



**SHEPHERD
OF THE PRAIRIE**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FEBRUARY
2026**

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

NEWSLETTER



FIRST COMMUNION

Chalice painting last year.
See page 18 for information on our
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starting soon.



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

Lent has a way of slowing us down. In a world that constantly pushes us to improve, achieve, and prove ourselves, Lent invites something different: honesty, reflection...and grace.

This year at **Shepherd of the Prairie**, our Lenten journey is rooted in Paul's letter to the Romans and a simple, powerful truth: God's love is not held back.

**It is not rationed.
It is not earned.
It is outpoured in Christ.**



Again, and again, Romans reminds us that God doesn't wait for us to get our lives together. God meets us right where we are—with mercy that saves, grace that frees, and love that never lets go.

Each week we will follow how this love moves: from promise to cross, from forgiveness to freedom, from mercy to transformed living. Using the Augsburg/Fortress Love Outpoured devotional as our companion, we'll discover how God's love shapes not only what we believe, but how we live.

OUR DINNER CHURCH WEEKLY JOURNEY EACH WEEK FROM 6-7 PM.

Wednesday, February 25

– Love Promised: Grace Before We Are Ready

Romans 1:16–17; 3:21–24

We begin with good news that overturns expectations: righteousness is a gift, not a reward. Lent doesn't start with self-improvement—it starts with grace.

Invitation: Release the belief that God's love must be earned.

Wednesday, March 4

– Love Justified: Mercy That Makes Us New

Romans 5:1–11

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God's love meets us at our worst, not our best. The cross reveals mercy poured out for all.

Invitation: Trust that nothing in your past disqualifies you from God's love. es, honest in confession, and grounded in grace. It is a quiet, meaningful service of prayer, scripture, and Holy Communion as we begin the season of Love Outpoured together..

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

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Wednesday, March 11 – Love Set Free: No Condemnation

Romans 8:1–11

“There is therefore now no condemnation.” God’s love doesn’t just forgive—it liberates. The Spirit breaks chains of fear and shame and leads us into new life.

Invitation: Name what still binds you—and receive God’s freeing love.

Wednesday, March 18 – Love Enduring: Nothing Can Separate Us

Romans 8:31–39

Life can be hard and faith doesn’t deny that. Yet Paul proclaims a promise stronger than suffering: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Invitation: Rest in the assurance that you are held, no matter what.

Wednesday, March 25 – Love Outpoured: Living Sacrifices

Romans 12:1–2, 9–13

After grace comes transformation. Love received becomes love lived. Our everyday lives become offerings of mercy in the world.

Invitation: Go forth as vessels of God’s outpoured love.

HOLY WEEK

As we gather on **Maundy Thursday (April 2)** for the Living Last Supper and stand at the cross on **Good Friday (April 3)**, we return to Romans 5:8:

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Here we see love fully poured out—for the life of the world.

A THREAD THROUGH THE SEASON

Each week we will return to this refrain:

God’s love is not held back.

**It is promised, justified, freeing, enduring—
and outpoured for you.**

Wherever this season finds you—steady or struggling, confident or weary—there is a place for you here. Come walk this Lenten road with us. Come receive again the love that never runs dry.

We hope you’ll join us

Pastor Mark

A NOTE FROM PASTOR RYAN

“For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us...” (Romans 12:4-6, NRSVUE)

2026 is poised to be a very exciting year for youth ministry at SOTP!

Last fall, I introduced you all to Marisa Wielgos, a tremendous volunteer who has done some great work already as she has become the primary leader for our Thursday night youth group gatherings. She also led a fun and meaningful lock-in on January 2nd. Marisa volunteers for us on a very part-time basis because of the demands of her regular full-time job, but the work she has put in thus far has been so good for our youth ministry.

I continue to look for a full-time Youth Ministry Coordinator to come aboard as our primary high school ministry leader, and Marisa will be ready to be a valuable support person for this future leader. And another awesome chapter in our ministry was launched in January.

When I began my call at SOTP in August of 2022, our youth ministry was at a sort of crossroads. The old Youth and Family Ministry Team (in my understanding) had not met regularly for some time. I knew I would need to put a team together, but as I looked at the team that was already serving as our Children and Family Ministry Team, I realized they were the people I would want on my youth team anyway, so I asked them to expand their focus to include Confirmation and Youth Group.

Fast forward to late 2025. Jill and the Children and Family Ministry Team is achieving great success in their role as event planners and played a critical role in our reimagining of our Kids Connect program. I realized the time had come for me to revive the Youth and Family Ministry Team, and God put a leader in my path who is poised to join Marisa and me in continuing the success of our Confirmation program, making great strides with our high school youth group, and even helping to launch our young adult ministries.



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR RYAN

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Dan Wichtendahl (who many of you know through his guitar playing in our Praise Team at the 10:45 service), wanted to branch out and get more connected in the ministries of SOTP. I presented him with the idea of him serving as a chairperson as we revive the Youth and Family Ministry Team, and he accepted! Dan, Marisa, and I met on Ministry Night in January, and couldn't be more pleased with the prospects of our new venture. Marisa will continue to plan and lead Thursday night youth group gatherings along with the occasional weekend event. Dan will come alongside and work on some fundraising opportunities, assist with Marisa's planned events, and plan some of his own. They are going to be a great complement for each other! In addition to Dan and Marisa, I have asked Tim Torkelson and Jess Panella to join our team in their capacity as leaders of our Confirmation program.

I can't wait to see what this group will accomplish together, and I can't wait to see what we can do when this group serves as a complement to our future Youth Ministry Coordinator. The SOTP Youth Ministry arrow is pointing up, and we all have good reason to feel excited and encouraged by what God is up to among us.

Marisa, Dan, Jess, and Tim, I owe you so many thanks for all the work you have done and all the work you will do! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In Christ,
Pastor Ryan

MINISTRY MUSING WITH DONNA

I used this story last year, but considering what we hear in the news, it is still extremely appropriate to use today.

A Story from A Stephen Minister:

One cold December evening a pastor was leading a meeting of his congregation's Stephen Ministers. As they began to end their meeting with prayer, the door opened, and a street woman hobbled in wearing torn clothes and shoes with so many holes they were falling apart.



She apologized for interrupting and said she was looking for a church that could give her a pair of shoes. The minister closest to her asked her what size she wore. When she replied she wore an 8.5 the Stephen Minister bent down, untied one shoe and gave it to the woman to try on. The woman did so and said it felt wonderful. The minister then took off the other shoe and gave it to her as well. The woman remarked that she couldn't take this minister's shoes but was assured by the minister that she had another pair at home. The street woman took the shoes, thanked her and said, "God bless you".

As the street woman left, the room was filled with stunned silence. Another Stephen Minister asked the one who had given up her shoes how she was going to get home as it was cold and wet outside. She replied that she had on thick socks and that she did have a pair of shoes to wear. She then put on the tattered shoes the woman had left behind and proceeded to walk outside. The shoes were badly worn and caused her to limp as she walked. The other minister warned her to be careful and to not fall and get hurt. As she hobbled out, she remarked, "Now I really know what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes".

What else is there to say? May God help us to be as generous and caring as this woman was to share God's love and grace with our neighbors.

"For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; In prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 15:35-36

Donna Kelly

INTRODUCING THE GARDEN ROOM

Matthew 26: 36 Jesus said to His Disciples: Sit Here in the Garden with Me, while I go and pray.

Dear Friends in Christ: Jesus is also calling to each one of us. He is offering us an invitation to sit with Him and pray. One Sunday morning this past fall, I was listening to one of

Pastor Mark's powerful sermons that ended with a call to action. As I listened, an inner vision began to present itself. It was the idea of a room somewhere in the church, that would be set aside, apart from the sanctuary, that could provide a space for quiet reflection. A place to sit, listen, pray and just "BE" with Jesus.

Soon after that Sunday, I made an appointment to share this idea with Pastor Mark. During our conversation he affirmed, that he too, has envisioned a room used for this purpose for sometime. Pastor Mark suggested that the current Library would be the perfect room that could be used, and that the name could be changed from the Library to The Garden Room based on the scripture from Matthew 26:36.

It is the hope and prayer for the New Year of 2026, that the Garden room will provide a place where all may go to, for solace, peace and quiet reflection. A place where we may seek rest, renewal and rejuvenation. And most importantly, a place to sit and BE with Jesus, to be still and feel the great love and care Jesus has for each one of us.

The Garden Room will open beginning on the first Sunday in Lent, It will be available for your use from 8 -12:30 on Sunday mornings. There will be resources laid out to guide you in prayer and reflection which can be used at your discretion.

There will also be a prayer box available for you to put prayer requests into. These requests will be prayed for each day of that week.

Please come to the Garden Room to pray, sit, and know that there is a friend named Jesus who wants to "walk with you and talk with you, and to tell you that you are His own, and the joy that you share as you tarry there, none other has ever know." – Lyrics from In the Garden: By C. Austin Miles

Deacon Judy Rooney



GIVING TREE – THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to all who purchased gift cards or donated financially for the Giving Tree. We collected 139 gift cards for Turning Point and Grafton Food Pantry to help brighten Christmas for those in need.



Your generosity and kindness truly make a difference in our community. With your support, we were able to bring hope and joy to families facing difficult times this holiday season.

About our charities supported:

Grafton Food Pantry's Mission is to improve the lives of neighbors in need by providing nutritious food and essential personal care items.

Turning Point confronts domestic violence within McHenry County and offers Victim Services, Abuse Intervention, Emergency Shelter, Legal Advocacy, and Outreach & Prevention.

Contact: Alice Miller at admiller93@gmail.com

EASTER FLOWERS

 Easter Lily Orders
\$16 each plant
February 14 - March 1

Order online at www.bit.ly/SOTPeaster26 or pick up an envelope on the table outside of the main offices.

Contact: Lorraine Vallee at lvallee921@outlook.com

SUPPORT GROUPS



GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

TUESDAY MORNINGS
10AM

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPgrief

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ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR SUPPORT GROUPS, MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS.

Grief Journey is for those mourning the death of a loved one.

Transitions is for those 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.

Dementia Caregiver Support is in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association, a support group for caregivers, friends and/or family members with Dementia.

What's Next is a group for seniors to talk about changes and challenges in life and ideas on how to cope.

For more information on any of our support groups, reach out to Donna:

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com



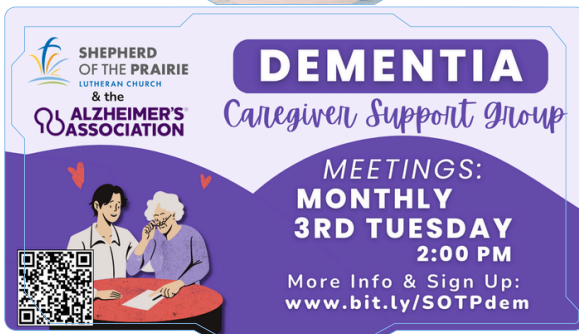
TRANSITIONS

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

DEMENTIA
Caregiver Support Group

MEETINGS:
MONTHLY
3RD TUESDAY
2:00 PM

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

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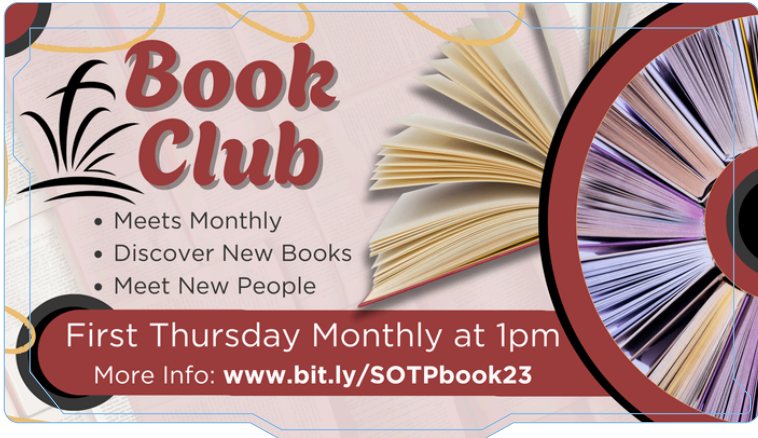
Group for seniors talk about changes & challenges & ideas on how to cope.

11:00 AM
SECOND TUESDAY

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPwhatsnext

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BOOK CLUB



Do you enjoy reading? Looking for a way to connect with others? Then you just might enjoy our Book Club. We take turns reading different genres.

Books being discussed at our upcoming meeting:

- **February: THE MEASURE by Nikki Erlick.** Facilitator for February is Therese Cox.
- **March: GOD OF THE WOODS by Liz Moore,** a detective story. Facilitator for March is Melissa Mazur.

Contact: Dottie Bobzin at dbinil@att.net

THANK YOU LUNCH

The Community Outreach team is excited to kick off our first community celebration luncheon of 2026 by honoring the Huntley Area Chamber! We will be celebrating all that they do for the Huntley area on March 18th by bringing them lunch and baked or store-bought treats as a simple way to say thank you and show our appreciation. Please watch for the sign up as the date gets closer!

Thank
you

Contact: Tara Mackey at rtmackey10@yahoo.com

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP



MEN'S COFFEE
McDonald's by Huntley Walmart

Tuesdays at 7:30 am



A group of approximately 15 men are gathered around a table in a McDonald's restaurant. They are sitting and standing, some holding coffee cups. The background shows the restaurant's interior with large windows.

WOMEN'S COFFEE GROUP



Women's Coffee Gathering
Fridays 10am

MCDONALD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART



A group of about 10 women are posing for a photo in a McDonald's restaurant. Some are seated at a table with coffee cups, while others are standing behind them. The setting is a bright, modern restaurant interior.

HELP NEEDED

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helping our Neighbors!

FILL THE SHELVES

FOOD & Necessities DRIVE

1st Sunday Monthly
8:30 to 11:00 am

Donations Needed

MORE INFO, ITEMS MOST NEEDED & DONATE:
www.bit.ly/SOTPGAFTON

SECOND MONDAY MONTHLY
7:00 pm

Volunteers Needed

MINISTRY NIGHT

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPministrynight

QUILTERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM

Our ladies are off and running for the new year!

We're up to 18 quilts!

Each time we gather we normally finish between 3 and 6 quilts. We're always open to new ladies, and you really don't need to know how to sew. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am.

Contact: Bev Kenny at krkbjk@comcast.net



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The shawls are knitted or crocheted in the shape of a triangle or rectangle in many different colors and textures. We make them for you to give to those who need some comfort and joy. Please help yourself to a shawl on either "shawl rack" or in the upper cabinet A at the end of the ministry hall. We don't ask for anything in return, they are free for you to take and share.



We would like to invite you to come "Shawl" with us! If you're a beginner, an experienced "needle meister", or willing to learn, please join us!

We meet in the Garden Room the 2nd Thursday monthly at 9 a.m.
Contact: Jeanne Henley at cjhenley2025@gmail.com

HUNTLEY EXPO

The Huntley Business Expo is just around the corner, and we'd love your help making it a success! Join the Community Outreach Team on **Saturday, March 14th** as we connect with our community and share what makes SOTP such a welcoming and vibrant place to worship.



Bring a friend, lend a smile, and help us spread the word! Volunteer time slots will be available from **8:45–12:00** and **12:00–3:30**, so there's a spot for everyone. Be on the lookout for the registration slide coming soon.

Let's show Huntley who we are—we hope to see you there!

Contact: Tara Mackey at rtmackey10@yahoo.com

WINTER POT LUCK

The Fellowship Team is hosting a Winter Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, February 1 at noon. We are asking last names beginning A-H and R – Z bring a hot dish or salad and last names beginning with I – Q bring desserts.



This will be a time of fellowship and fun. Bring your favorite board or card game to play with friends. Hope to see you there!

Contact: Donna Kelly at donna@sotpmail.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Every Wednesday night, SOTP has got your dinner covered! All are welcome to join us at 6pm for a family friendly meal. The meal is free, but a free will donation of \$4/meal is encouraged.



2/4 Cookout/BBQ *Subject to change

Please register ahead of time if possible so we know approximately how many we are cooking for each week.

Contact: Pastor Ryan Mackey at pastorryan@sotpmail.com

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Lenten journey begins. On Ash Wednesday, we gather to remember both our humanity and God's mercy—marked with ashes, honest in confession, and grounded in grace. It is a quiet, meaningful service of prayer, scripture, and Holy Communion as we begin the season of Love Outpoured together.



Come, hear again the promise that from dust God creates life—and that nothing can separate us from Christ's love. Join us in person or online at 12:00 noon or 7:00 pm as we step into Lent with hope.

LENTEN DINNER CHURCH

Our Dinner Church worship will begin on February 25th this year. This is a time for us to worship and share a meal together much in the same way as the early church did. We will begin at 6pm with prayer and the wine of Holy Communion. Then we will eat and listen to our message for the evening from one of our pastors. We will end the evening with the bread "after supper".



Just as we have in the past, we will need about 14 large crockpots of soup. You can sign up to bring soup at <https://bit.ly/SOTPlent26>, on the website, or at our registration kiosk. Soups need to arrive no later than 5:45 pm.

So, bring out your favorite soup recipe to share with us! See you then.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

ARTIST SERIES CONCERT

Hailing from Suwon, South Korea, a suburb of Seoul and before returning to Korea, the KARA Youth Chorus and Orchestra will conclude its second Vision Trip tour at Shepherd of the Prairie on **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 2pm.**



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 group, comprised of more than 70 members ranging from 6 years old through high school, is affiliated with Suwon First Church. KARA is widely praised for their high quality musicianship, energy, and collective enjoyment of which they joyfully portray in their performances. Mrs. Jinhwa Oh has been the principal conductor and music director of KARA Youth Chorus and Orchestra since 2012.

This second KARA Vision Trip Tour in Wisconsin and Illinois focused to explore the beauty of midwest choral and orchestral music, while experiencing midwest culture, friendship, and life. They have toured a cheese factory, performed concerts with like choirs and at a half-time show at a basketball game, and will culminate with a local trip to Medieval Times ahead of its performance at Shepherd of the Prairie.



The KARA Youth Choir and Orchestra has won numerous prizes and awards, such as the National Sunday School Federation prize, amongst others. The choir performs yearly more than fifty times, including many church concerts, featured performances at various churches and festivals. Its first Vision Trip Tour in 2011 included Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic, including a concert with the German Hanover Choir, which returned the favor by traveling to Korea for a combined performance.

RECYCLING PLASTIC

We are off and running with year three of our NexTrex plastic collection.

With our window opening in January we are already at 348 pounds!!!! Since we have been doing this for so long, the number of unacceptable items that show up in our plastic collections have increased. I'd like to take some time to clarify what types of plastics are appropriate:

Your plastic bags/film/wrap must:

Have a  OR  SYMBOL or be one of the items listed below

Should STRETCH and NOT TEAR LIKE PAPER

Be CLEAN AND DRY and FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE



Grocery Bags



Bread Bags



Newspaper Sleeves



Salt Bags



Bubble Wrap



Dry Cleaning Bags



Cereal Bags



Ice Bags



Case Over Wrap



Plastic Shipping Envelopes
(including Amazon blue/white mailers)



Pallet Wrap & Stretch Film



Wood Pellet Bags

If the plastic has either of these, DO NOT BRING IN.



NO plastic containers of any kind – see below



I have some wonderful volunteers that help to weigh, document, and drop off the large collection bags each week. Please help them out by doing your part and bringing the appropriate items. The Outreach team is still trying to find a place to donate this next bench. If you have any ideas of establishments needing a bench or would be interested in helping out with the plastic collection, please reach out to Tara.

Contact: Tara Mackey at rtmackey10@yahoo.com

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

**FIRST
COMMUNION
CLASSES**

2nd - 5th grade

Sundays
February 22-March 15
10:45-11:45 am



Our four-week First Communion education program is primarily for children in grades 2-5. We will meet from 10:45-11:45 am on Sunday, February 22 through Sunday, March 15. First Communion will be celebrated during the worship service of your choice on the weekend of March 21-22.

Over the course of the four weeks, we will explore how Holy Communion is a gift from God that offers a deep connection between us and Jesus. In addition to the learning that will take place, we will bake bread together and each child will paint their own chalice. The chalice will be used to serve them grape juice when they receive their first communion in worship. Parents are strongly encouraged to join their children for the third and fourth sessions to share in the experience of chalice painting and bread baking.

If your child is younger or older than grade 2-5, feel free to reach out to Pastor Ryan. We never want any child to feel excluded. You know your child well and together we can determine the best time for them to explore this special element of our faith.

For questions, contact Pastor Ryan at pastorryan@sotpmail.com

FAMILY LOCKIN



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

FAMILY LOCKIN

MARCH 13, 7PM
TO MARCH 14, 8AM

BRING SLEEPING GEAR & GAMES

Volunteers Needed

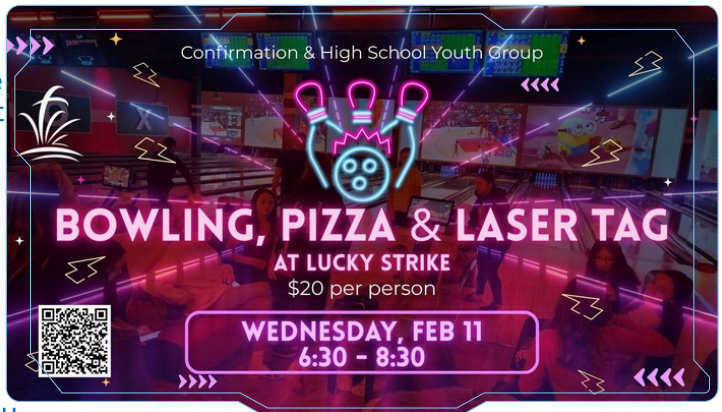
KIDS 8TH GRADE & UNDER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

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The poster features a dark background with colorful confetti. It includes a stylized plant logo in the top left, a blue banner with text and a QR code, a yellow banner with 'Volunteers Needed', and a pink banner with 'KIDS 8TH GRADE & UNDER WITH THEIR FAMILIES'. The main text is in large, colorful, outlined letters.

CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL

Our Confirmation group will have its annual night of pizza, bowling, and laser tag on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 from 6:30-8:30pm. We will meet at Lucky Strike and ask that you come inside when you pick your child up at 8:30pm. The cost is \$20/child.



Confirmation & High School Youth Group

BOWLING, PIZZA & LASER TAG

AT LUCKY STRIKE
\$20 per person

WEDNESDAY, FEB 11
6:30 - 8:30

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The poster shows a bowling alley scene with neon lights. It features a stylized plant logo in the top left, a QR code in the bottom left, and a pink banner with the event details. The background is a collage of bowling and laser tag images.

Our high school youth are also invited to join us. (Youth Group will still have its regular gathering on February 12.)

For questions, contact Pastor Ryan
pastorryan@sotpmail.com

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEB 1

- WINTER POT LUCK, NOON

SUNDAY FEB 8

- ARTIST SERIES PRESENTSKARA YOUTH CHOIR & CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, 2PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB 11

- CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BOWLING, PIZZA & LASER TAG, 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEB 14

- EASTER FLOWER ORDER KICKOFF

SUNDAY, FEB 15

- NEW MEMBER GATHERING, 3PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB 18

- ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, NOON & 7PM

SUNDAY FEB 22

- FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES START

WEDNESDAY FEB 25

- FIRST WEEK OF LENTEN DINNER CHURCH, 5:45PM

VIEW ALL:



REGULARLY SCHEDULED

SUNDAYS

8:30-11AM (1ST) FOOD DRIVE
9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
10:10 AM KIDS CONNECT
10:20 AM ADULT EDUCATION
10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
1:00 PM FBWL

MONDAYS

9:00 AM (3RD) GAZEBO VALOR QUILTS
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) MINISTRY NIGHT
7:00 PM (3RD) COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAYS

7:30-8:30 AM MORNING MOVEMENT
8:00 AM MEN'S COFFEE (MCD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART)
9:00 AM (1ST & 3RD), PRAIRIE POINTE QUILTERS
9:00 AM LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL
9:15 AM AL-ANON MEETING
10:00 AM GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP
2:00 PM (2ND) WHAT'S NEXT FOR SENIORS
2:00 PM (3RD) DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT
6:30 PM (1ST), SCOUT TROOP 200 COMMITTEE
6:30 PM (1ST), 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
7:00 PM BELLS REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAYS

9:00 AM LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL
10:30 AM WOMEN'S FBW
11:00 AM GOD'S GIRLS (DEL WEBB) BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
5:45 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION
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), PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
1:00 PM (1ST) BOOK CLUB
6:30 PM (2ND), LIONS CLUB
6:30 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS

FRIDAYS

10:00 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE (MCD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART)
10:30 AM FBW

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM WORSHIP

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-Feb Barbara Hoch
2-Feb Noel Lemke
Ivan Suski
William Kamphausen
3-Feb Jody Linton
4-Feb Emma Stegge
Bradley Linton
Dorothy Scrocco
Ryan Gartzke
Brigitte Pelka
5-Feb Abby Gillming
Pat Darow
Judith Petropulos
6-Feb Philip Gonzalez
Sydney Patel
Judy Luecht
8-Feb Amy Koegel
Eileen Gerald
9-Feb Elaine Gillam
Susan Blotch
Conner Gillming
Jordan DeBolt
10-Feb Joshua Symbal
Judith Corole
Carol Fiandalo
Betty Tazbier

16-Dec Carol Sturz
11-Feb Annika McNeal
Zachary Serpe
12-Feb Addison Buesing
Grace Boster
Aileen Zei
Charlie Nissen
13-Feb Zachary Zeimen
14-Feb Colin Glosson
Susan Barta
Logan Glosson
Judy Lindsey
15-Feb Elizabeth Raines
Silvia Forsythe
16-Feb Alexa Piskule
Annette Kandell
Barbara Harmel
Sheila Nichols-Lappe
17-Feb Maggie Kembowski
Francis Christ
Karen Doyle
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TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 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
December 1, 2025 Beginning Balance	\$ 398,393.95								
Monthly Income	89,483.91	105,640.00	\$ (16,156.09)	991,910.84	1,008,800.00	\$ (16,889.16)	\$ 1,008,800.00	98.33%	
Monthly Expenses	91,207.79	81,334.00	\$ 9,873.79	975,095.97	1,008,800.00	\$ (33,704.03)	\$ 1,008,800.00		96.66%
Income vs. Expenditures	(1,723.88)	24,306.00		16,814.87	-				
December 31, 2025 Ending Balance	\$ 396,670.07								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 84,066.67								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.72								

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
December 1, 2025 Beginning Balance	\$ 63,654.33								
Monthly Income	17,822.89	18,807.00	\$ (984.11)	258,896.45	225,684.00	\$ 33,212.45	\$ 225,684.00	114.72%	
Monthly Expenses	18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	232,323.57	225,684.00	\$ 6,639.57	\$ 225,684.00		102.94%
Income vs. Expenditures	(984.11)	-		26,572.88	-				
December 31, 2025 Ending Balance	\$ 62,670.22								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	3.33								

Respectfully submitted,

George Attaway, Treasurer

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INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE

		Feb 1	Feb 7/8	Feb 14/15	Feb 21/22	Feb 28
Communion Bread	Sun	Lori Paeth	Jacque Stashwick	Nancy Morbeck	Catherine Meyer	x
Counters	Nov.	Ralph Wehnes, Bob Mollis, & Diana Murphy(5, 12 & 26), Jan Koerner(19)				x
Greeters	SUN 9AM	Carol Engstrom Elaine Gillam	Eileen Gerald Terry Halpin	Dottie Bobzin Susan Blumer	Laura Attaway Cyndi Monson	x
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm				x
Ushers	SAT 5PM	x	Tom Knawa Lynn Meyer	Tom & Therese Cox	Carol Hartman Peggy Lynn Loisel	Steve Murphy Sandy Scalise
	SUN 9AM	WALTER LEMKE Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Bill Vallee Bob Henderson Mickey & Cathy Kappel	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermond John & Patti Witt Carol Engstrom Sue Blumer	STAN CRISSMAN Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzloff Jeff Ottens Andrew Lick	RALPH WEHNES Jerry & Pat Darrow George Attaway... Don Wickersham Chuck Zindel	x
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Tim & Karen Doyle	JIM STANCL Mike & Patti Kargol Andrew Szekely	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos Max Wondriska	BOB MOLLIS Diane Mollis Monica Wichtendahl	x
Welcome Center	SUN 9AM	Don Wickersham Elizabeth Liotus	Karen Brodsky LuAnn Munneke	Don Wickersham Karen Brodsky	Elizabeth Liotus LuAnn Munneke	x
	SUN 10:45 AM	Martha Jacobson	Kim Stancl	Elizabeth Trout Sandy Hupert	Bob Malm	x

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