

Newsletter

June 2025



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Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Huntley, IL sotp.org 847/669-9448

Photo: First Clean Up of SOTP's Adopt a Highway

A Note

From Pastor Mark

Welcome to summer!!! The weekend of June 8 is the Day of Pentecost and we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us.

Have you experienced a situation where you have acted on behalf of another as an advocate or counselor? Or have you had someone be an advocate for you? What were the circumstances? What was it like being an advocate or having an advocate? For the disciples of Jesus, the experience of being sent into the world can feel like abandonment. On what can we count? What or who can help us make decisions? Jesus says to the disciples, "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:25-26 RSV).

There it is! The Holy Spirit, counselor and advocate, improves our memory!

What a powerful thing it is to have a memory return. Something I haven't thought about for years may come back to me like a gift discovered in an old trunk. In fact, important experiences forgotten may often come to mind just when we need them.

If we are to believe John's Gospel witness, this is the work of God's Holy Spirit.

The older I get, the more important memory is. As we go into the world, like the first disciples, on behalf of Christ, and move outward in mission, we can count on the Holy Spirit to help us remember, give us wisdom and support our ministry of witness.

The Holy Spirit helps us go forth in mission.

Otherwise, we hang back terrified and unsure. Courage to move out in mission is possible because of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus gives these words of comfort to those who are fearful, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27 RSV).

A Prayer to pray at the beginning of your day...As I move into your mission today, help me not be afraid. Through your Holy Spirit, help me remember your grace which you pour upon me through the gift of Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord. Help remember your words throughout the day, "peace I give to you, my peace I give you." Amen.

If you pray this prayer daily, I'll look forward to hearing a story of how God's story connected with yours! See you in worship.

Pastor Mark



A Note From Pastor Ryan



As you know, we've been exploring the power of words this year. Starting with the word we received on the back of a paper

star sometime in the first part of the year and continuing through our Lenten journey with The Difficult Words of Jesus, we have been wrestling with our words, growing into them, listening for God's voice to teach us something or for the Holy Spirit to guide us through them.

While I've been carrying the word from my star with me (which is youth), another word has crept into my life this year and taken hold. That word is curiosity.

We are living in a culture and society that seems to be more concerned with certainty and being right rather than keeping an open mind and approaching things with a desire to learn or an openness to be changed. All around us—in our families, in the public square, in politics, and in religion/fait— we can see people who have drawn lines in the sand, planted their flag in one camp or another (you choose the metaphor). They become certain of something and close their hearts and minds to anything that might push back against the line they've drawn or the flag they've planted.

The antidote to this, I believe, is curiosity. Imagine how different our world would look if everyone approached everything with curiosity rather than certainty. Imagine if we

approached all people, belief systems, cultures, history, science, and yes, Scripture, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and faith/religion with curiosity instead of assuming we've got it all already figured out. How different would all our interactions be? Think of how we could better connect with others, especially others who are different or believe differently from us, if we interact with them with a sense of wonder.

Imagine how Scripture could come alive in our hearts, minds, and souls if we approached every verse with a sense of curiosity rather than certainty. As a

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pastor, I have many conversations with people who hold a very rigid, certain view of Scripture. The fact is, Scripture is so ancient, so complex, so rich, and translated so many ways that we fool ourselves if we think we could ever be definitively certain of the meaning of each verse. No matter how scholarly someone becomes, how well-versed in Biblical studies, there

always comes a point when knowledge gives way to interpretation.

None of us was able to walk with Moses or Abraham. None of us was able to walk with Jesus and witness his ministry firsthand (not even any of the New Testament writers). We must, instead, rely on the spoken and written accounts of who did, and interpret their interpretations of what they saw. This is where the beauty of curiosity opens up. The Scriptures are living documents, speaking in new ways to new people in new times and new places. God finds ways to speak people

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A Note

From Pastor Ryan (Continued)

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of every time and place through the Words that have stood the test of time, and when we approach them with curiosity, we find new ways of hearing God's voice, new ways of experiencing Jesus' calling, and new ways of feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Here is my challenge for you. There is a difference between embedded theology (the faith/assumptions we carry with us simply because it was taught to us by our parents/grandparents or by Sunday School teachers—the kind of faith we've carried since childhood and never wrestled with) and deliberative theology (the kind of faith/understanding we

develop through reflection and learning, always giving deep consideration to new/unexpected/unusual/uncomfortable information). Think about any assumptions you have/are making about God, Jesus, and Scripture. What assumptions do you tend to make about faith/religion? What assumptions do you make about your neighbor or a stranger? How could you further shift your life to approach everything with curiosity? In what ways may God be trying to open your heart or mind to something new? May you be blessed with a spirit of curiosity and wonder, and may the love of God go with you today and always,

Pastor Ryan

Ministry Musing

By Donna Kelly

Recently, I was reading about how the word "light" is used in Scripture.

According to Genesis, the earth was "a formless void: (NRSV); "formless and empty" (NIV); "chaos and emptiness" (Inclusive Bible). Empty... formless... chaos.

I don't know about you, but sometimes my life can feel formless, empty, chaotic. When a loved one is seriously ill or dies, when a child or grandchild is going through a difficult life experience, when financial difficulties come, when a relationship ends, when a difficult diagnosis affects our health, when age catches up with us, when one we care about no longer recognizes us due to Dementia, when the job goes away, when the hopes and dreams we have never come to pass, we can each find ourselves

in a place of emptiness, voidness, chaos. But the author of Genesis goes on to say that during this void and chaos, "a wind from God swept over the face of the waters" (NRSV); "the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (NIV); "yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters" (Inclusive Bible). Wind of God swept... Spirit of God hovering... Spirit of God brooding... I find that reassuring. Even in the face of emptiness, formlessness, chaos, God hovers over the void. God doesn't ignore the emptiness of creation, God sweeps over, hovers, broods. God is there in the midst of the chaos and void. God is aware of what we are going through and is present. I like the way the Inclusive

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translation says that the earth was chaos and emptiness – yet the

Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the deep”. Things were a mess – yet God was there, hovering, brooding. Creation wasn’t alone and neither are we.

Verse 3 of the first chapter of Genesis says, “let there be light.” And light was there; filling the void, shining on the chaos. Light made it possible for all the rest of creation to take place. Without light, we can’t see the dangers, the pitfalls, or the light at the end of the tunnel.

John 1:4-5 says, “In the Word was life, and that life was humanity’s light – a Light shines in the darkness – a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.”

In John 8 Jesus declares, “I AM the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life”. And in Matthew 5 he says to his followers, “You are the light of the world”. I had never really connected those two things before. Jesus is the light of the world that shines in the darkness, and we are to be the light to the world. We are to continue to shine the light of Jesus into the world around us.

But then I started thinking about light and how it works. I turned off the light in the room and looked at the darkness for a moment; then I turned the light back on. I noticed that as I did, I didn’t look at the light itself but at what I could now see because of the light. I thought about how light is not so much something we see directly, but more about something by

which we see the things around us. When the light came on, for just a second, I looked at the light; then I looked at what was around me. Without the light, I couldn’t see those things. But, with the light I could see them, perhaps in a new way.

Then I went back to Jesus saying he is the light of the world and that so are we the light of the world. As I pondered that, I began to realize that Jesus is the light which lights us and enables us to be the light to others. We need to look at Jesus until we can look out at the world with his kind of eyes and reflect his light to all. His light shines on those around us and all of creation so that we can see people and the cosmos from his point of view. Not ‘us and them’ or ‘those others’ or even ‘the least of these,’ but as people created and loved by God just as equally as God loves you and me. Creation becomes not just something to be used up or taken advantage of, but something God created and loves and has asked us to care for and celebrate. I hope that each time I turn on a light or wake up in the morning to the light of a new day I can remember that I can reflect and be the light of Jesus to everyone and everything.

Donna

Outdoor Movie Night

Fun Night for All!



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED

FRIDAY JUNE 20 8:00 PM

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Volunteers Needed

BRING YOUR OWN:

- CHAIRS
- BLANKETS
- MOVIE SNACKS
- DRINKS

HELP NEEDED FOR SET UP & TAKE DOWN

MORE INFO & SIGN UP: WWW.BIT.LY/SOTPMOVIE0625



Ice Cream Social & Car Show

Fun for ALL Ages!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CAR SHOW

Friday, July 11 6:30-8:30 pm

Donations & Volunteers Needed

AWARDS FOR TOP 5 CARS

Register Now
(Cars, RSVP & Volunteers & Donations):
www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial25

ICE CREAM WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

GAMES

MUSIC



Ice cream toppings needed.

Limited to 40 cars.

Sign up now!

Vacation Bible School

Registration



A vibrant, colorful banner for Vacation Bible School registration. The background is a bright green with a wavy pattern. At the top left, it says "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" in purple. In the center, the words "LIVE IT OUT" are written in large, stylized letters. To the right, the dates "JULY 7TH-11TH 2025" and the time "9AM-NOON" are displayed. Below the main text, it says "DISCOVER HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS". The banner is decorated with various cartoon characters, including a sun, a triangle, a robot, and a telescope. There are also icons for "SNACK", "CRAFT", "MUSIC", and "MISSION". A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. At the bottom, a blue banner reads "REGISTRATION OPEN: www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSkids25".

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All kids preschool-5th grade invited to join us!

Limited spots for those entering preschool & kindergarten—sign up now!

Vacation Bible School

Volunteer Registration



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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),

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Little Lambs Preschool

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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 month, September through April.

Typical Daily 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 to check availability of our program and for enrollment information. We hope you'll join us! Blessings!

Contact: Jill Gillming

Director of

Children and Family Ministry

littlelambs@sotpmail.com

June 4th is the last class before summer break.

Wednesday Bible Study

With Pastor Mark

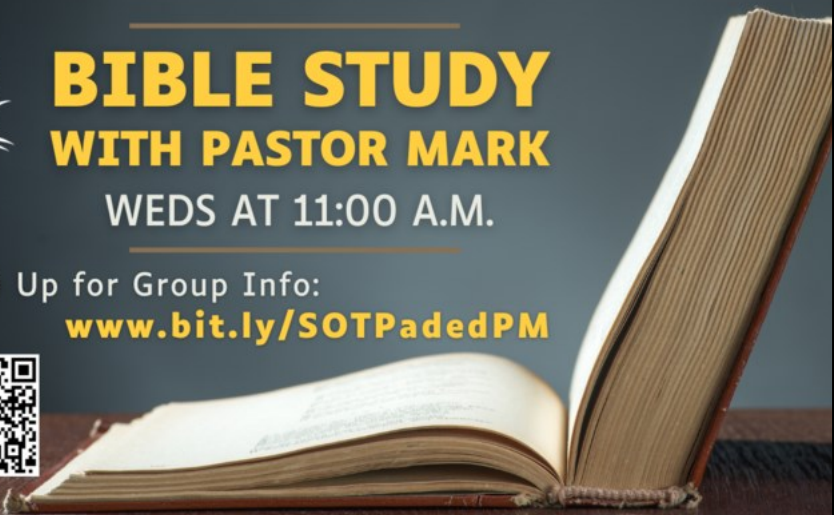


BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK

WEDS AT 11:00 A.M.

Sign Up for Group Info:

www.bit.ly/SOTPadedPM



EASILY VIEW CURRENT EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS

www.bit.ly/SOTPsignup

FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH
Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness
Sundays 10:20 am
Jan 15 - Feb 26
Contact: Pastor Roy Olsen
olsenr012@sbcbglobal.net

Adult Education - Faith & Mental Health - Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness
January 15, 2023

SOUP SUPPER WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5:45 PM

WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION
Resuming
January 11, 6:30 PM

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Kids Connect - Opportunity to Help SOTP Kids Grow in Their Faith

QR Code

Women's Coffee Gathering
Fridays 10am

MCDONALD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART

QR Code

FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY
ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED
MONDAYS 12:30 PM

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPfriends

QR Code

SECOND MONDAY MONTHLY
7:00 pm

MINISTRY NIGHT

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPministrynight

Volunteers Needed

QR Code

MEN'S COFFEE
McDonald's by Huntley Walmart

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

QR Code

Help Needed!

OUR WELCOME CENTER NEEDS YOU!

www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome0124

Volunteers Needed

QR Code

Memory Bricks

Lining the walkway to the Memory Garden

Order forms in church office

LAST CHANCE
Final order will be sent for engraving July 1st

- 4x8 \$80
- 8x8 \$150

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPmembricks

QR Code

Available for Purchase

MEMORY GARDEN NICHES
for one or two

More Info Online at: www.bit.ly/SOTPmemgarden

QR Code

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
SECOND THURSDAY MONTHLY 9AM

KNITTING & CROCHETING TOGETHER

INFO: WWW.BIT.LY/SOTPSHAWL

QR Code

JOIN OUR TEAM
4TH SUNDAY MONTHLY

USHERS NEEDED

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPusher

QR Code

High School YOUTH GROUP
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:30 - 8:30 PM

STARTING NOW SUMMER HOURS!

www.bit.ly/SOTPHSYOUTH

QR Code




TRANSITIONS

A JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

TUESDAYS
7:00 PM

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPtrans



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Shepherd of the Prairie LUTHERAN CHURCH & the ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Caregiver Support Group

MEETINGS:
MONTHLY
3RD TUESDAY
2:00 PM

More Info & Sign Up:
www.bit.ly/SOTPdem


NEW MEMBER GATHERING

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY AUGUST 10
3PM


Sign up & More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0825




GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

TUESDAY MORNINGS
10AM



Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPgrief

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

WITH DONNA KELLY
6:15PM
THROUGH JUNE 11

Info & Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPstudy0425

ON THE BOOK
"THEORIES OF ATONEMENT"
BY DAVID LOSE



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 17
NOON

More Info & Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic25





CRAFT TABLE

PAYING DOWN OUR MORTGAGE

4TH SUNDAY MONTHLY

- Donate crafts
- Pay what you can to purchase crafts

Crafts are donated so every penny goes directly to paying down our mortgage.

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPcrafts




Recycling PLASTIC BAGS

Creating a BENCH

With **NexTrex**

MORE INFO:
www.bit.ly/SOTPbench




Donations Needed
211 lbs as of 2/12



A BLEND OF GOSPEL & VINTAGE CLASSICS

THE GIBSON GIRLS

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
7:00 PM

MORE INFO: WWW.BIT.LY/SOTPGIBSON25




"Please Mr. Postman"
"The Gospel"
... and more!



ALTAR FLOWERS

DONATE FLOWERS TO BRIGHTEN UP THE SANCTUARY

\$52/EACH

SIGN UP: www.bit.ly/SOTPflower





Morning Movement

Walk the halls at SOTP

Come Alone or With Friends

www.bit.ly/SOTPwalk

Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30-8:30 am






WHAT'S NEXT?

Group for seniors talk about changes & challenges & ideas on how to cope.

11:00 AM
SECOND TUESDAY

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPwhatsnext

Prairie Quilters

More Hands Always Welcome!

Happy June! We have just passed the 50 quilts mile marker! A couple people have donated a lot of fabric recently. We

received 21 large bags of mostly flannel. That makes such a nice quilt for children. If anyone would like to join the quilt group, we'd love to have you, and you don't even need to know how to sew.



 **Prairie Pointe Quilters**

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

No Experience Necessary



More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPquilters

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

Contact: Bev Kenny
at krkbjk@comcast.net

Book Club

Read With Us

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.



 **Book Club**

Meets Monthly
First Thursday at 1pm

More Info:
www.bit.ly/SOTPbook23



- ⇒ June: THE BERRY PICKERS by Amanda Peters (Historical Fiction)
- ⇒ July: HOUSE of SECRETS by Brad Meltzer (Mystery Thriller) Registration at www.bit.ly/SOTPbook23 recommended but not required.

Contact: Dottie Bobzin
dbinil@att.net

Christmas in July

ELCA World Hunger



It's Christmas in July again for ELCA World Hunger by giving through ELCA Good Gifts!

On **July 5th and 6th** look for the Christmas tree display. This year all gifts will be matched by an anonymous donor in the Northern Illinois synod, up to \$100,000! Let's see how much our gifts can multiply and make a difference in the lives of families in ELCA community partners across the globe.

A \$50 donation will:

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

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

To make your donation, just pick out an

ornament and an offering envelop. Place your money or check written out to SOTP in the envelop and drop off the donation in the God's Global Barnyard "barn" at the display table, or donate "online". 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 27th.

Purchase online at:

www.bit.ly/SOTPELCAhunger

Contact: Becky Wright
rawright48@gmail.com

The Lakes Area Swing Band

An Artist Series Concert



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
ARTIST SERIES
PRESENTS

THE LAKES AREA SWING BAND

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 AT 6PM

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPswing25

Swing along with the great music associated with the big band eras. The Lakes Area Swing Band to perform at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, 10805 Main Street, Huntley, on Saturday, July 19 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 band's repertoire consists of a wide variety of tunes and styles, from the 1920s through the current day. Its main focus is on the music associated with the "Great American Songbook" and the Big Band era of the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s—from favorites by Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and Count Basie; to classics from Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Bobby Darin, and many others.

Founded in 1999, the Lakes Area Swing Band has grown to a full 18-piece swing band with over 170 charts in their books.

They play for a variety of events all over Lake and McHenry counties, simply for the love of swing music.

Under the direction of Don Morrison, music director, the Lakes Area Swing Band features vocalists Mike Unti and Chris Vail and the lively sounds of musicians playing saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section with guitar and drums. All musicians are volunteers as they play simply for the love and enjoyment of sharing this timeless music.

The Lakes Area Swing Band is an official 501(c)(3) not-for-profit. All funds received go the purchase of new music, equipment, and most importantly, through its scholarship fund which is awarded to school music departments and students studying music beyond high school.

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

Involvement Schedule

		June 1	June 7/8	June 14/15	June 21/22	June 28/29
Counters	MON	Donna Turner, Lori Malczewski & Marilyn Wilhelm				
Greeters	SAT 5:00 PM		Phyllis Thomson			
	SUN 9:00 AM	Lynn & Ken Rotter	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	SAT 5:00 PM		Karen Eckert Lynn Meyers	Tom & Therese Cox	Carol Hartman	Steve Murphy Peggy Lynn Loiselle
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Jeff Ottens Mickey & Cathy Kappel [A]	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermund John & Patti Witt Carol Engstrom	MIKE MALCZEWSKI Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzloff Don Wickersham Andrew Lick	RALPH WEHNES Stan Crissman Jerry & Pat Darrow George Attaway Chuck Zindel	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermund John & Patti Witt Carol Engstrom
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Annika Yndestad Mike & Patti Kargol	VIK BEKERIS Jim Stanci Mike Delich	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	BOB MOLLIS Diane Mollis Mike Delich	VIK BEKERIS Jim Stanci Mike Delich

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






Regularly Scheduled

You Are Invited



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**
10:45 am **Contemporary Worship**
1:00 pm **FBW**

MONDAYS

9:00 am (3rd Mon) **Gazebo Valor Quilters**
9:00 am **Staff Meeting**
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 (2nd Tues) **Gazebo Quilt Guild**
8:00 am **Men's Coffee** at McD's by Huntley Walmart
9:00 am (1st & 3rd Tues), **Prairie Pointe Quilters**
9:15 am **AL-ANON Meeting**
10:00 am **Grief Journey Group**
2:00 pm (2nd Tues) **What's Next for Seniors**
2:00 pm (3rd Tues) **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**
6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Scout Troop 200 Committee Meeting**

6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Boy Scouts Patrol Leader's Council Mtg**
7:00 pm **Transitions Journey Through Loss**
7:00 pm **FBW**
7:00 pm **AL-ANON Meeting**
7:00 pm **Adult Bells Rehearsal**

WEDNESDAYS

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**
6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Bible Study with Donna** (thru 6/11)
6:30 pm **High School Youth Group**
7:00 pm **Adult Choir Rehearsal**

THURSDAYS

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

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

Save the Date



FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- Outdoor Movie Night, 8pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPMovie0625

MONDAY, JUNE 30

- Troop 200 Eagle Scout Court of Honor, 4pm

FRIDAY, JULY 4

- SOTP in 4th of July Parade

SATURDAY JULY 5

- Christmas in July, ELCA World Hunger Kickoff

JULY 7—JULY 11

- Vacation Bible School Week Registration:
www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSreg25
Volunteers:
www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSvol25

FRIDAY, JULY 11

- Ice Cream Social & Car Show, 6:30pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial25

SATURDAY, JULY 19

- The Artist Series Presents The Lakes Swing Band, 7pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPswing25

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- New Member Gathering, 3pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0825

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- Annual Church Picnic, Noon
www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic25

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- Bible Study with Pastor Mark Resumes, 11am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- The Artist Series Presents The Gibson Girls, 7pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Barnabas Minister Training & Refresh, 10am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Trunk or Treat, 2pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- New Member Gathering, 3pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- Friendsgiving Dinner Church, 6pm

June Birthdays



1-Jun	Rebecca Miller	9-Jun	Kaitlyn Richards	21-Jun	Troy Kindle
2-Jun	Sarah Bradstreet	9-Jun	Gloria Samuelson	22-Jun	Margaret Motyka
2-Jun	Michelle Jacobs	10-Jun	Lisa Adams	22-Jun	Anne Nagel
2-Jun	Derek Mackey	10-Jun	Elaine Berens	23-Jun	Kimberly Ernst
2-Jun	Sydney McGuine	10-Jun	Susan Falbo	23-Jun	Rebecca Fulcer
2-Jun	Mark Michalak	10-Jun	Jonathan Larson	23-Jun	Ron Knudsen
2-Jun	Shonna Rankin	10-Jun	Merle Lewis	24-Jun	Mary Lou Chamberlain
3-Jun	Candi McNeal	11-Jun	Carole Cesario	24-Jun	Avary DeBlieck
4-Jun	Kim Stancl	11-Jun	Gary Howard	24-Jun	Mary Klatt
4-Jun	Jacob Trevino	12-Jun	Marilyn Schnell	24-Jun	Susan Krizmanich
5-Jun	Conrad Barta	12-Jun	Payton Serpe	25-Jun	Jacob Marx
5-Jun	Curtis Hollabaugh	12-Jun	Henry Womac	25-Jun	Lincoln Shaw
5-Jun	Rachael Yndestad	13-Jun	Max Wondriska	26-Jun	Barb Carr
6-Jun	Sandra Meyer	15-Jun	Vicki Maraviglia	26-Jun	Dennis Perkey
6-Jun	Rob Satalino	15-Jun	McKenzie Schlachta	26-Jun	Alexander Rojas
6-Jun	Kim Scalise	16-Jun	Sharon Mundt	26-Jun	Bill Skidmore
7-Jun	Joanne Bychowsky	18-Jun	Nicki Troia	27-Jun	Kelly Stallbaum
7-Jun	Audrey Coots	19-Jun	Deanne Byers	27-Jun	Ella Ullrich
7-Jun	Anneliese Espinoza	19-Jun	Jill Gillming	28-Jun	Carolyn Malm
8-Jun	Jonathan Boster	19-Jun	Megan Palombit	29-Jun	Anthony Maraviglia
8-Jun	Kathy Miller	19-Jun	Judie Symbal	30-Jun	David Huston
8-Jun	Rebecca Mudge	19-Jun	Patrick Ullrich	30-Jun	Elizabeth Trout
9-Jun	Toesana Kagdi	20-Jun	Ethan Gartzke	30-Jun	Dana Turk
9-Jun	Peter Kalamaras	20-Jun	Hannah Robinson		
9-Jun	Kellen McNeal	21-Jun	Michael Glosson		





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
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- 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 APRIL 30, 2025

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND

	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL	YTD PERCENT	YTD PERCENT
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. YTD BUDGET	BUDGET	RECEIVED	EXPENDED
April 1, 2025 Beginning Balance	\$ 401,747.44								
Monthly Income	97,136.69	92,790.00	\$ 4,346.69	362,286.84	355,929.00	\$ 6,357.84	\$ 1,008,800.00	35.91%	
Monthly Expenses	80,476.34	78,327.00	\$ 2,149.34	323,734.25	322,449.00	\$ 1,285.25	\$ 1,008,800.00		32.09%
Income vs. Expenditures	16,660.35	14,463.00		38,552.59	33,480.00				
April 30, 2025 Ending Balance	\$ 418,407.79								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 84,066.67								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.98								

MORTGAGE SERVICE FUND

	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL	YTD PERCENT	YTD PERCENT
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. YTD BUDGET	BUDGET	RECEIVED	EXPENDED
April 1, 2025 Beginning Balance	\$ 59,054.32								
Monthly Income	24,526.92	18,807.00	\$ 5,719.92	103,904.90	75,228.00	\$ 28,676.90	\$ 225,684.00	46.04%	
Monthly Expenses	21,446.57	18,807.00	\$ 2,639.57	77,867.57	75,228.00	\$ 2,639.57	\$ 225,684.00		34.50%
Income vs. Expenditures	3,080.35	-		26,037.33	-				
April 30, 2025 Ending Balance	\$ 62,134.67								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	3.30								

Respectfully submitted,
George Attaway, Treasurer

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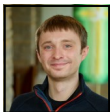
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

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

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