

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

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August 2021

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Photo of VBS 2021

A Note From Pastor Mark



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
In Christian community, baptism is known as the Sacrament of Belonging. It is a ritual that acts as an initiation into the family of God. It is done in community.

Through baptism, we belong to the community of faith. To be baptized is to belong to something larger than yourself.

Before Christianity, baptism was a ritual in Judaism performed by priests. They baptized people who were deemed unclean. This could refer to anyone who touched an unclean person. It also may have involved people who were in contact with the deceased. There was a host of circumstances described in the Torah, that could render a person unclean.

Baptism was the means by which one could return to good standing in the community.

John the Baptist offered a way to start over in life and in relationship with God. He offered a baptism of repentance. He called everyone in the small towns and cities, the tax collectors and soldiers, those who lived ordinary lives, back to repentance.

Luke tells us that Jesus also came to John to be baptized. He was baptized along with many others. And, as Luke tells us, Jesus was in earnest prayer,

with his heart turned to God, when “the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased’” (Luke 3:21b-22.)

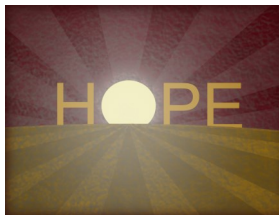
Jesus’ baptism begins his public ministry as the beloved son of God. Do you have a story about how your life began in the Christian faith? Did you experience bumps in the road of

faith? Maybe you wandered away and returned again and again? What events or influences mark the beginnings of your life as a Christian?

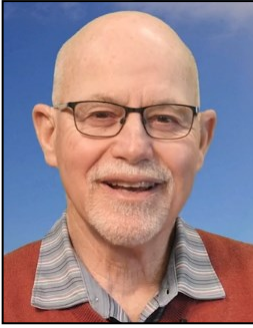
We invite our Shepherd of the Prairie family into a “Season of Hope.” This is a time for reengagement with our community of faith. This is a time to celebrate our baptism; being part of something bigger than yourself. It is a time to remember that “hope is a good thing, maybe one of the best things.” It is a time to remember our baptism, the Sacrament of Belonging, and celebrate that God has chosen you forever.

Come join us in this season of hope.

Pastor Mark



Adult Education With Pastor Bill



During the month of August, we're shifting into high gear for another year of

adult education. Throughout the early part of the summer, I was deciding what the focus of our fall study should be, bouncing back and forth between this topic and that Bible study. Then for the past few weeks, Pastor Mark has been **using Paul's letter to the Ephesians** as the text for his sermons. And I was captured by the opening verses: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...." Without doubt this letter is one of the most beautiful Paul (or a disciple of Paul's) wrote. The letter also carries with it the major theme

of "The Church as Gospel". Thus, Ephesians will be our opening study this fall, **beginning in September**. I hope you will join us! We're planning to gather in person on **Sundays at 10:20 and on Wednesdays at 11:00**. Both classes will meet in the "old" adult ed room on the far west end of the building. We've got a **VERY large new video screen** (70 inches!) which will help everyone see the Powerpoint presentation with clarity. So plan now to build us into your fall schedule when we begin our study of **Ephesians**, followed by a short study on the Gospel according to Luke, our primary Gospel for next year, beginning with the First Sunday in Advent. See you soon!

in person!

Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings With Donna

We've been talking a lot about discipleship recently here at SOTP. But what is discipleship?

According to Wikipedia, in Christianity, being a disciple primarily refers to being a dedicated follower of Jesus. The word comes from the Greek word *mathetes* which generally means "one who engages in learning through instruction from another", or often in the Bible, "one who is rather consistently associated with someone

who has a reputation as a teacher or a particular set of views". The word disciple, doesn't just come from its root word, but from its widespread usage in the ancient world. Disciples are found in the world outside of the

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Ministry Musings With Donna

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Bible. Among the Greek philosophers, disciples learned by imitating their teacher's entire way of life.

In New Testament times, a disciple was a person who followed a teacher, rabbi, master, or philosopher. A disciple desired to learn not only the teaching of the rabbi, but to imitate the practical details of their life. A disciple did not merely attend lectures or read books, they were required to interact with and imitate a real living person. A disciple would literally follow someone in hopes of eventually becoming what they are.

In English the word disciple comes from the Latin word *discipulus*, meaning learner, which we often confuse with student. We tend to think that acquiring knowledge is the goal. The more information we know about the Bible or about Jesus the better follower or disciple we are. We tend to think as a student and work to get a passing, or even the highest grade.

We would get a better picture of what it means to be a disciple if instead of thinking of a disciple as a student, we used the idea of an apprentice. When someone takes up a trade or some other skill, they often become an apprentice. If one wants to become a welder, they will work closely with a master welder. If one wants to become a chef, they will work

faithfully
under the
tutelage of a
master chef.
If one wants
to play the
violin, they
apprentice

under a master violinist. Not only will they learn the basic skills to do the task, but they spend much time with the master learning to imitate them, and even developing an intimate relationship with them. They don't just learn the notes, or the correct way to chop vegetables, or the right way to hold the welder. They learn the intimacies of their craft, how to feel when what they are doing, how to savor the joy of their master.

That's what being a disciple of Jesus means. It's important to know the basics, but to be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him. It's more than knowing all the stories or even more than knowing all of the background of the stories. It's knowing the story teller, the master, Jesus. Being a disciple means learning to think as Jesus thought, react as Jesus reacted, love as Jesus loved, to be Jesus to the world.

This October 2nd, we are hosting a "Come and See" gathering where you can come for food, fun and fellowship to find new ways to enhance your discipleship. See you then!

Donna Kelly



SOTP 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

👍📷 @shepherdoftheprairie



Back to School Blessings

BLESSINGS **AUGUST 7 & 8 SERVICES**

- ***Kindergarten Blessing***
(e-mail RSVP for this one only to tessa@sotpmail.com)
- ***Blessing of the Backpacks***
- ***Teacher Blessing***

Contact: Tessa DeLong tessa@sotpmail.com



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

Collecting Used Items

Children's FREE Workshop

One Day



Come join us for

BELL-A-BRATION!



At SOTP Wed, Aug 4th

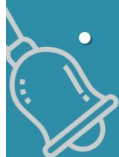
9:00 – 11:00 am

- 3-6 year old group
- 7-12 year old group

Register by email:

Christa Serpe cserpe@district158.org

Come & have breakfast
made by
Chef Mark Boster
and learn how to play a
chime and a bell!



Email cserpe@district158.org to **register by August 1st**

Children's Bells Rehearsals



CHILDREN'S
Handbell Choir

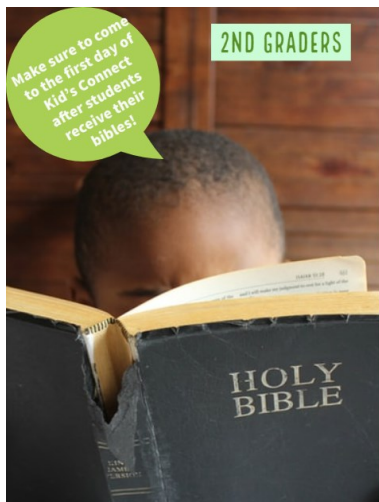
**COME JOIN US!!
REHEARSALS ARE
WEDNESDAY'S and will
start September 8th.**

**Joy Ringers: ages 3 to 6,
CHIMES 4:30 TO 5:00 PM**

**Jubilate Bells: ages 7 to 12,
5:15 TO 5:45 PM -
must have basic music
reading skills**

Contact: Jane McMullen
jane@sotpmail.com

2nd Grade Bibles & Rally Day



Sunday, September 19th, 2021
9:00am & 10:45am

My First Bible Celebration & Kid's Connect Rally Day!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR 2ND GRADER
RECEIVING THEIR FIRST BIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT
TESSA DELONG
TESSA@SOTPMAIL.COM

Adult Bells Rehearsals Weekly

Adult Bells:

Rehearsals on Tuesdays
from 7:00 TO 8:15 PM.

COME JOIN US!!

Rehearsals will start
September 7th.

Contact: Jane McMullen
jane@sotpmail.com



Know anyone with
bell ringing experience?
Bring them to join us
as ringers are needed!

Prayer Shawls Ministry

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



Contact:
Jeanne Henley

cjhenley2003@yahoo.com

New Member Gathering

NEW

You are invited to attend our:

MEMBER GATHERING

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Sunday, August 15th 4-5:30 pm

RSVP: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Elgin ReStore Volunteers



The Elgin Restore is now accepting volunteers. The Mission Team plans to serve **monthly on the third Thursday 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

The Habitat for Humanity in Elgin has a construction project in Carpentersville.

At this time, they can use **volunteers only on Saturdays**. If you are interested, they have a schedule and signup procedure at the following site:



www.volunteerhabitatnfv.org.

The project is called Elm Joyful Hands/ New Hope. If you need help navigating the site, ask Carl Hupert.

*Contact: Carl Hupert
carlhupert@gmail.com*

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



We are now accepting orders for 4X8

and 8X8 Memory Bricks. The next order will be sent to Polar Engraving

Memory Bricks Update

after the Columbarium arrives and we receive enough orders.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net



Memory Garden Progress

This is a picture of OUR Columbarium. It should be in container and on the way to Huntley. We still expect to receive it at end of July or first part of August.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

Life Group Kickoff

Join Us for Lunch!



"COME AND SEE"
JOHN 1:46



Sunday, October 10th - 12 noon



Lunch
Pastor Mark is
Cooking!



Find out about and
sign up for Life
Groups (or signup
on website)



Fun &
Fellowship

RSVP Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Men's Coffee Tuesdays

All men
are welcome to join
us at McDonald's in
front of Walmart in
Huntley for coffee
at 8 am on Tuesday
mornings weekly.



Contact: Pastor Bill Waxenberg pastorbill@sotpmail.com

Funeral Pre-Planning Packet

Now
available, "A Guide
for Pre-Planning Your Funeral
Service". Available online at
www.bit.ly/SOTPfuneral

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



Contact: Michelle Rankin

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: Jane McMullen

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*

Women's Retreat

"Cast a New Vision"

Women's Retreat

October 2nd

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

SOTP Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for a day of Encouragement, Hope, Fellowship, Meditation and Sharing. All women of SOTP are welcome, but registration is limited to 50 spaces. Cost is \$15 and that includes lunch and snacks.

Sign up on line at sotp.org, on bulletin board or through church office.

Registrations will be accepted up to



September 26. Payment made by check (payable to SOTP) or cash to either Donna Sorensen, Donna Kelly or through church office.

For more information contact Donna Sorensen.

*Contact: Donna Sorensen,
sorensensid@comcat.net*

Northern IL Food Bank Save the Date!



*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



Barnabas Ministry



Barnabas Ministry August Newsletter article

Barnabas Ministries at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church provides volunteers that meet with SOTP members who need our support for a variety of reasons. Barnabas Ministries is all about Encouragement for our fellow members, standing on the Word of God, offering support for one another. Some members may not be able to attend our church services or stream them live, or they may have health issues, physical disabilities, be alone in life or be dealing with grief. They may be in nursing homes or rehab facilities and just plain need to have continued contact with church friends! Barnabas team members reach out to SOTP members by keeping in contact with those in need and providing Holy Communion while visiting.

Encouragement means: to give courage to, to inspire with courage, to help, to give support or to embolden. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, was called "**Barnabas**", the Son of encouragement by the Apostles in Acts 4:36. His example provided the helping hand to Christ's followers as they relocated from Jerusalem for fear of retribution for believing in Jesus Christ. And like Barnabas, we provide that helping hand to those in need.

What does it take to become a Barnabas team member? Compassion to be a friend to those in need. To

listen and provide an encouraging word in support of their needs.

Let them know they are loved by their Creator and that Jesus walks with them every day. Encourage them to ask for the Holy Spirits power and presence in all that they do and need through prayer! As stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Encourage and build one another up"!

The Lord has blessed you with gifts to inspire and encourage your spouse, family members, friends, and neighbors, especially those in need. As this Covid-19 virus pandemic begins to subside, and we return to more normal conditions, you are once again in a position to actively provide service to Him! Step out of your comfort zone and join a dozen or so Barnabas team members that meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month to learn how to provide encouragement to fellow members in need. Contact Donna Sorensen, our chair leader to add your name to the volunteer group.

STEP UP, and BE SOMEONE WHO MATTERS to SOMEONE WHO MATTERS!! Make a commitment to serve Him in this capacity!! You will receive a greater blessing in your heart by helping those in need!

- Rick Miller

Contact: Donna Sorensen
sorensensid@comcast.net

Hiring Asst. Teacher For Preschool



This position is primarily responsible for teaching students participating in the Little Lambs Pre-School Program along side the Lead Teacher/Director and assisting in daily operations of the program by performing the following duties.

View complete job description at:

<https://bit.ly/SOTP21AT>

Contact: Jill Gillming

LittleLambs@sotpmail.com

Crop Walk



Yabes and her daughter, Sirrali proudly display the vegetable garden near their kitchen in West Timor, Indonesia. Photo: Ryan Shanley

VEGGIES, EGGS AND A SIDE OF HOPE.

CROP WALK

Crystal Lake

Sun, Sept 26, 2 - 4 pm

Your choice:

- One mile family fun walk
- 4 mile walk

**Entertainment, community,
fun & helping a great cause!**

Sign up or donate at

www.bit.ly/SOTPCrop21

Contact: Pat Buesing

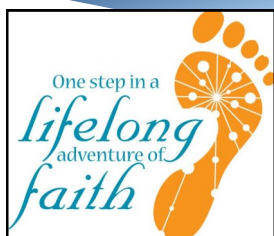
patters001@yahoo.com

Youth Mission Trip

A HUGE
"Thank You!" to all who
supported our Youth Mission Trip
this year! Your monetary support
and prayers have been greatly
appreciated.



Contact: SOTP Youth Team
youth@sotpmail.com



Confirmation Registration

Greetings from
the Youth Team,

We wanted to
share with you
plans for

Fall Confirmation and Affirmation of
Baptism Service at SOTP.

CONFIRMATION:

Please register your **6th, 7th & 8th
graders** online at
www.bit.ly/SOTPconfirmation

This year's Parent/Student Night will
take place in the sanctuary and will
include plans for the year,
introductions of students to their
small group leaders, Q&A w/ parents,
etc. Please plan to attend with your
student.

· **September 22:** All 6th, 7th and 8th
Grade parents with their students, we
will be starting at **6:30 PM**

· Our first night of
Full confirmation class will be
on **September 29 beginning at 6:30**
PM. We will plan to meet for 1 and a
half hours, finishing at 8:00 PM.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

The Affirmation of Baptism Service,
for last year's 8th Graders, will take
place on

**Reformation Sunday, October 31,
2020 during the 10:45 am service.** In
order to prepare for this service, we
are planning an evening event which
will enable the students to prepare
their Faith Statements under the
direction of Pastor Mark and several
youth leaders.

Further information regarding
Confirmation, Affirmation of Baptism
and the Faith Statement weekend will
be communicated via email from our
Youth team (youth@sotpmail.com).
If you have any questions, please feel
free to reach out to Bob McDuffee
(Youth Team Leader) or Pastor Mark.

*Contact: Bob McDuffee
& The Youth Team
youth@sotpmail.com*

All High School Students Welcome!



This Sunday!

10:00am - 10:40am

Meet in the Youth Lounge for Donuts & Community
before we worship at 10:45!

High School Youth Invitation

High School Youth Group gets
together on **Thursday nights**
from 7:00 –9:00 pm also.

All high schoolers welcome!

*Contact: The Youth Team
youth@sotpmail.com*

Church Picnic Please RSVP

It is Picnic Time! **Sunday, August 22, after second service** at Deicke Park-Coleman Shelter.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips and all table service is provided. Also, new this year-SWEET CORN!

Those with last names starting with:

- A-H and R-Z please bring a salad or side dish
- I-Q please bring a dessert

Children's games will be after lunch with ice cream treats afterward.

Any volunteers that would like to help



serve or clean up, please contact Sharon Little at 847-204-4895 or skl55little@mac.com.

Please sign up online at www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic21 to get an accurate count or sign up at our information desk in Crossroads. Hope to see you there!

Contact: Sharon Little

Grief Journey Tuesdays

GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

If you are living with the death of a loved one, come join a group that strives to provide comfort and support for those on this journey.

**Meeting
every Tuesday
at 6:00 pm**

**Contact: Donna Kelly
Donna@sotpmail.com**



Altar Flowers Special Occasion



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!



Name Tags Who are You?

It's been a long time since so many of us have actually been worshipping in person together. Now that more of us are, it seems to be a good time to start wearing our name tags again.

Some people may be hard to recognize without a face mask now. This will help everyone to greet members by

name. Also, if there are visitors, they will know who to ask if they

have any questions about SOTP. If you need a new name tag, please contact Michelle Rankin in the church office.

*Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@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
michelle@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



@shepherdoftheprairie



Follow us on
Instagram

Regularly Scheduled At SOTP

Join us

SUNDAYS

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:00 am Frosted Fellowship (High School Youth)

10:10 am **SunShine Choir**
(Little Children's Choir)
Coming Soon

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

7:00 pm (2nd Mon) **Ministry Night**

7:00 pm (3rd Mon) **Council Meeting**

TUESDAYS

8:00 am Men's Coffee

9:00 am (1st & 3rd Tues),
Prairie Pointe Quilters

10:00 am (2nd Tues), **Barnabas**

6:00 pm Grief Journey

Meeting

6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Boy Scouts Troop 200 Committee**

6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Boy Scouts Patrol Leader's Council**

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 (*Parent Student night Sept 22 & classes start Sept 29*)

7:00 pm (*Aug 4 & 11*) Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

9:00 am (2nd Thurs), **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

5:30 pm (1st Thurs), **Girl Scouts**

7:00 pm High School Youth

7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Tigers, Webelos & Bears

FRIDAYS

9:30 am Sonshine Boys

Upcoming Events

Join Us!



Wednesday, August 4

Bell-a-bration (*Children's Bells Workshop*), 9:00 - 11:00 am
contact Jane jane@sotpmail.com

Wednesday August 4

Life Group Leader's Meeting,
6:30 pm - contact Donna
donna@sotpmail.com

Weekend of August 7 & 8

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

Weekend of August 14 & 15

Heartland Voices Concerts
Sat at 7pm & Sun at 2pm -
Free

Sunday, August 15

New Member Gathering,
4:00—5:30 pm contact Donna
donna@sotpmail.com

Sunday, August 22

Annual Church Picnic,
Deicke Park at Noon

September 11—October 16

Savers FUNDrive for Youth

Sunday, September 12, God's
Work Our Hands Sunday More
info coming soon

Saturday, September 18,

The Keri Johnsrud & Kevin
Bales Quartet - Artist Series
Event, 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 19

Kids Connect Rally Day &
Bibles Presented to 2nd
Graders, 9 am & 10:45 am

Wednesday, September 22

Confirmation Parent/Student
Night, 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 26

Crop Walk, 2:00—4:00 pm

Sunday, October 10

Life Group Kickoff, Noon

Thursday, October 28,

Northern IL Food Bank, 9:00
am - Noon

Sunday, October 31,

Reformation Sunday
Celebration (Save the Date)

Sunday, November 7,

Ecumenical
All Saints
Service, 4:00



Birthdays

August



Date	Name	
1	Ricky Falbo, Anthony Galati, John Kawa, Noah McCabe, Alexandria Miley, Troy Miller	10.... Tom Knawa
2	Kristi Allegetti, Darin Allison	11.... Sandra Lemke
3	Jennifer Baumstark, Nate Brown, Carla Elam, Alice Murphy	12.... Colin Wade
4	David Macaulay, Marian Mesenbrink, Emmetta Shepard, Kathryn Weston	13.... Larry Graf
5	Donald Campbell, Len Suski	14.... Emerson Kramp, Crosby Wildermuth
6	Doreen Brangenberg, Jasmine Zimmerman	15.... Erica Bishop, Alexa Ernst
7	Lauren Black, Joanne Klinger, Norah Nagel, Marley Reicher	16.... Cade Golembeck, Marissa Rojas, Nathan Stopka
8	Laura Klaus, Josh Ramey	17.... Warren Brody, Joseph Roberts, Sarah Roberts
9	MacKenzie Alpert, Madison Alpert, Christopher Murray, Nancy Ottinger, Sarah Wolf	18.... Carol Engstrom
		20.... Jon Cook, Tyler Hennessey
		21.... Aidan Hibbeler, Savannah Patel, Austin Stallbaum, Mary Jo Winkenwerder
		22.... Christine Black, Phillip Soosloff
		23.... Barbara Auwerda, Patricia Buesing, Jared Grabs, Carrie Lyne Mathiesen
		24Caleb Crespo, Jim Doty, Louis Soest, Jim Stancl
		25Marjorie Marlowe, Christa Serpe, Jessica Smosna, John Smosna
		26Joseph Browne
		27Jessica Hess
		28Jim Auwerda, Brian Bala, Martha Brenner, Grace Clifford, Nate Clifford, Cassidy Mathiesen, Rebecca Powe, Abby Ressler, Mary Victorson
		29Adam Adams, Barry Burren, Sue Wehnes
		30Bonnie Bayser, Robert McDuffee, Timothy Reincke
		31Alicia Parmele, Valerie Tomanica

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 (ALL SERVICES)** - Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **BARNABAS MINISTRY**—Donna Sorensen, sorensensid@comcast.net
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- **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
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- **COMMUNION SET UP & TAKE DOWN**—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
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- **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
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- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frendreis, SOTPproperty@gmail.com
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **READERS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
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- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**—Tessa DeLong, tessa@sotpmail.com
- **USHERS**—Andrew Szekely, Adrew.Szekely@outlook.com
- **WELCOME CENTER**—Rachael Yndestad, r.yndestad@icloud.com
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- **WORSHIP BAND (SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL)**—Brian Buesing, brian@sotpmail.com

Volunteer Schedules

July 2021



		August 1	August 7 & 8	August 14 & 15	August 21 & 22	August 28 & 29
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Donna Sorensen	Joyce Shotick	Wayne Schmidt	Rick Miller	HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworship team
Communion Assistants HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworship team	SAT 5:00 PM		Barb Hoppensteadt	Joy Nesta	Barb Hoppensteadt	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM	Elaine Gillam, Carol Engstrom, Chris Nack	Cheryl Adams, Rick Miller	Audrey Schmidt	Lori & Mike Malczewski, Cheryl Adams	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert, John & Marlene Boehler, Marge Marlowe	Marge Marlowe	Kim & Jim Stancl Marge Marlowe	Marge Marlowe	Marge Marlowe
Counters	Mon	Warren Brody, Dottie Bobzin & Donna Turner				
Greeters HELP NEEDED Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SAT 5:00 PM		HELP NEEDED	Diane & Bob Peterson	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	Pat Bauer & Cheryl Adams
	SUN 10:45 AM	Elaine Gillam	Marge Marlowe	HELP NEEDED	Marge Marlowe	Elaine Gillam
Newsletter Mailing Prep		Lois Jensen & Marilyn Wilhelm HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders				
Readers HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworship team	SUN 9:00 AM	Randi Dawson	HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam			Mike Malczewski

“... do it all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31



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Ushers HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Andrew. Szekely@ outlook.com	SAT 5:00 PM		Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Rydan Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky	JACK CONTI Pete & Harriet Thompson Carol Engstrom	VIK BEKERIS Jim Malczewski Pete & Harriet Thompson	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Ralph & Sue Wehnes Jerry & Pat Darrow Dennis Houghton	HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Andrew. Szekely@ outlook.com
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo	MARK FRENDEIS Vik Bekeris Ron Mudge	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Jeff Ottens Judy Petrooulos	ANDREW SZEKELY Bob & Diane Mollis Vik Bekeris	
Welcome Center HELP NEEDED Contact: Rachael Yn- destad 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 Wendy Ottens	Rachael Yndestad	



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.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2021

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$300,223. Total income for the month was \$59,060 and total expenses for the month was \$67,470. Approximately 4.8 months of General Fund reserves.

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$73,933. Income for the month was \$17,349. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536. Approximately 3.78 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

		<u>This Month</u>		
General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$59,060	\$65,115	(\$6,055)	-9.26%
Expenses:	\$67,470	\$62,661	\$4,809	7.67%

		<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$384,402	\$390,690	(\$6,288)	-1.6%
Expense:	\$371,167	\$392,691	(\$21,524)	-5.48%

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month: \$17,349

Fund Balance: \$73,933

Respectfully Submitted
Robert C. Mollis
Congregation Treasurer

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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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