



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

Congregational
Newsletter

May 2021

Adult Education

NEVER
STOP
LEARNING

"The merry, merry month of May" brings with it the conclusion of our study of **The Power and Promise of Praise--Living the Easter Life.**

- ⇒ We'll explore the psalms and hear the stories of how God's people have collectively praised God as communities of faith.
- ⇒ We'll study some of the Hymns of Praise in our worship book.
- ⇒ We'll look at the ways in which God--even God! --sings songs of praise!
- ⇒ And then finally we'll ask: how can we live lives that exude praises to God?

So come join us by waiting for the blast email on **Thursdays**; or go to our website, www.sotp.org and look under New Content; or look at our Facebook page.

Before we take a summer break, we'd be delighted if you'd join us!

Pastor Bill

10805 Main St, Huntley, IL 60142 • Phone: 847-669-9448 • www.sotp.org

A Note From Pastor Mark

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Life can consume us and overwhelm us.

When challenges confront us in daily life, we may give in to feelings of fear, anxiety, or defeat. It's at that point that we need to call a friend, a friend who knows God is our refuge.

Psalm 31 is a reminder that we can trust God with all things: Here are some of the reminders from the Psalm...

- God is our deliverer. (v.1)
- God is our rescuer, rock, and fortress. (v.2)
- He is our leader and guide. (v.3)
- God is our redeemer. (v.5)
- God knows us. (v.7)
- God is filled with light and unfailing love for each of us. (v.16)
- God has stored up goodness for those who seek God. (v.19)
- God shelters us by God's presence. (v.20)
- God hears our cry for mercy. (v.22)
- God preserves God's faithful followers and gives us hope. (v.23 and 24)

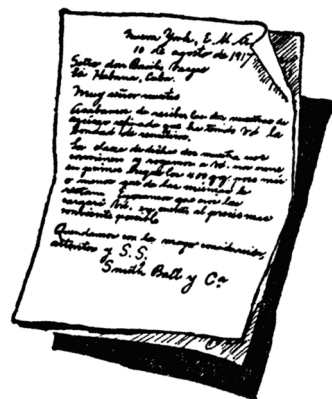
Therefore, when anguish arrives in our lives, we are encouraged to continue to pray and open God's word just as we do in good times.

If that is difficult we can lean on a friend who can help us turn our trust and hope to our merciful God.

Years ago, I received a letter from a young mom whose youngest son was suddenly deathly ill and needed to be in the hospital. She wrote these words...

"Pastor Mark I am so thankful for the strength God has given me as you encouraged me to turn to God in prayer and reading the Bible. I have also been blessed by others who have lent a listening ear to me. When we first met I did not know, but now I understand I needed to commit not only my spirit to the Lord, but the spirit of our ill son as well. There were times when I

Pastor's
Corner



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A Note From Pastor Mark (Cont.)

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trusted God with whatever the outcome would be and knew God would provide strength to sustain us. Since our last meeting I am so pleased to share with you, healing has happened for our son. I didn't know the answer at the time of the illness but I believe God would hold our spirits up even if the outcome had not been one of healing."

Think of difficult periods in your life. Who stood by you? Did a church member, pastor, or particular scripture provide you with comfort? Ask God in prayer and in your study of God's word to grow a faith in you which trusts no matter what the outcome. Can we trust in God's resurrection promise?

I'll look forward to being with you in worship

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR—SUNDAYS



Warm up your Sunday morning coffee (or beverage of your choice) following or before worship. Go to www.bit.ly/SOTPcoffee and join us for some caring conversation and fellowship online. We gather from 10:00 am - 10:30 am.

—Acts 2:43-44

Ministry Musings

My grandson Noah sent me a video that rocked my world! The video is of a young pastor talking with a visitor who states that even though he feels loved at Victory Church, he is still an atheist. The conversation continues:



Visitor: I'm an atheist

Pastor: OK

Visitor: No, I'm still an atheist

Pastor: OK

Visitor: Can I keep coming?

Pastor: Yeah

Visitor: I can?

Pastor: Yeah

Visitor: So, it's not just for Christians?

Pastor: It's especially not just for Christians! You can belong here before you believe.

Visitor: Wow...I've never heard that before.

Pastor: Well, I didn't come up with that, Jesus did.

Eventually, because of the love and welcome he received, the visitor became a follower of Jesus.

You can view the whole video here:
<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZMex8dAeD/>

I was completely captivated by this video and the idea of what welcome truly means. We have a hymn in our hymnal titled "All Are Welcome". We sang it at the dedication of our new building. What does it mean to us that all are welcome? For much of the western Christian Church (not just SOTP or the ELCA, but big C Church) welcome means all are welcome if you look like us, talk like us, worship like us, have an economic status like us, believe like us. Then you are most welcome!

But what if we were welcoming the way Jesus was? What if the all who are welcome includes those who don't look like us, talk like us, worship like us, have an economic status like us, believe like us?

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Ministry Musings (Cont.)

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What if they don't believe at all? If someone sat down in the pew next to us and said, "Hi, I'm Donna and I'm an atheist." What would we say; what would we think? How welcoming would we be?

Jesus welcomed, loved and engaged people right where they were, whether they believed or not! They didn't have to meet membership requirements before he loved them. The disciples didn't believe when he called them! The woman at the well didn't believe when Jesus first engaged her! The man born blind didn't believe when Jesus gave him his sight! They believed in Jesus after he engaged with them. What if we, the Church, engaged with people before they believed? What if we threw open the doors of our buildings, our hearts, our minds and our faith and said, ALL are welcome? What if we stopped worrying so much about numbers or getting everything just right and simply loved? What if we went outside our walls, outside our group of friends and made friends with and loved those who don't fit our mold or who don't believe?

What if...

Donna Kelly

ANGELIC HARP DUO CONCERT

Saturday, May 8, 7:00 pm

Feels like coming home.....

After so many months of uncertainty due to the pandemic, we are pleased to announce the re-opening of our well-known Artist Series. The church welcomes back members of the community to enjoy the first concert of the season!

This live sanctuary concert will feature performing artists Nanette Felix and Claire Cifonie, better known as the Angelic Harp Duo, presenting a concert of harp music.



**THIS FREE CONCERT WILL BE ALSO BE LIVE
STREAMED LIKE OUR SERVICES.**

Biographies online at <http://bit.ly/HarpDuo>

Contact: SOTP Artist Series artistseries@sotpmail.com

AARRAK GARDEN—FRESH VEGETABLES

THE AARRK GARDENS

is a non-profit in McHenry County that is helping the homeless and disadvantaged through agriculture.

Vegetables will be delivered every Sunday. The cost is \$150.00 for the whole season.

Contact: Vik Bekeris vikbek66@yahoo.com

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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.

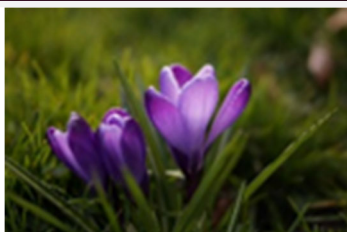
There will be a box on the blue tables in the church hallway. The Church building is open midweek from 9AM – 2PM and, of course, on Sunday mornings.



Contact: Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com

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. You don't need to be a member of SOTP, nor is there a 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.**

For more information, please contact Donna Kelly at donna@sotpmail.com or through the church office, 847-669-9448.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued donations for the Grafton Food Pantry through Shepherd of the Prairie.

If you would like to donate to the Food Pantry, please make your check out to SOTP, with Food Pantry in the memo field (do not write it out to Grafton Food Pantry and drop it off at SOTP).

OUR BANK WILL NOT ACCEPT CHECKS MADE OUT TO GFP.

Donations to the Grafton Food Pantry through the church will be recorded to your SOTP giving statement.

Like This

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*Contact: Linda Dungey, Contribution Secretary
lindajsd88@gmail.com*

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL ENROLLING

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NOW ENROLLING

FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR



More Info: www.bit.ly/LittleLambsInfo

Contact: Jill Gillming LittleLambs@sotpmail.com

YOUTH & FAMILY T-SHIRT DAY!

Come join us on May 16th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM to decorate your Summer SOTP T-Shirts. We want you to take your SOTP family wherever you go this summer and take a picture with your shirts! Once you take your pictures, send them into our Children & Family Ministry Director Tessa DeLong at tessa@sotpmail.com so we can show everyone back home where you have been!



Take your shirt on your trips! We want to see where you are going!

Shepherd of the Prairie
Children & Family

SUMMER T-SHIRT DAY!

Sunday, May 16th, 2021
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM



Come decorate your SOTP shirt for the summer!



@shepherdoftheprairie

Contact: Tessa DeLong
tessa@sotpmail.com



Contact: Tessa DeLong tessa@sotpmail.com

NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

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

WWW.SOLVEHUNGERTODAY.ORG

Some people have already volunteered. Since most of us have had the Covid vaccination, we do qualify for this event. We still need more people to sign up and volunteer so we can make our commitment of 22 people. 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. When signing up, please be sure to indicate if 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 at 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 contact Sharon Stangle at 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."

Contact: Sharon Stangle stangle.ds@gmail.com

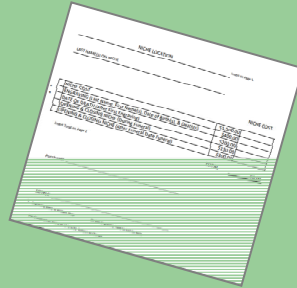
MEMORY GARDEN UPDATE

The month of April was extremely busy for the Memory Garden Committee. Here are the things we completed in April:

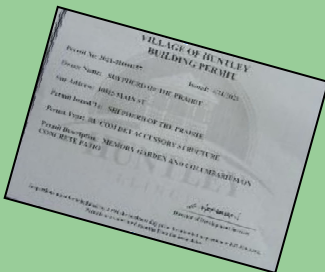


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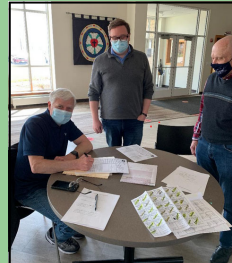
We received orders for 18 Memory Bricks



We completed 33
Interment Agreements



We got our building permit
from Village of Huntley



We placed our order for the 72 niche Columbarium

Contact: Ralph Wehnes ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Contact: Tessa DeLong tessa@sotpmail.com

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

Contact: Ralph Wehnes ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net



ELCA WORLD HUNGER—MISSION TEAM UPDATE



ELCA WORLD HUNGER – Making a Difference

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry. As a result of Covid-19 these numbers are on the increase. Conservative estimates indicate that global hunger and extreme poverty will both increase by 12%, and domestic hunger has already doubled or tripled in 2020 (from 10.5% to as much as 38%).

ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty in the U.S. and more than 60 other countries.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

The SOTP Mission Team directs gifts to ELCA World Hunger at various times during the year. You can also give gifts directly to ELCA World Hunger through regular SOTP offerings. Indicate "ELCA World Hunger" for any funds you want designated for this ministry.

Contact: Becky Wright rawright48@gmail.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. 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

SUMMER SUPPER CLUB—DESSERT TIME!

CALLING ONE AND ALL to join the Summer Supper Club beginning in **June, 2021**. This club provides the opportunity for meeting other church members and getting to know your SOTP family in a different setting.



There is a slight change in the logistics of the supper group. During this pandemic year, we made a change to how the club is handled. Instead of suppers, we changed it to dessert so each couple or single ate their meal at home leaving room for dessert, which the host provides. This change provides for social distancing and mask wearing since there is no need for all to sit at a dining table with everyone close together. The host rotates among the participants in the group.

Once all have had the opportunity to host, then it's time for another session of Dessert Groups and Sharon and I will assign you to a different group.

The **YELLOW Dessert Club SIGN UP SHEETS** will be on the bulletin board in front of the office or you can sign up online at www.bit.ly/SOTPSupperclub. We meet in groups of 5-7 people 3-4 times during the session depending on the number of couples and singles in your group. Any questions? Contact Marilyn Sauerberg at ggmar35@gmail.com or Sharon Stangle at stangle.ds@gmail.com. Sign up online or on the Yellow sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in front of the office. The **deadline for sign-up is tentatively May 28, 2021** with the intent of starting the next round of desserts in June through August or September, depending on the number of participants in your group and what the status of the pandemic is. Please be prepared to practice social distancing and mask wearing, and if you are interested in joining, please make plans to receive your Covid vaccine.

Contact: Marilyn Sauerberg ggmar35@gmail.com

MUSICIANS NEEDED

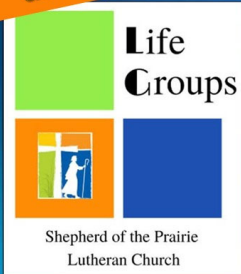


We are on the hunt for another guitarist (electric or acoustic), drummer, and pianist for our 10:45 am service—singers & other instrumentalists too!

Contact: Brian Buesing brian@sotpmail.com

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

SANCTUARY GRAND PIANO

Final Contributions: We are still a few dollars short of our final payment for the Sanctuary Grand Piano. If you were planning on contributing to this fund, now would be a great time to make your final contributions. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



Thank you for your consideration, the Finance Team.

BLOOD DRIVE—SAVE THE DATE

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

at
SOTP



JULY 11

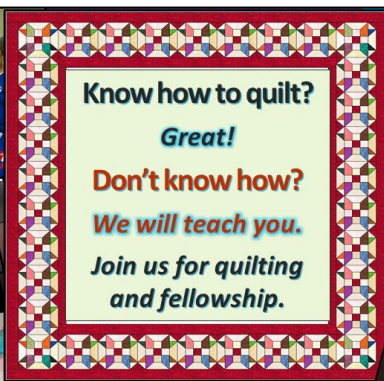
**8am
to
Noon**

**Save the date now,
schedule a time at link coming later**

Contact:
Nancy Ottinger
neotter@aol.com

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PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS



PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays Monthly
9 – 11:30 am

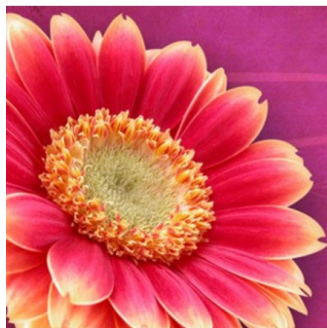
Contact:
Nancy Morbeck
jmorbeck@sbcglobal.net

Welcome back quilters. Most of you have received an email letting you know quilting is back and we want you to know we are masking and not having any snacks until further notice. We are meeting on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from nine to eleven-thirty.**

If you are a new member of the church and would like to come to join us, all that is required is to tie a knot, sew squares together, help layout a quilt, or pin on a quilt backer. Our quilts go for World Relief and other projects here in the states.

Contact: Nancy Morbeck jmorbeck@sbcglobal.net

FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY



Friends (Women's)
Bible Study
Mondays at 12:30 pm
At SOTP

Contact: Linda Dungey lindajsd88@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

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**

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.

Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpmail.com

NEXT FOOD DRIVE AT SOTP-SAVE THE DATE



June 12th Mark Your Calendars!

Contact Bob & Carolyn Malm c.r.malm@att.net

BARNABAS MINISTRY

Barnabas Ministers have remained active and supportive throughout the Pandemic. We have tried to bring a ray of sun shine into our shut-ins days with cards and phone calls. Our monthly meetings were held through Zooming. This month we returned to in person meetings. We are using Becky Harling's How to Listen so People Will Talk as a way to strengthen communication and build deeper connections. With many shut-ins having the vaccine, some home visits are resuming and with warmer weather returning we can plan on patio visits with those at home or in assisted living facilities.



Plans for a fall Renewal Training Session and a Spiritual Renewal Event are in the planning stages supported by Barnabas Ministry.

If you have a heart for becoming "A Ray of Sunshine Barnabas Minister" we have an opportunity for you.

Contact Donna Sorensen at sorensensid@comcast.net or
Donna Kelly at donna@sotpmail.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

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS NEED YOU!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!



If you are interested in teaching Sunday School in the Fall, we would love to have you!

Contact Tessa DeLong
tessa@sotpmail.com

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Contact: Tessa DeLong tessa@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**) 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.

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

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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MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

		May 1 & 2	May 8 & 9	May 15 & 16	May 22 & 23	May 29 & 30
Communion Assistants Contact: Judie Symbal judie.symbol@att.net	SAT 5:00 PM	Tom Polzin	Barb Hoppensteadt	Joy Nesta	Karen Eckert	Dorothy Wills
	SUN 9:00 AM	Donna Sorensen JoAnn Ward	Eileen Gilliam Judie Symbal	Wayne & Audrey Schmidt	Grace & Michelle Clifford	Linda and Cliff Dungey
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carol and Steve Legal	Sandy & Chuck Petersen	Kim & Jim Stancl	Lanita & Luke Palermo	Rachael & Annita Yndestad
Counters	Mon	Warren Brody, Dottie Bobzin, Susie Wehnes, Carl Hupert				
Greeters HELP NEEDED Contact: Elain Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Cheryl Adams & Elaine Gillam	Sue Wehnes & Eileen Gerald	Dottie Bobzin & PJ Knudsen	Cheryl Adams & Carol Engstrom	Cheryl Adams & Elaine Gillam
	SUN 10:45 AM	Jim & Marlene Hunt	Bob & Tracy McDuffee	Marge Marlowe	Marge Marlowe	Pat Bour & Elaine Gillam
Newsletter Mailing Prep		Lois Jensen & Marilyn Wilhelm				
Sanitizing Crew Contact: Tom Polzin Tapolzin@aol.com	Sat After Srvcs	Tom Polzin	Tom Polzin	Tom Polzin	Tom Polzin	TBA
	Betwn Srvcs	Barb Pagano	Tom Polzin	Vik Bekeris	Ed Cuttle	TBA
Ushers HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Adrew.Szekely@outlook.com	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy	Barb Hoppensteadt Joy Nesta
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Rydan Warren Brody (?)	JACK CONTI Pete & Harriet Thompson Carol Engstrom	VIK BEKERIS Pete & Harriet Thompson Dave & Sharon Stangle	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Ralph & Sue Wehnes Jerry & Pat Darrow Dennis Houghton	Vik Bekeris
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo	MARK FRENDEIS Vik Bekeris Ron Mudge (S)	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Jeff Ottens Judy Petropulos	ANDREW SZEKELY Bob & Diane Mollis Vik Bekeris	Vik Bekeris Andrew Szekely

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2021

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$296,641. Income for the month was \$56,713 and Expenses for the month was \$65,793. Approximately 4.5 months of GF reserves.

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$75,584. Income for the month was \$20,872. The month mortgage payment was \$19,536. Approximately 3.87 months of MS reserves.

This Month

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$56,713	\$65,115	(\$8,402)
Expenses:	\$65,793	\$66,637	(\$ 844)

Year-to-Date

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$195,889	\$195,345	\$ 544
Expense:	\$185,636	\$199,641	(\$14,005)

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$20,872
Fund Balance:	\$75,584

Respectfully Submitted

Robert C. Mollis

Congregation Treasurer

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BOOKS, MOVIES, GAMES, CELL PHONES...

Cleaning house? Donations of these items can be dropped off in the closet across from the new offices. They are turned in for cash which will go directly toward reducing the mortgage on our building.

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- 4 Brian Buesing, John Dawson, Nelly Rojas,
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- 11 Olivia Dahlin, Tyler Deblieck, Kathy Kann,
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- 12 Sharon Little, Brayden Patel, Laura Ramey,
Judith Sanford, Alison Womac
- 13 Harriet Thompson
- 14 Jill Dobek, Judy Olson
- 15 Caryl Fabian, Grace Moretti, Ashlyn Rankin,
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- 16 Dottie Bobzin, Evie Fetzer, Simone Galati,
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- 17 Joe Hansen, Jeff Ottens, Alexandra Stowell
- 18 Mike Allegretti, Mark Fulcer, Ron Mudge
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- 22 Carl Hupert
- 23 Zachery Boster, Jonathan Crase, Matthew
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Wendy Werner
- 24 Karen Burren, Evelyn Gniot, Ken Gniot
- 25 Emily Langlo, Ashlyn Palm, Ryan Schoenberg
- 26 Calvin Meyer, Melanie Ressler, JoAnn Ward
- 27 Joshua Harding, Jack Schlachta
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- 29 Beth Macaulay, Jeremy Ottens, John
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