



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

**Congregational
Newsletter
March 2021**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"A Growing Church, For Growing People"

COFFEE CONNECT

ONLINE WITH PASTOR MARK

Sundays 10:00 – 10:30 am

<http://bit.ly/SOTPcoffee>



Grab your coffee

(or other drink of choice)

at home and

join Pastor Mark and

some of your SOTP family for a

Virtual Coffee Hour

on Zoom weekly!

We hope you will join us!

Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpmail.com

A Note From Pastor Mark

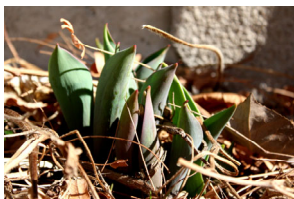
Pastor's
Corner

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are coming up on one year since our wandering journey began separated from one another due to COVID-19. I remember so well making the call to stop public and worship and then scrambling to be sure everything was in place to begin fully live stream worship.

Now Spring is upon us once again and we are finally back to public worship along with live stream worship.

I've begun thinking about warmer days ahead and the wonder of the One who awakens from sleep the beauty of creation. Our faith calls us to delight in the one who will wake up the sleeping seeds and bulbs, the one who will cause the life blood of the dormant trees to birth new buds, blossoms, and leaves.



God is the one who will cause the earth and moon to align their positions, the wind to change the flow of cool and warm breezes, the seasonal

cycles to resume. Yet there will be conflict in nature as the sin tries to prevail.

With natural disasters, illness and sickness, it may appear that God has abandoned earth, yet we know God will stand by us and bring healing. God does indeed work for good, those who place their trust in God.

David, in Psalm 22, uttered words of praise. He acknowledged God's strength, God's deliverance against the power of evil, and God's rescue from death.

David recognized that God does not overlook the suffering of those afflicted nor refuse to listen and stay near those who are crying for help.

David saw that through God's plan we are able to fulfill our vows, feed and care for the poor, maintain peaceful hearts that live forever, and desire to proclaim all God has done to benefit future generations.

God is able to bring satisfaction and blessings to those who honor and fear God.

Will we be among those who stand and bow before the Lord with praise on our lips for all God does? In all that is good and in all that is bad through which God works good. Do we recognize God's works in the center of our action? Do we consciously intend to partner with God?

Do we see miracles? Look for them and if you get a chance share with me how God has revealed them to you.

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

Adult Education



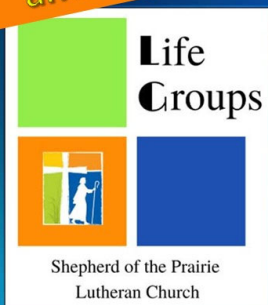
As we continue our Lenten journey to the cross, we'll pursue our study of the Power and Promise of Our Laments. To lament is to show profound grief at a significant loss. It could manifest itself in loud cries, shaking fists, shouting at God, stomping our feet. Or, as the pastor of my home congregation once told me, "I went into the

sanctuary and told God I refused to take off my hat!" During March we'll explore some of the biblical stories (beside the Psalms) where individuals cry out to God. We'll look at how the people of God as a whole lament in the biblical story. We'll focus on the Imprecatory Psalms, those prayers in which individuals cry out for retribution; then the Hymns of Lament in our hymnal; and finally, during Holy Week, God's lament. Come join us! You can access our weekly study by waiting for the blast email from church; or go to our website, www.sotp.org, and look under New Content; or check us out on Facebook. We hope to "see" you!

Pastor Bill

LIFE GROUPS

Groups in person
and via ZOOM



As we begin to return to in- person life at SOTP, why not reconnect by becoming part of a Life Group?

- Great way to engage with your SOTP family and learn more about our Lord.
- No need to have a lot of Bible background; we can all learn together!
- For more information, contact Donna Kelly.

Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com

Ministry Musings

I am reading a wonderful book by Brian McLaren entitled, "faith after doubt". The book reminds us that doubt can serve a great purpose if it pushes us to think and explore Who God is and where God fits and works in our lives. I have found that to be true in my life. The dry desert times and the times of doubt urge me on to search and explore the depths of God and God's love for me.



We all go through times of spiritual drought, at least I do. Times when my faith walk seems monotonous and slow; when God's and my relationship seems to be dry and tiresome; when I wonder if I can ever do enough, be enough, try enough; when the words of scripture seem to just lie on the page and my prayers seem old, dry, rote; when I feel far from God and even wonder if God really exists at all!

But on Ash Wednesday, Pastor Mark reminded us that we can't do enough, be enough, try enough. We don't have the resources to pay the bill that's due. I can never make the payment; I can never measure up. But he also told us the good news is that in Jesus, the bill is marked "PAID IN FULL". Then over the last several Wednesdays he has reminded over and over how much we are loved by God. "God so loved the world that God gave..." There is no limit to God's MAJESTIC love. God's love is boundless, unconditional, all-encompassing, steadfast, never wavering, forever ours! And more good news, it is for everyone; the every Sunday church-going Christian and their neighbor who is cranky, mean and grouchy and who hasn't been in a church for years! For the poor and the rich; the giver and the receiver; the jailer and the prisoner; those who live on the streets and those who live in mansions, the haves and the have-nots. NONE of us measures up, but thanks be to God NONE of us has to, because God took care of that with God's love in Jesus.

These were words I needed to be reminded of, and still do over and over. When those doubts and wonderings come, I remind myself of all of the times God has made Godself known in my life; all the times God has reminded me of God's love. And as I recall all of those moments and remember the words, "God so loved that God gave..." I once again stand in the shower of God's love and I know Jesus' presence and reality with every fiber of my being! Thanks be to God!

Donna Kelly

MEN'S COFFEE



Men's Tuesday Morning Coffee

Meeting
On Zoom
8:00 – 9:30 am

Sign in when you can ... sign out when you must.

**E-mail Curt Gerald at curtgerald61@gmail.com
for login & more information**

HELPING THE HOMELESS

HELPING THE
HOMELESS THROUGH
AGRICULTURE

WE ARE
COLLECTING Clean,
pint sized
STRAWBERRY type
FRUIT CONTAINERS.

AARK Gardens,
Hebron IL grows
organic strawberries
and uses the
containers to sell the
berries.



During February and March there will be a box on the blue tables in the church hallway. The Church building is open midweek from 9AM – 2PM and, of course, on Sunday mornings.

Contact: Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Last month I submitted an article about a homeowner who procured a house through Habitat. The article emphasized how the act of ownership and the sense of belonging to a community had a significant effect on her and her family. Next month will have a different personal account and I'll also, in the future, touch on how financing and loans are arranged, how applicants are selected, and what kind of labor the future homeowner must give to fulfill Habitat's requirements.



Today I'd like to provide some details about Habitat for Humanity. Most people are aware it involves volunteers physically working on constructing a building, but beyond that, there seems to be a lot of gaps in the details.

For instance, much of the volunteer work is doing rehab of older buildings rather than brand new construction because it is much cheaper than buying property and all new materials. An existing home already has electric, water, and gas hookups, finished landscaping, and usable fixtures that do not always need replacement.

Some people think that Habitat provides free or sub-standard homes or at least, very cheap homes. This is not the case. Habitat uses quality, locally available materials, meets all building codes and workmanship, and is supervised by experienced professional and volunteers. When designed, plans architecturally conform to the surrounding neighborhoods.

The homes are modestly sized – large enough for a family's needs but small enough to keep down construction and maintenance costs.

Each week in the Friday Flourish is a contact number and address.

Contact: Carl Hupert carlhupert@gmail.com

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*

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Sunday, March 7, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.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.

For more information, please contact Donna Kelly at donna@sotpmail.com or 214-676-1788.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com



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

MEMORY GARDEN NICHES BRICKS

The order form for **MEMORY GARDEN BRICKS** is on the church web site (sotp.org). You can print off the form and return it to church with payment, or you can pick up a form at church. Suggest you write out the inscription on paper before filling out order form.



We will start selling **MEMORY GARDEN NICHES** after the church is opened February 14th . Everyone on the reservation list will be called in the order of their reservation. The niche agreement will need to be filled out in person. A copy of the niche

agreement is also on the church web site (sotp.org).

Memory Garden Committee; Ellen Nissen, Kathy Miller, Gail Quam, Ron Knudsen, Pastor Mark, & Ralph Wehnes

Contact: Ralph Wehnes ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

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

Mike looks forward to hearing from you.

Contact: Mike Yndestad mike@sotpmail.com

LET THERE BE FLOWERS



Joyfully, we have begun to meet in person for our worship services as well as doing our online services. We continue to ask you to please consider signing up to donate flowers to brighten up the sanctuary. As normal, each arrangement is \$50.

We will not be taking orders for the Sundays in Lent. Orders are welcome for any time after Easter.

The bouquets are delivered from the florist for the Sunday worship services. If you do not attend the church services in person and are unable to pick up your arrangement, I would be happy to deliver the flowers to your home after the Sunday services or on the Monday following.

If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact Diane Mollis at dem910@outlook.com. Provide your name, address, phone number, 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, you may call Diane at 224-654-6677.

Thank you to Mel Long for the altar flower donation for February 14 in memory of his wife, Lois.

Contact: Diane Mollis dem910@outlook.com

SOTP EASTER LILY INFORMATION 2021

We will be ordering six-inch Lilies at a cost of \$15.00 each for our Easter services this year. Ordering forms will be available in church beginning on Ash Wednesday. **All orders and payments will be due by Sunday, March 14th.** If you would rather order and pay through your online donation, that will be available also. Please remember to fill in all the requested information including for whom the Lilies are dedicated to or in memory of.

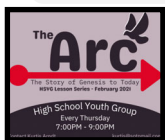
Thank you for ordering Easter Lilies to grace our sanctuary Easter Morning.

You will be able to take your Easter Lily home after the 11:00 a.m. Easter service on April 4. Lilies will be removed on the Tuesday after Easter.

Contact: Diane Mollis dem910@outlook.com



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FEBRUARY RECAP



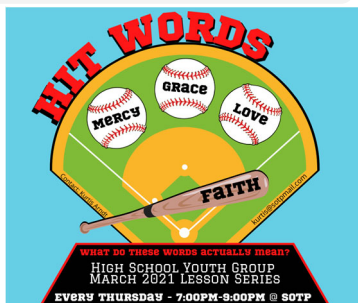
For the month of February 2021, the High School Youth Group did a lesson series with Youth Intern Kurtis Arndt titled, “The Arc: The Story of Genesis to Today”! This lesson series came from one of Youth Intern Kurtis’s favorite College Professors Dr. Justus Ghormley. Dr. Ghormley used the analogies of a bridge to help students learn how the first pages of the Bible can connect to our modern day life in 2021. Over the four weeks, the HSYG covered the Abrahamic Covenant, Mosaic Covenant, Death and Resurrection, and started conversation on what Grace is. Possibly the coolest moment of February’s lesson series is the number of participants! Over 14 High School students came to HSYG!

On February 20th, 2021 the HSYG and 8th Grade Confirmation students hosted a food drive at Shepherd of the Prairie. Youth joined together to support the Grafton Food Pantry with the guidance of the Community Outreach Team! This event was also featured in the Daily Herald! During this event congregation and community members donated 11 shopping carts worth of non-perishable product and \$3,870 to the food pantry! The Grafton Food Pantry will be able to use that \$3,870 to purchase close to \$31,000 worth of future product! *Thank you to all who were able to attend and support!*

Contact: Kurtis Arndt kurtis@sotpmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MARCH PLANS

In March of 2021, the High School Youth Group will begin their next lesson series, “Hit Words”. This lesson series created by Youth Intern Kurtis will cover a few “key words” used commonly in Christianity that may not have a clear definition to many. Over the course of 4 weeks, High School Students will get the opportunity to learn what the words Grace, Mercy, Love, and Faith all actually mean! Students can expect to see videos, open their Bibles, and hear from various leaders on what these “hit words” mean and why we cling onto them as Christians. As per usual, meetings for this lesson series will be on Thursday Nights in the Youth Lounge from 7:00pm-9:00pm! If you have any questions about the High School Youth Group, please contact Youth Intern Kurtis at kurtis@sotpmail.com.



Contact: Kurtis Arndt kurtis@sotpmail.com

YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Also this month, the High School Youth (Grades 9-12) & Confirmation Students (6-8) will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg, IL on March 20th, 2021 from 9:00am to 11:00am. This service event has room for only 30 volunteers! Please email Youth Intern Kurtis to reserve your student's spot. For more information about Feed My Starving Children, their COVID-19 Guidelines, and the fun that this organization provides please visit www.fmssc.org. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Intern Kurtis at kurtis@sotpmail.com.

Service Opportunity!

Feed My Starving Children
Schaumburg, IL

Grades 6-12
Only 30 Spots Available!

9:00am - 11:00am
March 20th, 2021

Please Email
kurtis@sotpmail.org
to reserve your
student's spot!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Contact: Kurtis Arndt kurtis@sotpmail.com

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2/28, 3/14, 4/10 & 4/11
9am - Noon

At Shepherd of the Prairie
Contact: Kurtis Arndt kurtis@sotpmail.com

CLOTHES men's, women's & children's: coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc
HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

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

LENT & EASTER OFFERINGS

So many needs all around us! How can we at SOTP help?

During Lent our offerings will be given to those listed below:

- ⇒ Hampshire Food Pantry
- ⇒ Grafton Food Pantry
- ⇒ Mercy Ship
- ⇒ Exodus

And for Easter, our offerings will be give to help the following:

- ⇒ Lutheran Social Services of IL
- ⇒ ELCA Disaster Fund
- ⇒ Elgin Community Crisis Center

Any questions contact Sandy Hupert or any Mission Team member.

Contact: Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com

SPECIAL OFFERINGS—LENT & EASTER

For the convenience of our members you will now be able to make donations for Lent and Easter through our GivePlus+ online giving on the SOTP.org website. These special offerings are given to various organizations to be chosen by the Mission Team.

sotp.org

**DONATE
ONLINE NOW**

*Contact: Sue Wehnes
susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net*

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**) 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** and it will go directly to the prayer chain.

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)

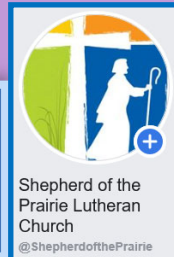
*To start receiving any of the above, please e-mail your request to: **Admin@SOTPmail.com***

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

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ELCA LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

One of the organizations SOTP will be supporting during our Easter Offering is ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. It brings God's



hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need working with local congregations and agencies and global partners. In 2019 (the last year for which we have information) 68% of expenses were spent in the U.S. and 26% were spent internationally. In the last year they have responded to the following disasters:

- Starting in Jan., 2020, responded to the Covid-19 pandemic here in the United States and around the world.
- Dec. 25, 2020, Nashville bombing.
- Nov. 2, 2020, Hurricane Eta, a powerful Category 4 storm, which hit Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala.
- Nov. 1, 2020, Super Typhoon Goni (the strongest tropical cyclone in the world in 2020) hit in the Philippines.
- Aug. 4, 2020, two explosions from a warehouse storing large quantities of ammonium nitrate that rocked the central district and port of Beirut, Lebanon.
- Starting in July 2020, numerous wildfires that burned over 8.2 million acres across California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado and other western states.
- In August, 2020, a type of severe windstorm called a derecho tore across the Midwest (particularly Iowa, South Dakota, Illinois and Michigan), traveling over 750 miles in 14 hours, spawning multiple tornadoes and leaving severe damage in its wake.
- Numerous flood in the U.S.
- A powerful and destructive tornado that ripped through central Tennessee in March 2020

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ELCA LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE (CONT.)

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- Civil war and famine in South Sudan that has caused nearly 5 million people to be food insecure.
- The Middle East and Syria refugee crisis (Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Serbia). They are working with our trusted partners and companion churches, who are helping provide safety, support and basic amenities.

For more information, ask a Mission Team member.

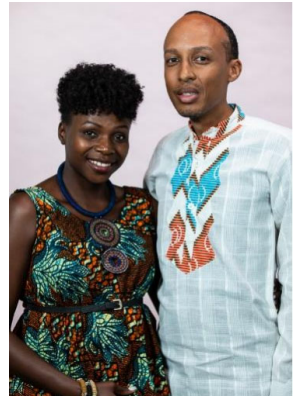
Contact: Becky Wright rawright48@gmail.com

SOTP HELPING SPONSOR NEW MISSIONARIES

The Mission Team wishes to announce new missionaries that SOTP is helping to sponsor. They are Daudi (David) and Kellen Msseemmaa who are regional representatives for East Africa. They coordinate relief and mission work in the area. Both have bachelor degrees from Southern Ill. University and their home synod is Northern Illinois. Children's' names are Shalam, Shaddai, and Solomon.

Please pray for them as they do God's work in Africa.

Contact: Steve Legel svet@yahoo.com



2021 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC



Contact: Sharon Little skl55little@mac.com

2021 CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT

This year the Congregational Resourcing Event will be held online via ZOOM.

REGISTRATION CLOSES

MARCH 7TH.

The event begins at 8:30 am and closing is at 2pm.

2021
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Saturday
March 13



Workshops will be held feature topics including: 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 by email or through the church office.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

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

MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

		March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Communion Assistants Contact: Judie Symbal judie.symbal@att.net	SUN 9:00 AM	Tom Polzin Barb Hoppensteadt	Sandy & Carl Hupert	Ralph Wehnes Donna Sorensen	Chris & Sara Solem
	SUN 10:45 AM	Sandy & Chuck Petersen	Lanita & Luke Palermo	Bob & Tracy McDuffee	Bob & Pat Buesing
Greeters HELP NEEDED Contact: Elain Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Cheryl Adams & Elaine Gillam	Sue Wehnes & Eileen Gerald	Dottie Bobzin & Elaine Gillam	Cheryl Adams & Elaine Gillam
	SUN 10:45 AM	Jim and Marlene Hunt	Bob & Tracy McDuffee	Barb Hoppensteadt	Barb Hoppensteadt
	Wed Night Lent 7pm				
Sanitizing Crew Contact: Tom Polzin Tapolzin@aol.com	Between Services	Barb Pagano	Tom Polzin	Vik Bekeris	Ed Cuttle
Ushers HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Adrew.Szekely@outlook.com	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Warren Brody (?)	JACK CONTI Karen Ekert Pete Thompson (?) Harriet Thompson (?)	VIK BEKERIS Pete & Harriet Thompson (?)	RALPH WEHNES Sue Wehnes Dennis Houghton
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo	MARK FRENDREIS Vik Bekeris Ron Mudge (S)	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Jeff Ottens (?) Judy Petropulos (?)	ANDREW SZEKELY Bob & Diane Mollis Vik Bekeris
	Wed Night Lent 7pm				
Worship Band Contact: Brian Buesing brian@sotpmail.com	SUN 10:45 AM	Vocals: Ron Mudge Drums: Jordan Wildermuth Guitar: Brian Buesing	Vocals: Jenn Huston, Dana Turk, Annette Boster Drums: Logan McCabe Guitar: Brian, Rich	Vocals: Ron Mudge Drums: Jordan McCabe Guitar: Brian Buesing, Rich	Violin: Laura

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2021

General Fund Report: The General Fund Balance is \$191,026. Income for the month was \$68,175 and Expenses for the month was \$56,856.

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$73,492. Income for the month was \$29,991. The month mortgage payment was \$19,536.

This Month

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$68,175	\$65,115	\$3,060
Expenses:	\$56,856	\$67,380	(\$10,524)

Year-to-Date

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Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$29,991
Fund Balance:	\$73,492

Respectfully Submitted

Robert C. Mollis

Congregation Treasurer

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finances

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Ellen Nissen, **Christa Serpe**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Annette Carlson, Joe Jones, Zachary Ott,
Darren Walloch
- 2 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, Savanna Kramp, 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 DeBlieck, Skyla Geller, Alyson Johnson,
Vivian Kasal, John Olson, Pamela Perrott, Emily
Rossman, Merlyn Thompson, Kendall Wolf
- 11 Jaina Farnam, Denise Gartzke, Sandy Werner
- 12 Jaxson Thomas Domenz, Alice Hallett,
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 Marcy Coffman, Cheryl Konie, Richard Paeth
- 21 Jeff Bala, Neal Doden, Jason Farnam, James
Rice, Braden Turk
- 22 Bennett Buesing, Thomas Hollabaugh, Payton
Marx, Derek Reincke, Ed Richard, Devan Turk
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