is now looking to recruit a volunteer to fill the Financial Contribution Secretary position. Sue will help train the new person on the procedures for recording and tracking all contributions to SOTP. This is about a two-hour commitment per week and computer skills are required.

Please consider sharing your time and talents with the Finance team. If you are interested and would like to find out more information, please contact Bob Mollis by email: [bobmollis@outlook.com](mailto:bobmollis@outlook.com) or cell phone 630-215-5525.

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## PROPERTY CONCERNS?

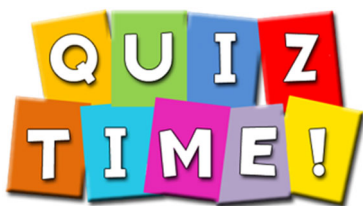
If you have any building related issues, problems or needs please contact our team at the e-mail below. Once received one of our team members will address your need and/or contact you.

Contact: Mark Frendreis & The Property Team  
[SOTPproperty@gmail.com](mailto:SOTPproperty@gmail.com)



## \$ ENVELOPES \$ & \$ OFFERING \$ QUIZ ?'s

During the pandemic, many of us have been looking for things to occupy the extra time we now have since we are restricted with activities. Here is a fun quiz to test your knowledge of the offering process here at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church (SOTPLC). The answers are at the bottom of the article.



Someone said "learning usually happens between birth and death"

1. SOTPLC will mail my 2021 offering envelopes if I don't pick them up.

TRUE                      FALSE

2. I am signed up for Simply Giving. I don't need offering envelopes.

TRUE                      FALSE

3. I can use my credit card to make donations to various ministry's at SOTPLC.

TRUE                      FALSE

4. If I get behind on my offerings and want to catch up I need to put a check or cash in each weekly envelope.

TRUE                      FALSE

5. I will receive Quarterly statements of my giving.

TRUE                      FALSE

6. It's a good idea to tape my offering envelope shut.

TRUE                      FALSE

7. Simply Giving is a secure way to have my offering electronically transferred to SOTPLC.

TRUE                      FALSE

8. I don't need to designate on my envelope how to divide my offering, did that on my Estimate of Giving.

TRUE                      FALSE

9. If I decide to donate stock as my offering I just need to contact my broker to handle the transaction.

TRUE                      FALSE

10. If I want to have my financial institution transfer money from one of my accounts, I just need to let him the amount.

TRUE                      FALSE



## \$ ENVELOPES \$ & \$ OFFERING (CONTINUED)

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11. What do I win if I got all 10 True & False questions right. See #11 at the bottom of this article.

### Answers to TRUE and FALSE questions

1. FALSE: It is costly to mail individual boxes. Maybe a friend or relative could pick them

up for you. Thanks to 72% of the congregation that have picked up their envelope as of December 20th.

Any envelopes not picked up by January 31st will be in the stationery room.

2. FALSE: Offering envelopes are available for all to use. If you are enrolled in the Simply Giving program,

the special service envelopes are available to be used for Lent, Easter, Flowers, Food Pantry, etc.

3. TRUE: You can use your credit card to make donations on SOTP.org for various ministries such as General

Fund, Mortgage Service, Memorials, Artist Series, Piano Fund, Christmas, and more to be added later.

The option is available to pay the small fee for using the credit card

4. FALSE: You only need to use one envelope and one check.

When the counters get multiple envelopes they combine everything into one envelope and it's recorded the day it's deposited.

5. TRUE: You will receive quarterly statements by email if we have your email address. Year- end statements will a printed and mailed by USPS.

6. FALSE: Envelopes that are taped shut are frustrating for the counters.

7. TRUE: Simply Giving was introduced by Lutheran Brotherhood in the mid '90's. It was turned over to Vanco in the early 2000's. It is a very secure way of electronically transferring money. We presently have

90 households participating with Simply Giving. When using Simply Giving, your offering by-passes the counters. It is posted directly to your account though church software. For information on Simply Giving contact Michelle Rankin, Rick Miller, Chris Brolsma, Mike McCann, Matt Greene, or Ralph Wehnes.

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## \$ ENVELOPES \$ & \$ OFFERING (CONTINUED)

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8. FALSE: The volunteer offering counters don't have access to the Estimate of Giving cards. If envelope is blank, everything will default to General Fund.

9. FALSE: First you need to contact the SOTPLC Treasurer, and he will instruct you what to do.

10. FALSE: You also have to make sure your name is on the check as donor and if you want the money to go to accounts other than the General Fund, you will need to let the Contribution Secretary and the Treasurer know the amount to each fund.

11. You don't win anything, but you do qualify to be on the Stewardship Committee. Please contact Rick Miller at 630-940-6469.

*Contact: Rick Miller [rlmiller3k@gmail.com](mailto:rlmiller3k@gmail.com)*

## EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS



Do You Receive All Our email communications?

- ⇒ Daily Devotionals (Food for the soul)
- ⇒ Weekly Friday Flourish (Church info)
- ⇒ Monthly Newsletter (More detailed information)

*To start receiving any of the above, please e-mail your request to: [Admin@SOTPmail.com](mailto:Admin@SOTPmail.com)*

If you aren't receiving other e-mail blasts from us, please reach out to *Michelle Rankin* at [Michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:Michelle@sotpmail.com) to be added.

## DO YOU SHOP AMAZON?

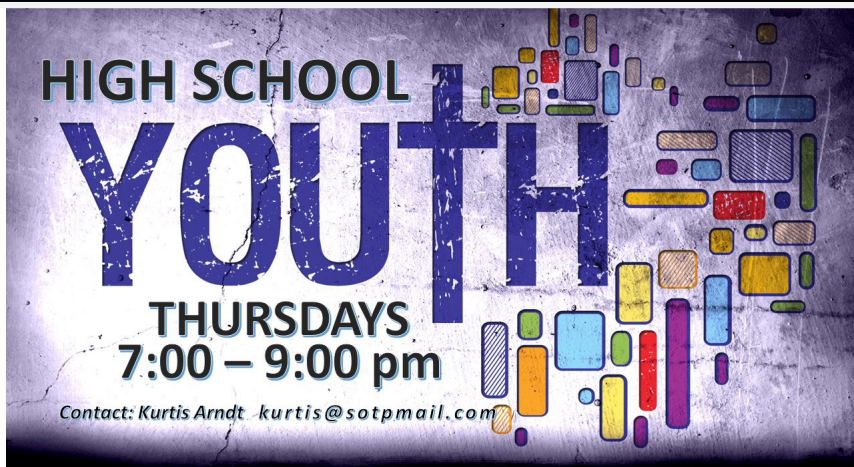
Shop AmazonSmile, when you select SOTP as your nonprofit. Same Amazon you know & love, but Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchase to SOTP.



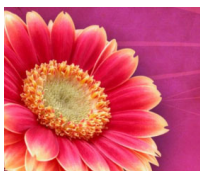
We have received  
**\$1,524.77** as of  
November 2020.

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

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



## FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY



"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Members of Friends Bible Study have completed the study of Genesis and will now move to the New Testament and learn from the Gospel of Mark. This will allow us to follow along with the Gospel readings for the year 2021.

Come with us and Be Diligent; see how the characteristics of a servant drew people to Jesus. Jesus had a willingness to help others first, meet others' practical needs, and gave sacrificially to others. Our study guide is Be Diligent by Warren Wiersbe.

Friends Bible Study will resume on **Monday, January 11, 2021**. We meet from **12:30-2:00** in the Willow Room at Shepherd of the Prairie. This room is large enough for everyone to be a safe distance apart and we always wear masks.

Contact Linda Dungey: [lindajsd88@gmail.com](mailto:lindajsd88@gmail.com)



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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



"SOTP supports Habitat for Humanity in two different ways, both of which need volunteers. One, is to participate in the construction process. The second is to help at the Elgin Restore.

The Restore has implemented safeguards such as wearing masks, distancing, and limiting the number of customers/workers. If you would feel safe enough under those conditions, join us as we go once a month on the third **Thursday, from 9:30 AM until noon.**

The outside construction during the winter months has been put on hold ( in the Fox Valley area) for the next 2-3 months. If you want to help in either way, contact Carl Hupert.

*Contact: Carl Hupert carlhupert@gmail.com*

## GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

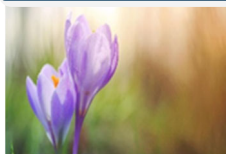
If you have lost a loved one and would like to be part of a group that can provide support, comfort and ideas for journeying through this season of grief, we here at Shepherd of the Prairie would like to provide that kind of opportunity for you. There are no requirements, or need to commit to a specific length of time to attend, nor that you must attend every session; you don't even need to speak except to introduce yourself and tell us who you have lost. There is no charge for participation in this group.



This group is for all who have lost a loved one whether it is a spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, friend or any other relational loss. We meet in person, socially distanced, every Tuesday evening from **6 to 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall beginning again on **January 6th.**

*Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com*

## GRIEF JOURNEY FACEBOOK GROUP



Shepherd of the Prairie has begun a new Facebook group entitled Grief Journey Group.

This group is for members of SOTP who are dealing with the loss of a loved one in their life or members the current Grief Journey Group. If you would like to join, simply go to SOTP's Facebook page and click on groups. Then choose the Grief Journey Group and ask to join. Your request will be reviewed and approved. For more information contact Donna Kelly at donna@sotpmail.com.

*Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com*

## MEMORY GARDEN UPDATE



On December 14th the Village of Huntley Planning Commission approved our request for a Special Use Permit for the Memory Garden. In January we will meet with the Village Trustees for their decision on the Memory Garden. If they approve, we will be issued a permit. The next step would be to present our plan to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting in January. We would like to sell niche's and memory bricks starting in February. Committee members: Ellen Nissen, Kathy Miller, Gail Quam, Ron Knudsen.

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

## ONLINE GIVING



*Remember: your offerings are a blessing.*

*And blessings keep on giving.*

*Online Giving Available at:*

**<https://bit.ly/SOTPgiving>**

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



## PRAYER CHAIN



We have updated our prayer chain to make it easier for you to send a prayer request. By using these methods prayers go out immediately without needing to wait for someone to see them

in their email and send them out; which can delay a prayer request getting to the chain.

You can either:

- go to our website ([sotp.org](http://sotp.org)) and look under New Content for “prayer request form”. You can fill out the form and then hit submit. Your prayer request will go out to the entire prayer chain directly from the website form
- send a prayer request directly to the email address [sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email](mailto:sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email) and it will go directly to the prayer chain.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are still being made. If you are interested in making shawls at home, contact Jeanne Henley.

If you need a prayer shawl for a loved one, the church office is open Monday—Friday from 9am—2pm, please come by and pick one up.

*Contact: Jeanne Henley [cjhenley2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cjhenley2003@yahoo.com)*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ONLINE

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
The path to **LEARNING, GROWING & SERVING**  
**Let Us Bring Sunday School to You – Join Us Online!**

Email Tessa  
To Receive  
Weekly Emails

WHO'S READY FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL?

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



## GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



God's Global  
Barnyard  
SOTP collected  
\$225 in our  
Barn this fall.



We were able  
To buy 2 goats,  
4 broods of chicks,  
2 piglets, &  
A honeybee farm



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

## PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR



Members of  
Shepherd  
Of The  
Prairie, we  
have  
identified a  
new exciting  
volunteer  
opportunity!  
Our

Community Outreach ministry is in need of a Public Relations Coordinator. This person would help ministries and staff gather information about ongoing activities that could be used for press releases and advertisements in news papers and Digital advertising on the Internet. The PR Coordinator would be a member of our Community Outreach team and responsible for sending this information to our church's newly obtained publicist. If this sounds like an interesting way for you to serve your church and the kingdom of God, please contact Our Community Outreach Chairman, Mike Yndestad by email, [mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)

Mike looks forward to hearing from you.

Contact: Mike Yndestad [mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)

## LET THERE BE FLOWERS



With live streaming the worship services at SOTP, your Worship Committee would like to brighten up the sanctuary with flowers for the sanctuary. As normal each arrangement is \$50. The florist will deliver the flowers for the Sunday worship services and then I would bring the flowers to your

home on Sunday or Monday after the service (practicing social distancing, of course). If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact Diane Mollis at [dem910@outlook.com](mailto:dem910@outlook.com). Provide your name, address, phone number and for whom the flowers are dedicated to or in memory of, and which Sunday you are interested in displaying the bouquet. If you have any questions, contact Diane.

Thank you to those who donated flowers for the month of December:

- **December 13**—Ed & Carolyn Cuttle in celebration of Carolyn's birthday.
- **December 20**—Grant & Linda Jahr in celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in memory of what would have been Grant's mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- **December 27**—Two arrangements from Chris & Sara Solem in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their daughter, Elizabeth's, birthday.

Also, thank you to those who donated Poinsettia's for Christmas:

- Cheryl Adams in memory of Martin Adams
- Jim & Barb Auwerda in memory of our mothers, Betty Schule
- and Nina Auwerda
- Dottie, Bobzin, in memory of her sister, Caroline
- Lynn Broederdorf & Bonnie Vanalia in memory of Lenny Johnson,
- Bob, Marge, Gerry & Dan Broederdorf
- Shirley Cotton In memory of her husband, Jerry
- Ed & Carolyn Cuttle dedicated to children & grandchildren, and
- in memory of our parents & Carolyn's brother
- Jerry & Pam Darow
- Carol Engstrom in memory of loved ones
- Elaine Gillam in memory of Bob, Mom & Dad
- Mary Holbrook dedicated to all God's people
- Barb Hoppensteadt in memory of Don, Alex, Ron & Dee
- Martha Jacobson in memory of her husband, Jim
- Sue & Bill, Kamphausen, in memory of loved ones
- Mike & Judy Luecht in memory of our family in heaven
- Susan Mattiucci & Richard Brush
- George & Louise, Sebastian in memory of our parents
- Ralph & Susie Wehnes in memory of Ralph, Sr., Louise, and
- Ed & Marguerite
- Becky Wright in honor of all affected by COVID 19

## 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 before worship the Sunday that they lead worship. If you are interested, please contact Brian for more information and to set up a meeting.

*Contact: Brian Buesing  
brian@sotpmail.com*



## THANK YOU—HARPSICHORD USE

A Harpsichord????

A special thank you to Eileen and Curt Gerald for letting SOTP use their Rogers Grande Harpsichord this Christmas.

The harpsichord was played at the Christmas concert on December 12 and then again during various services through Advent and Epiphany. Some interesting history

about the harpsichord. The harpsichord was widely used in Renaissance and Baroque music both as an accompaniment instrument and well as a solo instrument. An early diagram of the vertical harpsichord dates to 1430. It was a precursor of the piano in the late 18 th century. This Harpsichord was a gift to Curt and Eileen Gerald from Marilyn and Gary Howard, members

of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Schaumburg where Curt was the pastor. Enjoy this special sound. Thank you Curt and Eileen for sharing this beautiful instrument.



- The Worship Team

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2020

Assets include \$95,000 from the SBA Paycheck Protection Program received on April 24, 2020. These funds are expected to be forgiven at the end of the program. This does not affect the year to date Operating Fund.

**General Fund Report** The General Fund Balance is \$186,043. Income for the month was \$46,425 and Expenses for the month were \$55,118.

**Mortgage Service Fund Report** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$81,649. Income for the month was \$17,109. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536.

#### This Month

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 46,425	\$ 63,141	\$ (16,715)
Expenses:	\$ 55,118	\$ 63,825	\$ 8,706)

#### Year-to-Date

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$ 666,868	\$ 694,551	\$ (27,682)
Expenses:	\$ 652,275	\$ 693,888	\$ 41,612

#### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for month: \$ 17,109

Fund Balance: \$ 81,649

Respectfully Submitted,

**Cliff Dungey**

Congregation Treasurer

*faith and*  
**finances**

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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- 1 ..... Marlene Hunt, Tom Keane, Nellica Seibert
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- 3 ..... Vik Bekeris, Emmanuel Bozza, Ezekiel Bozza, Elise Brockman, Phil Casablanca, Riley Dobrolinsky, Addilynn Grady, Jessica Panella, Gretchen Rossman
- 4 ..... Mark Miley
- 5 ..... Sandy Petersen
- 6 ..... Denis Minutillo, Elaine Neukirch
- 7 ..... Heather Farnam
- 8 ..... Liss Kundich, Barb Niemiec, Elizabeth Rojas
- 9 ..... Linda Murphy, Michael Parmele, George Sebastian
- 11 ..... Lucy Dahlin, Joan Doege, Noah Murray
- 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 ..... Ivy Molnar, Nancy Zunker
- 17 ..... Rick Behm, Christian Kasal, Emilie Ulmer
- 18 ..... Steven Brown, Connor Martin, Joan Smith
- 19 ..... Elliott Burg, McKenzie Fulcer, Jeff McNeal, Quinn Murray, Ruth Roper
- 20 ..... Loretta Brindell, Jared Davis, Daniel Hibbeler, Pam Luedtke, James Murphy, Tim Torkelson
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- 22 ..... Bill Berens, Tracy Blanchard, Melody Emery, Shayne Piskule, 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 Schmidt
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