

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

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July 2021

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Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Huntley, IL sotp.org 847/669-9448

A Note

From Pastor Mark



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
We consider our hearts to be the center of our love.

In life, what do we “love”?

Our family, friends, music, food, books, movies, home, neighborhood, car, vacation, free time, hobbies, work?

Those are some of the blessings of our life, to be sure.

But if God is in charge of our hearts, that is, if we have given over the control of our hearts and lives to God, what would God have us love?

I was reading through the book of Hosea (Hosea 5:15-6:6) this morning. The prophet Hosea, reminds us that God does not want our fleeting love, that comes “like the morning mist, and like the early dew disappears” quickly.

And God can do without our sacrifices, such as Old Testament burnt offerings, and bulls, goats, cattle, birds, as Psalm 50 recalls.

No, what God wants is a heart that acknowledges God and is filled with God’s kind of mercy—compassion and kindness toward all, a forgiving and charitable spirit (Hosea 6:6).

God wants us to trust God and earnestly seek God so God can forgive and remove our guilt, so God can heal us, deliver us, bind up our wounds, and restore us. God wants to live in our daily presence. As our memory

verse for this week reminds us, “God is at work in us, to will and to work for

God’s good pleasure. Today is the day of salvation.”

Giving God our hearts and seeking God in our daily living allows God to use our love to reach God’s hurting world; a world that is seeking love in all the wrong places.

So God would have us love:

God with all our heart, mind, body, and soul

Our neighbors, giving as much attention to their needs as to our own

Our enemies

Our poor in our community

Our weak and hurting folk

And God will do the good work within us to enable us to carry out God’s love. What can each of us do to shape our attitude toward mercy and neighborliness?

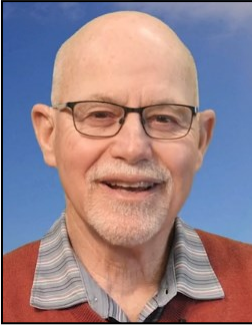
Then what might our action be?

Is there something to be done right in our own neighborhood? In our church? In our family?

Thankful for all you are doing to fulfill our Lord’s prayer “on earth as it is in heaven.”

Pastor Mark

Adult Education With Pastor Bill



During the summer, we won't be taping any new videos, but we will be sending out previous recorded Bible

studies. Summer re-runs! Join us by going on-line to our website and

watching any of our previous Bible studies, or wait for the email blast sent out on Thursdays. New studies will be available in the fall—both on-line and (hopefully) in person!

Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings With Donna



Recently, I was reading about how the word "light" is used in Scripture. In the beginning God said, "Let

there be light", and there was light. According to Genesis, there was light even before the sun came into being. John 1:4-5 says, "In him was life and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

In John 8 Jesus declares, "I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". And in Matthew 5 he says to his followers, "You are the light of the world". I had never really connected those two things before. Jesus is the light of the world that shines in the darkness and we are to be the light to the world.

We are to continue to shine the light of Jesus into the world around us.

But then I got thinking about light and how it works. I tuned off the light in the room and looked at the darkness for a moment; then I turned the light back on. I noticed that as I did, I didn't so much look at the light itself but at what I could now see because of the light. I thought about how light is not so much something we see directly, but more about something by which we see the things around us. When the light came on, for just a second, I looked at the light; then I looked at what was around me. Without the light, I couldn't see those things. But, with the light I could see them, perhaps in a new way.

Then I went back to Jesus saying he is the light of the world and that so are

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Ministry Musings

With Donna

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we the light of the world. As I pondered that, I began to realize that Jesus is the light which lights us and enables us to be the light to others. We need to look at Jesus until we can look out at the world with his kind of eyes and reflect his light to all. His light shines on those around us and all of creation so that we can see people and the cosmos from his point of view. Not 'us and them' or 'those others' or even 'the least of these,'

but as people created and loved by God just as equally as God loves you and me. Creation becomes not just something to be used up or taken advantage of, but something God created and loves and has asked us to care for and celebrate. I hope that each time I turn on a light or wake up in the morning to the light of a new day I can remember that I can reflect and be the light of Jesus to everyone and everything.

Donna Kelly

Memory Bricks Update

The first order for 42 Memory Bricks was sent to Polar Engraving on June 15th. They should be here in 4-6 weeks. The next batch will be ordered when we get enough orders for free freight.



Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

Construction Started 6/15



Storage Garage Construction 6/18/21



Memory Garden Construction 6/18/21

Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

Live Concert

At SOTP



Brass Works ensemble musicians are widely recognized and have performed with world-class entertainers like Tony Bennett and David Foster; and the Chicago, Elgin, and Rockford Symphony Orchestras; Grant Park and Ravinia Festival Orchestras; and the Lyric Opera, Chicago Jazz Ensemble, Chicago Jazz Philharmonic and Chicago Jazz Orchestras, among others.

They have contributed to hundreds of artist recording projects, and television and radio commercials. The

Happy birthday, America! Celebrate the occasion with music at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. Enjoy the nationally recognized Brass Band from Brass Works during a special live, free concert in the church Sanctuary, sponsored by the SOTP Artist Series on **Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm.**

This special event showcases the extraordinary instrumental musical entertainment of Brass Works, which will perform popular patriotic music with a bit of Dixieland and Jazz, the root of American music. The lead trumpet of the group, Mark Olen, performed during this year's Easter services in the Sanctuary at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. The group's instrumentation is comprised of the trumpet, trombone, french horn and tuba and continues to provide outstanding musical, as well as, educational performances.

Brass Works ensemble musicians are also faculty members at the University of Illinois Chicago, North Park University, Columbia College, the Music Institute, and Oakton Community College.

Admission to the live concert is free and donations are gratefully accepted. Bring the family to experience this entertaining tribute to our country. Visit the church website at sotp.org for further information or contact artistseries@sotpmail.com Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, located at 10805 Main Street, under the faith leadership of senior pastor Mark Boster, has served the faith community in Huntley for over 20 years.

Pictured is Mark Olen, founder and leader of Brassworks Trad Jazz Ensemble.

Elgin ReStore Volunteers

The Elgin Restore is now accepting volunteers. The Mission Team plans to serve on the third Thursday in July from 9 AM -Noon. There are usually four different volunteers when we go if interested.



*Contact: Carl Hupert
carlhupert@gmail.com*

Habitat for Humanity Carpentersville



“Habitat for Humanity” has a building site at 57 Elm in Carpentersville that needs workers. Pictures are from the

construction at this site, which started Sat. June 19th. Contact Carl for more information on how to help.

*Contact: Carl Hupert
carlhupert@gmail.com*



Stay Connected emails

Do you receive 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.



AARRK Gardens Used Containers



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 for the whole season.

Another way to help out:

SOTP is collecting the following items for the AARRK Gardens to help:

- Egg cartons
- Hanging planters (cleaned out, old or new)
- Plastic fruit containers (berries, cherry tomatoes....)

Please drop them off in the bag on the tables outside of the office suite.

*Contact: Vik Bekeris
vikbek66@yahoo.com*

Thrivent Action Team AARRK Gardens



Trivent
Action
Team



*Contact: Donna Sorensen
sorensensid@comcast.net*

supported Aarrk Garden this past month. Garden tools were purchased. They support the homeless in McHenry County.

Picnic to Thank SOTP AARRK Gardens



The Aarrk Garden is having a barbeque for Shepherd of the Prairie members and staff for their support of the Aarrk garden. The picnic will be held on **July 18-2021** in the evening. After the barbeque there will be

a camp fire.

We hope you can make it.

For more information on time & location, please contact Vik Bekeris

*Contact: Vik Bekeris
vikbek66@yahoo.com*

Children & Family News



Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

Children & Family Ministry Summer Schedule

May - July 2021

Event	Date	Time	Location
Dixieland Band Outdoor Concert	July 3rd	7:00 PM	Church Parking Lot/Lawn
Sunday Fun Day	July 18th	10:00 - 10:40 AM	Church Lawn
VBS	July 26th - 29th	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Church Parking Lot/Lawn

"Once a month, children can come and participate in our 'Sunday Fun Day' in between church services. Each Sunday Fun Day will have varying activities whether that be chalk art, crafts, games, or more. This will be a chance to have fun in fellowship together!"

Contact: Tessa DeLong tessa@sotpmail.com

VBS Registration

Rocky Railway VBS 2021

Register Here:
vbspro.events/p/sotp21

ROCKY RAILWAY
JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

STUDENT
REGISTRATION OPEN!

July 26th - 29th • 9am-12pm

100 Spots
Register Now!

Contact: Tessa DeLong
tessa@sotpmail.com

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Communion & Reading Help Needed

CAN YOU HELP?

Have you asked yourself this question? SOTP has an answer! If you attend SOTP at 10:45am service on Sunday, we need volunteers to help serve communion. It is difficult to plan distribution of communion without helpers. You can volunteer using Sign Up

Genius. You can also contact Judie Symbal, Altar Guild, and say YES.

Thank you for helping and saying yes!

Worship Committee

*Contact: Judie Symbal
judie.symbal@att.net.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Communion Asst., Readers & Asst. Minister
(training available)

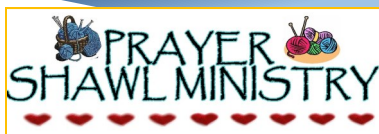


Sign up online at:



www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam

Contact: Jane McMullen jane@sotpmail.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are still being made.

If you are interested in knitting or crocheting shawls, contact Jeanne. They are such a blessing to so many (members & non-members).

If you have yarn to donate or need a

prayer shawl for a loved one, please come into the church when it's open either during office hours, services or other events.

*Contact: Jeanne Henley
cjhenley2003@yahoo.com*

Mission Team

World Hunger

SOTP made a difference in 2020 with your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. We gave \$5,625 to help alleviate poverty and hunger here in the United States and throughout the world. Your incredible generosity reminds us of God's work in and through us, particularly while we were also undergoing the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be receiving a Certification of Appreciation from the synod office which will be posted on our bulletin board.

The SOTP Mission Team directs gifts to ELCA World Hunger at various times during the year. If you wish to



make a personal gift in 2021 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.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

— Matthew 25:35

Contact: Becky Wright
rawright48@gmail.com

Northern IL Food Bank

Save the Date!

A collage of four photographs showing volunteers in yellow shirts working at the Northern IL Food Bank. The top-left photo shows volunteers packing boxes. The top-right photo shows a large group of volunteers posing for a group photo. The bottom-left photo shows volunteers standing on a staircase. The bottom-right photo shows volunteers working at a table.

Join SOTP Family at the
NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK
Thursday, October 28
9:00 am – Noon
SAVE THE DATE!
Contact: Sharon Stangle stangle.ds@gmail.com

LSSI News

Advocacy Program



Lutheran Social
Services of

Illinois: they're an agency that provides human services in a variety of different areas, child community services, behavioral health services, affordable housing, prison and family ministry, and senior services. Shepherd of the Prairie has supported the work of Lutheran Social Services for many years, as do Lutherans in our sister congregations. It is important work that we do and in partnership with many others, including the State of Illinois and the federal government. Working together God uses us to change and heal lives, build strong communities, and share the Good News of love and wholeness.

LSSI has an advocacy program so

when the State needs to hear our voices in support of the vital services, they provide we can easily respond to lend the kind of support that they need. It usually involves sending an email to a state representative, perhaps a phone call, or if time allows a personal letter. If you go to **LSSI.org/advocacy** you can sign up to receive a weekly mailing, and like them on their Facebook page. When they need our support, they send an alert and instruction about the help they need. Keep an eyes on the Friday Flourish for updates.

*Contact: The Mission Team &
Bob Leshner bobsue81@gmail.com*

Quilting at SOTP



**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*

Know how to quilt?

Great!

Don't know how?

We will teach you.

Join us for quilting and fellowship.

We are meeting on the **1st & 3rd**

Little Lambs Preschool

2021-2022

Little Lambs Preschool is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our preschool has programs for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2021).

Children do not need to be potty trained.

Our class sizes are small (not more

than 10-12 per class).

1, 2 & 3 day

classes are available to both members and non-members.

For more information go to
<http://bit.ly/LLambsInfo>

Contact: Jill Gillming
LittleLambs@sotpmail.com



Used Tablets Collection

New ministry starting here at SOTP soon but we need your help!

SOTP is collecting gently used tablets—the ones that are sitting at home collecting dust because you don't use them anymore.

We will be erasing everything currently on these devices before giving them to seniors, allowing them to worship from home.

Please drop off at Welcome Center on Sunday or church office M-F.

Contact: Michelle Rankin



Welcome Center Help Needed

Welcome Center Volunteers Needed
We are officially Re-Opened and we need your help to greet visitors with a smile, let them know we are happy to see them and welcome them to Shepherd of the Prairie. At the Welcome Center we have visitors fill out an information form, give them a mug, and thank them for their

interest with encouragement and kindness. The Welcome Center is a Shepherd Of The Prairie Community Outreach ministry. We need people like you to sign up and greet people at the end of each service.

Sign up online at
www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome

Contact: Rachael Yndestad
r.yndestad@icloud.com





Blood Drive Registration

across Illinois!

Blood Drive at Shepherd of the Prairie
**Sunday, July 11th from 8:00 am—
Noon.**

Register at:

www.bit.ly/SOTPbd21

Contact: Nancy Ottinger
neotter@atol.com

Thank you for being a hero—your support helps us save lives!

Someone needs blood every three seconds – just think of the impact you're making in the lives of people



SOTP has a group that is making gifts for

nursing home residents.

At this time, they are making door hangers with bells for most of the residents and sensory animals for Alzheimer's residents.

They are looking for donations of:

- ⇒ Yarn
- ⇒ Ribbon
- ⇒ Material (any type)
- ⇒ Bells
- ⇒ Plastic Canvas

Also welcoming anyone else interested in helping them make these gifts.

Contact: Alice Hallett
agrndmom3@gmail.com

Collecting Used Items



Cleaning house?

Donations of books, DVDs, VHS

tapes, CDs, Games, Puzzles, & Cell Phones 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

Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

Barnabas Ministry

For VBS

Barnabas Ministry has been active in limited ways during Covid 19. Following state guidelines, we are ready to resume visits in person. Our mission of Barnabas Ministry-Love by Listening and Encouraging- is done when visiting congregational members who are homebound, in the hospital or care facilities. Cards have been sent monthly and phone calls made.

Once a month meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 10 am. We are currenting using Becky Harding's guide, "How to Listen so People will Talk" as a spring board for discussion. Last month's chapter 5 "Ask Great Questions" encouraged us

to be curious and seek connection during our visits. Becky reminded us that Jesus was the master of great questions that offered people the opportunity to reflect and reveal what was in their hearts. In the end, they felt Jesus was their friend and they felt comfortable. We pray this to be our mission too.

More is in the works for Barnabas Ministry in the fall. Friday Flourish and weekly bulletin inserts currently on line will keep you up to date.

*Contact: Donna Sorensen
sorensensid@comcast.net*



Volunteer Sign Up

For VBS

The poster for Rocky Railway VBS 2021 features a steam locomotive chugging through a mountainous landscape with evergreen trees. The text "Rocky Railway VBS 2021" is at the top in a white, handwritten-style font. In the center is a shield-shaped logo with "ROCKY RAILWAY" in bold letters and "JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH" at the bottom. To the left, it says "Register Here: vbspro.events/p/sotp21". To the right, a white rounded rectangle contains the text "VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION OPEN!". At the bottom, it says "July 26th - 29th • 9am-12pm", "Contact: Tessa DeLong", and "tessa@sotpmail.com".

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*Contact: Tessa DeLong
atessa@sotpmail.com*

Teachers Needed For Sunday School

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

  @shepherdoftheprairie



Men's Coffee Tuesdays



All men are welcome to join us at McDonald's in front of Walmart in Huntley for coffee at

Contact: Curt Gerald
curtgerald61@gmail.com

8 am on Tuesday mornings weekly.

Funeral Pre-Planning Packet



Now available at church, "A Guide for Pre-Planning Your Funeral Service". This booklet was prepared by Ken Pohlmann several years ago. Michelle has updated some of the information in the booklet.

Available online at
www.bit.ly/SOTPfuneral

Or you can pick up a copy in the church office.

Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

Church Picnic

Save the Date!



Shepherd of the Prairie
Lutheran Church
Annual

church picnic
plan to attend!

Sunday, August 22, 2021
Following 10:45 am Service
At Deicke Park
(Shelter is reserved!)

SAVE THE DATE!
Looking forward to being together!

Grief Journey

Tuesdays

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*

Altar Flowers Donations



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 or use the sign up sheets located on the bulletin board in the church lobby. 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
224-654- 6677*

Your Garden Blooms Shared at SOTP



During the upcoming months, we would like to celebrate summer with flowers from our church members' gardens. If you have a flower garden and would like to share your blooms to enhance our worship services, please let us know. We would like the

flowers and greens brought to the church on Friday morning. Please call Barb Pagano on 815-258-6854 or Diane on 224-654-6677 if you would like to schedule a drop off time. We would need to make sure they are put in vases right away. Hopefully, we can get enough to create a beautiful arrangement or two.

*Contact: Diane Mollis
dem910@outlook.com*

Ministry Night ***Join Us***

If you would like to find out more about our ministries and how to join in the fun, visit Ministry Night! Ministry Night is held on the second Monday of every month at 7pm. You can sit in with any of our ministry groups that are meeting and find out more about them.

Hope to see you there!!
COME
JOIN IN THE FUN!

*Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com*



Coffee Connect ***Online***

Join Pastor Mark and others from our Shepherd of the Prairie family online Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 10:30 am at

www.bit.ly/SOTPcoffee

Join once—or weekly. Looking forward to being together online even though we are apart.



NOT MEETING ON JULY 4, 2021

Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

Musicians Needed ***Vocals & More***

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

Prayer Chain Information



Send your prayer requests directly to
the Prayer Chain at:

sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email

To join us & pray for those who
need prayers, e-mail your request
to: **admin@sotpmail.com**

*Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com*

Online Giving Link



***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

Social Media Follow Us



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facebook**

@shepherdoftheprairie



Follow us on
Instagram

Scheduled Weekly

At SOTP

Sundays

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:00 am Coffee Connect
(Online, not meeting
July 4th)), see pg 18

10:45 am Contemporary
Worship

1:00 pm FBW

Mondays

10:00 am Staff Meeting

10:30 am FBW

12:30 pm Friends (Women's)
Bible Study

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop
200

Tuesdays

8:00 am Men's Coffee

Afternoons LIGHT Program

6:00 pm Grief Journey
Meeting (Not
Meeting in July,
Resuming in August),
See pg 16

7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Wolves

Meeting

7:00 pm Heartland Voices
rehearsal

7:00 pm FBW

Wednesdays

10:00 am God's Girls
(2x monthly over summer)

10:30 am Women's FBW

6:30 pm Cub Scouts,
Webelos

7:00 pm Confirmation
(breaking for summer)

Thursdays

7:00 pm High School Youth
Group,

7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Tigers
& Bears

Fridays

9:30 am Sonshine Boys

10:30 am FBW

Saturdays

5:00 pm Worship

What's Happening

Scheduled Monthly At SOTP

Barnabas, 2nd Tues, 10:00 am
Boy Scouts, Patrol Council, 1st
Tues, 6:30 pm
Boy Scouts, Troop 200
Committee, 1st Tues, 6:30 pm
Council Meeting, 3rd Mon,
7:00 pm

Girl Scouts, 1st
Thurs, 5:30 pm
Ministry Night, 2nd Mon, 7:00
pm, see pg 18
Prairie Point Quilters, 1st &
3rd Tues, 9:00 am, see pg 11
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 2nd
Thurs, 9:00 am

Special Events Upcoming

Saturday, July 3rd

Dixieland Band Concert,
7:00 pm

Sunday, July 11

Blood Drive, 8:00 am—1:00
pm

Sunday, July 18th

Sunday Fun Day, 10:00 am
AARRK Gardens Picnic, Info
on pg

Mon. July 26—Thurs. July 29

Vacation Bible School,
9:00 am

Weekend of August 7 & 8

Blessings Weekend,
All Services (Back to School,
Kindergarten & Teachers)

Weekend of August 14 & 15

Heartland Voices Concerts

Sunday, August 15 New
Member Gathering, 4:00—
5:30 pm Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com

Sunday, August 22

Annual Church Picnic,
Deicke Park at Noon

September 11—October 16

Savers FUNDrive for Youth

Thursday, October 28,

Northern IL Food Bank,
9:00 am - Noon

Birthdays

July



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| 1..... Allyson Berens, Bethany Bower, Elease Chapman, Mel Long, Michele Miller | 11 Rick Coffman, Arthur Uteg | 21 Jerry Christopherson, Deb Hansen, Sue Reid, Marina Rhode, Brian Rojas, Kim Satalino |
| 2..... Greg Dowell, Barry Farnam, Jacob Fiandalo, Kyle Lemke, Sharon Neubauer, Pamela Richard | 12 Jadon Conroy, Elaina Hibbeler, Howard Larson | 22 Casey Bozza, Avery Michalak, Ralph Wehnes |
| 3..... Joseph Debolt, Cooper Krewer, Tammy Sabie | 13 Barb Doty, Lori Malczewski, Drew Szekely, Phil Turk | 23 Dolores Barry, Breanne DePorter, Rich Wille |
| 4..... Jerry Bergman, Jennifer Nagel | 14 Julie Dahlin, Jason Hunt, Andy Patel, Jamie Patel, Donna Turner | 24 Denise James, Logan McCabe, Dick Tabatt |
| 5..... Cynthia Schoenfeld, Libby Weston, Mike Zimmerman | 15 Matt Greene, McKenna Hess, Maria Michalak, Ian Walloch | 25 Kathy Ary, Judy Below |
| 6..... Barbara Davis, Kristen Fleener, Nicholas Zimmerman | 16 Donna Brown, Harold Doege, Benjamin Hollabaugh, Kaia Huston, Jane McMullen | 26 Michelle Conroy, Delaney Krewer, Ava Ullrich |
| 7..... Julie Wills | 17 Jose Araoz, Karen Eckert, Sean Grady | 27 Ryan Flanagan, Jeneane Zeimen |
| 8..... Mary Ann Busch, Rob Deblieck, Richard Mundt, Fred Schimmel, Kim Stegge, Karlana Zimmerman | 18 Tom Miller, Lukas Nagel, CaSandra Reicher, Nicholas Wolf | 28 Destry Arndt, Steve Brown |
| 9..... Krista Glosson, Les Lawrence, Katie Masters | 19 Emily Stech | 29 Mackenzie Ehmen, Megan Moretti |
| 10.... Jerome Darow, Caiden Parker, Nicole Scalise | 20 Nicholas Brown, Tom Luedtke, Roy Rankin | 30 Adrianna Crespo, Justin DeBolt, Anthony Lorenzo, Gavin Schlachta |
| | | 31 Robin Bishop, Rick Hess |

Our amazing heavenly Father knew you before you were born. May His precious love and care warm your heart as you celebrate another year.





GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Are you looking for ways to use your talents and participate in our church family?

Here are some ideas and who to contact for more information for each one:

- **ADULT CHOIR**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **ASSISTING MINISTER (9AM)** - Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
- **A/V TEAM**—Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **BARNABAS MINISTRY**—Donna Sorensen, sorensensid@comcast.net
- **BELL CHOIR RESUMING SOON**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **BLOOD DRIVE**—Nancy Ottinger, neotter@aol.com Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPbd21
- **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
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- **COMMUNION SET UP & TAKE DOWN**—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**—Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **COUNTERS**—Ralph Wehnes, ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net
- **CRAFTING GIFTS FOR SR. CITIZENS**—Alice Hallett, agrndmom3@gmail.com
- **GREETERS**—Elaine Gillam, suggillam@aol.com
- **NEWSLETTER MAILING PREP**—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com
Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders
- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frendreis, SOTPproperty@gmail.com
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **READERS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
- **SANITIZING CREW**—Tom Polzin, Tapolzin@aol.com
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**—Tessa DeLong, tessa@sotpmail.com
- **USHERS**—Andrew Szekely, Adrew.Szekely@outlook.com
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—Tessa DeLong, tessa@sotpmail.com
Sign up at: www.vbspro.events/p/sotp21
- **WELCOME CENTER**—Rachael Yndestad, r.yndestad@icloud.com
Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome
- **WORSHIP BAND (SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL)**—Brian Buesing, brian@sotpmail.com

Help Needed Ways to Serve

Volunteer Schedules

July 2021



		July 3 & 4	July 10 & 11	July 17 & 18	July 24 & 25	July 31
A/V Team HELP NEEDED Contact: Mike Yndestad mike@sotp mail.com	SAT 5:00 PM	5pm: Dan Wills Concert: Mike Parmele & Geri Lynn Schlichting	Vik Bekeris	Dan Wills	Vik Bekeris	Dan Wills
	SUN 9:00 AM	Tim Torkelson, David Schuler, Josh Harding	Mike Parmele, Mike Yndestad, Josh Harding	Tim Torkelson, Mike Yndestad, Josh Harding	Mike Parmele, Mike Yndestad, Josh Harding	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Tim Torkelson, David Schuler, Josh Harding	Mike Parmele, Mike Yndestad & Geri Lynn Schlichting	Tim Torkelson, Mike Yndestad & Geri Lynn Schlichting	Mike Parmele, Mike Yndestad & Geri Lynn Schlichting	
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Douglas Sandberg	HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam		Mike Malczewski	
Communion Assistants Contact: Judie Symbal judie.symbal @att.net	SAT 5:00 PM	Tom Polzin	Sandy Scalise	Barb Hoppensteadt	Karen Eckert	Joy Nesta
	SUN 9:00 AM	Elaine Gillam, Cheryl Adams, Carol Engstrom, Tom Polzin	Mike & Lori Malczewski, Ralph Wehnes	Ed & Carolyn Cuttle, Vik Bekeris	Orv & Janet McElfresh, Carol Bletz	HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
	SUN 10:45 AM	Chuck & Sandy Petersen Chris Nack	Carl & Sandy Hupert Marge Marlowe	Kim & Jim Stancl Marge Marlowe		
Counters	Mon	Warren Brody, Sue Wehnes, Chuck Zindel				
Greeters HELP NEEDED Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam @aol.com	SAT 5:00 PM	HELP NEEDED Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com				
	SUN 9:00 AM	Cheryl Adams & Elaine Gillam	Eileen Gerald & Sue Wehnes	Dottie Bobzin & Carol Engstrom	Pat Bauer & Carol Engstrom	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Jim & Marlene Hunt	Marge Marlowe	Marge Marlowe	Jim & Marlene Hunt	



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Newsletter Mailing Prep		Lois Jensen & Marilyn Wilhelm HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.www.bit.ly/SOTPfolders				
Readers	SUN 9:00 AM	Michael Malczewski Ed Cuttle	Dottie Bobzin	HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam		
Sanitizing Crew HELP NEEDED Contact: Tom Polzin Tapolzin@aol.com	Sat	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Betwn Srvcs	Barb Pagano	Tom Polzin	Vik Bekeris	Ed Cuttle	
Ushers HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Szekely@outlook.com	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Barb Hoppensteadt Jim Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Peggy Loiselle Steve Murphy	Arnie & Carol Didricksen
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Rydan Warren Brody (?)	JACK CONTI Pete & Harriet Thompson Carol Engstrom	VIK BEKERIS Pete & Harriet Thompson	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Ralph & Sue Wehnes Jerry & Pat Darrow Dennis Houghton	
	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	
Welcome Center HELP NEEDED Contact: Rachael Yndestad r.yndestad@icloud.com	SUN 9:00 AM		Rachael Yndestad		Rachael Yndestad	HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome
	SUN 10:45 AM	Wendy Ottens	Rachael Yndestad	Marge Marlowe	Rachael Yndestad Marge Marlowe	

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2021

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$308,228. Total income for the month was \$74,467 and total expenses for the month was \$57,580. Approximately 4.73 months of General Fund reserves

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$76,102. Income for the month was \$19,723. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536. Approximately 3.9 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

This Month

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$74,467	\$65,115	\$9,352	14.36%
Expenses:	\$57,580	\$63,586	(\$6,006)	-9.45%

Year-to-Date

General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$325,341	\$325,575	(\$234)	0%
Expense:	\$303,697	\$330,030	(\$26,333)	-8%

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month: \$19,536

Fund Balance: \$76,102

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Amazon Fundraising

Do you shop Amazon? If so, you can shop AmazonSmile and select SOTP as your nonprofit. Amazon then donates 0.5% of your eligible purchase to SOTP.



It may not seem like much, but **we have already received \$1,816.00** as of June 2021.

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