



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

Congregational
Newsletter

April 2021

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday:

- 7:00 pm (In person & online)

Good Friday *(church office closed):*

- 10:00 am Children's service
(in person only)
- 7:00 pm (in person & online)



Easter Saturday

- 5:00 pm Easter Service (in person only with sign up)

Easter Sunday *(save your seat info below)*

- 8:00 am Traditional (in person with sign up & online)
- 9:30 am Traditional (in person with sign up & online)
- 11 am Contemporary (in person with sign up & online)



Easter Save Your Seat

Online at

www.bit.ly/SOTPEaster21

or by calling (847)669-9448

A Note From Pastor Mark

**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Easter blessings to you and your family. I'm hoping you are able to join us to celebrate Holy Week and Easter weekend with us at SOTP either in person or online. A reminder that we are asking you make a reservation if you wish to join us in person for worship in Easter weekend.

In a few weeks we will be reading an interesting story from the 24th chapter of Luke's gospel. It is one of several accounts recorded in the Gospels of Jesus appearing following the crucifixion. While the story of Easter is the defining event in the Christian Gospel, it is also controversial. In fact, the controversy is found in the gospel story itself.

What was the first reaction of the disciples to seeing Jesus as recorded in Luke 24? You will discover that they are startled and terrified.

There is no joy. Just terror!

And what do they suppose when they see Jesus? They suppose that they are seeing a ghost. Seeing ghosts was familiar to the disciples. This certainly fits the disciples. As far as they knew, the body of Jesus was missing from the tomb.

Jesus had died a terrible death. Most certainly they were haunted by the horror of the crucifixion and now they are confused and troubled about what may have happened to the body of Jesus. To the disciples, the empty tomb meant that someone had taken the body of Jesus.

In this story Jesus came and brought them a word of peace (Luke 24:36). Then he showed them his body with the marks of the crucifixion clearly present. Jesus came to them with his body. The resurrection was not about seeing ghosts of dead relatives or religious teachers. The disciples experienced "the resurrection of the body" of Jesus.

That is why in the Apostles' Creed we confess, "I believe in.... the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

In 1 Corinthians chapter 12, St. Paul takes the meaning of the resurrection of the body a step further when he says to the Christians in Corinth, "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

This connects us to Christ's resurrected body. We now are one with Christ, the resurrected Lord, right now, as we live on earth. The Church is the body of Christ and we are members of it. Thanks be to God for His resurrected Spirit and the life we have in Jesus name! What a privilege is ours in carrying God's message of love in our lives.

I'll look forward to being with you in worship.

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

Adult Education



During the Lenten season, we explored The Power and Promise of Our Lamentations. Now, during the season of Easter, it's fitting that we focus, not on our laments, but on our Songs of Praise, formed in the reality of Jesus' resurrection, and in the hope and promise of our own victory over death. We'll follow a similar pattern, wandering through the individual psalms of praise,

those sung by the community of faith, and the songs we sing that carry us through life and through death itself to a new reality where we sing with the saints of God of every time and place! So come join us each week by going to our website, www.sotp.org, or wait for the weekly email blast, or visit us on our Facebook page. After all, we are a resurrection people who, on behalf of all creation, sing our alleluias!

Pastor Bill

LIFE GROUPS

Groups in person
and via ZOOM



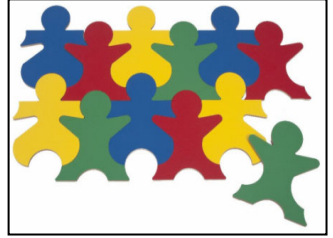
As we begin to return to in-person life at SOTP, why not reconnect by becoming part of a Life Group?

- 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 recently read a book by Brian McLaren entitled, "Faith After Doubt". It's a book about faith, the church and ministry. There was a lot to learn in the book, but the thing that still walks with me every day is the statement that what really matters is "faith expressing itself in love". Not faith expressing itself in rigid,



"correct" beliefs and practices. Not faith expressing itself in "filling the pews". Not faith expressing itself in upholding "traditions or methodologies". Not faith expressing itself programs, capital campaigns, or evangelism strategies. Not faith expressing itself in "us" (those who are right) vs "them" (those who are wrong). Not faith expressing itself in maintaining the "status quo". Many of these expressions of faith are not wrong, and some are an important part of who we are. But "faith expressing itself in love" really captured my attention and my soul.

I spent a lot of time thinking and praying about what that phrase, "faith expressing itself in love" means. Just reading that phrase, I was reminded about what Pastor Mark often says, "it's about wanting better for another than you do for yourself". That's what I think "faith expressing itself in love means". Jesus described it at one point as denying yourself, taking up your cross, and following him. (Luke 9:23) Paul said, "...if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing". (1 Cor 13:2) I believe what really matters is "faith expressing itself in love"; everything else can be how we do that.

We can express our faith in love as we worship, study, learn, give financially, live in tradition, or in many other ways. We express our faith in love as we stop what we are doing to listen to a fellow believer who called because they need to be loved. Or when we stop playing on our phones to listen to a child tell us what's on their heart. It's hearing someone with a different opinion speak and really listening rather than formulating our rebuttal while they are talking. It's giving room in our hearts and minds for another's idea rather than hanging onto our own as "better". It's not thinking of other belief systems or political views as "us" versus "them". It's seeing people of different colors, backgrounds, ethnicities, economic status, as peers rather than inferiors. It's seeing every person we come into contact with as a person created and beloved by God. They are you know, each and every one beloved by God.

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Ministry Musings (Cont.)

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We can't do this perfectly...but if we ask the Spirit to guide us, and we deny ourselves, take up our cross (giving up of our wills) and follow Jesus, we will find more and more that we are expressing our faith in love.

To think about; how do you express your faith in love? How can you deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Donna Kelly

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR—SUNDAYS



“VIRTUAL” LUTHERAN DAY ON APRIL 22, 2021

When many people come together to share one voice with their elected officials, our message becomes that much stronger. That's the kind of impact you can have when you learn how to advocate for social change in our community by participating in “Lutheran Day” on April 22nd.

Lutheran Day is an annual event put on by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) that traditionally gathers people of faith and their friends in Springfield to learn more about how they can be-

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"VIRTUAL" LUTHERAN DAY (CONT.)

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come involved in advocacy efforts and have meaningful



and confident conversations with their Illinois congressional representatives. This year's event will be virtual to protect the health and safety of all involved and will start at 10am.

To learn more and register for free, go to LutheranDay.org where updates will be posted as program details are confirmed. By participating you will have the opportunity to become more involved in translating your Christian values into public policies and advancing greater justice and compassion for all people—especially those whom Jesus referred to as the least of his brothers and sisters (Matt. 25:40).

LSSI is a nonprofit social service organization of the three Illinois ELCA synods. The organization provides critical programs for over 50,000 Illinois residents each year, including foster care, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, affordable senior housing, residential programs for people with developmental disabilities, and services that help families who have been impacted by incarceration.

Blessings, Becky Wright World Hunger Subcommittee NI Synod

Contact: *Becky Wright* rawright48@gmail.com

FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY



In April, Friends Bible Study will begin reading the book of Revelation. Our guide book is *Be Victorious* by Warren Wiersbe. According to Dr. Wiersbe, "The book of Revelation stands out as one of the most intriguing, yet least understood books of the Bible. From the sobering

letters to the seven churches to the amazing visions and epic battles, millions of Christians have toiled to understand the meaning of this mysterious book."

We meet every Monday from 12:30-2:00 in the Willow Room at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. The size of the room allows for social distancing and everyone wears a mask.

If you have always wondered about Revelations, come and join us as we study and learn from each other.

Contact *Linda Dungey*: lindajsd88@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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.

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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 **\$1,689.83** as of March 2021.

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MEMORY GARDEN BRICKS

As we move forward with our Memory Garden you will now be able to purchase a "memory brick" for the brick sidewalk adjoining the Memory Garden with the west entrance of the church. The "memory bricks" are a wonderful way to honor your loved ones OR commemorate a special occasion in the life of your family - baptism, confirmation, wedding/anniversary, Eagle Scout, Charter member of SOTP, military service. Please consider a memorial for your loved parents or grandparents as another option.



Bricks are available to purchase in two sizes - 8" x 8" - \$150.00 or 4" x 8" - \$80.00. Order forms available on-line or at the display in the gathering area.



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

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WELCOME MATT MORRISON TO STAFF



Matt Morrison is our new Operations Manager. Matt is so excited to be part of the Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church team! He graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, minoring in Sociology and Spanish.

Since graduating college, he has worked for different non-profits and government bodies dealing with social issues such as poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, hunger, mental health and public transportation in various team and leadership roles.

Growing up, Matt knew his purpose was to serve the people. He felt that the world could always use more people who were willing to help those in need and feels that in his role, he will be able to bring a very people centric focus to his work. Matt plans to be an energetic and positive presence to add the already great team that SOTP has!

Contact: Matt Morrison matt@sotpmail.com

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The Month of April is jam packed with information about our High School and Confirmation Programs. Due to the abundance of information, please check out the 'High School Youth and Confirmation Newsletter' Linked on our website or check your email for more information regarding our High School Mission Trip, Fundraisers, as well as what topics our HSYG will be covering in April of 2021

Contact: Kurtis Arndt kurtis@sotpmail.com

FUNDRIVE FUNDRAISER

NEED TO CLEAN OUT THE CLOSET?

Donate to Help Fund Our Youth!

1 POUND = 10 CENTS!

WHAT CAN I DONATE?

Clothing, Shoes, Coats, Scarves,
Handbags, Wallets, Fashion Accessories,
Ties, Belts, Backpacks, etc.

Textiles, Bedding, Comforters, Blankets,
Sheets, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths,
Curtains, Pillows, etc.



FUNDrive
SAVORS VALUE VILLAGE

DROP OFF DATES:

March 14th, 2021

April 11th, 2021

9:45AM - 11:00AM

**WEST ENTRANCE
SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

EVERY OUNCE HELPS!

For Any Questions:
Email: youth@sotpmail.com

Contact: Kurtis Arndt kurtis@sotpmail.com

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you, Shepherd of the Prairie family, for all of your steadfast prayers during my recent brain injury and subsequent surgery. It was a very scary time for both myself and Marlene, and we honestly feel that things could've turned out differently if it wasn't for everyone's prayers. There were days that we didn't know if I would make it at all, and there were days that we didn't know if I would ever be back to who I was. So, thank you from the bottom our hearts! We appreciate every one of you. God heard you, and he is SO good!

Sincerely, John and Marlene Boehler



NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK

Some things are a little different this year. Let's start to get back together again. We will start with a small group of 22 people from SOTP including family and friends. Children must be at least 8 years old and accompanied by an adult. Everyone must properly wear face masks, and disposable gloves will be provided. I was able to reserve a Saturday morning 9:00-12:00 so hopefully family members can participate. Please hold the date and mark your calendars accordingly for **Saturday, May 15, 2021** so you can help do God's Work with Your Hands at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Mission Team has agreed with the Food Bank for our church to provide 22 volunteers to help put together food items to feed our hungry neighbors. A few sit-down jobs will be made available. When signing up, please be sure to indicate a sit-down job is needed. Sign-up at the Mission table will be available for three weeks. The Food Bank feels it is necessary I get all 22 people officially registered a least 1 week in advance. They are not comfortable with last minute registrations.

Whether you have been there or not in the past, you will discover how great it feels to assist. If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please call Sharon Stangle at 224-628-2107 or email stangle.ds@gmail.com

Since 99% of our volunteers have chosen to travel on their own to NIFB rather than gather at church earlier in the morning, we will be happy to help arrange carpools for anyone that needs assistance. The Northern Illinois Food Bank address is 273 Dearborn Ct., Geneva, IL. Everyone needs to arrive by 8:45 AM in time to confirm registration, gather together for a prayer, and begin working at 9:00. The work project will end by 11:30 AM. After cleaning up the work area, we all get together again to learn about the project results. Before you leave we ask that everyone gather together in the lobby area for a group photo.

For those interested, we will get together for lunch. Information will be sent by email to all those that volunteer for the project.

As the Isaiah 58:10 tells us, "Feed the hungry and help those in trouble, then your light will rise and the

darkness around you will be as bright as day."

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

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

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Contact: Sharon Stangle stangle.ds@gmail.com



Thank you to those who donated the lilies to grace the altar
on Easter Day 2021

Cheryl Adams (1) in memory of Martin Adams
Dottie Bobzin (1) in memory of Carolyn Spear
John & Marlene Boehler (2) in memory of their grandson, Joshua Carlson
Ed & Carolyn Cuttle (2) in memory of their parents and Carolyn's brother,
and in honor of their children and grandchildren
John Dawson (1) in memory of Sally and Ralph
Harold & Joan Doege (1) in memory of Jim Holzapfel
Ron Fry (1) in memory of Ron Frey
Elaine Gillam (1) in memory of Bob, Mom and Dad
Larry Graf (1) dedicated to Jason, Connor, and Carter Graf
Linda Hanger (1) in memory of Cheryl Robinson
Mary Holbrook (2) in memory of William Pietrzak
Barb Hoppensteadt (1) in memory of Dee, Don, Alex and Ron
Martha Jacobson (1) in memory of her husband, Jim
Lois Jensen (2) in memory of Bill and Bob Jensen
Mary Klatt (1)
Judy & Rob Lindsey (1) in memory of Elizabeth Florio and
dedicated to Mark Florio
Mike & Judy Luecht (4) in memory of their families in heaven
Orv McElfresh (1) in memory of Jayne and Gina McElfresh
Carrie Gronau & Dave McIntyre (1) in memory of Carrie's mother, Gloria
Marian Mesenbrink (1) in memory of her husband, Dan
Cal & Sandy Meyer (2) dedicated to their families
Lynn Meyer (2) in memory of her mother
Glenn & Ellen Nissen (1) in memory of Rhodes Hundley
Sandra Schuessler (1)
Pastor Bill & Carol Waxenberg (1) in memory of loved ones
Ralph & Sue Wehnes (1) in memory of Nancy Zunker and Betty Knawa
Rebecca Wright (1) in memory of Jeannette Wright
Mike & Rachael Yndestad (1)

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. The bouquets are delivered from the florist for the weekend worship services. You can pick up your flowers after the Sunday services or on the Monday following. The church is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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 for saying yes to flowers for the sanctuary

Contact: Diane Mollis dem910@outlook.com

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Contact: Sharon Little skl55little@mac.com

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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ARTIST SERIES CONCERT



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Contact: Tessa DeLong tessa@sotpmail.com

KITE DAY



Come join us on April 24th for our Kite Day Event! We will be providing kites that you can assemble together or you can bring your own! We will be meeting on the church lawn with kites, music, and

more! Let's enjoy the beautiful spring weather with some fun kites!

Contact: Tessa DeLong tessa@sotpmail.com

MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

		Easter: April 4		April 11	April 18	April 25
Communion Assistants Contact: Judie Symbol judie.symbol@att.net	SUN 9:00 AM	Sat 5pm:	Sun 9:30am Orv McElfresh, Janet Fry, Linda & Cliff Dungey	Dave & Joyce Shotick	Eileen Gerald, JoAnn Ward	Carolyn & Ed Cuttle
	SUN 10:45 AM	Sun 8am Tom Polzin, Judie Symbol	Sun 11am Vik Bekeris, Marge Marlowe	Linda Jahr, Donna Schnepff	Diane & Bob Mollis	Ben & Laura Hinkle
Greeters HELP NEEDED Contact: Elain Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Sat 5pm:	9:30 am: Cheryl Adams, Elaine Gillam	Sue Wehnes & Eileen Gerald	Dottie Bobzin & Elaine Gillam	Cheryl Adams & Elaine Gillam
	SUN 10:45 AM	8am: Eileen Gerald	11am: Jim & Marlene Hunt	Bob & Tracy McDuffee	Barb Hoppensteadt	Jim & Marlene Hunt
Sanitizing Crew Contact: Tom Polzin Tapolzin@aol.com	Between Services	Sat: Tom Polzin	Sun 1st: Ed Cuttle 2nd: Vik Bekeris	Tom Polzin	Vik Bekeris	Ed Cuttle
Ushers HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Adrew.Szekely@outlook.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Sat 5pm: Karen Eckert, Lynn Meyer, Barb Hoppensteadt	Sun 9:30 am Vik Bekeris, Bob McDuffee	JACK CONTI Karen Ekert, Pete & Harriet Thompson	VIK BEKERIS Pete & Harriet Thompson, Dave & Sharon Stangle, Carol Hartman	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle, Ralph & Sue Wehnes, Jerry & Pat Darrow, Dennis Houghton
	SUN 10:45 AM	Sun 8am Vik Bekeris	Sun 11am Vik Bekeris, Andrew Szekely	MARK FRENDEIS Vik Bekeris, Ron Mudge	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner, Jeff Ottens, Judy Petropulos (?)	ANDREW SZEKELY Bob & Diane Mollis, Vik Bekeris

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

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2021

General Fund Report: The General Fund Balance is \$198,908. Income for the month was \$69,955 and Expenses for the month was \$62,987. Approximately 3 months of GF reserves.

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$74,220. Income for the month was \$20,265. The month mortgage payment was \$19,536. Approximately 3.8 months of MS reserves.

This Month

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$69,955	\$65,115	\$4,840
Expenses:	\$62,987	\$65,624	(\$2,637)

Year-to-Date

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$138,130	\$130,230	\$7,900
Expense:	\$119,843	\$133,004	(\$13,161)

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$20,265
Fund Balance:	\$74,220

Respectfully Submitted

Robert C. Mollis

Congregation Treasurer

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL



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Cheryl Adams, Bud Hansen, Kathy McGuine,
Ellen Nissen, Christa Serpe

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2..... Summer Riley, Nicole Stoica, Mary Tabatt
- 3..... Robin Anderson, Kristen Bala, Dave Frederickson
- 4..... Amy Casablanca
- 5..... Mary Lee Rishel, Darlene Soest, Marilyn Wilhelm
- 6..... Dorothy Carlborg, Jessica Monahan, Kay Schumacher, Janet Suski
- 7..... Lynn Moran, Larry Scimeca
- 8..... Lindsay Sparks
- 9..... Roger Clausen, Edward Cuttle, Mitchell Flanagan, Carol Forsythe, Judy Krawczyk, Cole Raines, Addison Raistrick, Dave Ressler
- 10..... Paige Cordle, Camden Dean, Donald Kundich, Kerry Miller
- 12..... Colton Allegretti, Frank Cesario, Andrew Ressler, Elloise Torkelson
- 13..... Suzanne Alpert, Delainey Black, Jack Conti
- 14..... Catherine Johnson, Marc Piskule, Cecilia Ramey
- 15..... Kathleen Bloomfield, Kim Frendreis, Jianna Trevino, Wylder Weston
- 16..... Jill Behm, Linda Dungey, Jennifer Huston, Roberta Seroni, Lila Stegge
- 17..... Dan Hollow, Seth McCulloch, Kathy McGuine
- 18..... John Boehler, Marcie Schlachta, Caitlyn Stech, Alan Torkelson, Fred Wilhelm
- 19..... Angela Crase, Luke Palermo
- 20..... Troy Fleener, Zachary Ulmer
- 21..... Jeffrey Cordle, Noah Sparks
- 22..... Dean Dobrolinsky, Allison McCann, Dan Wentzloff
- 23..... Kyle Frendreis, Matthew Kann, Jeff Roberts
- 24..... Doris Pizzillo
- 25..... Carol Didricksen, Carol Larson, Kane Luedtke, Bob Mollis
- 26..... Janice Burseth, Wayne Grayczyk, Rebecca Hennessey, Jill Lamb, Jamison Mathiesen, Kelvin Walker
- 27..... Andrew Brown, Ronald Elam, Evelyn Farnam, Darlene McGuigan
- 28..... Walter Roth, Ethan Schoenberg, Nolan Schoenberg
- 30..... Ken Lemke, Megan Librandt

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