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June 2024



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Photo: End of School Year Confirmation & High School 2024

A Note

From Pastor Mark



Welcome to your summer...I'm sure many of you have some wonderful plans with family and friends. Summer is a great time to reconnect with loved who are most close to us. I hope you take time to do just that...connect with those you love.

With that thought in mind how might you connect or reconnect to Jesus? I encourage you to continue to make worship a priority during the summer months. I reminder that we are continuing Kid's Connect through the summer months. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to serve! If you are away I encourage to you to worship while you are vacationing. Let us know where you are and even send us a picture. We would love to know where God is sending you to make Christ known while on vacation.

When Peter, James, and John witnessed the transfiguration and wanted to preserve Moses (the law), Elijah (the prophets) and Jesus, God said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Only Jesus remained. The law and the prophets were fulfilled in him. This is the same truth the Holy Spirit wants us to understand.

I recently read a little book entitled, *The Christ of the Indian Road*, written in 1925 by E. Stanely Jones, a missionary to India, I found an amazing insight into how to bring Christianity to India. Yet, many missionaries for years afterward failed to recognize his

prayerful and Spirit-led plea that they must bring the person of Jesus alone

rather than the example of so called Christian nations in order to reach nonbelievers' hearts.

Do we bring Jesus to our community? Do our friends and colleagues see Jesus in us? Are we open to the Holy Spirit's revelation of all that Jesus is for our world today?

I will often gain insight into a Biblical text by using William Barclay's *Daily Bible Study Series*. I found special motivation from Barclay's last sentences on these verses from John. "The nearer we live to Jesus, the better we will know him. The more we become like him, the more he will be able to tell us. To enjoy his revelation, we must accept his mastery" (*Gospel of John Volume 2*, William Barclay, Westminster John Knox Press, pg. 196).

How exciting for us as believers to know that the Holy Spirit is waiting to reveal God's message through Christ to us! What haven't we grasped that we can grasp today? What have we gotten wrong in our relationship with Jesus? What new revelation is waiting for us as we grow closer to Jesus? How can we bring Jesus to those who live among us?

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A Note From Pastor Mark

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Blessed summer to you all and I hope you make time to connect with Jesus!

Pastor Mark



A Note From Pastor Ryan

“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not

know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” – Jesus (John 3:8, NRSV)

Our last Gospel reading for the month of May came on the Sunday we know as The Holy Trinity, and it was a familiar one, including verses we were encountering for the third time this year. The first encounter was in our Lenten Dinner Church series, the second was on the 4th Sunday in Lent, and the last on Holy Trinity. The passage came from the third chapter of John’s Gospel when we see Nicodemus come to Jesus in the dark of night and with great curiosity to know more about this mysterious figure who seems to be of God.

When Nicodemus asks how anyone can understand and believe Jesus’

teachings, Jesus answers, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Jesus also says, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” John is using a clever play on words. The Greek word, πνευμα (pneuma), that gives us “Spirit” is also the word for “wind.” In this passage, John lays the foundation for what will come to be known as “pneuma-life.” In simpler words, when we are reborn into this life in Christ, we are born into a “pneuma-life” or “Spirit-life.”

Jesus uses the image of wind to help us understand the movement of the Holy Spirit. We can certainly feel it move past us, sometimes gently and sometimes harshly. We can get a general idea of where it’s coming from and where it’s going, but where does it actually begin and end? That is an impossible question to answer.

This is a valuable image for the Holy

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A Note

From Pastor Ryan

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Spirit in our lives. How do you experience the Holy Spirit? Do you get a feeling? Do you see patterns? Do you hear certain things and know that they are of the Holy Spirit? We can get a sense of the Spirit but can't know where it comes from or where it is going to go next.

It is important to reflect on the movement of the Holy Spirit year-round, but I encourage to truly reflect this summer. You may have family trips planned. You may be facing a grueling travel schedule for sports. You may be taking time off to simply rest, or your summer may simply be business as usual. No matter what awaits you this summer, I encourage you to keep your heart and mind open to however the Holy Spirit may

surprise you, comfort you, challenge you, or nourish you. When you can, take some quiet time to yourself. When you are on the road, try to take in the sights around you. Whether you are experiencing something new or going through the daily routine, try to spot something you've never noticed before. These are the ways we can look for God at work through the Holy Spirit.

You just never know where God will show up, and you never know what the Holy Spirit may have in store!

May the Holy Spirit surprise you, and may you feel the joy only God can bring through Jesus Christ,

Pastor Ryan

Ministry Musings

With Donna

Recently I was reading the story of the call of Matthew in the gospel of Mark along with a commentary on it. The commentary didn't focus primarily on Mathew's call but on the events following it where Jesus and his disciples had dinner with Matthew and his friends at Matthew's house. Evidently, the "Social Media" of that day was to walk around town and check out who was eating with whom and chat about the company they

kept. The buzz was that Jesus and his friends weren't very particular about their dining partners! In today's world this would be texted, tweeted, shared and posted all over the internet within minutes.



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Ministry Musings

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When Jesus is questioned about eating with “sinners and tax collectors” he replies that it is the sick who need physician and he came to call the sick. The commentary then went on to talk about how Jesus came to call the tax collector, the self-aware sinner, and the scribe, the self-presumed saint, and how on any given Sunday it is difficult if not impossible to tell who the in the worship space is “sick” and who is “healthy”. The author also wondered if we come to the table aware of our own sickness and need.

When we break bread and drink the cup, Jesus is dining at our house; and so are the “sinners and tax collectors” and the “the crowds, the disciples, the scribes and the Pharisees.” Included are the leader who is certain he/she is absolutely right about continuing to do things the way it has always been done, or was done at their old church, the one who struggles to stay on their meds to quiet the voices in their head, the one who “fell off the wagon” again and fights to get back on it, the parent with the noisy little ones, the bored middle schooler who would rather be anywhere else, the older person who sees their health deteriorating and the rest of us, each with our own sicknesses, are dining with Jesus today ready to receive the healing he has to offer. The crust of bread and the drop of wine are meant for all of us. But not just for our own sakes, but for the sake of others.

Jesus is often called, “The Great

Physician.” While on earth he healed many people of various diseases and conditions. If Jesus is the great physician, then we are called to be “physician assistants.” Wikipedia defines Physician Assistants as “a healthcare professional who practices medicine as a part of a healthcare team with collaborating physicians and other providers. PAs are concerned with preventing and treating human illness and injury by providing a plethora of health care services under a supervising physician.” To me that sounds a lot like our call from Jesus, to care for his creation!

We don’t need to be medical professionals to care for others. All we need is a listening ear and heart. We may not be able to prescribe medication or run medical tests; but we can hold a hand, listen to another, serve a meal, send a card, make a quilt, sing a song, teach a child, pray with and for someone, share the gospel, play a game and unlimited other ways to show that Jesus and we care! Isn’t that what being a disciple really is, following our leader and caring for his people and his world? Come and be a physician assistant to the Great Physician, be part of his healthcare team to bring his love and healing to the world.

Donna Kelly

Next Step Fellowship



Presentation: Saturday, June 22, 10am
Pastor Bill & Phyllis Thomson on Socialization for Seniors

NEXT STEP FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Group for All Seniors

Registration Required



Info & Register: www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0624

We usually meet on the fourth Saturday morning of the month.

We plan to meet again for the following activities—bring your own drink:

⇒ **JUNE 22, 2024: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: 10:00 am** in Fellowship Hall; registration is required for this activity. Phyllis Thomson, Ph.D., RN, CNE and Pastor Bill Waxenberg will do a presentation and discussion on the importance of community, fellowship and purpose in the senior years. The concept of Social Integration will be defined and discussed, and potential positive and negative health consequences will be explored related to socialization or lack of it in the senior years. We will then

discuss this and how it can be applied through bible study with Pastor Bill. Sign up at www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0624 to let us know you'll be joining us.

⇒ **JULY 27, 2024: TBA 10:00 am**

⇒ **AUGUST 24, 2024: POT LUCK PICNIC**

Come and have some fun and fellowship!

*Contact Phyllis D. Thomson
phyllisthompson@aol.com*

Summer Kids Connect

Sign up for one day—or more

A colorful banner for 'KIDS CONNECT SUMMER HELP WANTED'. It features a purple and yellow background with orange balloons and a photo of children playing in a grassy field. A starburst graphic says 'SUNDAYS EITHER SERVICE'. A QR code is in the bottom left, and a URL is at the bottom. A diagonal banner in the top right corner says 'Volunteers Needed'.

KIDS CONNECT SUMMER HELP WANTED

Volunteers Needed

SUNDAYS EITHER SERVICE

Info & Pick Your Sunday(s):
www.bit.ly/SOTPKCsummer24

We need volunteers for the summer session. Pick your date & sign up at www.bit.ly/SOTPKCsummer24

We will need to have one Lead and one Assistant for the 9:00 and 10:45

services. (No Kids Connect on 6/30/24.)
Training will be available.

Contact: Jill Gillming
jill@sotpmail

Culver's Night

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

A banner for 'Culver's NIGHT FUNDRAISER' for Habitat for Humanity. It features the Culver's logo, a Habitat for Humanity logo, and a yellow starburst with the text 'Huntley Location June 24, 2024 4-8pm'. A QR code is in the bottom left, and a URL is at the bottom. The background shows a Culver's restaurant interior with food items like a burger and fries.

Huntley Location
June 24, 2024
4-8pm

% of all proceeds is donated to Habitat

Culver's NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPculvers0624

Welcome Pack

Items Needed

We need NEW items to give to a refugee family to help set up their apartment.

We will collect, deliver and set up all the items. (hang shower curtain, make beds, shelve dishes etc.)

SPECIAL NOTE: The family will be previously VETTED refugees who cannot return to their country for life threatening reasons, NOT immigrants.

Please sign up at www.bit.ly/SOTPexodus0624, for the specific items you could supply.



After purchasing them (or it), please place in the container provided near the gathering area outside of the main office at church.

Questions? Please ask!

*Contacts: Sandy Hupert
sandyhupert@gmail.com
Rick Miller - rlmiller3k@gmail.com*

Community Outreach

Thank You!

The Community Outreach team would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all that

- Helped at the booth during the Business Expo and
- Donated desserts and pet supplies to the Animal House Shelter luncheon

We appreciate the time you took out of your day to help support our ministries.



*Contact: Tara Mackey
rtmackey10@yahoo.com*

Ice Cream Social And Car Show

A vibrant pink poster for an 'Ice Cream Social & Car Show'. It features a large ice cream cone with a cherry on top and a QR code on the left. In the center, there's a rainbow with a smiling face. To the right, there are three classic cars (white, yellow, and red) and another smiling rainbow. Text elements include 'ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CAR SHOW' in large, bold letters, 'Friday, July 12' and '6:30-8:30 pm' below it. There are also circular icons for 'GAMES' and 'MUSIC'. A yellow banner in the top right corner says 'Donations & Volunteers Needed'. At the bottom, it says 'Register Now' and provides the website 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial24' with a note '(Cars, RSVP & Volunteers & Donations):'.

Let's start out this summer with games, music, fun, and ice cream!

Please register at www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial24 if you are:

- * Attending (joining us for a night of FUN!)
- * Bringing a car for the car show (we can't wait to see all the cars!)
- * Donating items (please drop off by

Thursday, July 12th)

* Volunteering (more hands makes for less work for all - and it's more fun!)

This event is for the young and the young at heart, members and non-members, so everyone is welcome!

Contact: Jill Gillming
jill@sotpmail.com

Food Drive—June 2

A poster for a food drive. It has a blue and white color scheme. At the top, it says 'SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE HOSTS' in white on a blue background. Below that, 'GRAFTON PANTRY FOOD DRIVE' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, '10805 MAIN ST. HUNTLEY' is written in white. A central image shows a hand placing a box of food into a larger box. To the right of this image is a circular logo for 'GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY'. Below the image, it says 'MONTHLY 1ST SUNDAY 8:30 - 11AM' in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, it says 'Collecting in Car Outside Main Office Entrance' in white. There is also a QR code on the left side of the poster.

The Artist Series Presents

Barber Shop Chorus

The New Tradition] Chorus is an award-winning a cappella chorus singing in the TTBB range with members from Chicago

and the surrounding suburbs. Chartered in 1982, this Illinois District chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society has a long-standing reputation for delighting audiences through exciting harmonies and memorable performances of songs spanning

decades and genres.

The chorus rehearses in Glenview, IL

Visit the church website at www.bit.ly/SOTPARTIST for further information on the Artist Series or email at artistseries@sotpmail.com

2024

New Tradition Barber Shop Chorus

Sunday, August 25 2024 5pm





Artist SERIES

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Morning Movement

Walking the Halls



Walk the halls at SOTP

Come Alone or With Friends

www.bit.ly/SOTPwalk

Weekdays 7:30-8:30 am



Vacation Bible School

Register Now! Preschool—5th Grade



A vibrant purple and pink banner for 'START the PARTY' VBS. The text 'ALL NEW VBS 2024' is in the top left. A QR code is in the bottom left. The main title 'START the PARTY' is in large, colorful letters. A blue banner across the middle says 'Celebrate the Good News'. The dates 'JULY 8-12' are in the bottom right. A blue diagonal banner in the top right corner says 'REGISTRATION NOW OPEN'. A boombox is on the left.

ALL NEW VBS 2024

START the PARTY

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

JULY 8-12

REGISTRATION OPEN: www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSkids24

Vacation Bible School

Volunteer Now! 6th Grade—Adult



A vibrant purple and pink banner for 'START the PARTY' VBS. The text 'ALL NEW VBS 2024' is in the top left. A QR code is in the bottom left. The main title 'START the PARTY' is in large, colorful letters. A blue banner across the middle says 'Celebrate the Good News'. The dates 'JULY 8-12' are in the bottom right. A yellow diagonal banner in the top right corner says 'Volunteer Registration'. A boombox is on the left.

ALL NEW VBS 2024

START the PARTY

Volunteer Registration

SAVE THE DATE! JULY 8-12

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP OPEN: wwwbit.ly/SOTPVBS24vol

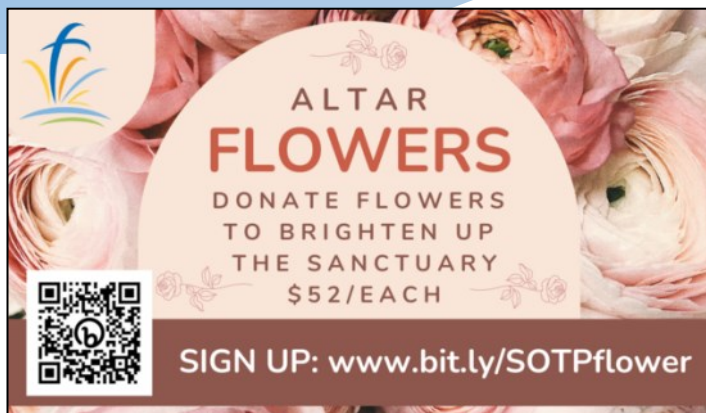
Altar Flowers

Please consider signing up to donate flowers to brighten up the sanctuary. Each arrangement will be \$52.

The bouquets are delivered from the florist for the weekend worship services. The flowers are yours to keep after the Sunday services or you can pick them up on the Monday following. The church is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There are several ways to place an order for altar flowers. You can do so online here, you can also order the flowers on the church website or you can contact Diane on dem910@outlook.com. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or check/cash.

When you order the flowers, you will need to provide your name, the date



you would like them, your phone number, and for whom the flowers are dedicated to or in memory of. You will receive a special offering envelope for the payment in the mail if you choose to pay by check or cash. If you have any questions, please call Diane Mollis 224-654-6677.

Thank you for contributing to beautify the altar during our services at Shepherd of the Prairie.

*Contact: Diane Mollis
dem910@outlook.com*

T-coil Hearing Aid? Use our Loop System

Ask your hearing care professional how. Some hearing aids are set up where they might have an app on your cellphone that says "telecoil mode", and you'll activate that. You might have the ability to adjust the volume up and turn down for the microphone level. But again, talk to your hearing care professional, they

should be able to show you all those options, and then play around with it, when you're in church.

Contact: your hearing aid professional



Grief Journey

Journey Through Loss

A poster for the Grief Journey Group. It features a background image of a snowy mountain range. In the top left corner is a logo consisting of a stylized 'f' with three curved lines above it. The text is centered in a white rectangular box. At the bottom left of the box is a QR code.

**GRIEF JOURNEY
GROUP**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS
10AM**

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPgrief

Transitions

Journey Through Loss

A poster for Transitions: A Journey Through Loss. It features a background image of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. In the top left corner is a logo consisting of a stylized 'f' with three curved lines above it in blue, yellow, and green. The text is centered in a white rectangular box. At the bottom left of the box is a QR code.

TRANSITIONS

**A JOURNEY
THROUGH LOSS**

**STARTING
APRIL 2**

**TUESDAYS
7:00 PM**

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPtrans

Are you going through a deep loss:
death of a loved one; job loss; loss of a
relationship; empty nesting; divorce;
loss of health; loss of purpose?

We have begun a new loss support
group meeting in the church Library

from 7 to 8pm on Tuesdays.

If you would like more information
please contact Donna Kelly.

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com

New Member Reunion

You are invited to join in an afternoon of fun and fellowship at our New Member Reunion (new members from 2022, 2023 to present), Sunday, July 14, from 12 to 2 pm.



There will be fellowship and lunch. The main dish will be provided, and we are asking you to bring the side dishes and desserts.

You can let us know you are coming by:

⇒ Going to our website and clicking on EVENTS and REGISTRATIONS and looking for this event

⇒ Going to
www.bit.ly/SOTPreunion24

If you have questions, please contact Donna Kelly through the church office 847-669-9448 or by email. See you then!

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com

New Member Reunion 2022- 2024



Ministry Night

You Are Invited!



SECOND MONDAY MONTHLY
7:00 pm



MINISTRY NIGHT

Missionary Visit

Attend a Service on July 21



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Missionary Visit

**Coming to
Huntley!**



Sunday, July 21, 2024

At Both 9:00 & 10:45 AM Services

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPmission24

Vegetable Stand

Sundays at SOTP

Enjoy fresh picked produce Sundays after services from the AARRK Gardens stand in the SOTP parking lot.

There are two ways to participate in the program:

- ⇒ You can subscribe for a year and pay a one time \$200 donation to receive produce weekly on Sundays.
- ⇒ You can stop by the stand and pick up produce any Sunday after services and purchase produce for a free will



offering.

Please make checks payable to: The AARRK Gardens

Contact: Vik Bekeris
at vikbek66@yahoo.com

Adventure Club

4th & 5th Graders

Friends Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the summer months. Our next study will include the books of Ezra, Haggai, and Zechariah. These prophets from the Old Testament spoke words of encouragement and motivation.

The group meets every Monday from 12:30-2:30 in the Willow Room at Shepherd of the Prairie. Join us as you are able; no sign-up is necessary.



Contact: Linda Dungey
lindaidsd88@gmail.com

Men's Coffee

Tuesdays



MEN'S COFFEE
McDonald's by Huntley Walmart

Tuesdays at 7:30 am
INFO: www.bit.ly/SOTPMen



Women's Coffee

Fridays



Women's Coffee Gathering
Fridays 10am

MCDONALD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART



Collecting Plastic Bags

Building a Bench

UPDATE!!!

As of 5/11 we have 838 lbs of plastic!!

After we reach our goal of 1000 lbs, we (SOTP) will have to wait until January 14, 2025 until we can start collecting towards another bench. HOWEVER, the Community Outreach team would like SOTP to continue to be a drop off site for plastic so another group can benefit from our plastic supply. I will be reaching out to groups that use the church to see if anyone



would be interested. More to come in the next newsletter. If you have any questions about the plastic program, please feel free to contact Tara Mackey

Contact: Tara Mackey
rtmackey10@yahoo.com

Memory Garden

Brick Orders

We are now taking orders for memory bricks for the Memory Garden walkway. We now have 3 orders and need at least 5 of each size to order and get "free freight" from Florida.

- ⇒ 4"x8" brick with 3 lines is \$80.00
- ⇒ 8"x8" brick with 6 lines is \$150.



Order forms are in the Church office.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

New Member Gathering

Get to Know Us Better

A blue and white graphic for a New Member Gathering. On the left, a magnifying glass focuses on the word 'information' on a document. A QR code is in the bottom left corner. On the right, the text 'NEW MEMBER GATHERING' is in large yellow letters, followed by 'FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH' in white, 'SUNDAY AUGUST 11' in yellow, and '3:00 PM' in yellow. The website 'www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0824' is at the bottom right.

**NEW
MEMBER
GATHERING**

FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT OUR CHURCH
**SUNDAY
AUGUST 11
3:00 PM**

www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0824

Celebrating
50
years

Christmas in July

ELCA World Hunger—50 Years

A festive graphic for 'Christmas in July' featuring a goat and a pig wearing sunglasses and a Santa hat. A red Christmas ornament in the center contains text about giving to ELCA World Hunger. A QR code is in the bottom left corner. The background is orange with a Christmas tree on the left and grass at the bottom.

**Christmas
IN JULY**

Giving to ELCA
World Hunger
Ornaments
Available
on Giving Tree

More Info & Donate Online:
www.bit.ly/SOTPjuly24

Regularly Scheduled



SUNDAYS

1st Sunday Monthly **Food Drive for Grafton Food Pantry**,
8:30-11am

9:00 am **Traditional Worship**

9:00 am **Kids Connect**

10:45 am **Contemporary Worship**
After Services **Vegetable Stand—AARRK Gardens**

10:45 am **Kids Connect**

1:00 pm **FBW**

MONDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

9:00 am (3rd Mon) **Gazebo Valor Quilts**

10:30 am **FBW**

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

8:00 am **Men's Coffee** at McD's by
Huntley Walmart

8:30 am **Staff Meeting**

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

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

10:00 am **Grief Journey Meeting**

2:30 pm (2nd Tues), **Barnabas**

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

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

Patrol Leader's Council

7:00 pm **Transitions Journey Through**

Loss

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

7:00 pm **FBW**

7:00 pm **AL-ANON Meeting**

WEDNESDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

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

6:30 pm **High School Youth**

THURSDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

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

1:00 pm (1st Thurs) **Book Club**

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

7:00 pm **Cub Scouts**

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

FRIDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

10:00 am **Women's Coffee** at McD's
by Huntley Walmart

10:30 am **FBW**

SATURDAYS

5:00 pm **Worship**



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 Kids Connect
Summer Program Starts
www.bit.ly/SOTPsummer24

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
Next Step Fellowship for All
Seniors—Pastor Bill & Phyllis
Presentation *on senior years*, 10am
www.bit.ly/SOTPNext0624

MONDAY, JUNE 24
Culver's Fundraiser for Habitat for
Humanity, 4-8pm
Huntley location only
www.bit.ly/SOTPCulvers0624

WEEKEND OF JULY 6 & 7 Kickoff to
Christmas in July for World Hunger
www.bit.ly/SOTPjuly24

JULY 8-12 Vacation Bible School,
9am Volunteer Registration:
www.bit.ly/SOTPVBS24vol
Participant Registration:
www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSkids24

FRIDAY, JULY 12 Ice Cream Social
& Car Show, 6:30—8:30 pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial24

SUNDAY, JULY 14
New Member Reunion, Noon
www.bit.ly/SOTPreunion24

JULY 16-20 SOTP Youth &
Chaperones at ELCA Youth
Gathering in New Orleans

SUNDAY, JULY 21 Missionary Visit,
9am & 10:45am Services
www.bit.ly/SOTPmission24

SATURDAY, JULY 27
Next Step Fellowship, 10am

WEEKEND OF JULY 27 & 28
Last Weekend of Christmas in July
for World Hunger
www.bit.ly/SOTPjuly24

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
New Member Gathering, 3pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0824

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
Annual Church Picnic, Noon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 Next Step
Fellowship Pot Luck, Noon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 Artist Series
Presents the New Tradition Barber
Shop Chorus, 4pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
Confirmation Faith Statement
Writing for Freshmen, 5:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 Artist
Series Presents "One Foundation"
with Michael Burkhardt, 5pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
Trunk or Treat, 3pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 New
Member Gathering, 3pm

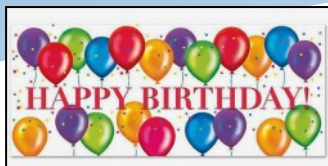
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7pm
Pie Fest, Following Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Blue
Christmas Service, 7pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, The Artist
Series Presents "Christmas with
the Carpenters", time TBD

Birthdays

June



1-Jun Rebecca Miller	10-Jun Susan Falbo	21-Jun John Browne
2-Jun Mark Michalak	Merle Lewis	Troy Kindle
Michelle Jacobs	Lisa Adams	Michael Glosson
Shonna Rankin	Jonathan Larson	22-Jun Margaret Motyka
Sydney McGuine	Elaine Berens	Anne Nagel
Derek Mackey	11-Jun Carole Cesario	23-Jun Ron Knudsen
3-Jun Candi McNeal	Anthony Serpe	Rebecca Fulcer
Olivia Lorenzo	12-Jun Marilyn Schnell	Kimberly Ernst
4-Jun Sandy Martin	Payton Serpe	24-Jun Mary Lou Chamberlain
Kim Stancl	Henry Womac	Susan Krizmanich
Jacob Trevino	Ava Galati	Mary Klatt
Nathaniel Black	Harley Young	Kathy Pizarro
5-Jun Conrad Barta	13-Jun Max Wondriska	Avary DeBlieck
Rachael Yndestad	14-Jun Lilja Farnam	25-Jun Jacob Marx
Curtis Hollabaugh	15-Jun Vicki Maraviglia	Lincoln Shaw
6-Jun Frances Wilson	McKenzie Schlachta	26-Jun Bill Skidmore
Sandra Meyer	16-Jun Sharon Mundt	Dennis Perkey
Kim Scalise	17-Jun Leah Bloomfield	Barb Carr
Rob Satalino	18-Jun Nicki Troia	Katie Casablanca
7-Jun Joanne Bychowsky	19-Jun Emily Dunfrund	Alexander Rojas
Corin Casablanca	Judie Symbal	Austin Allegretti
Audrey Coots	Deanne Byers	27-Jun Kelly Stallbaum
Anneliese Espinoza	Patrick Ullrich	Reagan Bishop
8-Jun Kathy Miller	Jill Gillming	Ella Ullrich
Jonathan Boster	Megan Palombit	28-Jun Carolyn Malm
Rebecca Mudge	20-Jun Morgan Alpert	Daniel Rossman
9-Jun Gloria Samuelson	Matthew Alpert	29-Jun Anthony Maraviglia
Peter Kalamaras	Hannah Robinson	30-Jun Elizabeth Trout
Kaitlyn Richards	Ethan Gartzke	Dana Turk
Kellen McNeal	Matteo Galati	David Huston





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Get Involved

Ways to Serve

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:

- AARRK Garden – Ronda Shoemaker
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- Adult Choir—Jane McMullen, jane@sotppmail.com
- Adventure Club—Jill Gillming
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- Newsletter Mailing Prep—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotppmail.com
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- Worship Band (Singing & Instrumental)—Jeff Moore,
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Involvement Schedule

June 2024



		June 1 & 2	June 8 & 9	June 15 & 16	June 22 & 23	June 29 & 30
Communion Assistant	SAT 5PM	Mary Hollbrook	Joy Nesta	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert	Ron Mudge
Counters	MON	Donna Turner, Diana Murphy & Marilyn Wilhelm				
Greeters Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Carol Engstrom & Elaine Gillam	Eileen Gerald & Terry Halpin	Dottie Bobzin & Candace Beck	Laura Attaway & Cyndi Monson	Terry Halpin & Carol Engstrom
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm		Elaine Gillam		Carolyn & Bob Malm
Ushers Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Tom & Therese Cox	Carol Hartman Peggy Lynn Loiselle	Joy Nesta Steve Murphy	Jim & Diana Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Mickey & Cathy Kappel	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermond Jeff Ottens Vik Bekeris Carol Engstrom	NANCY WILSON Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski	RALPH WEHNES George Attaway Ed & Carolyn Cuttle Jerry & Pat Darrow Stan Crissman	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermond Jeff Ottens Vik Bekeris Carol Engstrom
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Annika Yndestad Vik Bekeris	MARK FRENDEIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	VIK BEKERIS Bob & Diane Mollis	MARK FRENDEIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella

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Treasurer's Report

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND

	MONTHLY ACTUAL	MONTHLY BUDGET	MONTHLY ACTUAL VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL VS. YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD PERCENT RECEIVED	YTD PERCENT EXPENDED
April 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 385,492.04								
Monthly Income	79,598.70	89,720.00	\$ (10,121.30)	334,021.82	342,064.00	\$ (8,042.18)	\$ 966,000.00	34.58%	
Monthly Expenses	69,480.92	74,373.00	\$ (4,892.08)	309,365.52	308,163.00	\$ 1,202.52	\$ 966,000.00		31.90%
Income vs. Expenditures	10,117.78	15,347.00		24,656.30	33,901.00				
April 30, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 395,609.82								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 80,500.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.91								

MORTGAGE SERVICE FUND

	MONTHLY ACTUAL	MONTHLY BUDGET	MONTHLY ACTUAL VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL VS. YTD BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD PERCENT RECEIVED	YTD PERCENT EXPENDED
April 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 54,394.40								
Monthly Income	17,462.70	18,807.00	\$ (1,344.30)	85,149.36	75,228.00	\$ 9,921.36	\$ 225,684.00	37.73%	
Monthly Expenses	18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	75,228.00	75,228.00	\$ -	\$ 225,684.00		33.33%
Income vs. Expenditures	(1,344.30)	-		9,921.36	-				
April 30, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 53,050.10								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	2.82								

Respectfully submitted,

George Attaway, Treasurer



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Saturday 5:00 pm

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