Newsletter

October 2022



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

Photo from Rally Day 9/11/22

Ž/**ÑĊÈ** From Pastor Mark

Dear Ones in Christ:

Two years ago, as the world was shutting down, there were serious concerns about what effect that would have on the church? Take a look now as we re-emerge from the pandemic. Many of us feared a scarcity world would take over, but that is not what happened. God has been abundantly present.

- Case in point...what a blessing God has called among us our Pastor Ryan and family!
- We continue to reach a growing number of people both in public worship as well as our online community.
- We've been blessed to hire Jill Gilming as our full time Director of Children and Family Ministry.
- The ministry outpost at 10805
 Main, Huntley continues to hum
 with life as we welcome those in
 the community through God's
 doors here.

It is in times of difficulty that the world sees the importance of the church and our message of grace more clearly. God is up to something here and it is exciting to be part of.

First, let me say thank you for the ways in which you stepped up to continue to

worship, to care for one another, and to look for opportunities to share the



Gospel when our community so clearly needed the Gospel during the pandemic.

You also demonstrated significant generosity to make certain that this ministry remained strong.

Now, let me encourage you that I believe what God has shown us through this crisis is our need to walk together, continue to innovate, and step up the ways in which we share God's love to a world that still so desperately needs to recognize God's presence.

We are looking forward. God is calling us to great new adventures and your generosity will help us accomplish so much.

- What daily blessings do you regularly receive?
- What monumental blessings have you experienced?
- How has God provided for you during crisis?
- How is your trust level?

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 What stories can you share of God's providential care in your life?

As we move into this month when will be reflecting on our stewardship I invite us to consider this prayer.

God, give us wisdom in how we use

our finances and resources for your glory. By learning good stewardship, help us take care of others as well as provide for ourselves. Thank you for the opportunities you provide for blessing. Amen.

Thankfully,

Pastor Mark



"Casting a Vision"

Hello Shepherd of the Prairie! I am so excited to be writing to you for the first time in

this newsletter! You all have offered such a warm welcome to me and my family and have made us feel right at home in a very short time. The first time I presided at our Sunday morning worship services, I shared with you all that it didn't take long to see that, when Pastor Mark speaks those familiar words, "if you're worshipping with us online, we want to make a meaningful connection with vou," he knows that those words will be backed up by an amazing community that goes out of its way to make sure every person feels like a welcome part of the SOTP family. So, thank you for all you do to make everyone feel right at

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home at SOTP, take joy in the awesomeness of this community, and keep up the good work!

After your warm welcome, settling into my new office, and getting to know the people and ministries of our church, I got to work casting a vision for the future of our children, youth, and young adult ministry. I had the privilege of presenting this vision to our council at the September meeting, and I want to share a bit of that vision with you.

My presentation focused on three areas of ministry; children's ministry, high school youth, and young (ish) adults (think ages 25-50). I left out confirmation age youth because I need more time to assess and observe, but also, I feel that it is already an excellent program. I want

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to stress that, in all this visioning, my goal is to celebrate and build on the already solid foundation of children, youth, and family ministry in our church.

In the area of children's ministry, I thank God every day for the amazing work of Jill Gillming. She has done an excellent job of kicking off our Sunday children's ministry with our new Orange 252 curriculum, and she and I share a common vision for the future of children's ministry at SOTP. Our goal is to create new children's ministry opportunities on Wednesday nights. The Wednesday night session would be an extension of the material covered the previous Sunday. This is a vision for the 2023-24 school year.

For high school youth ministry, my vision is to focus on structure, stability, service, faith, and fun. I can't thank Bob McDuffee enough for his faithful service to the youth group and for helping to introduce me to the youth and nurture my relationship with them. I want to build on the legacy he has cultivated and develop them a three-year, cyclical structure of service, fellowship, and spiritual trips and events. My goal is always to give high

schoolers a safe place to be themselves while nurturing their faith and encouraging an innate desire to serve.

What I am really excited about is the energy surrounding young adult ministry. As I've said, Wednesday nights are a focal point in my vision, and SOTP leadership would like to increase the impact of our Wednesday night ministries. We would like to offer something for every member of the family on Wednesday nights. In the future, there will likely be children's ministries, Adventure Club, confirmation, and adult small group ministries happening all at the same (and likely with food involved!). I would also like to incorporate some new young adult social opportunities (not necessarily tied to Wednesday night); events where we offer babysitting while parents get to go out and enjoy some fun together!

This is all merely a small sample of the things I have been working on as I have begun to cast my vision for ministry at SOTP. I will keep you updated as these exciting ministries develop.

Be well and I will see you in worship!

Pastor Ryan



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Recently, I have had the privilege to help move my two granddaughters into college. My oldest, Morgan,

into her first apartment near University of IL Law School and my youngest, Ashley into her dorm room for her first year at Missouri State. (Their brother Noah moved himself into his dorm at Norwich University in VT.) While I was excited at being able to be part of these new journeys, it is also bittersweet. Time marches on, no matter how much we would like it to slow down! And I have to admit, I am a little envious of all the new adventures that lie ahead of them.

But the challenge of new things isn't confined for the young. Those of us who are older than college age may think that our time of adventure is

over. That life has become day after day of the same old, same old! But it doesn't have to be that way. We can find adventure in raising a family; adventure in learning how to be empty-nesters; adventure in retirement. I believe that we can find adventure in every day if we look for it. Oh, it may not be as big or thrilling or scary as going off to college, graduating and starting a new job or beginning a family; but there can be adventure in discovering who you are as you go through life. There can be adventure in beginning a new hobby, reading a new book, starting a new exercise program, discovering the world outside of your window or down the street or in the next town over.

Adventure waits for us, no matter what our age or ability. But we need to look for it in everything we do. So, go out and find your adventure!

Donna Kelly

BARNABAS MNISTERS MEETING OCTOBER 13, 10AM

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One Service October 2nd

Mark your calendars!!!

Join us on Sunday, October 2 for the formal installation of Pastor Ryan Mackey as Pastor of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

We will gather that day in one service at 10:00 am. Bishop Stacie Fidlar will be the Presiding Minister and Installing Officer of the church that day in worship.

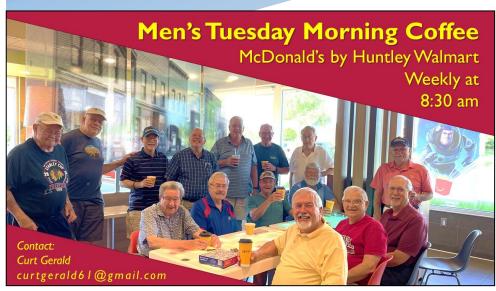
Bishop Fidlar was elected at the Northern IL Synod Assembly this past

June.



We look forward to welcoming our new bishop to Shepherd of the Prairie on this very special day in the life of our church! Please note that on Saturday, October 1, we will have our regular Saturday in evening service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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SOTP is so thankful to be able to host community events such as this one!!
Officers Larkin and Keppler, along with several other area veterans, were honored by the Gazebo Quilters with a Valor Quilt for their military service to our country. This group of passionate volunteers has handcrafted over 3500





quilts over the last 12 years to literally wrap our veterans in love and thank them for their personal sacrifices and dedication. The presentation ceremony was held at the Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church with the Huntley Sun City Marine Corps Color Guard participating.

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Cathy Smetters
cbsmetters@ameritech.net

RÔŽ Á Á ÒÃPÈÈ Helping Our Neighbors

The Christmas Giving Tree, for Grafton Food Pantry and Turning Point will be up on **Saturday, November 5th**, in the gathering area.

Grafton Food Pantry feeds the needy and Turning Point, in Woodstock, provides shelter for the abused women, children and men.

Only gift cards are acceptable and NO amount over \$25.00. Each envelope is marked where to purchase a gift card. A drop off box is on the table too and all gift cards MUST be back by Sunday, December 4th as distribution starts on Monday, December 5th.

So many years SOTP has been involved with this and the need grows every year, both agencies so appreciate what SOTP gives to help them and people in need.

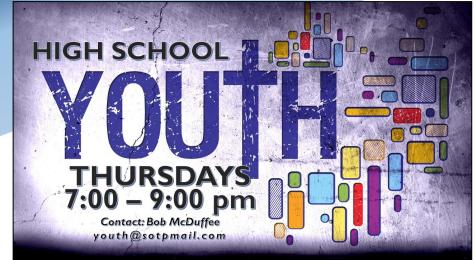


As we have been blessed, lets pass our blessings to them.

If you have any questions, contact Barb.

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Join us every Friday at 10:30 am at the McDonald's by the Huntley Walmart



Contact: Phyllis Thomson phyllisthomson@aol.com

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OTP KIDS NEED YOU!



Ways You Can Help Sundays at 9 or 10:45 am:

Read script and lead session

Participate in Activities

Keep Children on Task

Contact: Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com

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Please wear your name tags to make life easier for our new members, including Pastor Ryan and his family.

MĎË Ä ² ĢŽi ÖÑÄ Children & Family Ministry

Sunday School has officially started and it has been a great success! The children really seem to enjoy our time together playing games, watching and listening to Bible stories. We have Sunday school both during the **9 and 10:45am** services.

In the month of October, the focus will be GRIT- Hold on

because God shows up for you when life gets Hard!



Contact: Jill Gillming LittleLambs@sotpmail.com

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October 29th from 3 - 4:30pm.

Please register online at www.bit.ly/SOTPTRUNK22 if you would like to include your decorated trunk. We will serve hot chocolate and popcorn. All the kids have the opportunity to vote for their favorite trunk. The child will place an item

that they brought in (for the food drive) in the box next to their favorite trunk. The trunk that has the most items in their box will win 1st prize! At 4:20pm we will have a Halloween Dance Off in the Cross Roads!

Contact: Jill Gillming LittleLambs@sotpmail.com



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Rally Day was a huge success!

Families got an introduction to our new Sunday School program and they had fun at our "Shepherd of the Prairie Circus".



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Children's Christmas Musical

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ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH Kindergarten - 8th grade

- Sunday, Oct 2, 2pm
 Parent & child meeting and read through
- <u>Sundays 2 4 pm</u> Rehearsals
- <u>December 17 & 18</u> Performance weekend

More info & register online at:

www.bit.ly/SOTPkidsXMAS

Contact: Annette Boster
aboster@district158.org

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Too often the media incite fear by the manner in which they present the many problems our society is facing. When they



offer prescriptions for coping, rarely do they include faith or spiritual practice. I've had the privilege to serve many years as a chaplain in mental health treatment settings and to teach pastors and mental health counselors how to incorporate faith and spirituality into mental health care. Sadly, unhealthy faith

formations and practices can worsen mental health and mental illness can disrupt our spirituality. Yet, healthy theology and spiritual practices can make significant contributions in maintaining and

improving our mental health. I would like to share what I've learned over the past 45 years in a three-part series of adult education classes to be held throughout 2022-23 that I'm calling Faith and Mental

Health. Some of the topics we will address are depression, grief, guilt, shame, addiction and forgiveness. This fall the first part of the series will focus on depression and guilt. The schedule and topics are listed below. I hope you can attend and join in the discussion.

- ⇒ October 9 Depression and Suicide: An Overview
- ⇒ October 16 The Causes of

Depression

⇒ October 23 Counseling's Response:
Cognitive Behavioral
Therapy

⇒ October 30 - Faith's Response: Hope

⇒ November 6 - Identifying Losses and Grief;

- ⇒ November 13 Normal or Abnormal Grief?
- November 20 Spiritual Care of Grieving and Depressed Persons Contact: Pastor Roy Olson olson612sr@sbcglobal.net

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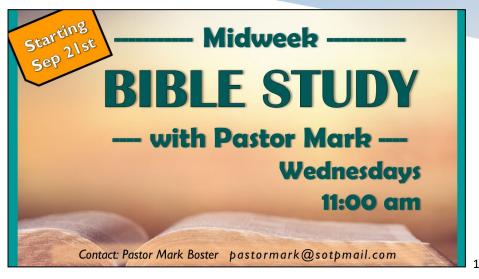


Beginning on Wednesday, Oct 5, our 4th & 5th graders are invited to join Pastor Mark for another round of Adventure Club. We meet for 7 weeks from 5:00-6:15 pm.

We will begin with a fun/adventure type activity followed by a Bible based learning experience. This month we are going to be focusing on the topic of "Grit – Refusing to Give Up When Life Gets Hard." Please sign your child up on our website or call the church office to let us know your child will be with be us. Sign your students up: www.bit.ly/SOTPAdventureClub

Contact: Pastor Mark Boster pastormark@sotpmail.com

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Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb22

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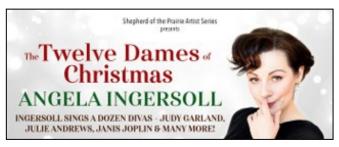
"INGERSOLL IS BRILLIANT... SINGING CLASSIC AFTER CLASSIC TO FLAWLESS PERFECTION" -BROADWAY WORLD THE 12 DAMES OF CHRISTMAS with ANGELA INGERSOLL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 AT 5PM

Emmy nominee Angela Ingersoll captures the voices of a dozen divas in a hilarious and heartwarming holiday romp. "The actress with the astonishing

voice" (Chicago Sun-Times) delivers a haunting Judy Garland, a proper Julie Andrews, a rockin' Janis Joplin, and plenty of surprises! Ingersoll won acclaim starring as Judy Garland in End of the Rainbow (Chicago's Jeff Award, LA Times Woman of the Year in Theatre) and Get Happy on PBS (Emmy Award nomination). Featuring a fantastic band, festive favorites include "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Santa Baby," and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Contact: The Artist Series artistseries@sotpmail.com



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P.A.D.S.

- · Camping Equipment
- Blankets (can be used)
- Sheets
- Pillows
- Socks
- Underwear (men & women)
- Wash cloths
- Shampoo
- Tooth paste
- Combs
- Towels



PADS (Public now open every friday need lunches and servers for oct, nov, the 1st & 3rd fridays and lunches to take with.

PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) is always in need of these items.

Thank you for helping our friends in need.

Donations collected in a black bin marked MISSION TEAM in the storage room (#223) across the hall from the main offices.

Contact: Vik Bekeris vikbek66@yahoo.com

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of the most entertaining acts in bluegrass today.



Dazzling
audiences
with an
electrifying
blend of
bluegrass &
selections
outside of
bluegrass.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, concert rescheduled

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022, 7:30 PM

Monroe Crossing performs an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, original bluegrass and some surprising selections outside the bluegrass genre. Named in honor of Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass Music, Monroe Crossing's superb musicianship and onstage rapport have entertained audiences

throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. They are favorites among bluegrass connoisseurs and non-bluegrass audiences alike and love introducing newcomers to bluegrass music!"

Contact: Artist Series artistseries@sotpmail.com

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WHO: People needed to join our Usher Team Ministry

WHEN: Serve once a month (or every other month)

WHAT: Fun filled & rewarding way serve our SOTP family at worship services!



Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net Worship Ministry Usher Coordinator

(Training Available!)

why: Enjoy meeting many members, and feel good as you meet and greet our church goers.

MCÈĚ ² ÞÄ ĂÖØÎ Mission & Ministries

To our partners in Mission & Ministries at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church-Huntley, IL:

Generosity is all around us, but sometimes we must look for it! In the feeding of the 5,000 story in John chapter 6, significant generosity happened once the child shared his five small barley loaves and two small fish. The Point is....once we begin to share, we will see that God has blessed us with plenty.

Building a Culture of Generosity (BCG) is the theme of our fall stewardship appeal. This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church over the last year, but also points us to know that we can grow this in even more profound ways. When the pandemic began in March of 2020 and continues today with

mutating variants, many of us worried there would not be enough to sustain our Mission & Ministry programs at SOTP that impacts not only our congregation, but the community that we serve. But our ministry remained strong and in fact, we know just how critically import this community is to our faith. Our grateful response in generosity helps to demonstrate to us and to the world around us that God has provided us everything and we have enough, even enough to share.

Our Stewardship 2022 campaign for calendar year 2023 will officially start on Oct. 15/16 and end with the dedication of

our Estimate of Giving (EOG) cards on Nov. 20. EOG cards will be available in our pews, on our collection box, and electronically on our SOTP.org website. In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about generosity through our Friday Flourish publication, our Monthly Newsletter articles, blast emails, worship handouts, and ministry moment videos that highlight those areas that we wish to

grow next year.
Hopefully it will help
you to understand
that your gifts are
multiplied in
significant ways by
the Body of Christ
here to be many
times more
meaningful to us
and the community
that we serve.

God is the provider of every good, great, and perfect gift. Prayerfully acknowledge that

without these blessings we would have nothing. Forge a new desire to place Him first in your financial discipline and start your journey to giving back to Him from your first financial fruits for all that he has done for you and your family. Make a plan to reach a tithing (10% of earned income) level no matter how long it takes. Then recall with a happy heart.....Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast LOVE (for us all)!

Your Stewardship Team (Mike McCann, Ralph Wehnes, Rick Miller)

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Celebrate Re-Entry

is a Christian faith based not-for-profit organization registered as a 501 (c)(3).

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GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

Tuesdays, 10 – 11 am

SOTP Library

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

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7s DISCIPLESHIP **GROUPS FALL SERIES** Sign Up, Group & Time Info at sotp.org

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

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SUNDAYS

9:00 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Worship Band Rehearsal

10:45 am **Contemporary Worship**

1:00 pm **FBW**

4:00 pm **7s Group** (Mike & Julie Dahlin)

MONDAYS

10:00 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

8:00 am Men's Coffee at
McDonald's by Huntley
Walmart

8:00 am **Gazebo Quilt Guild** (2nd Tuesday)

9:00 am (1st & 3rd Tues), **Prairie Pointe Quilters**

9:15 am AL-ANON Meeting

10:00 am Grief Journey Meeting

10:00 am (4th Tues), Barnabas

6:00 pm Cub Scouts, Lions Meeting

6:30 pm **Adult Bells Rehearsal** (Starting Aug 30)

6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Scout Troop 200 Committee**

6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Boy Scouts**Patrol Leader's Council

7:00 pm **Adult Bells**

7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Tigers Meeting

7:00 pm **FBW**

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 am God's Girls

10:30 am Women's FBW

11:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Mark (starting 9/21)

4:30 pm **Joy Ringers**

5:10 pm Spirit Ringers

7:00 pm Adult Choir

THURSDAYS

9:00 am (2nd Thurs), **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

9:00 am (3rd Thurs) Volunteers from SOTP at ReStore

5:30 pm (1st Thurs), Girl Scouts

6:30 pm (2nd Thurs), Lions Club

6:30 pm, Worship Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm AL-ANON Meeting

7:00 pm High School Youth

7:00 pm Cub Scouts (Bears, Webelos & Wolves)

Times Vary **Volunteers at**Habitat for Humanity
ReStore

FRIDAYS

9:30 am Sonshine Boys

10:30 am Women's Coffee, McDonalds by Huntley Walmart

10:30 am FBW

SATURDAYS

5:00 pm **Worship**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Pastor Ryan's Installation, ONE SERVICE ONLY, 10am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Children's Christmas Musical, Parent & Child Meeting, 2pm

OCTOBER 5 Adventure Club

Begins, 5pm Sign up: www.bit.ly/SOTPAdventureClub

OCTOBER 8—9 Faith Statement Writing for HS Freshman Confirmands

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 7 Week
Sunday Bible Study with
Pastor Roy Starts, 10:20 am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Northern IL Food Bank, 9am

Sign up: www.bit.ly/

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Artist Series—Monroe Crossing, 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, Trunk or Treat, 3:00 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Food Drive, 1-5 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Reformation Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism, 10:45 am

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 12 & 13

SOTP Crafters Craft Show,Before & After Services

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Pie Fest, Following 7pm Service (Bring a Pie or Just Join Us)

NOVEMBER 24 & 25 Church Office Closed for

Thanksgiving

Series Christmas Concert,
The Twelve Dames of

Christmas, 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Blue Christmas Service, 7pm

DECEMBER 17 & 18 Children's

Christmas Program,

Sat 5:30 pm & Sun 10:45am

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- 1 Dan Crespo, Roger Emery, Viveka Forsythe, Karen Klein, Craig Mudge, Gayle Uhlman
- 2 Elizabeth Harding, John Throckmorton
- 3 Caden Mathiesen
- 4 Olivia Burg, Karen Raistrick, Chris Trodahl
- 5 Michelle Clifford
- 6 Jodi Dowell, Peyton Wade
- 7 Tracy Allison, Lynn Broederdorf, Colton Hess, Logan Nagel, Casey Rhode, Arlene Wille
- 8 Sandra Richardson, Mike Stenson, Lisa Wondriska
- 9 George Attaway, Peggy Lynn Loiselle, Jules Pelka
- 10 ... Mark Alpert, Gerald Ernst
- 11 ... Kara Burg
- 12 ... Janet Larrison, Bill Nesta, Carol Spiller
- 13 ... Gary Bender, Tammy Bitzenhofer, Jeanne Henley, Diana



- Murphy, Tom Polzin
- 14 ... Kyle Papka, Ken Raines, Kyle Wolf
- 15 ... Dave Dirks, Hannah Mudge
- 16 ... Tessa Lehmann, Carolyn Morris, Bonnie Vanaria
- 17 ... Ann Lehman
- 18 ... Myra Lawrence, Joy Nesta
- 19 ... Scott Browne, Greg Carr
- 20 ... Mary Conti, Julia Dunfrund, Ginny Manley, Jim McGuine, Dalton Stallbaum
- 21 ... Zoe Rosemarie Harvat, Joan Iden, Ray Iden, Matthew Koegel, Sarah Koegel, Andrew Kowalski, Jordan Trevino
- 22 ... Judy Blaige, David Caddoo, Steve Legel, Mark Mathiesen, Louise Sebastian

- 23....Melissa Bala
- 24....Chole Bozza, Ryan Michalak, Harrison Shaw
- 25 Brian Eric Harvat
- 26....Samantha Crase, Nancy Stopka, Madison Szekely, Tyler Szekely
- 27....Donna Allen, Carol Minutillo, Sandra Schuessler, Janet Walker
- 28....Nicholas Adams, Bob Uhlman
- 29....Jessica Buesing, Robert Malm, Chuck Zunker
- 30....Jenni Browne, Henry Martin, Joseph Perrott
- 31....Lloyd Davis, Kim Domenz, Cliff Dungey, Betty Hansen, Rebecca Wright, Tiffanie Young

Our amazing heavenly Father knew you before you were born. May His precious love and care warm your heart as you celebrate another year.



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—Pastor Mark Boster pastormark@sotpmail.com
- Assisting Minister (9AM) Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
- A/V TEAM Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- BARNABAS MINISTRY—Donna Sorensen, sorensensid@comcast.net
- BELL CHOIR (ADULT) Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- BELL CHOIR (KIDS & YOUTH) Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com Sign up with: Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
- COMMUNION SET UP & TAKE DOWN—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net

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Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam					
Communion Assistants Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/ SOTPworship team	SAT 5:00 PM	Mary Holbrook	Ron Mudge	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert	Peggy Loiselle	
	SUN 9:00 AM	ONE SERVICE	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam				
	SUN 10:45 AM	Pastor Ryan's Installation Service 10am:	Doreen Brangenberg	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam			
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Greeters Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam @aol.com	SAT 5:00 PM		Dawn Johnson				
	SUN 9:00 AM	ONE SERVICE 10am <u>:</u> Elaine Gillam, Cheryl Adams, Carolyn and	Eileen Gerald Sue Wehnes	Dottie Bobzin Carol Engstrom	Laura Attaway Pat Bour	Elaine Gillam Pat Bour	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob Malm	Bob & Carolyn Malm				
Newsletter Mailing Prep		For this Newsletter: Colleen Bender, Ronda Shoemaker & Lois Jensen					
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Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2022

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$395,902. Total income for the month was \$64,564 and total expenses for the month was \$65,960. Approximately 5.9 months of General Fund reserves

<u>Mortgage Service Fund Report</u>: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$77,308. Income for the month was \$23,568. The new MIF five-year monthly mortgage payment is \$18,807. Approximately 4.1 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

This Month					
General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference	<u>Percentage</u>	
Income:	\$64,564	\$61,389	\$ 3,175	5.2%	
Expenses:	\$65,960	\$67,601	(\$1,641)	-2.4%	

<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>						
General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	<u>Percentage</u>		
Income:	\$615,683	\$549,911	\$65,772	11.9%		
Expense:	\$517,460	\$551,236	(\$33,776)	-6.1%		

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month: \$23,568 Income YTD: \$162,315 Payments YTD: \$152,643 Ending Fund Balance: \$77,308



Council Action Item Approvals:

The Financial team's Pastor Ryan Moving Expense Reimbursement recommendations were discussed and an approval of the final resolution was passed during the August 15, 2022 Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert C. Mollis Congregation Treasurer



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