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*Photo: Kids Movie Night*

# March Note

## From Pastor Mark



### Ash Wednesday Worship

**March 5, 12 Noon and 7:00 pm**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season. The word "Lent" originally meant "spring." It is a time to reflect on our baptism and a time of rebirth and renewal. The season of Lent lasts forty days, excluding Sundays. The altar colors are purple to reflect the solemnity and somberness of the season. In church history, candidates for baptism would fast during these forty days leading to their baptism at Easter.

In a Jewish and Christian context, ashes suggest judgment and God's condemnation of sin, our total dependence upon God for life, and repentance. We are reminded of the words of the burial service: "earth to earth and dust to dust." Ashes are also a symbol of cleansing and renewal.

Just as baptismal water suggests death and life...so

do the ashes of Ash Wednesday.

This year, we will recall some of Jesus's difficult-to-understand words.

- Ash Wednesday – "Sell What You Own"
- Wednesday, March 12 – "Hate Father and Mother"

- Wednesday, March 19 – "Slave of All"
- Wednesday, March 26 – "Nowhere Among the Gentiles"
- Wednesday, April 2 – "Outer Darkness"
- Wednesday, April 9 – "Your Father the Devil"

Our guide will be a book written by Amy-Jill Levine entitled *The Difficult Words of Jesus*. Join us in community for Dinner

Church beginning Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. and continuing through Wednesday, April 9. The book may be purchased through Amazon but are not necessary in order to fully participate in our Wednesday night gatherings. Make worship a priority during this very meaningful time of the church year!



Grace and Peace to You!

**Pastor Mark**



# **Ministry Musing**

## *By Donna Kelly*

March 2025

As we begin our  
Lenten Journey  
this month, one

of the Ash Wednesday readings that isn't often used is Isaiah 58:1-12. Prior to this reading, the book of Isaiah tells the story of the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Babylonian Empire. Many of the people of Israel were deported to Babylonia. After 70 years, Assyria came into power and King Cyrus allowed the Israelites to return back to their homeland.

But it was a new generation that returned home, and they were no longer well acquainted with YHWH, the God of Israel. They tried to return to the religious practices of the past; prayer, fasting and offerings. But their heart wasn't in it. They went through the motions, but their actions outside of the practices didn't match what God was calling them to do and be.

They fasted and said their prayers, but continued to mistreat employees, ignore the poor, the sick, the hungry, the immigrant, and even their own families. Then they wondered, why isn't God listening to us? Why isn't God helping us rebuild our lives?

The prophet speaks for God, telling the people that just lip service to God isn't what God is looking for. God is looking for them to put what he asks

into practice: "break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation, free the oppressed, share your food with the hungry, invite the homeless in, clothe the naked, care for you families". God then promises that "then their lives will glow in the darkness, and you will be like a gurgling spring that never runs dry.

And we too find ourselves, at times, on the same pathway. We do all the "right, churchy" things but don't care for those around us in need. We ignore the poor, forget about the orphan, ignore the immigrant and the homeless... and we wonder if we are too far off the mark and God will give up on us.

But God don't give up on the Israelites, and he doesn't give up on us! God calls them and us back time and time again. God doesn't measure out grace by the teaspoonful. God never gives up on us! God's love and grace is like a thundering waterfall that is ever rolling, crashing and splashing everywhere that then becomes a streaming river that flows through us and out to nourish all of creation.

Our God is a God of endless second chances. May you know that grace and love and then pass it on.

**Donna**

# Note from Our Bishop

## 2025 Theme: Growing Disciples

Read through the gospels and at least one thing is clear:

*Jesus grew disciples.*

People followed him. They listened to him. Their lives were transformed.

Then they went out and invited others into the same lifetime journey.

The last two years, you have been invited on two parallel journeys. In 2023, we explored what it means to Be the Body - that is, to learn and live what it is to be the body of Christ in everyday life. We are made part of Christ's body in the world at baptism; we are called to live that each day.

In 2024, we were invited to Open God's Story. We encouraged each other to connect God's work and word throughout the Bible with God's work in our lives.

We invite you to bring those two journeys together in 2025 for a time of Growing Disciples.

We will continue the work of Jesus' first followers: learning and growing in following Jesus. We will look at the ways and paths that Jesus taught us. Like those first disciples, we spend our entire lifetime shaping our lives in ways that follow him. And we invite others to do the same.

Growing Disciples is a time for each member, each congregation to return to the roots of who we are as the body of Christ, listen to the life of Jesus, and grow deeper in our faith and our following. Every month will have a theme related to following Jesus, an area of discipleship we can grow and nurture in our lives. We will explore 7 different marks of discipleship

and invite each other to grow deeper roots in each area, through practice, study, and opening of our hearts and lives, just as the original disciples did.

We will share prayers, social media posts, monthly bulletin inserts, and blog posts from across our synod along with additional resources that you are welcome to use. Workshops and opportunities at CRE and Synod Assembly will invite you into ways to grow as a disciple.

If you have a particular story of discipleship to share in one of these areas, let us know! This is an opportunity to grow and walk together. You are encouraged to use #NISGrows on your social media posts as you grow throughout the year.

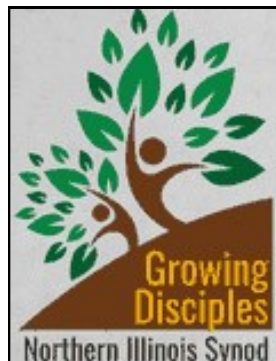
-Bishop Stacie Fidler

### 7 Marks of Discipleship

Below is more information on the 7 marks of Discipleship where we will dwell are:

**PRAY.** . .Prayer. . .Pray Frequently  
*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)

**STUDY.** . .Christian Education. . .Study  
Scripture Diligently



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# Note from Our Bishop

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*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path. (Psalm 119:105)*

**WORSHIP** . . . Worship . . . Worship  
Regularly

*I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together. (Psalm 34:1-3)*

**INVITE** . . . Evangelism . . . Invite Others  
Often

*But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to preach? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it*

*is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15)*

**ENCOURAGE** . . . Teaching/Mentoring . . .  
Pass on the Faith

*Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. (1 John 3:18)*

**SERVE** . . . Social and Justice Ministry . . .  
*Serve for the Sake of Others*  
*For the Son-of-Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)*

**GIVE** . . . Stewardship . . . Give Freely...  
*give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. (Luke 6:38)*

## See What's Happening And Join Us

The screenshot displays the website for the Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Me', 'Check-In', 'Signups', 'Groups', and 'More'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a section for 'ADULT EDUCATION' titled 'Faith & Mental Health: Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness' with a QR code and a link to 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup'. In the center, there is a large banner for 'EASILY VIEW CURRENT EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS' with the URL 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup'. On the right, there is a section for 'SOTP KIDS NEED YOU!' with a QR code and a link to 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup'. Below the banner, there are several smaller sections: 'Adult Education - Faith & Mental Health - Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness' with a QR code, 'Soup Supper Worship' with a QR code, and 'Grade 6-7-8-9 Wednesday Confirmation' with a QR code and a link to 'https://bit.ly/SOTPsoupconfirm'. The website also features a 'Me' button and a profile picture of a person.

# Ash Wednesday Worship



## Adult Ed Series

### *The Human Vessels of Faith*

As professing Christians, we share a common faith. Yet each of us carries it in a unique way—in the vessel of our personality, shaped by our genetic inheritance, our physical and psychological development and our life experiences. Our goal will be to better understand the uniqueness of each of our vessels.

We will explore six different models that hopefully will give us greater insight into our individual uniqueness. The first model is that of Walter Wink who suggests that across the vast expanse of known history, five different world views have provided vessels for faith. Second, we will explore the spiritual implications of Erik Ericson's nine stages of human development. Third up will be James Fowler's seven stages of faith development. The fourth session will look at a model of four temperaments/ four spiritualities derived from the Myers-Briggs personality theory. In the fifth session we will explore a four spiritual-types-model developed by Corinne Ware




which she illustrates in the Spirituality Wheel. In our final session we will visit one more stages-of-faith development model by John Westerhoff and then try to put together what best describes the unique vessel that God has given each of us in which to carry our faith.

- **March 2** - Four Temperaments/Four Spiritualities based on the Myers-Briggs Temperament Indicator
- **March 9** - Four Spiritualities and the Spirituality Wheel of Corinne Ware
- **March 16** - Four Stages of Faith Development of John Westerhoff

Contact: Pastor Roy Olson  
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# Lent Adult Study Series

## 7 Fridays at 11am



The graphic features the word "LENT" in large, stylized letters where each letter is filled with a different image related to the season (e.g., a palm frond, a chalice, a cross, a dove). To the left is a stylized flame logo. Below "LENT" is the text "7 Week Adult Study Series" and "24 Hours That Changed the World". A QR code is on the left, and a small tag says "With Jan Spees". At the bottom, it says "Fridays at 11am Starting March 7" and "More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPLENT25".

**LENT**

With Jan Spees

**7 Week Adult Study Series**

"24 Hours That Changed the World"

QR Code

Fridays at 11am Starting March 7

More Info: [www.bit.ly/SOTPLENT25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLENT25)

with the events the Gospels record as taking place during Jesus' final 24 hours.

**Seven Fridays at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM from March 7 - April 18.**

- March 7 - The Last Supper
- March 14 - The Garden of Gethsemane
- March 21 -

Condemned by the Righteous

- March 28 - Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate
- April 4 - The Torture and Humiliation of the King
- April 11 - The Crucifixion
- April 18 - Christ the Victor

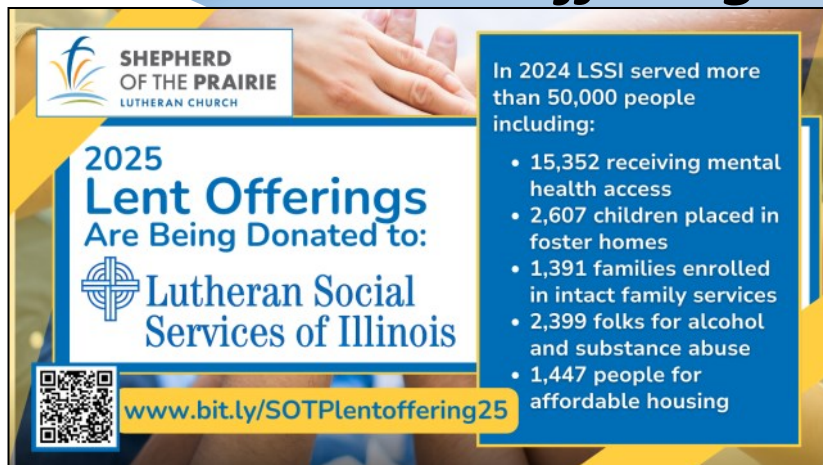
Contact: Jan Spees  
[janetspees@gmail.com](mailto:janetspees@gmail.com)

*\*The book, "24 Hours That Changed the World", is not required but available as an option on Amazon for \$9.10*

The aim of this study is to help better understand the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life; to see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death; and to reflect upon the meaning of these events for your life.

We'll explore this twenty-four hour period through reflections on biblical foundations, video presentations and discussions. The video segments feature Adam Hamilton speaking from one of the sites in Jerusalem traditionally associated

## Lent Offerings 2025



The graphic has a blue and yellow color scheme. On the left, it features the Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church logo and the text "2025 Lent Offerings Are Being Donated to: Lutheran Social Services of Illinois". A QR code and the URL "www.bit.ly/SOTPlentoffering25" are at the bottom left. On the right, a blue box contains the text "In 2024 LSSI served more than 50,000 people including:" followed by a list of statistics. The background shows hands clasped in prayer.

**SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2025 Lent Offerings Are Being Donated to:**

**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**

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In 2024 LSSI served more than 50,000 people including:

- 15,352 receiving mental health access
- 2,607 children placed in foster homes
- 1,391 families enrolled in intact family services
- 2,399 folks for alcohol and substance abuse
- 1,447 people for affordable housing

# Wartburg College Concert

## Presented by The SOTP Artist Series

 SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE ARTIST SERIES PRESENTS 



 **WARTBURG**  
COLLEGE  
CASTLE SINGERS AND  
KAMMERSTREICHER

Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, Choir & Dr. Rebecca Nederhiser, Orchestra

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

Wartburg College singers and chamber orchestra to perform in Huntley

The Castle Singers and Kammerstreicher chamber orchestra, composed of students from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, will provide an engaging collaborative concert at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, 10805 Main Street, Huntley, on Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Sponsored by the SOTP Artist Series, the public is invited to attend this free performance. No tickets are required, and freewill donations are gratefully accepted.

The Castle Singers have been hailed as a model of musicianship since their inception in 1950. Comprised of advanced vocalists who are dedicated to exploring challenging choral literature, the Castle Singers enjoy performing both on and off campus throughout the academic year. Under the direction of Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, this chamber ensemble continues to prepare a wide variety of repertoire from Byrd to The Beatles and beyond.

Kammerstreicher - which means "chamber strings" - is a nod to Wartburg's rich German heritage. It stems from a desire of the group to reshape expectations for what a chamber orchestra can be and do. The ensemble is comprised of Wartburg's top string students, including members of the newly formed St. George String Quartet. Formed in 2014 by Dr. Daniel Kaplunas, Kammerstreicher is now led by Dr. Rebecca Nederhiser, who also conducts the Wartburg Community Symphony Orchestra. Repertoire includes music from the Baroque to modern day

Wartburg College is a selective liberal arts college of the Lutheran church (ELCA) and internationally recognized for community engagement. It is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.

*Contact: The Artist Series  
artistseries@sotpmail.com*



# Setting Up & Serving Help

2pm, 3pm &/or 6:30pm



**HELP NEEDED!**  
**SETTING UP & SERVING**  
DINNER FOR CHOIR & ENSEMBLE



**MARCH 7, 2025**

**Volunteers Needed**



**WARTBURG COLLEGE**  
**CASTLE SINGERS AND KAMMERSTREICHER**  
Dr. Heidi Ruppel Tuller, Choir & Dr. Rebecca Ruppel Tuller, Orchestra  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**



**More Info & Sign Up:**  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPserve0325](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPserve0325)

Contact: Carolyn Cuttle [ednca@comcast.net](mailto:ednca@comcast.net)

## Ministry Night

Find Your Place at SOTP



**SECOND MONDAY MONTHLY**  
**7:00 pm**



**MINISTRY NIGHT**



**Volunteers Needed**

- Children, Youth & Family Ministry
- Community Outreach Team
- Mission Team
- Property Team
- Stewardship Team
- Worship Team

All are invited to Ministry Night!  
Come and find out more about  
and/or join one (or more) of these  
ministries:

Meet in the Crossroads, outside of  
the Fellowship Hall.

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

# Thrivent Members

## Transfer Choice Dollars Easily

John & Matt Drafall will be at church on Saturday March 8th before service, and on **Sunday March 9th** before both services to direct any Choice Dollars you have accumulated to SOTP. Remember, if your Choice Dollars aren't directed by March 31st, they become unavailable.

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



THRIVENT MEMBERS

IT'S TIME TO TRANSFER  
**CHOICE DOLLARS**

**BEFORE SERVICES MARCH 8 & 9**

Matt & John Drafall will be here if you need help transferring your share before they are gone on March 31.

More info: [www.bit.ly/SOTPthrive23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPthrive23)

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# Lenten Dinner Church

## Join Us & Help Needed

Dinner Church will begin this year for Lent on March 12th. As last year, we will need



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT  
March 12 - April 9  
5:45 PM

*Lenten*  
**Dinner Church**

Volunteers & Donations Needed

SET UP | BRING SOUP | CLEAN UP

[www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup25)

QR code

many soups each week. Watch the newsletter and your email for more information the first week in March. For more information contact: Donna Kelly or the church

office, 847-669-9448. Or, you can sign up online at [www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup25)

Contact: Donna Kelly

# First Communion Classes

## 2nd—5th Graders



2nd - 5th grade

 **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**

 **Sundays**  
**March 9-30**  
**10:45-11:45 am**

Info & Register: [www.bit.ly/SOTP1stcom25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTP1stcom25)

will learn about the significance of this special sacrament, paint the chalice they will receive their first communion grape juice in, and bake communion bread.

Parents are strongly encouraged to join

A four-session First Communion Class will be offered for 2-5 graders during the **10:45 service on March 9-30**. First Communion will be celebrated during the worship service of your choice during the weekend of April 5-6.

During the classes, our participants

their children for the third and fourth sessions to share in the experience of chalice painting and bread baking.

Contact: *Pastor Ryan Mackey*  
[pastorryan@sotpmail.com](mailto:pastorryan@sotpmail.com)

# Collecting Easter Candy

## For Easter Egg Hunt



Collecting

**Easter candy**

Individually Wrapped

**For the Egg Hunt!**

**March 5 - April 1**

**Donations Needed**

More Info: [www.bit.ly/SOTPcandy25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPcandy25)





# Huntley EXPO

## Help Needed at SOTP Booth

It's that time again! The Huntley Business Expo is right around the corner, and the Outreach team could use your help!

On **Saturday, March 15th**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., grab a friend and help us share what makes SOTP an amazing place.

- **Set up/ first shift: 8:45 - Noon** (set up booth with game/swag/pamphlets/ helping man the booth, talking to people and playing games)
- **Second shift/take down: Noon -**



**HUNTLEY BUSINESS EXPO 2025**

**SATURDAY / MARCH 15**  
8:45-NOON -OR- NOON-3:30

Information & Sign Up:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPexpo25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPexpo25)

**SOTP Booth Needs You!**

**Volunteers Needed**

**3:30** (helping man the booth, talking to people and playing games/take down booth)

Sign up online: [www.bit.ly/SOTPexpo25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPexpo25)

Contact: Tara Mackey  
[rtmackey10@yahoo.com](mailto:rtmackey10@yahoo.com)

# Northern IL Food Bank

## Help Needed



**SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Saturday March 15 9:00 am**

Registration Closes March 1st

**Volunteers Needed**

**Pack for Neighbors in Need**

**Serve With Your Church Family**

**Register Now:**  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPNIFB0325](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPNIFB0325)

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK**

Sorting/Packing Food

Date and time:  
**Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Please plan on arriving at 8:45 a.m.

Additional Info:

-We are planning on having lunch at Portillo's after



# Northern IL Food Bank Continued

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volunteering if there is enough interest. Portillo's, 3895 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL 60174 (5 minutes from No. Illinois Food Bank)

- Sorry but the No. Illinois Food Bank DOES NOT have seated volunteer openings

- Children must be at least 8 years old to

volunteer and accompanied by an adult.

- Once you sign up you must complete a waiver form with the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This will be sent after sign up.

- Final day to sign up is March 1st.

Contact: Elizabeth Trout  
etrout411@comcast.net

## Congregational Resourcing Event You Are Welcome to Attend



your choice on various topics as well as workshops for Church Council Leaders. There are also workshops on personal faith and growth. The leaders of these workshops are clergy and lay persons with expertise in these areas. There is also an opportunity for lunch.

The annual CRE is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Sauk Valley College in Dixon, IL from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm.

This event is a wonderful time to get together with leaders and members of other congregations in our Northern Illinois Synod to exchange ideas and to learn about viewpoints and concerns in the ELCA as a whole and our Synod in particular.

There will be time for gathering as a large group and for worship as well as the opportunity to attend three workshops of

Several members from here at SOTP went last year and found it a valuable asset to their continued ministry. We invite members to attend again this year. We should have the formal list of workshops, costs and times shortly and I will pass that info on to all. If you are interested in being part of this great day or have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly or sign up at [www.bit.ly/SOTPCRE25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPCRE25).

Contact: Donna Kelly  
donna@sotpmail.com

# Little Lambs Preschool

## 2025/2026 Registration Open

### One Day Per Week:

Your 2 (by Sept. 1) year old children can join us on Wednesday from September through May from 9 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. for structured time that is fun and developmentally appropriate. They will enjoy circle time, calendar and weather activity, a math/ language lesson, snack, Bible story, craft, music time, and free play. These activities will help children develop a love of Bible stories and acknowledge that God loves us. Class size will be limited to 10 students and 2 teachers. Children do not need to be potty trained. Your children will have fun learning and playing, and you can go enjoy your time too!

### Two Days Per Week:

Your 3 (by Sept. 1) - 4-year-old children can join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from September through May, from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Our class time will be very similar to the One Day Per Week schedule, but with 2 days we will include many more Kindergarten readiness activities. We will do phonics, cutting, prewriting, and pre- reading activities. Class size will be limited to 12 students with 2 teachers.

### Three Days Per Week:

This program is designed for children that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026. Students will attend



class Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from September through May, from 9am-12:00. We will focus on Kindergarten readiness including reading, writing, and math skills. This program is a great opportunity to give students more time in the classroom which will make their transition to Kindergarten much easier.

### Tuition Information

- 1 day/week morning program (Wed.), 9:00 a.m.- noon, \$90/ month
- 2 day/week morning program (Tues., Thurs.), 9:00 a.m.- noon, \$160/month
- 3 day/week morning program (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), 9:00 a.m.- noon, \$230/month

Non-refundable Registration Fees \$50 first child or \$75 for a family with more than one child, plus last month's (May) tuition. The remaining tuition payments are paid on the first of each

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# Little Lambs Preschool

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month, September through April.

### Typical Dailey Schedule

- GREETING/FREE PLAY TIME
- CIRCLE TIME (Calendar, Weather, Sharing, Bible Story, Songs)
- CENTERS (Craft, Learning Activities, Book/Puzzles, Bathroom Break)
- SNACK
- RECESS/LARGE MOTOR SKILLS

- QUIET TIME/REST
- CIRCLE TIME (Music, Movement, Games, Books)
- CLEAN UP AND DEPARTURE TIME

Are you and your child ready for Little Lambs Early Learning Program?

Please contact us at

[littlelambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:littlelambs@sotpmail.com) to check availability of our program and for enrollment information. We hope you'll join us! Blessings!

Jill Gillming, Director of Children and Family Ministry

## Easter Egg Hunt

### For All Kids 5th Grade & Under



All children in 5th grade & younger are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt at Shepherd of the Prairie **Saturday, April 19th at 10am.**

Please register at [www.bit.ly/SOTPEGG25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPEGG25) so we have enough eggs for all.

Contact: Jill Gillming  
[jill@sotpmail.com](mailto:jill@sotpmail.com)

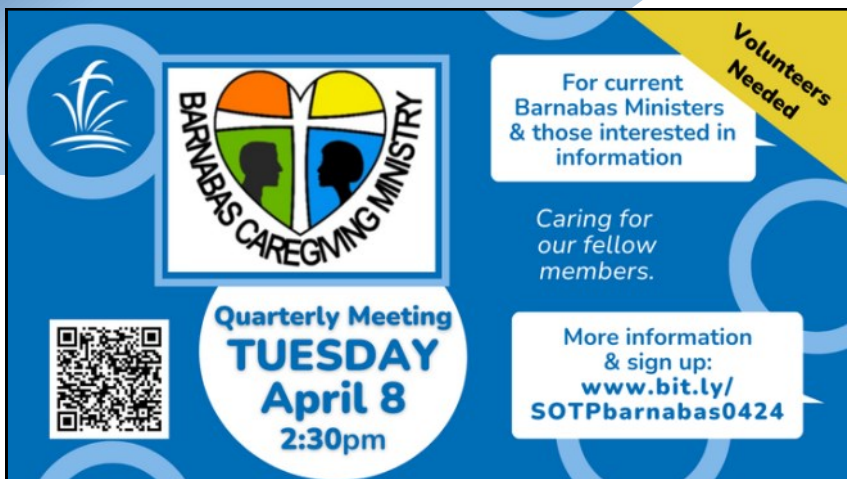
# Barnabas Caregiving

## Ministering to the Homebound

For current Barnabas Ministers & those interested in information on caring for our fellow members. Join us

**Tuesday, April 8 at 2:30pm.** Sign up at:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas0424](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas0424)

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



**BARNABAS CAREGIVING MINISTRY**

For current Barnabas Ministers & those interested in information

Caring for our fellow members.

More information & sign up:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas0424](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas0424)

**Quarterly Meeting**  
**TUESDAY**  
**April 8**  
**2:30pm**

Volunteers Needed

# Apostles' Creed 101

## I Believe... Then What?

Each Sunday during worship, we confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed. "I believe" we say. And then we go on to declare our faith in God the Father, in Jesus his Son, and in the Holy Spirit. But is that all there is? Or do these ancient words lead us into deeper and deeper meanings of just what it means to be a Christian?

Come and see! **Saturday, April 26, 10:00-2:00.** Sign up at

[www.bit.ly/SOTPCreed10125](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPCreed10125)

For more information,  
 contact Pastor Bill Waxenberg  
[bwaxenberg@gmail.com](mailto:bwaxenberg@gmail.com)



**Apostles' Creed 101** With Pastor Bill Waxenberg

Saying **I Believe** then what?

Find out more **Saturday**  
**April 12**  
 10am-2pm

Info & sign up: [www.bit.ly/SOTPCreed10125](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPCreed10125)



# ***Transitions***

## ***Journey Through Loss***



relationship; empty nesting; divorce; loss of health; loss of purpose? We have begun a new loss support group meeting in the church Library **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 pm**. If you would like more information please contact Donna Kelly, through the church office, 847-669-9448.

Are you going through a deep loss: death of a loved one; job loss; loss of a

*Contact: Donna Kelly  
donna@sotpmail.com*

# ***Grief Journey***

## ***All Are Welcome***



# ***Mortgage Craft Table***

## ***Donate Money &/or Crafts***



# ***Dementia Caregivers***

## ***Support Group***

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church and the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter are pleased to announce the launch of a new Caregiver Support Group for those caring for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and all other forms of dementia.

The group held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 2:00 PM, featuring a special presentation of the "Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's" by Alzheimer's Association Community Educator David Rohlwing.

The Caregiver Support Group will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 PM at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, located at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. These meetings provide caregivers with a safe space to share experiences, gain emotional support, and learn valuable strategies for navigating the caregiving journey.

"Caregivers often face significant challenges, and this support group is a way to connect them with resources, information, and a community that understands their journey," said Donna Kelly, the group's facilitator.

Donna Kelly serves as the main contact for the group and can be reached at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) or by phone at 847-669-9448.

The kickoff session and ongoing group meetings are free and open to the



public. For additional information, visit the church's website at <https://shepherdoftheprairie.churchcenter.com/> or to register at [www.bit.ly/SOTPdem](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPdem)

This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts by Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church and the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter to provide support and education to caregivers in Huntley and surrounding areas.

### **About Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church**

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church is dedicated to serving the community with programs and services that provide spiritual, emotional, and practical support to individuals and families in need.

### **About the Alzheimer's Association**

The Alzheimer's Association provides free information, programs, and services to support families facing Alzheimer's disease. To learn more, visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call the free 24-hour Helpline at 800.272.3900.

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

# Recycling Plastic

## New Year, New Bench



Recycling  
**PLASTIC BAGS**  
Creating a  
**BENCH**

With **NexTrex**

MORE INFO:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPbench](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbench)

Donations Needed  
211 lbs as of 2/12

A graphic showing a white bench on a green lawn, with plastic bags and a recycling symbol integrated into the design. A thermometer-like graphic indicates the weight of donations.

This year, we have decided to keep the bench we earn to use wherever needed around the church.

If you are

One month in and we have weighed, bagged, and dropped off 211 pounds of plastic for the NexTrex recycling program!! Be sure to check the progress at the Welcome Center desk.

interested in joining the plastic collection team, please contact Tara Mackey.

Contact: Tara Mackey  
[rtmackey10@yahoo.com](mailto:rtmackey10@yahoo.com)

## Food Drive—March 2

### Grafton Food Pantry



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE HOSTS

**GRAFTON PANTRY**  
**FOOD DRIVE**

10805 MAIN ST. HUNTLEY

MONTHLY  
**1ST SUNDAY**  
8:30 - 11AM

Collecting in Car Outside Main Office Entrance

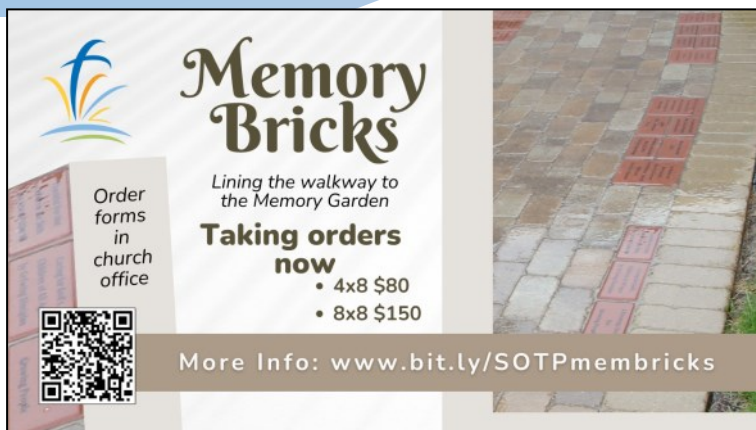
A banner for a food drive featuring a logo of a plant, a QR code, and an image of hands holding a box of food. The text provides details about the event location, date, and time.

# 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.



The graphic features a logo with a stylized 'f' and colorful lines. Text includes 'Memory Bricks', 'Lining the walkway to the Memory Garden', 'Taking orders now', and pricing: '4x8 \$80' and '8x8 \$150'. A QR code is on the left, and a photo of a brick walkway is on the right. A banner at the bottom says 'More Info: [www.bit.ly/SOTPmembricks](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPmembricks)'.

Order forms in church office

More Info: [www.bit.ly/SOTPmembricks](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPmembricks)

Order forms are in the Church office.

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

# Prairie Pointe Quilters

## & You Are Invited to Join Us

Spring is almost here with warmer weather. Two sessions the brave ladies came out in the bitter cold to make quilts! We're hopeful that the next time will be more bearable. We're always looking for more help - you'll learn something new, meet some new friends and have TREATS!!

We meet the **first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:00 to about 11:30**, and you don't need to know how to

sew. Hope to see some new faces in the near future.

Contact: Bev Kenny  
[krkbjk@comcast.net](mailto:krkbjk@comcast.net)



The graphic has a colorful quilted background. Text includes 'Prairie Pointe Quilters', 'Monthly on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9:00 am', and 'No Experience Necessary'. A QR code is on the left, and a photo of people quilting is on the right.

Prairie Pointe Quilters

Monthly on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9:00 am

No Experience Necessary



# What's Next? For Seniors



Seniors Join Us to Find Out

*What's Next?*



A new group for seniors to talk about changes and challenges in life and ideas on how to cope.

**TUESDAYS**  
**11:00 AM**

Sign up & more information:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPwhatsnext2024](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPwhatsnext2024)

friends and activities to keep us “busy”, we may begin to feel a loss of purpose and direction.

If you can identify with this, we invite you to come to our newest Small Group, WHAT’S NEXT. This group is a place to come and talk together looking for ways to navigate

As we age, many of us find ourselves at loose ends, wondering now what? Our children are grown, maybe even our grandchildren. We’ve retired, so there is no longer that career to give us some focus. We may have lost our spouse and are living alone for the first time in our lives. WE may find ourselves with physical limitations that we never expected. Our lives that had so much purpose and direction now may seem lonely. Even with

the changes, challenges and joys that this phase of our life can bring. There may not be “pat” answers for all of our questions, but together we can support each other as we travel this journey.

WHAT’S NEXT meets on **Tuesday mornings at 11am** in the SOTP Library. For more information contact Donna Kelly, through the church office,

*Contact: Donna Kelly*

# Ushers Needed—All Ages Serve Monthly at Favorite Service



 SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOIN OUR TEAM  
4TH SUNDAY  
MONTHLY

**USHERS  
NEEDED**



MORE INFO: [www.bit.ly/SOTPusher](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPusher)

# Welcome Center

## Help Needed

WELCOME CENTER MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

I remember my first visit to SOTP. Someone noticed I was new and alone and came up to me to welcome me. They invited me to walk over with them to the Welcome Center so I could give them my contact information.

Once there, someone greeted me, took my info and gave me a coffee mug filled with candy kisses. They told me I had been officially mugged!

The best part was that someone welcomed me and made me feel at home.

Those few moments at the Welcome Center made me want to know about this place. I came back again, and the person who originally welcomed me called me by name and invited me to the New Member Gathering that afternoon, and I was hooked! I couldn't wait to join this friendly, welcoming group of people.

The Welcome Center Ministry needs your



help! We need people to serve behind the Welcome Center desk for about 20 minutes after worship services, maybe once a month.

We hold important here that all are welcome. And our Welcome Center Ministry is part of that. And it is a ministry. Won't you consider helping out at the Welcome Center.

If you would like to be a part of the important ministry, please sign up at [www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome) for more information or contact Donna Kelly, [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com), or Tara Mackey, [rtmackey10@yahoo.com](mailto:rtmackey10@yahoo.com).

*Contact: Tara Mackey  
rtmackey10@yahoo.com*

# Book Club

## All Are Welcome

Do you enjoy reading? Looking for a way to connect with others? Then you just might enjoy our new Book Club. We will take turns reading several different genres such as mystery, biography, fiction, non-fiction, religious. We will meet once a month on the first Thursday at 1pm.

We plan to pick books that are either available at the library or discount bookstores. If you have a Kindle or tablet and library card, you can have the library set you up with being able to "borrow" the book to read on your tablet.



- ⇒ The March selection is Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd---Historical Fiction
- ⇒ April's choice is The Color of Water James McBride---autobiography.

Registration at [www.bit.ly/SOTPbook23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbook23) recommended but not required.

*Contact: Dottie Bobzin  
dbinil@att.net*

**Turning Point**  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

**COMFORT KIT COLLECTION**

**COLLECTING FULL SIZE ITEMS OF:**  
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Hairbrush, Body Lotion.  
Small Reusable Water Bottles,  
Washable Plush Toys.

**Info: [www.bit.ly/SOTPTurning](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPTurning)**

**Donations Needed**

# Emails From Us

Receive Only What You Want



STAY CONNECTED & PERSONALIZE YOUR

**Email Selections**

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

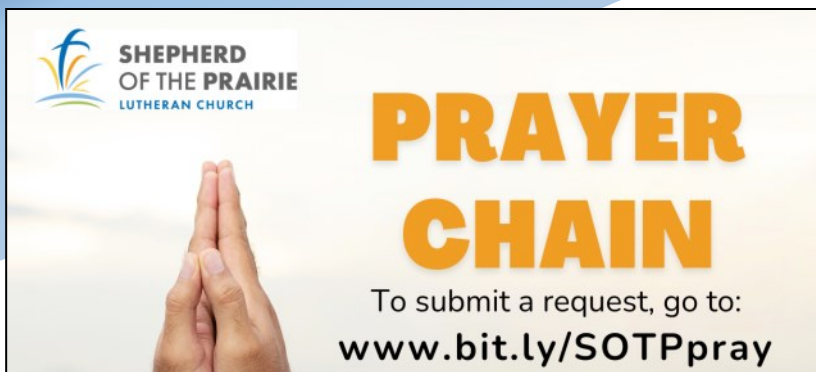
Daily Devotionals


Friday Flourish

Newsletter




# Prayer Chain



 **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**PRAYER CHAIN**

To submit a request, go to:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPpray](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPpray)



To become a member of our prayer chain and pray for those needing prayer contact Donna Kelly at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).

# Kids Connect Sundays

Join the Fun!



**KIDS CONNECT**

Preschool through 5th Grade

Register Now:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPKIDS](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPKIDS)





# Involvement Schedule

## March 2025

		March 1/2	March 8/9	March 15/16	March 22/23	March 29/30
Counters	MON	Doug Nagel, Dottie Bobzin & Cheryl Adams				
Greeters	SAT 5:00 PM	Phyllis Thomson				
	SUN 9:00 AM	Linda & Ken Rotter	Eileen Gerald Terry Halpin	Dottie Bobzin Candace Beck	Laura Attaway Cyndi Monson	Elaine Gillam Terry Halpin
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm				
Ushers	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Tom Cox Therese Cox	Carol Hartman Diana Murphy	Steve Murphy Jim Murphy	Chuck Davis Carol Davis
	SUN 9:00 AM	<b>WALTER LEMKE</b> Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Jeff Ottens Mickey & Cathy Kappel	<b>JACK CONTI</b> Cheryl Rotermund John & Patti Witt Carol Engstrom	<b>MIKE MALCZEWSKKI</b> Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Don Wickersham	<b>RALPH WEHNES</b> Stan Crissman Jerry & Pat Darow George Attaway Chuck Zindel	<b>WALTER LEMKE</b> Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Jeff Ottens Mickey & Cathy Kappel
	SUN 10:45 AM	<b>BOB MCDUFFEE</b> Annika Yndestad Mike & Patti Kargol	<b>ANDREW SZEKELY</b> Jim Stancl Mike Delich	<b>DOUG NAGEL</b> Don Koerner Judy Petrooulos	<b>BOB MOLLIS</b> Diane Mollis Mike Delich	<b>BOB MCDUFFEE</b> Annika Yndestad Mike & Patti Kargol

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



# Regularly Scheduled



## SUNDAYS

8:30-11am (1st Sun) **Food Drive for Grafton Food Pantry**

8:30am-Noon (4th Sun) **Craft Sales Table for Mortgage**

9:00 am **Traditional Worship**

9:00 am **Kids Connect**

10:45 am **Contemporary Worship**

10:45 am **Kids Connect**

1:00 pm **FBW**

## MONDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**

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**

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**

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

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

10:00 am **Grief Journey Group**

2:00 pm **Next Step for Seniors**

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 **FBW**

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

7:00 pm **Adult Bells Rehearsal**

## WEDNESDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

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

11:00 am **Adult Bible Study with Pastor Mark**

11:00 am **God's Girls (Del Webb) Bible Study**

5:45 pm **Wednesday Night Dinners**

7:00 pm **Confirmation**

7:00 pm **High School Youth**

7:00 pm **Adventure Club**

7:00 pm **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

## THURSDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**

9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**

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**

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

10:30 am **FBW**

5:00 pm **Girl Scout Troop 779**

## SATURDAYS

5:00 pm **Worship**



# Special Events

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

Kickoff of Turning Point Comfort  
Kit Collection,  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPtturning](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPtturning)

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5** Ash

Wednesday Services, Noon & 7pm

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

First Day of Easter Candy Collection  
for Easter Egg Hunt

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7** First Week of  
Lent Adult Bible Study Series, 11am  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPLENT25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLENT25)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7** Help Needed  
Setting Up & Serving Dinner to  
Wartburg Choir & Ensemble  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPserve0325](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPserve0325)

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 7**

Wartburg College Castle Singers  
and Kammerstreicher Presented by  
the Artist Series, 7pm

**MARCH 8 & 9** Thrivent  
Representatives at SOTP to  
Transfer Thrivent Choice Dollars

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9** First of Four  
First Communion Classes, 10:45am  
[www.bit.ly/SOTP1stcom25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTP1stcom25)

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

Weekly Lenten Dinner Church  
Begins, 5:45pm  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup25)

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

Huntley Business Expo—SOTP  
Booth, 8:45am & Noon  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPexpo25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPexpo25)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15** Northern  
Illinois Food Bank, 9am  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPNIFB0325](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPNIFB0325)

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

Congregational Resourcing Event  
2025 [www.bit.ly/SOTPCRE25](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPCRE25)

**MONDAY, MARCH 24** SOTP Culver's  
Night Fundraiser for Habitat for  
Humanity at Huntley Culver's,  
4-8pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8** Quarterly  
Barnabas Meeting, 2pm  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas0424](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas0424)

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

Apostles' Creed 101 with  
Pastor Bill Waxenberg, 10am  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPCreed10125](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPCreed10125)

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

Good Friday Service, 7pm

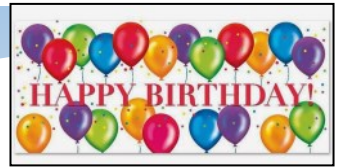
## **SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

Easter Egg Hunt, 10am

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20** Easter Sunday  
Traditional Service, 9am  
Contemporary Service, 11am

# ***Birthdays***

*March*



1-Mar Marilyn Howard Joe Jones Darren Walloch	12-Mar Alice Hallett Nicholas Liotus Joanne Schwartz	23-Mar Michael Hoch Erin Linton Zachary Ethan Powe
2-Mar William Glennon Ruth Glennon Gayle Holzwarth Taylor Ramey	13-Mar Ronda Shoemaker 14-Mar Bentley Jacobs Lisa Piskule	24-Mar Karen Ankerberg Chad Juergensen Sara Solem
3-Mar Jill Hoffman 4-Mar Dawn Johnson 5-Mar Matthew Behm Lucille Connelly Michele Marx	15-Mar Scott Fiandalo Lauren Flanagan 16-Mar Ashlyn Grabs Brooke Grabs Grant Jahr Jason Walker	25-Mar Marcia Cahill Gavin Lehmann Rob Lindsey
6-Mar Martha Jacobson Savanna Kramp Meredith Lick Hollie Lindgren Tamara Uteg	17-Mar Debbie Cook 18-Mar Kathy Strang John Sturz Skylar Wondriska	26-Mar Sandi Stewart Noreta Walker
7-Mar Kathy Burns Tamara Polzin Christine Tinney Cathy Walthers	19-Mar Jim Hunt Annabel Johnson Dee Jones John Robinson Phyllis Thomson	27-Mar Mike Dahlin Kylie Golembeck Eric Larson Evan Mackey Jennifer Trevino
8-Mar Carol Bletz Taylor Dean Dina Wagner	20-Mar Marcy Coffman Richard Paeth	28-Mar Toby Kembrowski Rachel Miller Christopher Stopka
10-Mar Jaime DeBlieck Skyla Geller Vivian Kasal Pamela Perrott Merlyn Thompson Kendall Wolf	21-Mar James Rice Braden Turk 22-Mar Bennett Buesing Stan Crissman Thomas Hollabaugh Payton Marx Derek Reincke Ed Richard Devan Turk	29-Mar Arnie Didricksen Curt Gerald Bob Peterson Wayne Schmidt
11-Mar Denise Gartzke Arja Kasper Sandy Werner	23-Mar Cecelia DeBolt Lillian DeBolt	30-Mar Karen Brodsky Amy Johnson Jennifer Powe
12-Mar Jaxson Thomas Domenz		31-Mar Lois Grayczyk Randall Joos Amanda Dosedel Tessa Lick Alixandria Rhode Orion Samuelson







## **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**

**Are you looking for ways to use your talents and participate in our church family?**

**Here are some ideas and who to contact for more information for each one:**

- Adult Choir—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Adventure Club—Jill Gillming jill@soapmail.com
- Annual Church Picnic – Donna Kelly—donna@sotpmail.com
- Assisting Minister (9am) – Sue Sroka—dssroka5@gmail.com
- Artist Series – Jane McMullen jane@sotpmail.com
- A/V Team – Josh Harding—josh@sotpmail.com
- Barnabas Ministry—Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com
- Bell Choir (Adult) —Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Bell Choir (Kids & Youth) – Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Communion Assistants—Sue Sroka—dssroka5@gmail.com
- Communion Bread Baking—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Communion Set Up & Take Down—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Community Outreach—Tara Mackey, rtmackey10@yahoo.com
- Counters—Ralph Wehnes, ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net
- Crafting Gifts for Sr. Citizens & Homeless Blankets—Alice Hallett, agrndmom3@gmail.com
- Greeters—Elaine Gillam, suggillam@aol.com
- Habitat for Humanity – Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com
- Kids Academy—Amy Stech amc\_stech@yahoo.com
- Kids Connect—Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com
- Mission Team – Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com
- Newsletter Mailing Prep—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com
- Next Step Fellowship (Single Seniors Fellowship) – Dave Stangle, dstangle.ds@gmail.com or Phyllis Thomson, phyllisthompson@aol.com
- Property Team—Mark Frendreis, SOTPProperty@gmail.com
- Prairie Quilters—Bev Kenny krkbjk@comcast.net
- Prayer Shawls—Jeanne Henley, cjenley2003@yahoo.com
- Public Relations—Matt Morrison, matt@sotpmail.com
- Readers—Sue Sroka—dssroka5@gmail.com
- Small Groups—Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com
- Ushers—Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net
- Vacation Bible School – Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com
- Welcome Center—Tara Mackey, rtmackey10@yahoo.com
- Worship Band (Singing & Instrumental)—Jeff Moore, jeff@sotpmail.com

# **Get Involved**

## *Ways to Serve*

# Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2025

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
January 1, 2025 Beginning Balance	\$ 379,855.20								
Monthly Income	116,957.71	109,829.00	\$ 7,128.71	116,957.71	109,829.00	\$ 7,128.71	\$ 1,008,800.00	11.59%	
Monthly Expenses	78,949.67	81,374.00	\$ (2,424.33)	78,949.67	81,374.00	\$ (2,424.33)	\$ 1,008,800.00		7.83%
Income vs. Expenditures	38,008.04	28,455.00		38,008.04	28,455.00				
January 31, 2025 Ending Balance	\$ 417,863.24								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 84,066.67								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.97								

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
January 1, 2025 Beginning Balance	\$ 36,097.34								
Monthly Income	34,387.77	18,807.00	\$ 15,590.77	34,387.77	18,807.00	\$ 15,590.77	\$ 225,684.00	15.24%	
Monthly Expenses	18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	\$ 225,684.00		8.33%
Income vs. Expenditures	15,590.77	-		15,590.77	-				
January 31, 2025 Ending Balance	\$ 51,688.11								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	2.75								

Respectfully submitted,  
George Attaway, Treasurer



# Welcome New Members



- Susan Blumer
- Allison & Benjamin Dirks (Charlie & Maggie)
- Mark & Carrie Gundersen (Henry & Walter)
- Gary & Marilyn Howard
- Amir & Toesana Kadji (Rayaan)
- Andrew & Meredith Lick (Ava & Tessa)
- Dona Nicklas
- Jeff & Shannon Showasser (Emma & Nick)
- Don Wickersham



# SOTP Staff

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*Senior Pastor*  
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*Pastor*  
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## **Matt Morrison**

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## **Michelle Rankin**

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# Church Council

**Bob Mollis**, President  
**Kathy McGuine**, Vice President  
**George Attaway**, Treasurer  
**Christa Serpe**, Secretary

**Mike Luecht**  
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**Jim Puls**  
**Sara Wolf**

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For information, please call (847) 669-9448  
or go to our website at [sotp.org](http://sotp.org)

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Saturday 5:00 pm**

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

*Worship with us in person  
or online at [sotp.org](http://sotp.org)  
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