

# Newsletter

May 2022



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*Photo: Easter Sunday 9am Communion*

## A Note From Pastor Mark



Dear Friends:

"Animate" means to give life to... A few weeks ago, I was speaking with a gentleman who informed me that the last couple of years "have taken a lot of wind out of his sails." Maybe you can identify.

What is your present state of being? I invite you to honestly ask yourself, "In what spirit am I living? Has the wind been taken from your sails? Have you been struggling to find purpose and meaning?

Perhaps some of us have drifted away from God and the church. Our Bibles wear a heavy overcoat of dust and if the pages don't stick together when opened, maybe they fall apart because of brittleness.

Whatever, once what was a close relationship with God has faded into an Easter and Christmas observance only.

Where is the peace and the joy and the assurance of God walking daily beside us that we once had? Why did we let go? Has whatever has taken God's place become more fulfilling? Do we feel more confident of the future and can rest assured that once this life is over, that the good works we have done, by gosh, ought to be enough to assure us eternal life?

Like a good spring shower that refreshes the land, enabling existing plants to thrive, and gives new life to the flourishing seeds, drawing near to God can blow life into your being, too.

What could be more refreshing than to arise in the morning

knowing that the day was given to us because God loves us and wants us to have the best. We can't have that, of course, unless God's Spirit is able to work within us.

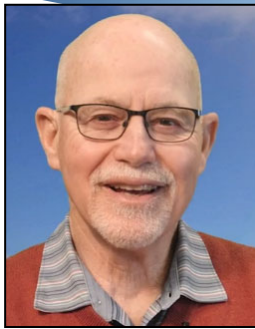
What are we feeding our spirit to enable it to balance our physical and mental life?

Why not admit that our life is somewhat empty and in need of rejuvenation and that by drawing closer to God, by listening to God, reading God's word and living as God's child, we can become reanimated with the vigor of God's love and grace.

Why wallow in self-pity because what you thought was a pretty good life has been empty? It doesn't have to be that way.

Why not renew your spiritual well-being and ask God to take control? Like rain to sunbaked soil, so is God to a parched soul. I invite you to allow God's Spirit to blow fresh into your life, through prayer, weekly worship and study of God's Word. Turn the ship, unfurl the sails and allow God's Spirit to breath life into your being.

*Pastor Mark*



## Adult Education

*With Pastor Bill*

It seems like we just began our adult education series in September with "The Church

as Good News", and now here we are ready for our final four weeks of study before our summer hiatus! Since we're in the throes of the Easter season, we'll be exploring the post-resurrection stories in each Gospel.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all tell us about Jesus' followers and their encounters with the Risen Christ. No two tell the same stories, but each story is a reminder to us that Christ lives in the lives of the faithful. So come join us, **BEGINNING SUNDAY, APRIL 24, AT 10:20, OR ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, AT 11:00.** For, after all, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Pastor Bill Waxenberg*



## Ministry Musings

*With Donna*

May is a month of many special days...Mother's Day, Memorial Day, end of the school year, the

beginning of summer vacation and if you are like my family, graduations! This month brings three graduations for my family. My oldest granddaughter Morgan is graduating from college, her younger sister, Ashley, is graduating from high school, and their cousin Payton is also graduating from high school. Between ceremonies and parties, it's a busy month!

I like to look up words in the dictionary to find out their meaning; sometimes it

gives me new insights and perspectives. So, I checked out what Meriam-Webster had to say about the word graduate. Some of the definitions include:

- 1: to receive an academic degree or diploma
  - 2: to pass from one stage of experience to another
  - 3: to change gradually
  - 4: to grant an academic degree or diploma to
  - 5: to mark with degrees of measurement
  - 6: to divide into grades or intervals
- As I pondered graduations and the

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## Ministry Musings With Donna (Cont.)

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changes they will this year bring for my family, I thought about what “to graduate” can mean for our lives. In my own journey many of the definitions given help to describe the road of life. Hopefully, we all pass from one stage to another in our lives: from childhood to adolescent; from adolescent to young adult; from young adult to middle age; from middle age to senior; from senior to elderly, with many paths along the way. We may have seasons of marriage or partners, seasons as parents and then empty nesters, seasons of joy and grief, of health and illness, of plenty and need...and the cycle of life goes on. For most of us the changes are gradual even though they seem to happen in the blink

of an eye.

Our faith journey, hopefully has also moved through stages. From childhood faith to adult faith; from certainty to questioning; from confusion to some new understanding; from fear to trust; from having all the answers to searching for new ones; from selfishness to caring; from our built-in biases to openness to new ways of seeing things. I like the definition that we graduate through our faith stages gradually; we don’t have to grow in our faith all at once, or once and for all. Faith always stretches and grows through every stage and season in our lives. May you experience the growth of faith and relationship with God every day of your journey.

*Donna Kelly*

### ***New member gathering***

**NEW**

**MEMBER  
GATHERING**

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION**

**Sunday, May 15, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

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



# BARNABAS CAREGIVING



## Barnabas Caregiving Ministry Training

**Saturday, May 14th**  
**9am to 1pm**  
Lunch Included

COME AND FIND OUT HOW  
YOU CAN CARE FOR YOUR  
FELLOW MEMBERS BY  
LISTENING AND  
ENCOURAGING.

"THE FIRST DUTY OF LOVE IS TO LISTEN"  
PAUL TILLICH

## NOW HIRING



We are now hiring  
for the part time  
position of Director of Children and  
Family Ministry.

- ⇒ love children and lead them to  
love, follow and know Jesus
- ⇒ help create an environment that is  
safe, inviting and educational for  
children
- ⇒ nurture and support parents
- ⇒ engage children and families as  
active, lifelong participants in  
church and faith based worship  
and instruction
- ⇒ secure ongoing participation and  
involvement of adult parents and  
their young children ages birth  
through 5th grade in religious

instruction, church membership,  
ministry participation and SOTP  
activities

- ⇒ work closely with other SOTP  
youth ministries to develop and  
seamlessly integrate children and  
family ministries with other youth  
ministry programs
- ⇒ develop, administer and supervise  
core child and family programs and  
events including Children's Church,  
Vacation Bible Studies and other  
ministry programs.

For more information, go to  
[www.indeedhi.re/3w2eTaj](http://www.indeedhi.re/3w2eTaj)

Contact: Matt Morrison  
[matt@sotpmail.com](mailto:matt@sotpmail.com)

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH & AV Ministries

Mike Yndestad here! I lead our Community Outreach and Audiovisual ministries here at Shepherd of the Prairie. **You can find me in the A/V booth almost every Sunday. Please stop by after worship and say Hello.**

With all of our ministries at church we need volunteer support. I personally know of short term and reoccurring ways that people can serve. Below are some opportunities to get more involved at church:

**MAY 30TH  
SHEPHERD OF  
THE PRAIRIE WILL  
BE MARCHING IN  
THE MEMORIAL  
DAY PARADE.** We

can use your help decorating our float at 9 am, Monday the 30th at the Church. We will then march for God and Country starting at 11am down Main Street. If you think it will be fun to come and march with our church please join us. If you wanna come earlier and just decorate the float and then go find a place to watch the parade, that's fine too!  
Email: [mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)

**WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO HELP PLAN OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY.** We meet as a committee on the regular scheduled ministry night at church, which is the Second

Monday of each month at 7 PM. You are invited to come and join us and help plan our involvement in community events.  
Email: [mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)

**WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING HELP FOR OUR WELCOME CENTER.** This is the counter that you may have seen in the narthex that says welcome above it. We need people to be present at

this location and greets visitors after each service on the weekends. If you're a people person and you like to visit with folks this is a very fun job to have. If you're interested in

serving at the welcome center or you can contact my wife Rachael Yndestad.

Email: [r.yndestad@icloud.com](mailto:r.yndestad@icloud.com)

**THE AUDIOVISUAL TEAM NEEDS HELP SUPPORTING WORSHIP SERVICES AS WELL.** At most services and presentations in the sanctuary we have a three person crew that provides technical support. We typically have one person run the audio board, another person advances the slides that we use on the projectors, and a third person operates the video cameras and switches the output to our live



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & AV Ministries

### JOIN THE AV TEAM



CREATING AN INVITING  
AND ENGAGING WORSHIP  
EXPERIENCE THROUGH

- SOUND
- VIDEO
- GRAPHICS
- LIGHTING

Contact: Mike Yndestad  
[mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)

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stream. I can personally provide training to anyone who is interested in learning more about these positions.  
Email: [mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)

Please see the attachments. If you

have any questions, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon at SOTP.

All the best,

Contact: Mike Yndestad  
[mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)

## Welcome Center Volunteers Needed



Sign Up at:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome)

Contact: Rachael Yndestad [r.yndestad@icloud.com](mailto:r.yndestad@icloud.com)

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church



**LITTLE LAMBS  
PRESCHOOL**

**NOW ENROLLING  
FOR 2022-2023**

**2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS**

**PRESCHOOL**  
  
**Registration**

More Info: **[www.bit.ly/SOTPLambs](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLambs)**  
Contact: Jill Gillming [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com)

## Social Media Follow Us



Follow us on  
**Instagram**

**@shepherdoftheprairie**

## Grief Journey

GRIEF JOURNEY  
GROUP  
TUESDAY MORNINGS  
10AM TO 11 AM  
SOTP LIBRARY

CONTACT: DONNA KELLY, [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com)





## ***FUNERAL LUNCHESES*** *Starting a Team*

The Funeral Luncheon Committee

at Shepherd of the Prairie is looking forward to starting up again.

Luncheons following funerals offer a sharing time for family and friends—a time to ease the grieving for those who have just buried a loved one.

Families are most appreciative of this service.

Food and time is donated by our

church family.

We welcome anyone who would be able to help in any number of ways.

- Setting Up
- Serving
- Bringing Food
- Cleaning Up

Please let us know if you are interested in joining this committee.

*Contact: Michelle Rankin  
michelle@sotpmail.com*

## ***MEALS NEEDED***

### **McHenry County PADS**

#### **HELP NEEDED**

**Make a meal for 40-50 people on a Monday.**

- *Use disposable pans*
- *You can deliver or delivery available.*



*Contact: Vik Bekeris  
vikbek66@yahoo.com*

## ***Name Tags***

Now that most people are not wearing masks, you may not recognize them. This would be a good time to wear your name tag. If you misplaced

your name tag, you can order a new one by contacting Michelle.

*Contact: Michelle Rankin  
michelle@sotpmail.com*

## **BLOOD DRIVE** & Summerfest Tickets!

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Tues. 5/17**  
**11am-1pm**



**It takes  
all types!**

GIVING = LIVING

**Free Summerfest  
Gen Admission  
Ticket  
as a  
Thank  
You!**

**Schedule a time at:**  
**[www.bit.ly/SOTPBloodDrive0522](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPBloodDrive0522)**

**Contact:**  
Marty Jacobsen  
[martyjimjake@aol.com](mailto:martyjimjake@aol.com)

The blood supply continues with low levels nationwide. While donations are down, the need for blood continues to increase

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.

Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U. S.

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois provides blood and blood products to more than 86 hospital partners throughout the state.

### **DONORS ARE NEEDED!**

Do you know someone with cancer? Someone who is pregnant? Someone with sickle cell disease? Then you know someone who may need blood.

**1 IN 7 IN A HOSPITAL NEEDS BLOOD**

**1 IN 83 BIRTHS NEEDS A TRANSFUSION**

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL A TRAGEDY.  
DONATE TODAY!**

All blood types are needed, with type O positive and O negative most.

O positive is the most common blood type, while O negative blood is the universal type that can be received safely by all patients in emergencies when the blood type is not known.

Anyone age 17 or older in good health who meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to give. Parental consent is required for donors 16 years old to donate blood. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes their birth date.

### **Drive Promotion:**

**SUMMERFEST** - All attempting donors will receive a code to redeem a general admission ticket.

Sign up for Tues. May 17th at:  
**[www.bit.ly/  
SOTPBloodDrive0522](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPBloodDrive0522)**

Contact: Marty Jacobsen

## ADVENTURE CLUB Spring Kickoff

Adventure Club kicks off on  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 FROM 5:15 - 6:30 PM.**

Adventure Club is a ministry of SOTP serving **students in 4th and 5th grade**. Pastor Mark along with Jill Behm and Christa Serpe invite your children to join us as we discover "Evidence of God's Grace."

We will be reminded and look for evidence of God's grace through faith and prayer, study of God's Word and Worship, Serving and Fellowship.

Contact: Christa Serpe  
cserpe@sbcglobal.net

# ADVENTURE CLUB

Spring Session  
Wednesdays in May  
5:15 – 6 pm



ALL  
4TH & 5TH  
GRADERS  
INVITED!

Contact: Christa Serpe cserpe76@gmail.com

## Online giving



**Remember: your offerings are a blessing.  
And blessings keep on giving.**

**Online Giving Available at:**

**<https://bit.ly/SOTPgiving>**

Questions? Contact: Michelle Rankin Michelle@sotpmail.com



## Grafton food drive

# FOOD DRIVE

**SUN, MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30 – 10:45 am**

**Shepherd  
of the Prairie**

**10805 Main St-Huntley**

*Collecting*

*non-perishables, cash,  
& checks made out to*

**GRAFTON FOOD  
PANTRY**



## Needs this month:

Peanut Butter  
Jelly/Jam  
Canned Meat  
Cereal  
Cleaning Supplies  
Detergent  
Personal Care Items

Grafton Food Pantry  
needs for this month:

- |                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ⇒ Peanut Butter       | ⇒ Tomato sauce              |
| ⇒ Jelly               | ⇒ Breakfast cereal          |
| ⇒ Canned tuna         | ⇒ Soup                      |
| ⇒ Canned chicken      | ⇒ Shampoo                   |
| ⇒ Canned salmon       | ⇒ Conditioner               |
| ⇒ Any Canned meats    | ⇒ Body Wash                 |
| ⇒ Spaghetti           | ⇒ Toothpaste                |
| ⇒ Macaroni            | ⇒ Deodorant                 |
| ⇒ Macaroni and cheese | ⇒ Feminine hygiene products |
| ⇒ Suddenly Salad      | ⇒ Household goods           |
| ⇒ Rice                | ⇒ Dish soap                 |
|                       | ⇒ Laundry detergent         |
|                       | ⇒ Kleenex                   |

⇒ Toilet paper

Money Donations can be very well used to purchase needed items. Please give generously as we Minister to our Neighbors.

Blessings from your Mission Team.

Contact: Annette Petersen  
[petersenannette12@gmail.com](mailto:petersenannette12@gmail.com)

## Women's Bible Study

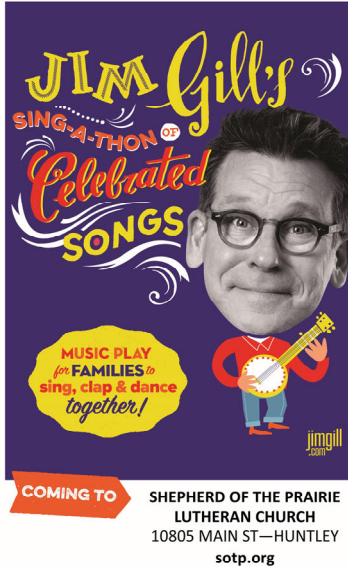


**Friends (Women's)  
Bible Study  
Mondays at 12:30 pm  
At SOTP**



Shepherd  
of the  
Prairie  
Lutheran  
Church's  
Artist  
Series  
Proudly  
Presents

**FREE  
CONCERT!**



**SUNDAY,  
MAY 22,  
4:00 PM**

*Distinctive music play,  
creating the spirit of a  
family room & inviting  
children, parents and  
grandparents to sing  
and play together!*

- ⇒ An American Celebration—Sunday, July 3, 7:00 pm
  - ⇒ Monroe Crossing—Saturday, September 17th, 7:00 pm
- Contact: [artistseries@sotpmail.com](mailto:artistseries@sotpmail.com)

## Fresh vegetables

### THE AARRK GARDEN

*Helping the homeless  
through agriculture*

**Interested in Purchasing  
Veggies Over the Summer?**

Contact: Vik Bekeris [vikbek66@yahoo.com](mailto:vikbek66@yahoo.com)

Fresh Vegetables brought to SOTP  
weekly all summer long.



## Prairie Quilters Update

Thanks to all our quilters who have been busy making approximately eighty quilts to be distributed to Lutheran World Relief with 10% going to Home of the Sparrow.

We meet **THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY FROM 9 AM TO 12AM**. New members are always welcome.

**QUILT SUNDAY MAY 15TH** will be the dedication of the quilts. We are asking for quarters to buy much needed supplies. We want to thank all who have donated material. It is such a needed item and we do appreciate it. We can always use gently used sheets for cutting squares or as backers.

On November 17, 2021 we received a thank you letter from Home of the Sparrow for the 11 beautiful hand



made quilts, and two Ladybug pillows that they said was a donation of \$2,800.00. Home of the Sparrow programs guide homeless women and children toward long-term, sustainable, permeant housing. We are so happy to be able to help with new quilts each year.

Save those quarters for quilt Sunday. Thank you.

Contact: Ruby Haerle  
walru17@sbcglobal.net

## CELEBRATE RE-ENTRY Mentors Needed



**MENTORS NEEDED**  
FOR ALL RELEASED  
INMATES

Contact: Vik Bekeris  
vikbek66@  
yahoo.com

**THEY TALK, WE LISTEN.**  
CALL IT FRIENDSHIP.  
celebrate-reentry.org

**MENTOR; OBSERVE; JOIN; ORDER**  
(M.O.J.O.)



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## Update

### 4/1 UPDATE:

Saturday 4/2 will be the last planned Saturday at Elm. This week, the garage walls and ceilings have been painted and openers installed. We will be working on clean up and touch ups. We may have additional days added for appliance install when they arrive and we have lots of landscape work to complete once the weather warms up and dries up. Future Saturdays may be added to the schedule if/when we can work on these tasks.

Thank you for all your hard work in completing homes for Laura, Rachel and their families.

The next project for the Church Partnerships, will be 249 Skyline in Carpentersville. This project has already started with one house framed and under roof and the foundation has just been poured on



the second house.

**4/14 UPDATE:** The Construction supervisor at Habitat reports that the Elm project is now finished for the Church Partnership ( which includes SOTP) and will now be at 249 Skyline in Carpentersville. This project has already started with one house framed and under roof, and a foundation poured for the second house.

*Contact: Carl Hupert  
carlhupert@gmail.com*



Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Mark , the staff and the

congregation for all the love, prayers, cards, flowers, support, generous memorial contributions and kindness

## THANK YOU

From McMullens

shown to me and my family after the death of my Son Kevin.

Your prayers have been felt deeply!

Also, a special thanks to our amazing Worship team for all there help with

Holy week and Easter!

He is Risen! Indeed!!

Jane, Tim and Shannon McMullen

# Regularly Scheduled At SOTP



## SUNDAYS

9:00 am **Traditional Worship**

9:00 am **Kids Connect**

10:10 am **Sonshine Choir**

10:20 am **Adult Education**  
(not on 4/17 & 5/8)

10:45 am **Contemporary  
Worship**

10:45 am **Kids Connect**  
(through 5/22)

1:00 pm **FBW**

4:00 pm **7s Group**  
(Mike & Julie Dahlin)

## MONDAYS

10:00 am **Staff Meeting**

10:30 am **FBW**

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

6:30 pm **Boy Scouts Troop 200**

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

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

## TUESDAYS

8:00 am **Men's Coffee at McD's**

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

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

9:15 am **AL-ANON Meeting**

10:00 am **Grief Journey Meeting**

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

6:00 pm **Cub Scouts, Lions  
Meeting**

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

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

7:00 pm **Adult Bells**

7:00 pm **Cub Scouts, Tigers  
Meeting**

7:00 pm **FBW**

## WEDNESDAYS

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

10:00 am **God's Girls**

10:30 am **Women's FBW**

11:00 am **Adult Education** (not on  
4/20 & 5/11)

4:30 pm **Spirit Ringers**  
(through 5/4)

5:20 pm **Joy Ringers** (through 5/4)

6:30 pm **Confirmation**  
(through 5/4)

7:15 pm **Adult Choir**

## 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**

6:30 pm (2nd Thurs), **Lions Club**

7:00 pm **High School Youth**

7:00 pm **Cub Scouts (Bears,  
Webelos & Wolves)**

Times Vary **Volunteers at Habitat  
for Humanity ReStore**

## FRIDAYS

9:30 am **Sonshine Boys**

10:30 am **FBW**

## SATURDAYS

5:00 pm **Worship**





## Upcoming Events

*Join Us!*

**SUNDAY, MAY 1** Food Drive for  
Grafton Food Pantry, 8:30—  
10:45 am

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4** Adventure  
Club (4th & 5th Grade) New  
Session Starts 5:15pm

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**  
Barnabas Training, 9am

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 & 15** Quilt  
Dedication Weekend

**SUNDAY, MAY 15** New Member  
Gathering, 3pm  
Contact: [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com)

**TUESDAY, MAY 17** Blood Drive  
11am —1pm Register:  
[www.bit.ly/  
SOTPBloodDrive0522](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPBloodDrive0522)

**SUNDAY, MAY 22** Last Day of  
Kids Connect Before  
Summer Break, 9 & 10:45 am

**SUNDAY, MAY 22** End of School  
Year Celebration, Noon

**SUNDAY, MAY 22** Artist Series-  
Jim Gill, 4pm

**THURSDAY, MAY 22** Little  
Lambs End of Year  
Celebration 5pm

**MONDAY, MAY 30** Memorial  
Day Church Office Closed  
Parade: Decorate Float 9am  
Walk in Parade 11am

**SUNDAY, JULY 3** Artist Series-  
"An American Celebration"  
7pm

**MONDAY, JULY 4** 4th of July  
Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, JULY 23** Kite Day,  
10am

**NEW DATE: WEEK OF JULY 25**  
Vacation Bible School, 9am

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13,**  
Parent's Night Out 5:30—8pm

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21** Annual  
Picnic at Deicke Park, Noon

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** Labor  
Day Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
Artist Series-Monroe  
Crossing, 7:30 pm

**OCTOBER 8—9** Faith Statement  
Writing for HS Freshman  
Confirmants

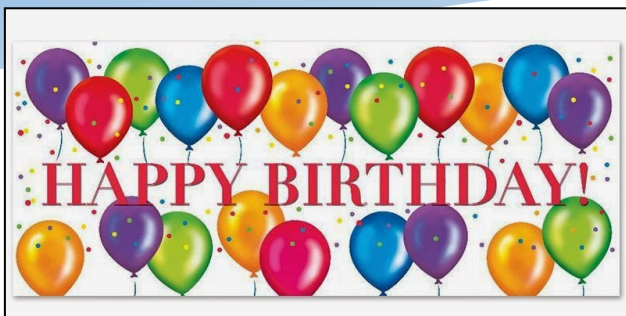
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9,** 7s Kickoff,  
Noon

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29,** Trunk  
or Treat, 3:00 pm

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30,**  
Reformation Sunday & Rite of

# Birthdays

## May



1 ..... Donna Cygan, Rick Miller, Russ Motyka, Jessica Zeimen

2 ..... Michael Burian, Michelle Rankin, Noelle Schlachta

3 ..... Jan Koerner, Steve Murphy

4 ..... Brian Buesing, John Dawson, Nelly Munoz, Amy Stech, Brandon Young

5 ..... John Baumstark, John Thunholm

6 ..... Benjamin Beallis

7 ..... DeWayne Klein, Lorraine Soosloff

9 ..... Marlene Boehler, Elaina Satalino

10 ... Gavin Glosson, Samantha Schurhammer, Joseph Trevino

11 ... Olivia Dahlin, Tyler DeBlicke, Kathy Kann, Sasha Suski

12 ... Sharon Little, Brayden Patel, Laura Ramey, Judith Sanford, Alison Womac

13 ... Harriet Thompson

14 ... Jill Dobek

15 ... Caryl Fabian, Grace Moretti, Ashlyn Rankin, Chris Solem

16 ... Dottie Bobzin, Evie Fetzer, Simone Galati, Michael Habrat, Dennis Lilla, Tim Reicher

17 ... Jeff Ottens

18 ... Mike Allegretti, Mark Fulcer, Ron Mudge

19 ... Pamela Schuett

20 ... Nathan Allison, Jan Curtiss, Betty Ferina

21 ... Janet Kling, Emily Ramirez, Jacque Stashwick, Eric Stopka, Carol Waxenberg

22 ... Carl Hupert

23 Zachery Boster, Jonathan Crase, Matthew Holmes, Elizabeth McCann, Wendy Werner

24 .... Karen Burren, Evelyn Gniot, Ken Gniot

25 .... Emily Langlo, Ashlyn Palm

26 .... Calvin Meyer, Melanie Ressler, JoAnn Ward

27 .... Josha Harding, Jack Schlachta

28 .... Andrew Behm, Sandy Hupert, Arlene Petrine, Leah Stech

29 .... Doris Graff, Beth Macaulay, Jeremy Ottens, John Richardson, Leo Young

30 .... Carly Grace Domenz, Thomas Domenz, Thomas Larrison, Jeni McCann, Tony Moretti, Kyle Sabie

31 .... Elizabeth Case, Robert Dunfrund, Alexa Joyce Hoving, Hannah Stegge

*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
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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

*Involvement  
Ways to Serve*

# Involvement Schedules

## May 2022



		May 1	May 7 & 8	May 14 & 15	May 21 & 22	May 28 & 29
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>				
Communion Assistants <b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact Judie Symbal <a href="mailto:judie.symbal@att.net">judie.symbal@att.net</a>	SAT 5:00 PM		Mary Holbrook	Joy Nesta	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM	Pastor Bill Waxenberg		Pastor Bill Waxenberg	Pastor Bill Waxenberg	Pastor Bill Waxenberg
	SUN 10:45 AM	Donna Kelly Marge Marlowe	Donna Kelly Doreen Brangenberg	Donna Kelly Marge Marlowe Doreen Brangenberg	Donna Kelly	Marge Marlowe
Counters	Mon	Donna Turner, Marilyn Wilhelm & Diana Murphy				
Greeters <b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact: Elaine Gillam <a href="mailto:suggillam@aol.com">suggillam@aol.com</a>	SAT 5:00 PM			Dine & Bob Petersen		
	SUN 9:00 AM	Eileen Gerald Cheryl Adams	Eileen Gerald Sue Wehnes	Dottie Bobzin Carol Engstrom	Laura Attaway Elaine Gillam	Pat Bour Carol Engstrom
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			Elaine Gillam	Bob & Carolyn Malm
Newsletter Mailing Prep		Marilyn Wilhelm & Lois Jensen				
Readers Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>	SUN 9:00 AM	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>		Dottie Bobzin	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>	

“... always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord...” 1 Corinthians 10:31





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	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Rydan Mike McCann	JACK CONTI Pete Thompson Carol Engstrom Don & Sandy Kramlich	WAYNE SCHMIDT Pete Thompson Mike Malczewski Dan Wentzloff	RALPH WEHNES George Attaway Ed & Carolyn Cuttle Jerry & Pat Darrow	JACK CONTI Pete Thompson Carol Engstrom Don & Sandy Kramlich
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Annika Yndestad	MARK FRENDEIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Doug Nagel Judy Petropolis	VIK BEKERIS Bob & Diane Mollis	MARK FRENDEIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella
Welcome Center Contact: Rachael Yndestad r.yndestad@icloud.com	SUN 9:00 AM	<b>Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome">www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome</a></b>				
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## Stay Connected

### emails

- Daily Devotionals (Food for the soul)
- Weekly Friday Flourish (Church info)
- Monthly Newsletter (More detailed information)

To start receiving any (or all) 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](mailto:Michelle@sotpmail.com) to be added.

# Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2022

**General Fund Report:** The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$339,111. Total income for the month was \$66,511 and total expenses for the month was \$66,542. Approximately 4.9 months of General Fund reserves.

**Mortgage Service Fund Report:** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$77,810. Income for the month was \$19,121. The new MIF five-year monthly mortgage payment is \$18,807. Approximately 4.1 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

### This Month

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$66,511	\$69,976	(\$3,465)	-5.0%
Expenses:	\$66,542	\$68,762	(\$2,220)	-3.2%

### Year-to-Date

General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$247,200	\$217,046	\$30,154	13.8%
Expense:	\$205,767	\$207,588	(\$1,821)	-0.8%

### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$19,121
Income YTD:	\$68,819
Payments YTD:	\$58,608
Ending Fund Balance:	\$77,810

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**finances**

### Council Action Item Approvals:

During March 21, 2022 Council meeting, Finance team's recommendation to approve SOTP/Heartland Bank Business credit cards for both Matt Morrison and Jeff Moore were accepted and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert C. Mollis, Congregation Treasurer

**Amazon  
Fundraising**

If you shop Amazon, shop AmazonSmile and select SOTP as your nonprofit. Amazon donates .05% to SOTP-it many not

seem like much, but **we have already received \$2,199.02** as of March 2022.

Contact: Michelle Rankin  
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## Prayer Requests Submit &/or Receive

To submit a prayer request, please go to [www.bit.ly/SOTPrayers](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPrayers) and fill out the form.

To join us & pray for those who need prayers, e-mail



your request to:  
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