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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

Freedom Worth Celebrating

This July, our nation marks a remarkable milestone—the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. For two and a half centuries, Americans have cherished the ideals of liberty, self-government, opportunity, and freedom. We give thanks for those who have served, sacrificed, and worked to preserve these blessings for future generations.



As Christians, we are especially grateful for the freedoms that allow us to worship openly, gather in community, serve our neighbors, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Yet Independence Day also invites us to reflect on a deeper freedom—one that no government can grant and no circumstance can take away.

Our summer sermon series has encouraged us “back to the basics of faith.” For the weekend of July 4 and 5 we will hear in our Gospel reading Jesus extending a simple yet powerful invitation: “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” While political freedom is precious, many people still carry burdens of anxiety, grief, guilt, loneliness, uncertainty, and the relentless pressure to prove themselves.

The Gospel reminds us that our worth is not earned through achievement or success. We are beloved children of God, saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. In Christ, we find freedom from fear, freedom from shame, and freedom from the exhausting belief that we must save ourselves.

As we celebrate our nation’s anniversary, let us pray for our country and give thanks for its blessings. Above all, let us receive Christ’s promise of rest and remember that the deepest freedom of all is found in the love and grace of God.

I’ll look forward to being with you in worship!

Pastor Mark

A NOTE FROM PASTOR RYAN

Faith, Civic Life, and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

I want to share my thoughts with you, this month, on a topic I have been wrestling with for a couple of years now. A topic I know some of you have also been wrestling with, and that is the positives and negatives of the rapid profusion of AI and its uses.

As you know, my faith deeply informs how I live and move and act in this world, and the issue of AI is no different.



I've heard countless stories of how youth and young adults are using AI to write their papers and complete their homework for them. We've already seen how AI has become so advanced that we can no longer trust what we see in a video or photograph. And just as important, I've become aware of how damaging data centers (the facilities required to house and power the computer servers that generate AI) are to our environment. Data centers require massive tracts of land to be cleared for construction, many rely on fossil fuel powered grids and diesel emergency generators which means they end up emitting incredible amounts of carbon emissions. They use millions of gallons of water to keep the servers cool, stressing our already diminishing water sources. And the list goes on.

But I have also witnessed some incredible benefits to using AI. I have seen people who struggle with words, write incredibly articulate letters. I have seen it used to help a person understand the jargon of legal or insurance documents. I even heard that it may be used to analyze voting districts in our nation to help identify places where independent candidates would stand the best chance at victory, meaning AI could have a role in ending the damagingly deep divisions in our nation's political leadership.

I think the point of all of this is that we must be very careful and discerning in our use of Artificial Intelligence. Geoffrey Hinton, "The Godfather of AI," during his Nobel prize acceptance speech gave a stark warning that we must be careful with AI, stating that as AI systems become smarter than humans, we may no longer be able to maintain control over them and that it (as we've already seen) can be used for malicious hacking, autonomous lethal weapons, and the spread of misinformation.

I felt prompted to address this issue now because Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical on May 25 of this year, entitled "Magnifica humanitas (On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence)." It is a timely and powerful statement.

In short, Pope Leo XIV addresses the urgent ethical, social, and spiritual challenges posed by AI. He asserts that, while digital technologies are not inherently evil, they are never neutral because they carry the moral architectures of those who build and finance them. He warns against a growing technocratic "culture of power" and

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deceptive ideologies that risk reducing the human soul to data points and treating vulnerable populations as mere objects to be optimized. Ultimately, he calls for a global commitment to the common good, insisting that algorithms must always serve human dignity and that true progress must be measured by how technology protects the weakest members of society rather than mere digital efficiency.

I truly appreciate his words and want to commend the whole encyclical to your study.

Our own church body has some resources related to this issue. I want to share with you some points made in the ELCA Social Statement, "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All." from 2025. Here are some excerpts from that document that give us a lens through which we can discern how to engage with the systems and structures of this world, and provide some insights into how we should approach the rise of AI.

"God's intention for joyous well-being is too often not enacted or experienced in the world. The Lutheran tradition speaks of sin in various ways but fundamentally understand sin to be the condition of human existence in which we fail to love and trust God above all else. Martin Luther understood sin to be an excessive focus on the self at the expense of the neighbor. Human sin distorts a right relationship with God and others, damaging the well-being that God intends for all creation. Sin is expressed both personally and collectively." -Article 4

This article goes on to reference examples such as slavery and both historic and current forms of White supremacy as examples of times we are called to act on behalf of oppressed and endangered people, bringing to mind the ways AI could bring harm to vulnerable populations through job insecurity and/or climate change.

"Lutherans teach that people of faith come to know both sin and God's grace as God comes to us. In Christ, God reveals and gives God's divine self to restore or foster right relationships with God, with neighbors, and with our very selves. The Scriptures teach about two different strategies God uses to achieve this, and Lutherans call these "law" and "gospel." -Article 5

This article goes on to explore the civil and theological uses of the law. God uses the law to sustain life and the good of all through different functions or uses. The bottom line for us is that we have a duty, as followers of Christ, to keep God at the center of what we do, err on the side of compassion and care for the people and creatures of this earth and ourselves. AI, if misused, diminishes our creativity and learning, threatens to disrupt our connectedness and community, and take our focus away from God.

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“While God's people are called to do justice and love kindness (Micah 6:8) it is not always clear what that means in any particular situation. God's people approach the present world with watchfulness—that is, with abounding trust in God's reign and future and, at the same time, with measured realism and humility about human efforts, always fallible, to create a just society. -Article 6

“Our church teaches that God also provides human reason as a gift to be used for seeking justice and social harmony. Lutherans [believe in “natural law,”] an inherent principle that God is to be worshiped, the good is to be done, and the bad is to be avoided. The Lutheran tradition appreciates human capacities as God's gifts. These include, for example, reason, emotion, experience, imagination, and scientific fields of study. The Lutheran approach to thinking about civic life, then, employs principles of ethics and political concepts such as mutual self-determination and the common good.” -Article 8

We may not be able to exert our individual influence over the major corporations that control and develop AI, but we can (and should) make a difference by being selective and sparing in our use of the technology. Likewise, we can be good stewards by favoring more ethical AI companies. When discussing AI, most people think immediately of ChatGPT, but there are much more ethical platforms out there such as Ecosia and Claude. Being selective about how and when we use AI is the first step.

Care for God's beautiful and wondrous creation and care for our neighbors are two of our most critical callings as Christians. As the world around us evolves and advances, we will continue to face new frontiers and new challenges. Our faith is the lens we should use to determine how we will react and adapt. AI is perhaps the most significant and influential development of our time and we must be thoughtfully cautious in our approach, and ask ourselves, “How would God want us to respond in this situation? What would Jesus say?”

Pastor Ryan

NORTHERN IL SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026

As you know, we (the ELCA) are a church in three expressions; the churchwide organization, synods, and congregations. Shepherd of the Prairie is part of the Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA. The business of our Synod is conducted by our synod staff and synod council, as well as numerous committees and subcommittees. The synod council gathers four times each year for an all-day Saturday meeting and handle year-round support for the pastors and congregations of the synod along with the agencies and institutions which provide ministry on behalf of the Synod.

Annually, in June, the Synod calls together a Synod Assembly, at Augustana College in Rock Island, for the purpose of fostering cooperation and communication within the Synod and providing direction for Synod officers, councils, committees, boards, and other organizations. Resolutions are proposed and voted on, budgets are passed, elections are held, and reports are made. Educational and community components are also a benefit of the Assembly. Congregations send voting members to the Assembly, the number of which is based on the baptized membership of the congregation. SOTP is allowed four adult voting members and one youth (under 18) or young adult (18-30) voting member. All current and retired Rostered Ministers (pastors and deacons) are required to attend as voting members as well.

This year, SOTP was represented by myself, Harrison Bradstreet, Allison Dirks, Judy Rooney (as a retired Rostered Minister), Donna Sorensen, Elaina Spencer (youth), and Jordan Wildermuth. Donna Kelly and Laura Crissman were also in attendance as visitors. Pastor Mark had to miss it this year due to a hectic combination of two funerals and a wedding, but he was with us in spirit.

The major business of this year's Assembly involved the passing of a resolution establishing a pattern for the Synod and its congregations to celebrate an annual season and festival of creation. With the assistance and resources of the Synod and its Creation Care subcommittee, each congregation is encouraged to engage in an annual Creation care focused worship service as well as a Creation care focused project or program.

We also approved a new Northern Illinois Synod constitution, elected people to the Synod Council and committees. We worshipped, we prayed, we heard stories of faith in action, and we grew as a community.

Next year, for the first time since 1987, the Assembly will take place in a different location. On June 11-12, 2027, the Assembly will be held at the Radisson in Rockford.

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I always leave the Assembly feeling refreshed, recharged, and excited about doing ministry in and among the people of SOTP, the Synod, and the ELCA, and I find that nearly everyone who serves as a voting member leaves feeling the same way. I asked this year's voting members to share their thoughts on what they experienced. Here is what they said:



"Something that I really loved about the Assembly was the overall vibe of the place and the people around me. Everyone was very welcoming and being there made me feel a deeper connection to God. My favorite part was starting with a worship service. I felt like I belonged in a big Christian community. I also liked that we kept standing up and sitting down so we could stay focused! One thing I learned from my experience at the Assembly is to see others the way God sees us. I struggle with seeing people in only my view and being around people I've never met before. I have been inspired to keep my mind open and feel more welcoming to others. I enjoyed my experience and I thank everyone who let me be part of it."

-Elaina Spencer

"I was so blessed to be a part of this year's Synod Assembly. Seeing friends I don't get to be with often and getting to know others from SOTP better. One highlight for me was the breakout session with ELCA Secretary CeCee Mills who shared her journey of being still and listening to the Spirit. She reminded me that in my busy days, it is essential to stop and be still to hear the spirit guiding and communing with me. She also shared the story of a monk who, wherever he went, would say, 'Surely the Lord is in this place!' What a wonderful practice and one I am trying to learn. What a joy to be where we were constantly reminded that all, every one of us, is a beloved child of God; no conditions, no qualifiers, no rules. There was just simple and abundant inclusion, welcome and love."

-Donna Kelly

"I continue reflecting on a statement by one of the pastors interviewed as part of the 'Forward Thinking Church' keynote about how we can't be a church of programs. I feel challenged in a good way by the conversations around being a part of the community and not just providing things for the community. How are we embedded in our neighborhood and not just checking

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boxes? I was also energized by how diverse the Northern Illinois Synod is and how SOTP could benefit by being a closer part of synod activities and learning about truly ministering to and teaching diverse neighbors.”

-Jordan Wildermuth

“I was very moved by the theme ‘Going Deeper.’ One of the highlights from the weekend for me was ELCA Secretary CeCee Mill’s breakout group presentation where she led us into quiet time using our breath. She also talked about her own journey of faith and how she risked following the Holy Spirit’s leading, bringing others to her for support and prayer and being alert to the needs around her. She walked step by step seeing how the Spirit was preparing her for life today as Secretary of the ELCA. I was also amazed and taken with the stories told during the ‘Mission Moments.’ A couple from Venezuela shared an amazing story that we are never too old or it is never too late to do something great.”

-Judy Rooney

“Something that really resonated with me, from Bishop Fidler, is how being stuck in a certain way does not help to keep the church alive. To be alive is to be ever growing and ever changing. Some people are fearful of change and think it will ‘ruin things,’ but it’s actually exactly the opposite when done correctly.”

-Allison Dirks

“My time at the Synod Assembly was an interesting experience, with good guest speakers, a positive atmosphere, and engaging discussions on constitutional topics. My personal highlight was the opportunity to learn more about the structure of our Church and how we tie together with the Synod.”

-Harrison Bradstreet

“I was so happy to return to Synod Assembly. To be refreshed by Bishop Fidler’s encouraging words of Mission Together. I am always uplifted during the worship services, all those Lutheran voices singing and praising God in assembly. The ‘Mission Moments’ along with Bishop Stacie’s reports of planting a mustard seed, strong words of faith, hope, and encouragement were uplifting. ‘Going deeper: Walking Together’ was experienced.”

-Donna Sorensen

I offer my sincerest thanks and appreciation for these faithful servants. And I give thanks for you, the person reading this report, and for all you do for the life of God’s church.

-Pastor Ryan

MINISTRY MUSING, DONNA KELLY

Recently, I attended the Northern Illinois Synod annual Synod Assembly. What a wonderful couple of days it was. Not only did I get to spend time and get to know some of my siblings here at SOTP better, but also to catch up with longtime friends across the synod.

One of the best things from the Assembly, was to be part of the group that was continually being reminded that we are each fearfully and wonderfully made, beloved children of God! Everyone! It didn't matter what color you were, your age, your gender, your sexual orientation, your mental or physical health, your political affiliation, or any other classification we humans tend to put on each other. All were truly welcomed and loved as a beloved sibling in Christ! It must be what heaven will be like.



Bishop Stacie's sermon at Saturday morning worship, was a wonderful wrapping of each of us the love of God and the life of the Spirit, as well as encouraging us to go and do likewise.

During the afternoon, we were invited to take part in two breakout sessions. The first one I attended was led by Pastor CeCe Williams, Secretary of the ELCA. She spoke about our need to take time to rest in the Spirit; to find ways to be still and know our God. To listen, to be in tune with the Spirit. To dwell in the presence and to be ready and willing to act as the Spirit guides and leads us.

Pastor CeCe also spoke about a monk who was the one with all of the lowliest jobs at the monastery. He emptied the trash, weeded the garden, washed the pots and pans, scrubbed the floor. But he was looked up to by the other monks because of one thing he did...whenever he entered a space; the garden, the kitchen, the chapel, his room...he would say, "Surely God is in this place". (Genesis 28:16) Jacob said this when he awoke from a dream he had from God.

I was taken by this practice and am trying to implement it into my life. I can't help but imagine how differently I might view my life and this world if each time I enter a space I said, "Lord, surely you are in this place". The grocery store, my weedy flower bed, my car, bumper to bumper traffic, my home, other peoples' homes...And if every time I answer the phone or saw a text from the last person I want to hear from I said, "Lord,

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MINISTRY MUSING, DONNA KELLY

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surely you are in this place'. I'm anxious to find out how my attitude and life changes by remembering and saying, "Lord, surely you are in this place", wherever I may go.

Donna

FAITH ON TAP WITH PASTOR RYAN



Join Pastor Ryan for an hour of casual conversation about faith, doubt, and everything in between. There are no sermons or formal agendas—just good brews, great company, and open dialogue in a space where all are welcome. Bring your questions and your thoughts, or just come to listen and share in the gift of community. Pull up a chair, we'd love to have you at the table!

Meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Contact Pastor Ryan at pastorryan@sotpmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS



GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

TUESDAY MORNINGS
10AM

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPgrief

A poster for the Grief Journey Group. It features a dark grey background with a mountain landscape on the right. A QR code is in the bottom left corner.

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

A poster for the Transitions support group. It features a light blue background with a circular graphic in the center. A QR code is in the bottom left corner.



DEMENTIA

Caregiver Support Group

MEETINGS:
MONTHLY
3RD TUESDAY
2:00 PM

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

A poster for the Dementia Caregiver Support Group. It features a purple background with a graphic of two people sitting at a table. A QR code is in the bottom left corner.



WHAT'S NEXT?

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

11:00 AM
SECOND TUESDAY

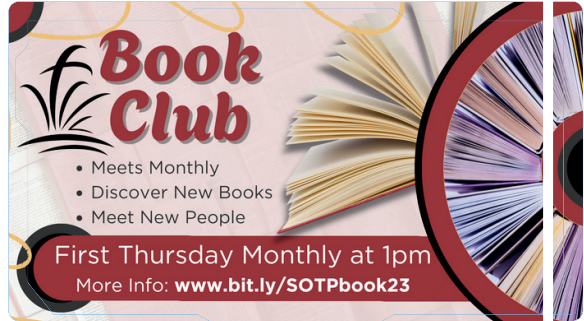
More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPwhatsnext

A poster for the What's Next support group. It features a dark blue background with a graphic of chess pieces and question marks. A QR code is in the bottom left corner.

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:

- July: **THE MAGNIFICENT LIVES OF M. POST** (think Battle Creek, MI) by Allison Pataki, historical fiction.
- August: **THE SECOND MRS. ASTOR** by Shana Abe, historical fiction. The August discussion will be led by Cherrie Anderson.



Contact: Dottie Bobzin at dbinil@att.net

VBS DONATIONS & HELP NEEDED



CHRISTMAS IN JULY – WORLD HUNGER

It's Christmas in July again for ELCA World Hunger by giving through ELCA Good Gifts! Look for the Christmas tree display starting on July 4 and 5. Last year our congregation donated over \$5,000.

Let's see how much our gifts can grow again this year and make a difference

in the lives of families in ELCA community partners both locally and across the globe.



A \$50 donation will:

- Buy a goat
- Provide one share of a fish farm
- 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 feeding ministry
- \$30 for a pig
- \$100 for a pair of goats
- \$200 for a community vegetable garden
- \$500 for a cow

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 our Christmas 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 26th.

Donate online by going to: <https://bit.ly/SOTPjulyxmas26>

Contact: Becky Wright at rawright48@gmail.com

FLUTE RECITAL – ARTIST SERIES

Artist Series concert Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 5pm - Flute Recital

Miguel is a recent graduate of Northwestern's Bienen School of Music where he earned his BM in Music Education and Flute Performance. While at Northwestern, Miguel's primary teachers were John Thorne, Alyce Johnson, and Jennifer Gunn.

Miguel serves as a substitute musician with the Rockford, South Bend, Quad-Cities, Elgin and Kansas City Symphonies. Passionate about Music Education, Miguel has spent the last year teaching 5th and 6th grade band in Elgin, IL. In the fall, Miguel will be attending Carnegie Mellon University to pursue a masters degree in Flute Performance.



Mark your calendars now to save the date!

PICNIC – NEW DATE FOR 2026!



2026

**ANNUAL
PICNIC**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
20
NOON**

**Celebrating 25th Anniversary of SOTP's
first worship service**

**MORE INFO
&
SIGN UP
NOW**



SOTP SCOUTS – THANK YOU SOTP

SOTP's Huntley Troop 200 flag with SOTP on it has made it to the Baldy Mountain summit today at the Scouting America Philmont Scout Ranch in the far corner of northeast New Mexico. This is part of a 12 day adventure including riding the Amtrak Southwest Chief 20 hours each way. Today the two crews broke camp by 5am to traverse the 4,030 feet of elevation gain in less than five hours. The geological survey pin on top of the mountain has them at 12,441 feet.



We are proud of our seven plus years relationship with you. Thank you for the continued support and willingness to allow our troop to gather at your church. We are grateful for all that you do for our Troop 200 and Pack 467.

Yours in Scouting,
Trent

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS GAME

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and baseball while supporting our Youth and Family Ministry!

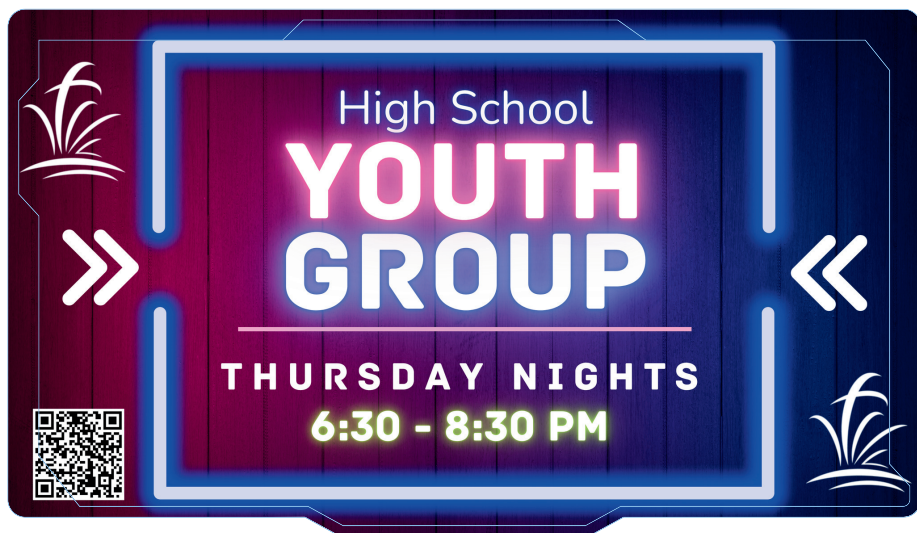
All tickets purchased through this link give \$6 back to the church.



LINK: www.bit.ly/SOTPBOOM26

Contact: Dan Wichtendahl at djrun405@yahoo.com

SUMMER – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH



SUMMER KIDS CONNECT



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1-Jul Michele Miller
 1-Jul Bethany Bower
 1-Jul Allyson Berens
 1-Jul Breanna Walker
 1-Jul Margaret Dirks
 2-Jul Pamela Richard
 2-Jul Jacob Fiandalo
 2-Jul Doug Nagel
 2-Jul Barry Farnam
 2-Jul Kyle Lemke
 2-Jul Sharon Neubauer
 3-Jul Joseph DeBolt
 3-Jul Tammy Sabie
 3-Jul Jack Nissen
 3-Jul Cooper Krewer
 4-Jul Jerry Bergman
 4-Jul Jennifer Nagel
 5-Jul Cynthia Schoenfeld
 6-Jul Barbara Davis
 6-Jul Kristen Fleener
 7-Jul Julie Wills
 7-Jul James Gaszynski
 7-Jul Nicholas Nissen
 8-Jul Kim Stegge
 8-Jul William Dwyer
 8-Jul Richard Mundt
 8-Jul Rob DeBlick
 8-Jul Fred Schimmel
 9-Jul Krista Glosson
 10-Jul Caiden Parker

10-Jul Nicole Scalise
 10-Jul Jerome Darow
 10-Jul Amy Smith
 11-Jul Jake Spencer
 11-Jul Arthur Uteg
 12-Jul Anne Skidmore
 12-Jul Howard Larson
 12-Jul Elaine Hibbeler
 13-Jul Phil Turk
 13-Jul Andrew Szekely
 13-Jul Barb Doty
 13-Jul Lori Malczewski
 14-Jul Julie Dahlin
 14-Jul Andy Patel
 14-Jul Jamie Patel
 14-Jul Donna Turner
 14-Jul Diana Marvin
 14-Jul Jason Hunt
 15-Jul Ian Walloch
 15-Jul Gloria Beavis
 15-Jul Maria Michalak
 15-Jul McKenna Hess
 16-Jul Jane McMullen
 16-Jul Benjamin Hollabaugh
 17-Jul Karen Eckert
 17-Jul Jose Araoz
 18-Jul Lukas Nagel
 18-Jul Nicholas Wolf
 18-Jul Peter Walthers
 19-Jul Emily Stech

20-Jul Roy Rankin
 20-Jul Nicholas Brown
 21-Jul Brian Rojas
 21-Jul Jerry Christopherson
 21-Jul Kim Satalino
 21-Jul Marina Rhode
 22-Jul Ralph Wehnes
 22-Jul Casey Bozza
 22-Jul Avery Michalak
 23-Jul Rich Wille
 24-Jul Dick Tabatt
 24-Jul Logan McCabe
 25-Jul Judy Below
 25-Jul Kathy Ary
 26-Jul Delaney Krewer
 26-Jul Ava Ullrich
 27-Jul Ryan Flanagan
 27-Jul Ken Hoving
 27-Jul Jeneane Zeimen
 28-Jul Destry Arndt
 29-Jul Megan Moretti
 29-Jul Amir Kagdi
 29-Jul Linda Wright
 29-Jul Azelea Smith
 29-Jul Mackenzie Ehmen
 30-Jul Adrianna Crespo
 30-Jul Gavin Schlachta
 30-Jul Justin DeBolt
 31-Jul Rick Hess
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TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING May 31, 2026

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
May 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	\$ 449,491.85								
Monthly Income	\$ 79,086.31	\$ 68,531.00	\$ 10,555.31	\$ 465,756.30	\$ 438,510.00	\$ 27,246.30	\$ 1,059,057.00	43.98%	
Monthly Expenses	\$ 95,309.31	\$ 103,109.00	\$ (7,799.69)	\$ 429,157.52	\$ 443,679.00	\$ (14,521.48)	\$ 1,059,057.00		40.52%
Income vs. Expenditures	\$ (16,223.00)	\$ (34,578.00)		\$ 36,598.78	\$ (5,169.00)				
May 31, 2026 Ending Balance	\$ 433,268.85								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 88,254.75								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.91								

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
May 1, 2026 Beginning Balance	\$ 79,988.94								
Monthly Income	\$ 15,175.42	\$ 18,807.00	\$ (3,627.58)	\$ 92,546.72	\$ 94,035.00	\$ (1,488.28)	\$ 225,684.00	41.01%	
Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00	\$ 18,807.00	\$ 18,807.00	\$ 94,035.00	\$ 94,035.00	\$ -	\$ 225,684.00		41.67%
Income vs. Expenditures	\$ (3,627.58)	\$ -		\$ (1,488.28)	\$ -				
May 31, 2026 Ending Balance	\$ 76,361.36								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.06								

Respectfully submitted, Robert Mollis, Treasurer

NEW MEMBER GATHERING



ALL NEW!

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

SUNDAY AUGUST 9 NOON

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

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INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE

		July 6/7	July 13/14	July 20/21	July 27/28
Communion Bread	Sun	Sally Houghton	Jacque Stashwick	Lynn Broederdorf	Tom Noesen Bev Pinnelli
	Extra	Jill Brown			
Counters	Mon	Doug Nagel, Dottie Bobzin, Marilyn Wilhelm (week 1) & Jan Koerner (weeks 2-4)			
Greeters	SUN 9AM	Carol Engstrom, Elaine Gillam	Eileen Gerald Terry Halpin	Susan Blumer Dottie Bobzin	Laura Attaway Cyndi Monson
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm			
Ushers	SAT 5PM	Sandy Scalise Lynn Meyer	Tom & Therese Cox	Carol Hartman Peggy Lynn Loiselle	Steve Murphy Gordon Lehey
	SUN 9AM	BILL VALLE Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle.. Bill Vallee Bob Henderson Mickey & Cathy Kappel Joe Lillie	STAN CRISSMAN Cheryl Rotermund John & Patti Witt Carol Engstrom Sue Blumer	MIKE MALCZEWSKI Arja Kasper Andrew Lick Jeff Ottens Sandra Schuessler Jim Saletta Dan Wentzloff	RALPH WEHNES.... Don Wickersham Jerry & Pat Darrow George Attaway Paul Marvin
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Tim & Karen Doyle	JIM STANCL Mike & Patti Kargol	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Judy Petropulos... Max Wondriska	BOB MOLLIS Diane Mollis Monca Wichtendahl
Welcome Center	SUN 9AM	Tara Mackey	LuAnn Muenneke	Elizabeth Liotus	Karen Brodsky
	SUN 10:45 AM	Elizabeth Trout	Elizabeth Trout	Stacey Magnusson	Stacey Magnusson

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