

Newsletter

July 2024



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Photo: Synod Assembly Attendees from SOTP—June 2024

A Note

From Pastor Mark

50 Year Celebration of ELCA World Hunger Appeal

July is going to be wonderful here at SOTP. Vacation Bible School kicks off on July 8. Our missionary from Tanzania, Daudi Msseemmaa, will be joining us for worship on Sunday, July 21 and throughout July we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger with Christmas in July. Please know how thankful I am for your spirit of generosity which wells up through this worshipping community.

In 2 Corinthians 8, Paul writes about the generosity of the Macedonian churches. He uses the Macedonian church as an example of joyous generosity which overflows in the manner in which he experienced in their living out the Gospel. Paul points out that they pray first and then, despite their poverty, offer gifts and service to the church in Jerusalem.

Paul is writing to the Corinthians, who (despite their plentiful resources) are not so quick to make a donation. Paul tells them that the Macedonians' overflowing joy has welled up in rich generosity. They have given as much as they're able, and even beyond their ability, entirely on their own. They really want the privilege of sharing.

Why do they want so badly to share the little that they have with strangers? Where does that impulse come from? How can prayer help?

Paul goes on to write that it's as

important to excel in the grace of giving as it is to excel in other areas of faith, knowledge, earnestness, and love.

If our spirit is willing, writes Paul, our gift is acceptable according to what we have, not what we do not have. In other words, it's not about the amount.

It's about your heart. Where is your heart?

Can you give of yourself freely, because you want to? Not because you ought to?

Have you ever sought out people in your family or your neighborhood that you can help? Taken part in "random acts of kindness"? Do you take inventory of what you possess that you can share with others? Where can you invest your time and talent?

There are many places in the world that need our generous giving. As we have done in the past we are celebrating "Christmas in July." ELCA World Hunger appeal is celebrating 50 years of a wonderful partnership in caring for those who are hungry. This is one of the many ways you might experience the joy of giving as our Macedonian siblings exemplified to the Apostle Paul long ago.

Imagine that Paul is writing directly to

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us, instead of the Corinthians, saying, “Hey! You are blessed to be a blessing! Open your heart, and give freely what has so freely been given to you!”

Blessings to you this month as we are blessed to see beyond the walls of SOTP and experience first hand the work of the larger church!

Pastor Mark

A Note From Pastor Ryan



On June 14 and 15, 5 elected voting members from SOTP and I participated in the worshipful,

fun, and educational Northern Illinois Synod Assembly. SOTP is one of 140 congregations that make up the Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA. The Synod Council meets four times each year to conduct the business of the church, but once each year, the Synod calls together clergy and voting members from each congregation to vote on some of the more significant items of business.

You may recall that, at our annual meeting, we elected Marcia Ball, Andrew Behm, Tim Bueschel, Julie Leonardi, and Josh Symbal to serve as our four adult and one youth voting members. The six of us made our way to Augustana College in Rock Island (Josh and my alma mater) accompanied by Donna Kelly who reported to the Assembly as chair of the Synod Nominating Committee.

I have been asked a few times if any important decisions were made at the Assembly. We always pass a budget for the upcoming fiscal year, elect people to synod positions, and other general orders of business, but when I’m asked that question, I know people are wondering if there were any big resolutions passed. As it turns out, there were some significant resolutions passed this year, and I want to share them with you all.

The first resolution is related to the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. SOTP’s very own Becky Wright serves on the Synod World Hunger Subcommittee. A resolution was put forward and unanimously approved to encourage our congregations to increase our support with a giving event and intentionally include World Hunger in our directed giving. SOTP will be having a Christmas in July event beginning on July 6. The World Hunger Subcommittee will also be publishing

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new fundraising ideas for congregations on the Northern Illinois Synod website.

The second resolution is to have the synod appoint a task force to begin a year-long process of exploring what it will mean for the synod to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Synod. The task force and the Synod Council will generate a Synod Welcome Statement to be presented to adoption at the 2025 Synod Assembly for the purpose of applying for RIC recognition.

For a bit of background on this resolution, Reconciling Works: Lutherans for Full Participation, since 1974, has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/ aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community. They have created resources for congregations, synods, seminaries, and other Lutheran organizations to engage in the process known as Reconciling in Christ (RIC). Through the RIC process, congregations and synods begin a journey to create a more authentic welcome, customized to each community.

The resolution was approved with 90% support from the Assembly. It only applies to the Synod and not to its congregations. Each congregation will still have to complete its own RIC

process if it chooses. Several of our congregations have already completed this process or are in process. The same is true for many synods.

The third resolution is related to a topic Pastor Roy has covered in his Sunday morning Bible study. Through the resolution, which passed with 94% approval, the Northern Illinois Synod absolutely repudiates Christian Nationalism, commits to upholding the principles of religious freedom and the separation of church and state, encourages the congregations and people of the Synod to use the resources We Are Christians Against Christian Nationalism from the ELCA Advocacy Network and explore the ELCA's Social Statement: "Civic Life and Faith."

Christian Nationalism has roots that go back to post-Civil War America but has gained a new momentum in that past few decades, especially with the emergence of the Moral Majority in 1979. Christian Nationalism is a broad political ideology that includes beliefs such as: the U.S. Constitution was divinely inspired and enjoys godly status, that Christianity should be a privileged religion in the U.S., that the U.S. holds a special status in God's eyes, and that good Americans must hold Christian beliefs. This leads to antisemitism, anti-Muslim sentiment, xenophobia, racism, and more. It doesn't reflect the love that Jesus

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Ministry Musings

With Donna

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demonstrated or that he extends to us daily.

If you would like more information on Christian Nationalism, I encourage you to check out the resources listed above, and I also lift up a documentary, *Bad Faith*, streaming for free on tubi.

As you can see, Synod Assembly is a

powerful event that not only lets you see how the church works. You become part of church decision-making that can have lasting effects far into the future. I encourage you to consider serving in this role next year. Simply let me know if you're interested!

Peace,

Pastor Ryan



Ministry Musings

With Donna

“As he (Jesus) approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside

begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he shouted even more loudly. Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people,

when they saw it, praised God.” Luke 18:35-43

This has always been a favorite story of mine. This blind man sits not only at the edge of the city but also at the edge of society. At the time of Jesus, Jewish and most other societies thought that a person's illness or affliction or poverty was God's punishment for either their own or their parents' sin. Those who were in front, leading the way, appear to be embarrassed by this blind beggar and try to shush him. But he wouldn't be shushed! When he discerns that Jesus is at hand, he goes all out for the help that he needs and believes that Jesus can provide.

I can't help but think of those today who sit at the edge of our societies;

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the poor, those dealing with addiction, the unhoused, the unemployed or underemployed, those with mental health challenges, the hungry, the lonely and the marginalized. They too cry out for God to have mercy on them; to ease their hurts and ills, to make life more liveable. Do we try to shush them as well? Are we embarrassed by their cries for help? Many times, we tend to think that the situation they are in is their fault. They need to 'pull themselves up by their bootstraps'. There are programs out there, why don't they use them? Why don't they just go out and get a job?

This story challenges us in several ways. One is for us to not overlook or shush the lost and challenged, the outspoken and annoying. The gospels tell us repeatedly that it is those who

are in difficult circumstances that Jesus calls and saves. In this story it is not the successful and suave leader who wins Jesus' gift of salvation (being made whole); it is the one whom we might be ignoring right now who is healed and glorifies God.

Another challenge here is the idea that those in front (of Jesus) were the ones who rebuked the blind beggar. True discipleship is lived out from a position not in front of Jesus but alongside him. Often, we get in the way when we try to rush out ahead of Jesus telling him of our plans and ideas hoping he will come alongside and bless them.

Many we have a heart to walk with Jesus and eyes to see those on the edges of society as he does.

Donna Kelly

VBS Snacks



Celebrating
50
years

Christmas in July

ELCA World Hunger—50 Years



Christmas in July details:

It's time to celebrate 50 years of impact through ELCA World Hunger by giving through ELCA Good Gifts during Christmas in July! On July 6th and 7th look for the balloons and Christmas tree display.

A \$50 donation will:

- Buy a goat
- Provide one share of a \$500 cow
- Buy seeds and gardening tools
- Provide 2 hygiene kits

Other gifts may include:

- \$10 for chicks or stocking a backpack with food
- \$20 for honeybees or feeding 10 people at a soup kitchen
- \$30 for a pig

These gifts can make a difference in the lives of families in ELCA community partners across the globe.

Ways to donate:

- Pick out an ornament and an offering envelop. Place your money or check in the envelop and drop off the donation in the God's Global Barnyard "barn" at the display table at church
- Donate online at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPELCAhunger

Hang your ornament on the tree so we see how our gifts are transforming lives, and creating hope in the lives of families facing food insecurity.

Please return all gifts/donations by Sunday July 28 th .

Contact: Becky Wright
rawright48@gmail.com

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, shelf 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

Prairie Point Quilters

The ladies are still hard at work putting quilts together for people in need all over the world. We're aiming for 100 quilts for the annual dedication. We're at 75 right

now! We can always use more help and you don't need to know how to sew - we have angels to do most of the sewing!



We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AND we have treats!

*Contact Bev Kenny
at krkbjk@comcast.net*

Ice Cream Social And Car Show

A colorful poster for an 'Ice Cream Social & Car Show'. The background is pink with a grid pattern. At the top left is a circular logo with a stylized plant. The main title 'ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CAR SHOW' is in large, bold, brown letters. Below it, 'Friday, July 12' and '6:30-8:30 pm' are written. To the right, a yellow banner says 'Donations & Volunteers Needed'. In the center, there are three brown circles with the words 'GAMES', 'MUSIC', and 'REGISTER NOW'. Below 'REGISTER NOW' is the text '(Cars, RSVP & Volunteers & Donations):' and the URL 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial24'. On the left, there is a large ice cream cone with a cherry on top and a QR code. On the right, there are three vintage cars (white, yellow, and red) and a smiling rainbow.

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—July 7

A poster for a 'Food Drive' by the 'SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE'. The background is blue and white. At the top, it says 'SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE HOSTS'. Below that, 'GRAFTON PANTRY FOOD DRIVE' is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right is a circular logo with 'GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY' and an image of a food box. Below the title, the address '10805 MAIN ST. HUNTLEY' is written. Further down, 'MONTHLY 1ST SUNDAY 8:30 - 11AM' is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, it says 'Collecting in Car Outside Main Office Entrance'. On the left, there is a QR code and an image of a hand holding a cardboard box filled with food items.

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



Next Step Fellowship

For All Seniors



Pot Luck Picnic: Saturday, July 27, Noon

NEXT STEP FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Group for Single Seniors

Please Register







Info & Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0724

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. A blue boombox is in the bottom left. The main title 'START the PARTY' is in large, colorful letters. A blue banner below it says 'Celebrate the Good News'. The dates 'JULY 8-12' are in the bottom right. A blue diagonal banner in the top right says 'REGISTRATION NOW OPEN'. The background features a globe and fireworks.

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



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ALL NEW VBS 2024

START the PARTY

Volunteer Registration

SAVE THE DATE! JULY 8-12

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP OPEN: wwwbit.ly/SOTPVBS24vol

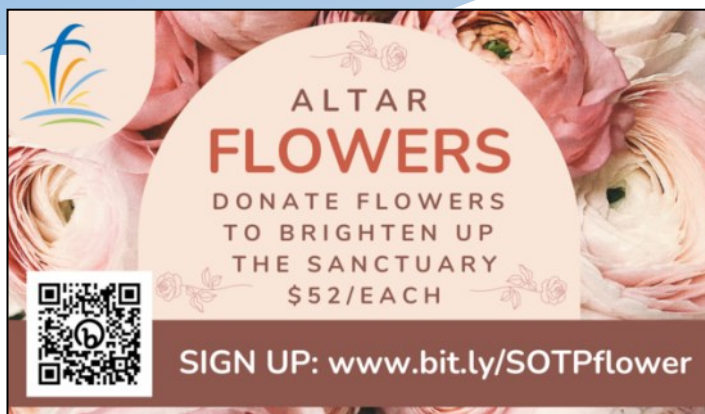
Altar Flowers

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

2022-2024 New Members

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Ministry Night

You Are Invited!



SECOND MONDAY MONTHLY
7:00 pm



MINISTRY NIGHT

Missionary Visit

Attend a Service on July 21



Daudi Msseemmaa
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

Friends Bible Study

For Women

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

A group of approximately 15 men are gathered for a coffee meeting. Some are standing in the background, while others are seated at a long table in the foreground. They are all smiling and holding coffee cups. The setting is a McDonald's restaurant with large windows in the background.



Women's Coffee

Fridays



Women's Coffee Gathering
Fridays 10am

MCDONALD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART

A group of approximately 12 women are gathered for a coffee meeting. Some are standing in the background, while others are seated at a long table in the foreground. They are all smiling and holding coffee cups. The setting is a McDonald's restaurant with large windows in the background.



Collecting Plastic Bags

Building a Bench

UPDATE!!!

After we reached 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 Huntley Lions Club spoke with our Community Outreach team and they would like SOTP to continue to be a drop off site for plastic. They will be doing the collections



still. 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, and 'SUNDAY AUGUST 11 3:00 PM' in yellow. The URL 'www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0824' is at the bottom right. Decorative elements include a row of yellow triangles at the top left and a geometric pattern of white lines on the right.

**NEW
MEMBER
GATHERING**

FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT OUR CHURCH

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 11
3:00 PM**

www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0824

Book Club—Like to Read?

Reading and Talking

A graphic for a Book Club. The background is a blurred image of bookshelves. On the left is a white logo of a stylized plant. The text 'Book Club' is in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, a brown banner contains the text 'Meets Monthly' and 'First Thursday at 1pm' in white. At the bottom left is a QR code. At the bottom right is an image of an open book. The text 'More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPbook23' is at the bottom center.

Book Club

**Meets Monthly
First Thursday at 1pm**

More Info:
www.bit.ly/SOTPbook23

Wellness Team

Active & Healthy Summer



3 Keys to an Active and Healthy Summer

- **Drink Water:** Drinking water is even more important during the summer because we are sweating more. Bring a reusable water bottle with you, everywhere you go. Add fresh fruit or a splash of 100% juice to give your water flavor!
- **Be Active:** Move your body for at least 10 minutes at a time and aim for at least 30 minutes each day.
- **Eat Well:** All kinds of foods can fit into a balanced diet. Make half of your plate your favorite fruits and vegetables. Choose whole grains like “whole wheat” foods and popcorn. For lean protein sources, try fish, skinless chicken or turkey, eggs, tofu or beans.

Summer Recipe:

Watermelon, Cucumber & Feta Salad

Summer is a time when watermelon and cucumbers are at their juiciest and most flavorful. This is one easy side salad you'll want to serve at all your summer BBQs.

Prep time: 20 minutes

6 servings: 9 cups

Ingredients:

- ½ cup-red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 14 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 cups cubed seedless watermelon
- 1 English cucumber, chopped
- 6 ounces feta cheese, cut into ¾-inch cubes

Whisk vinegar, honey, salt and pepper in a small bowl; gradually whisk in oil until completely incorporated.

Combine watermelon, cucumber, feta and onion in a large bowl. Gently stir in ½ cup of the vinaigrette. Refrigerate at least 20 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Just before serving, gently stir in mint; drizzle with remaining vinaigrette.

ALSO: we are organizing some education opportunities on dementia and Alzheimer's .

LINK TO ARTICLE ON DEALING WITH DEMENTIA:

www.bit.ly/SOTPdementia

Contact: Jamie Patel
jamie.patel@nm.org



Involvement Schedule

July 2024

		July 6 & 7	July 13 & 14	July 20 & 21	July 27 & 28
Communion Bread	SAT & EXTRA	Barb Hoppensteadt & Jill Brown			
	SUN	Nancy Ottinger	Nancy Ottinger	Jeanne Henley	Tom Noesen Bev Pinnelli
Counters	MON	Donna Turner, Howard Larson & Marilyn Wilhelm			
Greeters <i>Interested in Serving Here?</i> Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam @aol.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Ken & Linda Rotter	Eileen Gerald & Terry Halpin	Dottie Bobzin & Candace Beck	Laura Attaway & Cyndi Monson
	SUN 10:45 AM	Elaine Gillam	Carolyn & Bob Malm		
Ushers <i>Interested in Serving Here?</i> 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
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Jeff Ottens Mickey & Cathy Kappel	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermund John & Patti Witt Carol Engstrom	NANCY WILSON Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski	RALPH WEHNES George Attaway Stan Crissman Jerry & Pat Darow Ed Cuttle
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Annika Yndestad Mike & Patti Kargol	MARK FRENDREIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	BOB MOLLIS Diane Mollis Krystal Smith

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) NOT MEETING IN
JULY **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



THURSDAY, JULY 4 All VBS Snack
Donations Need to Be Dropped Off
by This Date
www.bit.ly/SOTPvbsSNACK24

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
www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0724

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

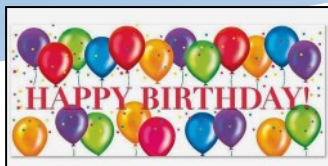
The screenshot shows the website for Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. The main banner reads "EASILY VIEW CURRENT EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS" with the URL www.bit.ly/SOTPsignup. Below the banner are several event tiles:

- ADULT EDUCATION**: Faith & Mental Health - Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness. Saturdays 10:20 am - Jan 15 - Feb 26. Contact: Pastor Ray Olson, 605.233.1234.
- SOTP KIDS NEED YOU**: Kids Connect - Opportunity to Help SOTP Kids Grow in Their Faith.
- SOUP SUPPER WORSHIP**: 5:45 PM. Contact: Susan Kelly, 605.233.1234.
- WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION**: Resuming January 11, 6:30 pm. Contact: Susan Kelly, 605.233.1234.

There is also a QR code for the soup supper worship event.

Birthdays

July



1-Jul Allyson Berens	11-Jul Arthur Uteg	21-Jul Jerry Christopherson
Bethany Bower		Sue Reid
Elease Chapman	12-Jul Jadon Conroy	Marina Rhode
Michele Miller	Elaina Hibbeler	Brian Rojas
Breanna Walker	Howard Larson	Kim Satalino
2-Jul Barry Farnam	13-Jul Barb Doty	22-Jul Casey Bozza
Jacob Fiandalo	Lori Malczewski	Avery Michalak
Kyle Lemke	Andrew Szekely	22-Jul Ralph Wehnes
Doug Nagel	Phil Turk	23-Jul Dolores Barry
Sharon Neubauer	14-Jul Julie Dahlin	Breanne DePorter
Pamela Richard	Jason Hunt	23-Jul Rich Wille
3-Jul Joseph DeBolt	Andy Patel	24-Jul Logan McCabe
Cooper Krewer	Jamie Patel	Dick Tabatt
Tammy Sabie	Donna Turner	25-Jul Kathy Ary
4-Jul Jennifer Nagel	15-Jul Gloria Beavis	Judy Below
5-Jul Cynthia Schoenfeld	McKenna Hess	26-Jul Michelle Conroy
Libby Weston	Maria Michalak	Delaney Krewer
6-Jul Barbara Davis	Ian Walloch	26-Jul Ava Ullrich
Kristen Fleener	16-Jul Donna Brown	27-Jul Ryan Flanagan
7-Jul Julie Wills	Benjamin Hollabaugh	Ken Hoving
8-Jul Rob DeBlicke	Kaia Huston	Jeneane Zeimen
William Dwyer	Jane McMullen	28-Jul Destry Arndt
Richard Mundt	17-Jul Jose Araoz	Steve Brown
Fred Schimmel	Karen Eckert	29-Jul Mackenzie Ehmen
Kim Stegge	18-Jul Tom Miller	Megan Moretti
9-Jul Krista Glosson	Lukas Nagel	Linda Wright
Les Lawrence	CaSandra Reicher	30-Jul Adrianna Crespo
Katie Masters	Peter Walthers	Justin DeBolt
10-Jul Jerome Darow	Nicholas Wolf	30-Jul Gavin Schlachta
Caiden Parker	19-Jul Emily Stech	31-Jul Robin Bishop
Nicole Scalise	20-Jul Nicholas Brown	Rick Hess
11-Jul Rick Coffman	Tom Luedtke	Donald Huntington
Jake Spencer	Roy Rankin	





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WORK, OUR
HANDS**

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
rondapattton313@gmail.com
- Adult Choir—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Adventure Club—Jill Gillming
jill@soapmail.com
- Annual Church Picnic – Donna Kelly—
donna@sotpmail.com
- Assisting Minister (9am) – Donna Kelly—donna@sotpmail.com
- Artist Series – Jane McMullen
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- A/V Team – Josh Harding—
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- Bell Choir (Kids & Youth) – Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Communion Assistants—Donna Kelly, donna@sotpmail.com
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- Crafting Gifts for Sr. Citizens & Homeless Blankets—Alice Hallett, agrndmom3@gmail.com
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- Newsletter Mailing Prep—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com
- Next Step Fellowship (Single Seniors Fellowship) – Dave Stangle,
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- Vacation Bible School – Jill Gillming
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- Welcome Center—Tara Mackey,
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- Worship Band (Singing & Instrumental)—Jeff Moore,
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Treasurer's Report

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 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
May 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 395,609.82								
Monthly Income	60,569.25	76,641.00	\$ (16,071.75)	394,591.07	418,705.00	\$ (24,113.93)	\$ 966,000.00	40.85%	
Monthly Expenses	87,679.21	98,127.00	\$ (10,447.79)	397,044.73	406,290.00	\$ (9,245.27)	\$ 966,000.00		42.06%
Income vs. Expenditures	(27,109.96)	(21,486.00)		(2,453.66)	12,415.00				
May 31, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 368,499.86								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 80,500.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.58								

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
May 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 53,050.10								
Monthly Income	12,385.90	18,807.00	\$ (6,421.10)	97,535.26	94,035.00	\$ 3,500.26	\$ 225,684.00	43.22%	
Monthly Expenses	18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	94,035.00	94,035.00	\$ -	\$ 225,684.00		41.67%
Income vs. Expenditures	(6,421.10)	-		3,500.26	-				
May 31, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 46,629.00								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	2.48								

Respectfully submitted,

George Attaway, Treasurer



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)
- Weekly Videos from our pastors

To start receiving any (or all) of the above,
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am Traditional
& 10:45 am Contemporary

*Worship with us in person
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