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Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church  
Huntley, IL [sotp.org](http://sotp.org) 847/669-9448

*Photo of Church Picnic 2021*

## A Note From Pastor Mark



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
In the time of King David, there was the Ark of the Covenant.

It was said to contain God's word and God's law on tablets of stone, as received by Moses. In I Chronicles 16, the Ark of the Covenant is brought to Jerusalem with great fanfare and celebration. This is a sacred emblem of Israel's faith, and worthy of respect and reverence. David wants to emphasize the sacred history it represents, and creates a great celebration and fanfare.

There's special music. King David himself writes a psalm, which is the text for this devotion and study.

*8 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,*

*make known his deeds among the peoples.*

*9 Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works.*

*10 Glory in his holy name;*

*let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*11 Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.*

### **1 Chronicles 16:8-11**

The Levites take responsibility for protecting the ark. They also lead the worship, making certain that it continues daily, even as people go back to their homes and their daily lives. During the time of the judges, the story of Moses and the faith and courage that led the people from

Egypt is put on the back burner. It's story had not been central in these

people's lives, and for some it may have been forgotten. Now is the time to bring back the story of the ark of the covenant. Eventually it would be housed in the temple, in the Holy of Holies, but not yet. It takes another generation, led by Solomon, to accomplish this.

You have no doubt experienced times of celebration during your life. Maybe they involved an anniversary of a church, or some important community celebration. Was there a procession or parade? Was there special music or poetry? And were any significant stories about important historic events retold? Why are these occasions important? Do they lift up something that is worth remembering? So it is with the Christian faith.

In worship, we lift up what is important. And we don't wait for special historic occasions; we do this routinely in worship each Sabbath. We lift up our praise of God and our thanks for the Gospel, which comes to us through Jesus, conveying to us a loving God.

Jesus says in John 15, "I am the vine and you are the branches." We are

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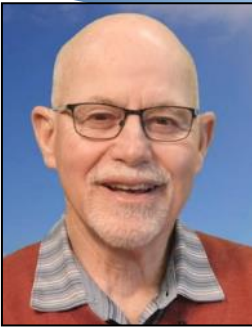
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living branches, rooted in the living Lord. The central message tells us about our connection to a loving God. We are fed by that love, which grows in us. If we are cut off from that love, we wilt and die.

As we enter into this fall season I encourage your participation in connecting with God's people at

SOTP. There are so many ways for us to remain connected but let me first and foremost encourage your faithfulness in joining us for worship! "Let the heart of all those who believe in God rejoice!"

Faithfully,



Finally!

September is on the horizon, and with it we return to **in-person classes** for Bible study

and adult education. I'm very excited at the prospect of getting back together in the classroom! We'll begin on **Sunday, September 19, at 10:20 and on Wednesday, September 22, at 11:00**. Both classes will meet in the **adult education room at the far west end of our building**, what is sometimes referred to as "Pastor Bill's office". We'll start the year by plunging into **Paul's letter to the Ephesians**. We're titling it "The Church as Gospel", because Paul reminds us that from the very beginning the Church--Christ's body in the world--has been God's intention. The Church is not an accident of history, but God's way, by the power of the Spirit, of being present in the world today. And

while we're returning to the classroom, we'll continue sending out our Bible studies via **video** each week. So come join us! We look forward to being with you!

**On a personal note:** *thanks for all the prayers, cards, and good wishes during my thyroid surgery at the end of July. I'm deeply grateful for your thoughts and concerns. Unfortunately, cancer was found and I will have a second surgery on August 30. That will be followed by radiation therapy and a thyroid replacement medication. It's all good news though. As the doctor said, "If you had to choose a cancer, you chose the right one. It's easy to treat and rarely spreads." So once again, I ask for your prayers for Carol and our family, for the doctor and medical staff and me.*

God bless you!

*Pastor Bill*



# Ministry Musings With Donna

I am really getting excited about our new Discipleship Groups we are calling "The 7s" (because they will meet for 7 week blocks of time). I have been a part of several Small Groups during my lifetime, some on my own and some together with my husband. The relationships and community built in those small groups are still a part of my life today. Many of those who were part of my Small Groups have died or moved away, but the communities we made still linger.

I learned a lot about myself and the others in my groups over time as we shared, laughed and cried together. We came to be a part of each other; we truly were a community of disciples. But even more than belonging and all that meant, I learned how much God loves me through their love. I saw Jesus in them as they stood

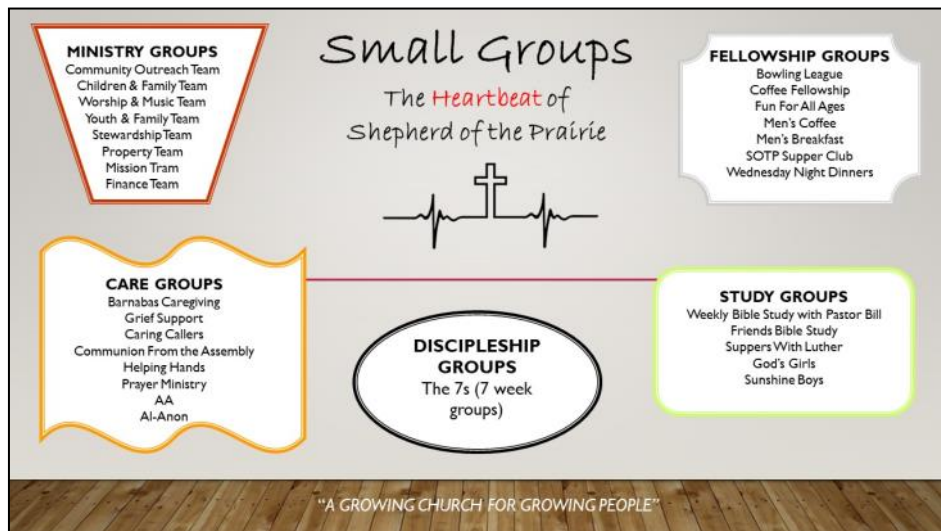
with us when both my husband and I lost our mothers. They were there to rejoice with us at our

daughter's wedding. We prayed together when days were dark and celebrated the light. We forgave each and restored relationships when problems arose. After Russ died, my small group for grief helped me through those difficult times with encouragement and the opportunity to talk about all I was feeling.


As we launch our Discipleship Groups, I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet together with others who are looking to form communities. And to grow in their relationships with Christ and others.



*Donna Kelly*



# Crop Walk



**ENDING HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER WALK**

**VEGGIES, EGGS AND A SIDE OF HOPE.**

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

## 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](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPcrop21)**

**Contact: Pat Buesing**

**[patters001@yahoo.com](mailto:patters001@yahoo.com)**

**"Cast  
a New Vision"  
Women's Retreat**

**October 2nd  
9:30 am to 4:00 pm**

*SOTP Fellowship Hall*



Have the past couple of years been as difficult for you as it has been for most of us? Do you need to see life through new lenses? Then come join us as we explore where we have been, where we are now, and where we are headed. Our day will include time for study, discussion, meditation, fun, food and worship!

## Women's Retreat

The day is sponsored by Barnabas Caregiving Ministry and Thrivent. The cost for the

day is \$15.

You can sign up:

- online [www.bit.ly/SOTPretreat21](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPretreat21)
- through the office, or at the kiosks that will be set up in September

*Contact: Donna Sorensen,  
[sorensensid@comcat.net](mailto:sorensensid@comcat.net)*



The Habitat for Humanity has a project in Carpentersville.

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

## Habitat Build

[www.volunteerhabitatnfv.org](http://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*

# Supper/Dessert Club

## Fall Registration

### CALLING

**ONE AND ALL** to join the Fall Dessert/Supper Club beginning in September, 2021.

**This club provides the opportunity for meeting other church members**, both singles and couples, 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 we will assign you to a

different group.

### SIGN UP:

- The **YELLOW** Dessert Club **SIGN UP SHEETS** will be on the bulletin board in front of the office
- sign up online at [www.bit.ly/SOTPSupperclub](http://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. The deadline for sign-up is **September 19, 2021** with the intent of starting the next round of desserts in September through December, 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. Any questions?

Contact: Marilyn Sauerberg  
[ggmar35@gmail.com](mailto:ggmar35@gmail.com)

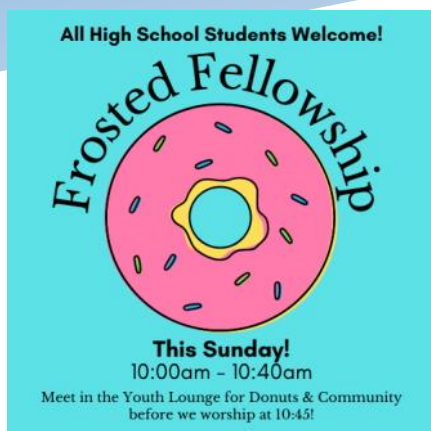


## High School Youth Invitation

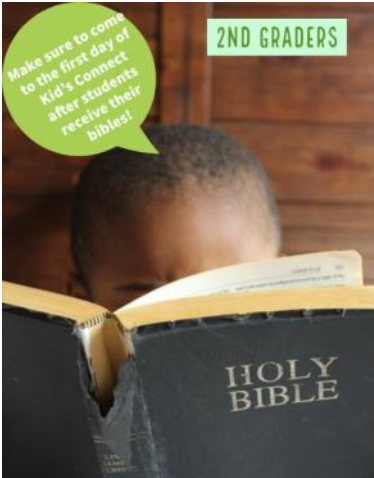
High School Youth Group gets together on **Thursday nights from 7:00 –9:00 pm** also.

**All high schoolers welcome!**

Contact: The Youth Team  
[youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:youth@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



## KICKOFF SUNDAY:

September 19th  
9 & 10:45 am services

Register online  
[sotp.org](http://sotp.org)

Under CLASS REGISTRATION

Kids start in service with parents

Contact: Tessa DeLong  
[tessa@sotpmail.com](mailto:tessa@sotpmail.com)



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

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

come into the church when it's open either during office hours, services or other events.

Contact: Jeanne Henley  
[cjhenley2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cjhenley2003@yahoo.com)



# **Northern IL Food Bank**

## **Save the Date!**



# **ELCA World Hunger**

## **Back to School Gifts**

Back to School Gifts that Make a Difference

Many schools require children to obtain their own supply of notebooks, pencils and books before they can be enrolled. And if school is closed or communities are sheltering in place, these supplies become critical tools for children continuing their education at home. A gift to ELCA World Hunger of \$10 can provide school supplies for a child.

A gift of \$40 for school fees and a uniform for a girl can make a big impact. Worldwide, girls are far less likely than boys to be enrolled in school. While many factors are at play, helping families with school fees



and uniforms can eliminate the difficult choice that parents must make about which children go to school and which ones stay home. When you educate a girl, you help open a world of opportunity for her future and the future of her family and community.

To make a personal gift to ELCA World Hunger through regular SOTP offerings, indicate “ELCA World Hunger” on your offering envelop.

Contact: *Becky Wright*  
[rawright48@gmail.com](mailto:rawright48@gmail.com)





SMALL GROUPS,  
THE **HEARTBEAT** OF  
SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

Small Group Ministry really is the heartbeat of SOTP. We have many types of Small Groups; Ministry Teams, Fellowship Groups, Study Groups, Care Groups...and we wouldn't be SOTP or able to care for each other and our neighbor if we didn't. Thanks to all of you who are currently involved in our Small Group Ministry in any way.

We are working to also offer Discipleship Groups called The 7s because they are groups that will be offered in 7-week blocks, three times a year. One block will be in the fall, one in January, and one after Easter. You can attend on block or two or all three. These groups include some

learning, fellowship, ministry and care.

These groups will strive to bring us closer to Jesus so that we can be what Luther called, "little Christs" to each other. We will apprentice to him to build community and relationships as we journey to grow as Jesus' disciples.

We are hosting a celebration of our existing Small Groups and a kick-off for our new Discipleship Groups on Oct 10th at noon. We will enjoy lunch, fun, celebration and may even learn a little bit. Please join us if you are in an existing group or would like to find out more about our new groups. To RSVP for the Celebration and Kick-off contact Donna Kelly.

Contact: Donna Kelly  
[donna@sotppmail.com](mailto:donna@sotppmail.com)

# The Heartbeat of SOTP

## 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@sotppmail.com](mailto:tessa@sotppmail.com)

👍📱 @shepherdoftheprairie



# Life Group Kickoff

## Join Us for Lunch!

Small Groups,  
the **Heartbeat** of  
SOTP!

# "COME AND SEE"

JOHN 1:40



**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ Noon**  
**Kick-Off Event!**



Lunch  
Pastor Mark is  
Cooking!

Celebrate & find  
out more about  
our Small Groups  
Ministry



Fun &  
Fellowship

RSVP to Donna Kelly: [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pastorbill@sotpmail.com)

## Funeral Pre-Planning Packet

Now  
available, "A Guide  
for Pre-Planning Your Funeral  
Service". Available online at  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPfuneral](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPfuneral)

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



Contact: Michelle Rankin  
[michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:michelle@sotpmail.com)



Bales



Johnsrud

## Artist Series Concert

and a faculty member at the Shell Lake Arts Center in Shell Lake, WI.

Chicago-based vocalist **Keri Johnsrud** and Grammy-nominated pianist **Kevin Bales** will perform their latest engaging and innovative release, **Beyond the Neighborhood: The Music of Fred Rogers**, during the next free Artist Series presentation at SOTP **Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 7:00pm.**

Hear fresh versions of the songs heard by numerous generations on the beloved children's television program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. The release was selected as a Top 10 Jazz Album of 2018 by *Cadence Magazine*, *All About Jazz*, and Chicago's esteemed jazz station WDCB 90.9FM.

Johnsrud and Bales reimagine and rearrange Fred Rogers' music as beautiful, sophisticated vehicles for jazz improvisation and innovation. In this collection, *Mister Rogers' songs* not only relate to adults; they seem to have been written for adults in the first place. Joining them will be acclaimed musicians Dennis Carroll on bass and George Fludas on drums.

Johnsrud is a fresh and appealing jazz singer with a quietly expressive voice and a deep understanding of lyric interpretation. She regularly tours the U.S. with her own group and is an experienced music educator in both vocal and piano private instruction

Bales, a gifted pianist since the age of 10, was a latecomer to jazz. At age 17 he encountered the sounds and structures and became captivated by the freedom and corresponding challenges of the music. He has toured with saxophonist Bunky Green, guitarist Nathen Page, and trumpeter Marcus Printup. Ten years touring with Rene Marie resulted in a Grammy-nominated album. He has performed around the world. He manages his own jazz program and oversees an ambitious schedule of jazz students at Georgia State University.

Admission to this live concert, an extraordinary treat presented by the church's ongoing Artist Series, is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Visit the church website at [sotp.org](http://sotp.org) for further information.

*Contact: Artist Series  
[artistseries@sotpmail.com](mailto:artistseries@sotpmail.com)*





# Feed My Starving Children Sign Up

**Saturday,  
September 18th, 9 - 11 AM**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FIRST 25  
PEOPLE AGE 6 AND UP!**

(nearby Schaumburg)

## **SIGN UP**

- ⇒ Online at [www.bit.ly/SOTPFMSC](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPFMSC)
- ⇒ at church in the gathering area or

on blue tables!

*Masks to be worn the whole time.*

We will be divided into small groups.

People in each of our small groups will not be 6 feet apart, but each group will be 6 feet apart. (They follow Cook County rules)

*Contact: Sandy Hupert  
sandyhupert@gmail.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*

# Clean Up Day At Green Trees

**GREEN TREES, HUNTLEY**

## **YARD WORK & CLEAN UP**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS  
Join us and help!**

**SATURDAY,  
SEPT 11, 9am  
Meet at Green Trees  
11417 Main St.**

*Contact: Vik Bekeris  
vikbek66@yahoo.com*



# AARRK Gardens Helping Locals



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 for \$150 for the whole season.

## Other ways to help out:

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

- Egg cartons
- 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



## Welcome Pack Collection Coming Soon!



**COMING SOON**---a new Exodus  
WELCOME PACK SIGN UP SHEET....  
(Listen carefully as our menu  
has recently changed )

They now  
require only new  
items (maybe we can sneak in a few  
that look brand new). Also there are  
a few different and additional items  
that will be on the list.

Contact: Sandy Hupert  
sandyhupert@gmail.com 13

# Kurtis Arndt's Letter to Congregation

Dear Shepherd of the Prairie,  
Thank You. As many of you know, my 9 month internship comes to a close at the end of July 2021. This internship was an experience that I will never forget and forever cherish. I can never say thank you enough to you, my home Church, for providing me so much support, prayers, and encouragement during my time here. The year of 2020 is a year that none of us will ever forget. For me personally, Shepherd of the Prairie gave me a purpose when I felt very lost as a recent college graduate during a pandemic.

When the world went on lockdown, I was at home on Spring Break of my Senior Year at Valparaiso University when we were told to not return due to COVID-19. I was home. I didn't have the opportunity to say goodbye to my friends, the faculty, or the campus itself. I finished my degree online from my dining room table. I saw my name on a slideshow as a 'Commencement Ceremony'. Then I received my diploma just as I imagined I would, being thrown like a frisbee across the lawn from a UPS driver onto the porch. Definitely not how I expected my final year of college to go...

To say that I felt lost would be an understatement. That's when God moved in ways that I can never say thank you enough for. Youth Leadership Team Leader Bob McDuffee, Pastor Mark, and former Council President Bud Hansen, approached me in the fall of 2020 and

asked  
if I would be  
interested in  
taking on some of  
our Youth and  
Family Ministries  
and offered me  
hope, guidance,  
and purpose in the form of an  
Internship. To return home to the  
Church that raised me since I was 6  
years old was a blessing.

Over the last 9 months, I got the great honor to see hope flood my life in the eyes and spirits of students grades 6th through graduating seniors as they took on the pandemic, worshiped their hearts out, and asked the big questions of faith, bible, and our purpose on this planet.

This internship was full of victories. I saw a High School Program grow from my first week of 2 students, to a group now of 23 students. We went on a Mission Trip, an 8 day long service trip to Northwest Indiana called "Simplicity", where 13 students gave hundreds of hours of service in the name of Jesus. We even had many successful fundraisers! This internship also gave me the opportunity to find myself when I was completely lost and build lifelong relationships and friendships with so many wonderful students, families, congregation members, and staff. All during a pandemic!

All of this success comes from a great congregation who gave so much support and I can not say thank you to everyone enough! This is not a goodbye letter, I am still going to be



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Greetings from the Youth Team,

## Confirmation Registration

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](http://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](mailto:youth@sotpmail.com)). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Bob McDuffee (Youth Team Leader) or Pastor Mark.

*Contact: The Youth Team  
[Youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:Youth@sotpmail.com)*

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## Kurtis' Letter Continued

very involved with the Youth Leadership Team, the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering, our Pastoral Call Committee, our HSYG programming, and will still be representing Shepherd of the Prairie at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly as a Voting Member for the Northern Illinois Synod.

My next stop on my life journey is a work in progress, you'll definitely see me around Shepherd of the Prairie from time to time as I work towards spreading my wings and continuing my ministry! A huge thank you to God, all who made this internship possible, all the support for me and the youth, the families of the students, and probably most importantly those 6th - 12th graders who ARE the church, NOT the 'future' of the church. Definitely not a goodbye, just a "see you later".

Thank you for Everything, Kurtis

## Collecting Used Items



Your Donations = \$

**Collecting:**  
**September 11 – October 16**

**At Shepherd of the Prairie**

Contact: Youth Team [youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:youth@sotpmail.com)

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

## Columbarium & Memory Brick Update



Our first order of Memory Bricks arrived August 17th.

We are now accepting orders for the next shipment.

Order forms are available at Church or

on line at

[www.bit.ly/SOTPbricks](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbricks)

Our Columbarium is scheduled to arrive before the end of August.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes  
[ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net)



## 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](mailto:Donna@sotpmail.com)**





## Altar Flowers Special Occasion

### Let There Be Flowers

Please consider signing up to donate flowers to brighten up

the sanctuary. Each arrangement is \$50. The bouquets are delivered from the florist for weekend worship services. You can pick up your flowers after the Sunday services or on the Monday following. The church is open from 9am-2pm. If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact

Diane Mollis 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.

Thank you for saying yes to flowers for the sanctuary

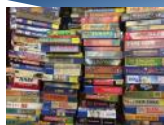
Contact: Diane Mollis  
dem910@outlook.com

## Little Lambs Preschool Tues & Thurs Openings

**LITTLE LAMBS  
PRESCHOOL**

**NOW ENROLLING  
FOR 2020 – 2021  
SCHOOL YEAR**

More Info: [www.bit.ly/LLambsInfo](http://www.bit.ly/LLambsInfo)  
Contact: Jill Gillming LittleLambs@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

## Collecting Used Items

the mortgage  
on our building

Contact: Michelle Rankin  
michelle@sotpmail.com



# **CROP Walk Fundraisers** **Crystal Lake Locations ONLY**



**Dine Out & Support  
CROP WALK  
2021**

**Culver's**  
**NIGHT**  
FUNDRAISER

**CRYSTAL LAKE  
LOCATION  
ONLY**  
Dine In & Drive Up  
**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 9**



**CHIPOTLE**  
MEXICAN GRILL

**CRYSTAL LAKE  
LOCATION ONLY**  
Wednesday, September 22  
**FUNDRAISER FOR  
CROP WALK 2021**

Contact: Pat Buesing  
patters001@yahoo.com

**Social Media**  
**Follow Us**



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Follow us on  
**Instagram**

# Children's Music Begins! Weekly



**COME JOIN US!!**  
**Rehearsals start**  
**September 8th.**

**Joy Ringers: ages 3 to 6,**  
**CHIMES – Time TBD**

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

Contact: Jane McMullen  
[jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)



**Children's**  
**Music**

*Because we were*  
*made to praise!*

Starting  
September  
19th at  
10:10 am

**Sonshine**  
**Choir**

**Age 3 – 1st Grade**

Contact:  
Jane McMullen  
[jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)

**PARENT COFFEE CONNECT**  
During rehearsals - Sundays 10:10 am  
Starting Sept. 19th



Send  
your prayer requests  
directly to the Prayer Chain at:  
[sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email](mailto:sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email)  
To join us & pray for those who need  
prayers, e-mail your request to:  
[admin@sotpmail.com](mailto:admin@sotpmail.com)

**Prayer Requests**  
**Submit &/or Receive**



Contact:  
Donna Kelly  
[donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com)

# Regularly Scheduled At SOTP



## SUNDAYS

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:00 & 10:45 am Kids Connect  
(New Sunday School)

*Starting 9/19*

10:00 am Frosted Fellowship  
(High School Youth)

10:00 am Coffee Connect  
(Online 1st Sunday  
monthly)

10:10 am **Sonshine Choir** (Age 3—  
1st grade) *Starting 9/19*

10:10 am **Parent Coffee Connect**  
*Starting 9/19*

10:20 am Adult Education  
*Starting 9/19*

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**

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

10:00 am (4th Tues), **Barnabas**

6:00 pm Grief Journey Meeting

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

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

7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Wolves  
Meeting

7:00 pm FBW

## WEDNESDAYS

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

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

10:30 am Women's FBW

11:00 am Adult Education  
*Starting 9/22*

5:00 pm **Adventure Club** 5:00 pm  
*(starting 10/6)*

7:00 pm Confirmation (*Parent  
Student night Sept 22 &  
classes start Sept 29*)

## THURSDAYS

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

9:00 am (3rd Thurs) **Volunteers  
from SOTP at ReStore**

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

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

10:30 am FBW

## SATURDAYS

5:00 pm Worship



## Upcoming Events Join Us!

**Saturday, September 4** AARRK  
Gardens Picnic, at Gardens, Noon

**Monday, September 6,**  
Labor Day, Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 7** Little  
Lambs Preschool First Day, 9am

**Tuesday, September 7** Adult  
Bells rehearsals start, 7 pm

**Wednesday, September 8**  
Jubilate Ringers (ages 7-12) start,  
4:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 8** Spirit  
Ringers (kids advanced bells)  
rehearsals start, 5:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 8** Adult  
Choir rehearsals start, 7:15 pm

**Thursday, September 9** CROP  
Walk fundraiser at Culver's  
Crystal Lake

**Saturday, September 11** Green  
Trees Yardwork/Cleanup, 9am

**September 11—October 16**  
Savers FUNDrive collection  
for Youth

**Sunday, September 12** God's  
Work Our Hands Sunday

**Saturday,**  
**September 18** Feed My Starving  
Children, 9am

**Saturday, September 18**  
"Beyond the Neighborhood",  
Keri Johnsrud & Kevin Bales -  
Artist Series, 7pm

**Sunday, September 19** Kids  
Connect (Sunday School) Rally  
Day & Bibles Presented to 2nd  
Graders, 9 & 10:45 am

**Sunday, September 19** Adult  
Education In Person Resumes,  
10:20 am

**Wednesday, September 22**  
Jubilate Bells Resumes, 5:15 pm

**Wednesday, September 22**  
Confirmation Parent/Student  
Night, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, September 22** Adult  
Choir Rehearsals Resume, 7pm

**Wednesday, September 22**  
CROP Walk fundraiser at  
Chipotle Crystal Lake

**Sunday, September 26**  
Crop Walk, 2 - 4 pm



# ***Birthdays September***



- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 .....Natalie Dobrolinsky,<br>Susan Krewer,<br>Bayleigh Masters,<br>Liam Nagel, Beverly<br>Noffz                             | Kamphausen, Beth<br>Mudge, Samantha<br>Szekely, Jordan Wills                                  | 20 ....Gordon Burseth, Janet<br>Fry, Joshua Miley,<br>Meredith Parmele,<br>Rob Schuett                                |
| 2 .....Abby Fiandalo, Phillip<br>Jacobs, Steve Sparks   | 11.... Sally Schuett, Gloria<br>Scimeca, Donna<br>Sorensen                                    | 21 ....Autumn Kasal   |
| 3 .....Nancy Eberly, Kristina<br>Harvat, Alice Miller   | 12.... Leah Anderson, Robert<br>Falbo, Emma Konie,<br>Bryce Prather                           | 23 ....Teagan Papka, Sandy<br>Scalise, David Stangle,<br>Adele Wogstad  |
| 4 .....Brett DePorter, Kira<br>Frendreis  | 14.... Adam Luedtke, Gladys<br>Meese, Marilyn<br>Sauerberg                                    | 24 ....Tyler Greene, Ruby<br>Haerle, Wendy Papka  |
| 5 .....Adrienne Araoz,<br>Colleen Bender, Jake<br>Harding, Harold<br>Henkle, Mason<br>Murray, Alice<br>Schroeder, Teri Wilson | 15.... Tyler Allegretti, Deb<br>Case, Nora Frake, Eric<br>Lindgren, Clara Seibert             | 25 ....Rick Miller, David<br>Henry O'Neill,<br>Cameryn Piskule  |
| 6 .....Kelly Hibbeler, Olivia<br>Krewer, Adam Walloch   | 16.... Andrew Fulcer, Luther<br>Yndestad  | 26 ....Lois Kosmen, Nanette<br>Wade   |
| 7 .....Stephen Browne, Jean<br>Clausen, Jaxon Dailey,<br>Jeremy Hollow, Joan<br>Riffner, Daniel<br>Stallbaum                  | 17.... Lori Paeth   | 28 ....John Shepard   |
| 8 .....Samantha Grady,<br>Gerhardt Neukirch   | 18.... Morgan Bach, Joseph<br>Case, Chris Nack,<br>Victor Pizarro                             | 29 ....John Arneson, Haley<br>Sabie, Lori Wysk  |
| 9 .....Gail Quam  | 19.... Linda Christopherson,<br>Kristi Cordle, Donna<br>Newbanks, Joyce<br>Shotick, Rob Womac | 30 ....Abby Clifford, Tessa<br>DeLong, Bill Harding,<br>Mike Huston, Michael<br>Luecht, Nathan Ulmer,<br>Gianna Young |
| 10 ....Nicole Grabs, Sue  |   |   |

*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:

- **ADVENTURE CLUB**—Tessa DeLong, tessa@sotpmail.com
- **ADULT CHOIR**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **ASSISTING MINISTER (9AM)** - Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com  
Sign up at:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam)
- **A/V TEAM (ALL SERVICES)** - Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **BARNABAS MINISTRY**—Donna Sorensen, sorensensid@comcast.net
- **BELL CHOIR (ADULT)** —Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **BELL CHOIR (KIDS & YOUTH)** - Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com  
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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](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPfolders)
- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frendreis, SOTPproperty@gmail.com
- **PRAIRIE QUILTERS**—Nancy Morbeck, jmorbeck@sbcglobal.net
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **READERS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com  
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[www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam](http://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
- **WELCOME CENTER**—Rachael Yndestad, r.yndestad@icloud.com  
Sign up at:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome)
- **WORSHIP BAND (SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL)**—Brian Buesing, brian@sotpmail.com

# Invovement Schedules

## September 2021



		Sept 4 & 5	Sept 11 & 12	Sept 18 & 19	Sept 25 & 26
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM		Tamara Uteg	Wayne Schmidt	Rick Miller
Communion Assistants <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>	SAT 5:00 PM	Barb Hoppensteadt	Joy Nesta	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM	Carol Engstrom Elaine Gillam	Art Uteg	Audrey Schmidt Carol Engstrom	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Doreen Brangenberg	John & Marlene Boehler Doreen Brangenberg	Doreen Brangenberg	Doreen Brangenberg
Counters	Mon	Warren Brody, Dottie Bobzin & Marilyn Wilhelm			
Greeters <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Contact: Elaine Gillam <a href="mailto:suggillam@aol.com">suggillam@aol.com</a>	SAT 5:00 PM	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	Diane & Bob Peterson	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
	SUN 9:00 AM	Cheryl Adams & Elaine Gillam	Eileen Gerald & Sue Wehnes	Dottie Bobzin Pat Bour	Carol Engstrom Pat Bour
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm	Carolyn & Bob Malm	Carolyn & Bob Malm	Marge Marlowe
Newsletter Mailing Prep		<b>HELP NEEDED</b> Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders">www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders</a>			
Readers <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>	SUN 9:00 AM		Michael Malczewski	Dottie Bobzin	

“... do it all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31



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## September 2021

		Sept 4 & 5	Sept 11 & 12	Sept 18 & 19	Sept 25 & 26
Ushers <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Contact: Andrew Szekely Andrew. Szekely@ outlook.com	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Barb Hoppensteadt Sue Mattiucci	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Steve Murphy Joy Nesta
	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
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo	MARK FRENDREIS Vik Bekeris Ron Mudge	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Jeff Ottens Judy Petrooulos	ANDREW SZEKELY Bob & Diane Mollis Vik Bekeris
Welcome Center <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Contact: Rachael Yn- destad r.yndestad@ icloud.com	SUN 9:00 AM		Eileen Gerald		
	SUN 10:45 AM	Wendy Ottens	Wendy Ottens		



## 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 July 31, 2021

**General Fund Report:** The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$295,286. Total income for the month was \$56,963 and total expenses for the month was \$63,818. Approximately 4.54 months of General Fund reserves.

**Mortgage Service Fund Report:** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$73,307. Income for the month was \$18,893. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536. Approximately 3.75 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

		<u>This Month</u>		
General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$56,963	\$65,115	(\$8,152)	-12.5%
Expenses:	\$63,818	\$64,985	\$1,167	1.8%

		<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$441,365	\$455,805	(\$14,440)	-3.16%
Expense:	\$436,235	\$457,676	(\$21,441)	-4.68%

### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month: \$18,893

Fund Balance: \$73,307

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert C. Mollis  
Congregation Treasurer

*faith and*  
**finances**

## 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 \$1,922.51** as of August 2021.

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## Your SOTP Staff

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*A/V Coordinator*

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**NOW HIRING: Preschool Teacher's Assistant**

Job description at: <https://bit.ly/SOTP21AT>

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Ellen Nissen

Christa Serpe