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March 2023



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**Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church**

Huntley, IL [sotp.org](http://sotp.org) 847/669-9448

*Photo: Kids Pizza Party Feb 2023*

# A Note

## From Pastor Mark



Grace, mercy and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God in every remembrance of you." These words from 2 Timothy are ringing through my ears this morning after finishing our Wednesday morning Bible study. Our series over the last few months has been entitled "From Darkness to Light." We began this journey in the longing and hope of Advent to Joy of Christmas and now on into Epiphany where we have been reminded of the Hope of the world "appearing."

Jesus appearance has changed everything.

This series will be winding down on March 1 and we invite you to a new series starting on Wednesday, March 8 at 11:00 am. The series is entitled "Jesus Calls Us" and we will be using Bible stories from the four Gospels along with the book of Acts to lift up our call to action on behalf of the Savior, Jesus.

The writer of Proverbs says "just as iron, sharpens iron, friends sharpen faith."

How blessed we are to be in community. One of the great teachings which will be discussed in our time together is the importance of that "calling" being lived out in

community.

The Bible is full of stories of in which God's people were in exile. Not too dissimilar to our experience of separation during COVID. We all have experienced, some more than others, stories of being separated from one another including from community in the church. God calls us to be in community. It is how we have been created..."it is not good for human kind to be alone." The old adage that "we are better together" certainly applies.

Come join us on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 and enjoy the company of SOTP community. Also, don't forget to join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for worship and a meal together from 6-7 pm. It will be our opportunity to experience a different form of worship, similar to what our early Christian siblings experience in the first century.

I look forward to our journey together during this Lenten Season as we prepare to "enter the passion of Jesus."

*Pastor Mark*

# A Note

## From Pastor Ryan

Throughout this school year, I have noticed a dynamic among our confirmation age youth, a dynamic that seems to be rooted in the effects of the recent pandemic. The isolation

we all experienced during the toughest months of 2020 left a mark, in particular, on young people's ability to engage with each other. The best

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way I can describe what I am observing is that our

confirmation group seems more like a collection of individuals rather than a community.

In order to remedy this, our confirmation leadership team decided to add some extra focus on team building and social events rather than the typical large group and small group experiences we have been facilitating. So, in January, we took the group to Bowlero for some bowling and laser tag, and we had a blast! The bowling was great, but the laser tag was the best! We had a large group of kids, and I wasn't sure any adults would be able to participate in the laser tag, but there were a few left. Josh Harding and I decided to join in and it was some of the most fun we've had in quite a while. We were split into two teams and battled to see who could finish with the highest score. The night was a success and seemed to move us closer to our goal of helping the youth feel like a team rather than just a collection of individual people. We are planning to have similar event in April.

Likewise, the confirmation class went on a retreat at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon, IL last November, and the youth who went were

## **A Note From Pastor Ryan**

excited to bring some of the activities we did back to the rest of the group. We are planning our own middle school lock-in for Saturday, March 11. We hope this event will also foster some deeper relationships among our middle school youth.

Shifting gears a bit, I want to mention our high school youth mission trip to Milwaukee that is planned for June. We will be participating in a service through a great organization called Serve Boldly and it is a part of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. On this trip, our youth will get to experience a number of ministries as they accompany and serve people and gain a deeper understanding of God's presence in their lives.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for your kind words and warm greeting at our annual meeting. I was overwhelmed and want to make sure that you all know the feeling is mutual. I am daily blown away by the kindness, gratitude, passion, energy, and love shown in and through our amazing worshipping community!

Let's keep moving forward, proclaiming the good news, love, and compassion of God's kingdom, sharing the love of Jesus with all our neighbors and touching the lives of all in positive ways.

I hope you experience rejuvenation and renewal this Lenten season. May the Holy Spirit dwell in you richly and Christ's love shine in your life.

**Pastor Ryan**

# Ministry Musings

## With Donna



Recently I was reading something written by one of my favorite theologians, N.T. Wright. He was talking about what he called the “two poles” of Christian living, worship and mission. He said, “worship without mission becomes self-indulgence (and might even imply worship of a god other than the one revealed in Jesus); mission without worship degenerates into various kinds of do-goodery, following agendas that may be deeply felt but are by no means necessarily connected with Jesus.” He then went on to talk about how mission and worship are very closely linked, that one flows into the other. “Glad rich worship of the God revealed in Jesus invites outsiders to come in, welcomes them, nourishes them, and challenges them. Mission can be conceived, particularly with Matthew 25 in mind, in terms of worshipping and serving the hidden Jesus that one meets in the poor and needy.”

I agree so whole-heartedly with Bishop Wright. It’s much like what the author of the book of James says, “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (NIV). In the same way, worship without mission accomplishes little. Worship that makes a difference includes the presence of action. If I say I believe in Jesus and participate in worship, but don’t seek to move into mission, my worship can become a matter of words. Faith and worship should

propel me into mission and action. Worship and mission, mission and worship go together like a hand in glove. Shepherd of the Prairie offers opportunities for both meaningful worship and significant mission. As we begin this Lenten Journey, I challenge and encourage you to find ways to take part in both. Join us on Wednesday nights and weekends for meaningful worship and then go into your life to find ways to do significant mission. That mission could be here at SOTP or in your neighborhoods, or with family and friends. Worship could be in your favorite chair or watching nature and praising God for its beauty, and mission could be holding people in prayer or taking a meal to a friend going through a rough time. For me, sometimes worship is as simple as watching a full moon rise through my living room window and experiencing the awe of God’s beautiful world. And sometimes, mission is as easy as calling a friend who is agonizing over a child’s or grandchild’s poor decision.

So, I encourage you this Lent to find ways to worship our amazing God revealed in Jesus and to move that worship into meaningful mission.

*Donna Kelly*

# Contemporary Worship

## A Note from Jeff



Recently, someone asked what was new with the Contemporary Service. After being at SOTP for just over a year, I guess I can't really say "I am" anymore, but we did get new drums before Christmas (which are really cool). J All kidding aside, I am honored to be part of the SOTP Team. We are privileged to have an incredible group of musicians who have committed their time and talent to be part of the Contemporary Worship Team. Frequently, I'll share devotional thoughts with the team, and over the past couple of months, I've been sharing this theme with the

team: What you do matters. When we worship, our perspective changes as we look outside of ourselves and draw near to our Creator. "As you draw near to God, he will draw near to you." (James 4:8) Lives change when we worship, and being part of a church that puts a high value on worship is an incredible honor. I'd love to connect with you and share more about our team. If you're interested in becoming part of it, or just want to find out more, please send me an email ([jeff@sotpmail.com](mailto:jeff@sotpmail.com)). I'm really looking forward to worshipping with you soon!

*Jeff Moore*

## 7s Groups Update

You're Invited!

### 7s Discipleship Groups

Spring Kickoff Lunch

April 16, 2023 Noon

Sign Up: [www.bit.ly/SOTPspring237s](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPspring237s)

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



Our Discipleship Groups are off to a great beginning! We have six groups meeting weekly with over 40 people involved. Our Kick-off was a wonderful day with great food, fun, fellowship and learning.

We are already looking forward to our next 7s Session which will



begin on **April 16th at noon** with a Kick Off gathering and lunch.

Mark your calendars for that Kickoff date and hope to see many of you there!

For more information, please contact Donna Kelly, Sign up:

[www.bit.ly/SOTPspring237s](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPspring237s)

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

# Wednesdays in Lent & Calling All Soup Chefs

Our Lenten Church Suppers will **begin on Wednesday, March 1st**. Our worship suppers will begin at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. At 6 pm we will Begin with prayer followed by our soup and a chance to share the meal together. After our meal, we will sing together, read a scripture passage and a brief reflection from our pastors. We will close with song and a prayer.

To enjoy our meal, we need you to all help by bringing soup for one or more of our Wednesdays. We need to have many **large** crockpots of soup. We also need people to help with setup and/or cleanup.

You can sign up by going online to: [www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup23) or use the QR code.

You can also sign up by going to the SOTP website, [sotp.org](http://sotp.org) and sign up using the "SERVE" tab and then "EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS".

Thank you in advance for taking part in our Lenten journey and see you there!

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

A promotional banner with a background image of a bowl of soup. The text is overlaid on the image. The top right has 'Lenten Dinner Church' in white text on a dark green background. The center has 'WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH 5:45 PM' in white text on an orange background. The bottom has 'MORE INFO | SOUP | SET UP | CLEAN UP' and the URL 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsupper23' in white text on a dark green background. The contact information 'Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com' is also in white text on a dark green background. A QR code with a 'b' logo is in the bottom left corner.

WEDNESDAYS  
IN  
MARCH  
5:45 PM

*Lenten*  
**Dinner  
Church**

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# Barnabas Caregiving Ministry Program

## The First Duty of Love is to Listen

- Paul Tillich

We are sponsoring a day of training for new and existing Barnabas Ministers on **Saturday, March 25 from 9 – 1**, with lunch provided.

### What is the Barnabas Caregiving Program?

It is a simple, effective program for training volunteers to give care by having conversations with those who are homebound, in care facilities or facing some of life's most difficult seasons to provide a listening ear and encouragement to those who need to be heard and cared for.

### What is a Barnabas Minister and what do they do?

A Barnabas Minister is a **skilled listener who encourages others by**

**that listening.** They are trained in how to listen effectively, how to build relational skills, and in how to encourage others. They will also be trained to bring communion from the Assembly to the special person they visit.

**Training: Saturday, March 25, 9am to 1pm (lunch and all materials will be provided).**

Come and see if this is where God is calling you to serve. To make a reservation for training go to [www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas).

For more information contact Donna.

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



TRAINING  
**SATURDAY  
MARCH 25**  
9am - 12pm

For current Barnabas Ministers  
& those interested in information

**Come and find out how  
you can care for  
our fellow members  
by listening & encouraging.**

#### Ways to Sign Up:

- [www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas)
- [sotp.org](http://sotp.org)
- Sign Up Desk in Gathering Area after Sunday services



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

# Paddy Homan

## Artist Series Concert

Shepherd of the Prairie Artist Series Presents

# PADDY HOMAN & THE NOBLE CALL

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

## SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023 7:30 PM

Your donations to the Artist Series allow us to continue to bring these events to Huntley. Thank You!

sotp.org

They're back this year by popular demand! Join Paddy Homan and The Noble Call for a special St. Patrick's Day concert on **Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 7:30pm** at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, 10805 Main Street, Huntley.

Admission to this popular performance is free and donations are gratefully accepted. Bring the family to experience this lively and memorable celebration of traditional Irish music and song. Sponsored by the SOTP artist series, a community outreach initiative sponsored by Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, The Noble Call performance is open to the public.

Paddy Homan, one of Ireland's foremost traditional Irish tenors from County Cork, Ireland, and his group The Noble Call will provide

guests with an incredible evening of traditional Irish entertainment. The Noble Call derives its origins from the age-old Irish tradition of "calling" on invited guests to share their favorite song, tune, story dance.

Homan adds a layer of warmth and familiarity to his performances, bringing the audience not just closer to the music, but welcomes them into a unique Irish experience. His quick-witted, Cork humor and spontaneity on the stage gave birth to his nickname as "Paddy - The Show-Man- Homan". He has been seen on Chicago's PBS Channel 11-TV and nationally on PBS with his "I Am Ireland" show.

Sit back and listen to some of the very best of Traditional Irish music

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# Paddy Homan Artist Series Concert

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and song, from some of Ireland's leading musicians. Led by Paddy Homan, The Noble Call also includes award winning virtuoso flute and whistle player Larry Nugent, from County Fermanagh; Brendan Bulger from Boston on Fiddle; James Moore from County Kilkenny; and special guest, traditional Irish Dancer, Danielle Enblom from The Center for

Irish Music in Minnesota.

Visit the church website at [sotp.org](http://sotp.org) for further information or contact [artistseries@sotpmail.com](mailto:artistseries@sotpmail.com)

Your donations to the Artist Series allow us to continue to bring these events to Huntley. Thank you!

To donate online go to:

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

*Contact: Artist Series  
artistseries@sotpmail.com*

## Artist Series Help Needed

The Artist Series has been successfully presenting a variety of programs at SOTP for over 4 years. With our success, the crowds have gotten bigger, and we need a larger pool of volunteers to draw from who will occasionally be asked to help in distributing flyers and programs,

assisting in ushering and greeting guests. If interested in being a part of this great team, please let us know

*Contact: Jane McMullen  
jane@sotpmail.com*



## Quilters Corner

The Prairie Point Quilting group is hard at work so we'll have plenty quilts to lay on the pews and then send them on to the needy people all over the world. We have 60 finished right now for

Lutheran World Relief and a few for Home of the Sparrow. We can always use more people - we meet the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9am**. This is such a fun and hardworking group of women, I love going to the gatherings. Pictured is a quilt for Home of the Sparrow.

*Contact: Bev Kenny  
krkbjk@comcast.net*

# Easter Offering Distribution

- Half of the offering will go to Lutheran World Disaster Relief (Middle East Crisis) - SOTP WILL BE A BIG HELP towards relief for survivors of the recent Syria/Turkey Earthquake.
- The other half of the offering will go to Habitat for Humanity NFV-New Hope Partnership.

Did you know that SOTP is part of the New Hope Partnership with 7 other churches in our area?

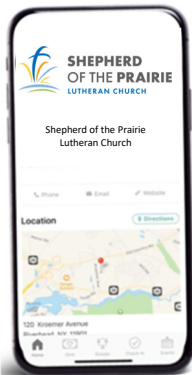
Our group is currently working



towards funding and building a house for this family at 708 Carlton Avenue in Elgin. It is really coming along quickly, we are currently in the drywall stage.

Contact: *Sandy Hupert*  
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# Earthquake Relief

## Helping Those in Need



**Give Now  
for Earthquake Relief**

be coordinated as the full extent of the impact becomes clearer. Lutheran Disaster Response has

On Feb. 6 two powerful earthquakes hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The first was a magnitude 7.8 earthquake in south central Turkey, followed hours later by a magnitude 7.5 quake in the southeastern part of the country. The two quakes devastated Türkiye and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Thousands of people have been killed and thousands more have been injured, yet search-and-rescue efforts are only in the early stages. A cold and snowy weather system now moving through the region complicates response efforts.

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners in responding to these earthquakes. Mere hours after the earthquakes hit, ACT Alliance member organizations began distributing emergency supplies, including medicines, bedding and other relief items. A comprehensive response will

been active in this region for several years, partnering with ACT Alliance, the Lutheran World Federation and the Middle East Council of Churches to accompany Syrian refugees with food, water, shelter, health services and sanitation support. The epicenter of one earthquake lies near Turkish provinces that host hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees, which will only exacerbate the refugee crisis in the region.

Your gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be used entirely (100%) to provide long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by disasters in the region.

To Give: Make checks payable to our congregation indicating Lutheran Disaster Response “Mid East Crisis Earthquake Relief” and place your gift in the offering plate.

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*Contact: Becky Wright  
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# Easter Candy Collection

For Egg Hunt April 8th



SHEPHERD  
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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
sotp.org

## EASTER CANDY COLLECTION

THROUGH MARCH 15TH

FOR EGG HUNT APRIL 8

Contact: Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com

Collecting in box in coffee bar/gathering area.

Contact: Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com

# Easter Egg Hunt

Register You & Your Friends Now



SHEPHERD  
OF THE PRAIRIE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday,  
**April 8, 2023**  
10 a.m.

Register online:

[www.bit.ly/SOTPegg23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPegg23)

All are welcome! Invite your friends to register!



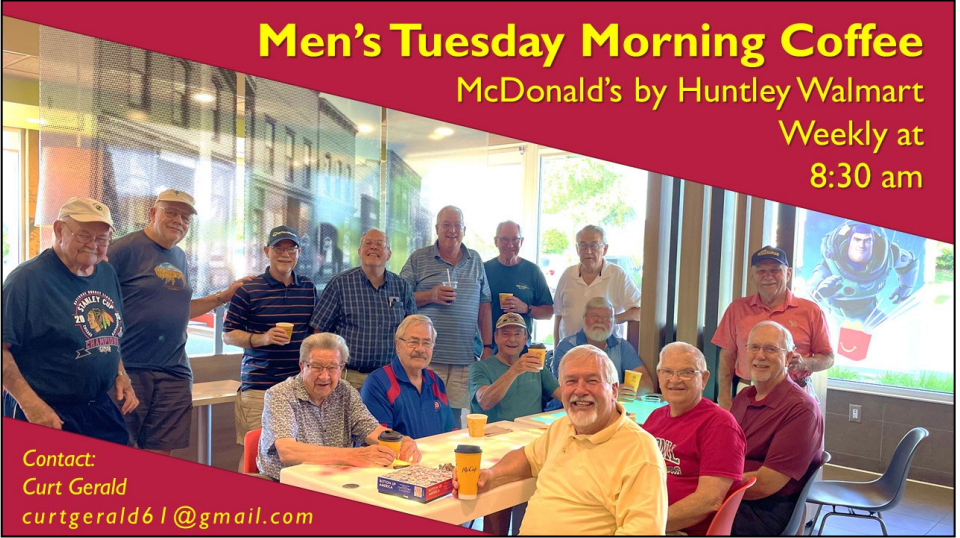
Contact: Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com

# Men's Coffee Fellowship

## Men's Tuesday Morning Coffee

McDonald's by Huntley Walmart

Weekly at  
8:30 am



Contact:  
Curt Gerald  
curtgerald61@gmail.com

# Women's Coffee Fellowship

**NEW**

## Womens' Coffee Gathering

**NEW TIME**

Every Friday at 10:00 am

at the McDonald's by the Huntley Walmart



**JOIN US FOR  
COFFEE**  
YOU'RE INVITED TO FELLOWSHIP

Contact: Phyllis Thomson  
phyllisthompson@aol.com

# Holy Week Schedule

*You Are Invited*

- **Palm Sunday, April 2**

- 9am Traditional Service
- 10:45am Contemporary Service

- **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

- 7pm Service



**Holy Week**

- **Good Friday, April 7**

- 10am Family Service (*talking to the kids, but all are invited*)
- 7pm Service

- **Saturday, April 8**

- 5pm Service

- **Easter Sunday**

- 9am Traditional Service
- 11 am Contemporary Service

## Lenten Dinner Church & Soup Supper



WEDNESDAYS  
IN  
**MARCH**  
5:45 PM

*Lenten*  
**Dinner  
Church**

**MORE INFO | SOUP | SET UP | CLEAN UP**  
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Contact: Donna Kelly [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com)



More information in Pastor Mark's Note on pg 2. Sign up to set up, clean up &/or bring soup:

[www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup23)

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

# AV Team

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## JOIN THE AV TEAM



CREATING AN INVITING  
AND ENGAGING WORSHIP  
EXPERIENCE THROUGH

- SOUND
- VIDEO
- GRAPHICS
- LIGHTING

Contact: Mike Yndestad  
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## Offering Envelopes For 2023



2023 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Gathering Area outside the Sanctuary.

When you see them out, please try to pick yours up ASAP. Please don't use the 2022 envelopes in 2023.

If you are a SIMPLY GIVING, CREDIT CARD, or DEBIT CARD user, you will

also need to pick up your envelopes. There are special service envelopes, Easter, Lent, Christmas etc. in all the boxes that are that are reminders to be used in addition to your regular giving.

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church only keeps records of giving for members and non-members that have envelope numbers or on line giving numbers.

If you don't have 2023 envelopes and want them, contact the Church office.

Contact: Michelle Rankin  
michelle@sotpmail.com

# Easter Lilly Orders

Order By March 19



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## EASTER LILLIES

**\$16 each**

Order by March 19

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



Contact: Diane Mollis  
dem910@outlook.com

We will be offering six-inch lilies at a cost of \$16.00 each for our Easter services this year. Ordering online began Ash Wednesday, February 22.

All orders and payments will be **due by Sunday, March 19th**.



Please remember to fill in all the requested information including for whom the Lilies are dedicated to or in memory of.

Order online with QR code or at [www.bit.ly/SOTPHoFlow](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPHoFlow)

Contact: Diane Mollis  
dem910@outlook.com

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# ***Grief Journey*** *A Safe Place to Heal*

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM

## **Grief Journey Group**

Meet in SOTP Library

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

# ***Prayer Chain*** *Praying for Those in Need*



**PRAYER CHAIN**

**RECEIVE  
PRAYER REQUESTS:  
[ADMIN@SOTPMAIL.COM](mailto:ADMIN@SOTPMAIL.COM)**

**SEND IN  
PRAYER REQUESTS:  
[DONNA@SOTPMAIL.COM](mailto:DONNA@SOTPMAIL.COM)**

# Electronic Giving Made Easy

Have you to considered participating in a program designed to simplify giving at SOTP?

“Simply Giving” will enable every household or individual to make their church offering using electronic funds transfer.

You may already be using EFT to pay your mortgage, car payment or insurance premium through an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account.

There is no cost to you for this giving option. And, when travel, illness, or

other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly, monthly, or quarterly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Your offering also will bypass the counting procedure.

Sign up at:

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

Contact the church office for more information.

*Contact: Michelle Rankin  
michelle@sotpmail.com*

## Online Giving



## High School Youth

A poster for High School Youth. The background is a textured, light blue-grey surface. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The word 'YOUTH' is the largest and most prominent. To the right of the text is a cluster of colorful, irregular geometric shapes in various colors like yellow, blue, red, and purple. At the bottom, contact information is provided.

HIGH SCHOOL  
**YOUTH**  
THURSDAYS  
7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Contact: Bob McDuffee  
youth@sotpmail.com

# See What's Happening At Shepherd of the Prairie

The screenshot shows the website for Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. At the top left is the church logo. The navigation menu includes 'Me', 'Check-In', 'Signups', 'Groups', and 'More'. A user profile picture is visible in the top right. The main content area features several event cards: 'ADULT EDUCATION Faith & Mental Health Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness Sundays 10:20 am Jan 15 - Feb 26', 'ALTAR FLOWERS', and 'SOTP KIDS NEED YOU! Ways You Can Help Sundays at 9 or 10:45 am'. A large blue overlay with white and yellow text reads 'EASILY VIEW CURRENT EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS' and 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsignup'. Below the overlay are three smaller promotional images: a 'NEWSLETTER PREP' card, a 'Soup Supper Worship' card for March 5:45 PM, and a 'SOTP Kids' registration card with a QR code.

Easily access current events & registrations at [www.bit.ly/SOTPsignup](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsignup)

Contact: Michelle Rankin [michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:michelle@sotpmail.com)

## SOTP Kids Need You

The graphic has a yellow background with a sunburst pattern. On the left is an illustration of a colorful ice cream cup. On the right is a CD icon. The main text reads 'SOTP KIDS NEED YOU!' in pink, followed by 'Ways You Can Help Sundays at 9 or 10:45 am:'. Below this are three vertical panels: a pink panel with 'MC Read script and lead session', a teal panel with 'Participate in Activities', and a pink panel with 'Keep Children on Task'. At the bottom, the contact information is 'Contact: Jill Gillming [jill@sotpmail.com](mailto:jill@sotpmail.com)'.

# Regularly Scheduled



## SUNDAYS

- 9:00 am **Traditional Worship**
- 9:00 am **Kids Connect**
- 10:45 am **Contemporary Worship**
- 10:45 am **Kids Connect**
- 1:00 pm **FBW**
- 4:00 pm **7s Group** (Mike & Julie Dahlin)

## MONDAYS

- 9:00 am (3rd Mon) **Gazebo Valor Quilts**
- 10:00 am **Staff Meeting**
- 10:30 am **FBW**
- 1:00 pm **7s Group** (Annette Petersen)
- 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 McD's by Huntley Walmart
- 9:00 am (1st & 3rd Tues), **Prairie Pointe Quilters**
- 9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**
- 9:15 am **AL-ANON Meeting**
- 10:00 am **Grief Journey Meeting**
- 10:00 am (4th Tues), **Barnabas**
- 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**
- 7:00 pm **FBW**
- 7:00 pm **AL-ANON Meeting**

## WEDNESDAYS

- 9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**
- 10:00 am **God's Girls**
- 10:30 am **Women's FBW**
- 11:00 am **Bible Study with Pastor Mark**
- 4:30 pm **Spirit Ringers** (Age 7-13)
- 5:20 pm **Joy Ringers** (Age 4-6)
- 6:30 pm **Confirmation**
- 7:00 pm **Adult Choir**

## THURSDAYS

- 9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**
- 9:00 am (2nd Thurs), **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
- 5:30 pm (1st Thurs), **Girl Scouts**
- 6:30 pm (2nd Thurs), **Lions Club**
- 7:00 pm **High School Youth**
- 7:00 pm **Cub Scouts**
- Times Vary **Volunteers at Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

## FRIDAYS

- 9:00 am **Little Lambs Preschool**
- 9:30 am **Sonshine Boys**
- 10:00 am **Women's Coffee** at McD's by Huntley Walmart
- 10:30 am **FBW**
- Noon **Help Serve Homeless Meals in Crystal Lake** (1st & 3rd Fridays, Contact: Vik Bekeris vikbek66@yahoo.com )

## SATURDAYS

- 5:00 pm **Worship**

# Upcoming Events



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1** Weekly  
Wednesday Lenten Dinner  
Church Begins, 5:45 pm  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsoup23)  
(see pg 6)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**  
Easter Candy Collection through  
3/15 for Easter Egg Hunt

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
Paddy Homan & The Noble Call—  
Artist Series Event, 7:30 pm

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**  
Barnabas Caregiving Ministry  
Training, 9am (see pg 7)  
[www.bit.ly/sOTPbarnabas](http://www.bit.ly/sOTPbarnabas)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29** Last  
Lenten Church Dinner, 5:45 pm

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**  
Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**  
Good Friday Service, 10am  
(Children's—all are invited) &  
7pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**  
Easter Egg Hunt, 10am  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPEgg23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPEgg23)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9** Easter Sunday  
Services, 9am & 11am

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30,** 7s Kickoff,  
Noon

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30** New Member  
Gathering, 3pm

**JUNE 25—30** High School Youth  
Group Service Trip  
(Contact Pastor Ryan Mackey  
[pastorryan@sotpmail.com](mailto:pastorryan@sotpmail.com))

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**  
New Member Gathering, 3pm

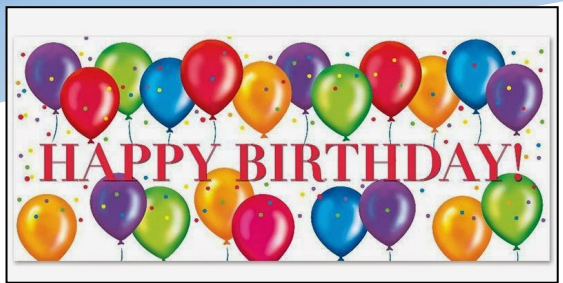
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**  
Annual Church Picnic, Noon

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
Feed My Starving Children, 9am  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPFMSC0423](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPFMSC0423)

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**  
New Member Gathering, 3pm  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG023](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG023)

# Birthdays

## March



- 1..... Annette Carlson, Joe Jones, Zachary Ott, Darren Walloch
- 2..... William Glennon, Ruth Glennon, Brendan Hollow, Gayle Holzwarth, Taylor Ramey
- 3..... Jill Hoffman
- 4..... David Bishop, Dawn Johnson
- 5..... Matthew Behm, Lucille Connelly, Michele Marx
- 6..... Martha Jacobson, Savanna Kramp, Hollie Lindgren, Tamara Uteg
- 7..... Madison Black, Kathy Burns, Tamara Polzin, Timothy Ramirez, Christine Tinney
- 8..... Carol Bletz, Taylor Dean, Dina Wagner
- 9..... Brad Model
- 10.... Jaime DeBlieck, Skyla Geller, Alyson Johnson, Vivian Kasal, Pamela Perrott, Emily Rossman, Merlyn Thompson, Kendall Wolf
- 11.... Jaina Farnam, Denise Gartzke, Arja Kasper, Sandy Werner
- 12.... Jaxson Thomas  
Domenz, Alice Hallett, Nicholas Liotus, Joanne Schwartz
- 13 .... Ronda Shoemaker
- 14 .... Bentley Jacobs, Lisa Piskule
- 15 .... Scott Fianda, Lauren Flanagan
- 16 .... Hannah Dobrolinsky, Ashlyn Grabs, Brooke Grabs, Grant Jahr, Jason Walker
- 17 .... Debbie Cook, Colt Luedtke, Mark Wilkerson
- 18 .... Alexis Kowalski, Kathy Strang, John Sturz, Skylar Wondriska
- 19 .... Seth Conroy, Jim Hunt, Annabel Johnson, Dee Jones, John Robinson, Phyllis Thomson
- 20 .... Marcy Coffman, Cheryl Konie, Richard Paeth
- 21 .... Jeff Bala, Jason Farnam, James Rice, Braden Turk
- 22 Bennett Buesing, Thomas Hollabaugh, Payton Marx, Derek Reincke, Ed Richard, Devan Turk
- 23 .... Cecelia DeBolt, Lillian DeBolt, Michael Hoch, Erin Linton, Zachary Ethan Powe, Annika Yndestad
- 24 .... Karen Ankerberg, Chad Juergensen, Sara Solem
- 25 .... Marcia Cahill, Trevor Dowell, Courtney Hoster, Gavin Lehmann, Brandon Wade
- 26 .... Charlie Burian, Emmett Luedtke, Sandi Stewart, Noreta Walker
- 27 .... Mike Dahlin, Kylie Golembeck, Evan Mackey, Jennifer Trevino
- 28 .... Toby Kembrowski, Rachel Miller, Christopher Stopka
- 29 .... Arnie Didricksen, Curt Gerald, Bob Peterson, Wayne Schmidt
- 30 .... Amy Johnson, Kay O'Shanna, Jennifer Powe
- 31 .... Lois Grayczyk, Randall Joos, Amanda Juergensen, Alixandria Rhode, Orion Samuelson

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





# Get Involved

## Ways to Serve

### 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/SOTPworship](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworship)
- **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 at: [www.bit.ly/SOTPworship](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworship)
- **COMMUNION SET UP & TAKE DOWN**—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
- **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
- **NEWSLETTER MAILING PREP**—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com Sign up at: [www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders)
- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frendreis, SOTPProperty@gmail.com
- **PRAIRIE QUILTERS**—Bev Kenny krkbjk@comcast.net
- **PRAYER SHAWLS**—Jeanne Henley cjhenley2003@yahoo.com
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Matt Morrison matt@sotpmail.com
- **READERS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com Sign up at: [www.bit.ly/SOTPworship](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworship)
- **USHERS**—Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net
- **WELCOME CENTER**—Tara Mackey, rtmackey10@yahoo.com
- **WORSHIP BAND (SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL)**—Jeff Moore, jeff@sotpmail.com

# Involvement Schedule

## March 2023



		March 4 & 5	March 11 & 12	March 18 & 19	March 25 & 26
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Sandra Johnson			Annette Kandell
Communion Assistants <b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPWORSHIP">www.bit.ly/SOTPWORSHIP</a>	SAT 5:00 PM	Mary Holbrook	Ron Mudge	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM		Annette Kandell Carolyn & Ed Cuttle		Sandra Johnson
	SUN 10:45 AM	Donna Kelly	Donna Kelly	Donna Kelly	Donna Kelly
Communion Bread <b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact: Judie Symbal <a href="mailto:judie.symbal@att.net">judie.symbal@att.net</a>	Week end	Chris Nack Sally Houghton	Rob Lindsey Lynn Broderdorf	JoAnn Ward Jill Brown	Jen Powe Nancy Hammer-Ottinger
Counters	Mon	Ralph Wehnes, Howard Larson & Doug Nagel			
Greeters <b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact: Elaine Gillam <a href="mailto:suggillam@aol.com">suggillam@aol.com</a>	SAT 5:00 PM	<b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact: Elaine Gillam <a href="mailto:suggillam@aol.com">suggillam@aol.com</a>			
	SUN 9:00 AM	Linda & Ken Rotter	Sue Wehnes Eileen Gerald	Cheryl Adams Dottie Bobzin	Laura Attaway Elaine Gillam
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			
Newsletter Mailing Prep		For this Newsletter: Ronda Shoemaker, Lois Jensen & Colleen Bender			
Readers Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	SUN 9:00 AM	Marilyn Sauerberg Annette Kandell	Joshua Symbal	Annette Kandell	Ed & Carolyn Cuttle

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms ” - 1 Peter 4:10 7





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Ushers <b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net	SAT 5:00 PM	<b>KAREN ECKERT</b> Lynn Meyer	<b>BARB HOPPENSTADT</b> Peggy-Lynn Loiselle	<b>CAROL HARTMAN</b> Sue Mattiucci	<b>STEVE MURPHY</b> Peggy-Lynn Loiselle
	SUN 9:00 AM	<b>WALTER LEMKE</b> Art Ryden Chris Solem Jeff Ottens	<b>JACK CONTI</b> Pete Thompson Cheryl Rotermund Carol Engstrom [A] Kappels [A]	<b>WAYNE SCHMIDT</b> Nancy Wilson Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski [A]	<b>RALPH WEHNES</b> Jerry & Pat Darow Ed & Carolyn Cuttle George Attaway [A]
	SUN 10:45 AM	<b>BOB MCDUFFEE</b> Chuck Peterson Annika Yndestad	<b>MARK FRENDEIS</b> Sandi Stewart Jessica Panella	<b>DOUG NAGEL</b> Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	<b>VIK BEKERIS</b> Bob Mollis Diane Mollis
Welcome Center	SUN 9:00 AM	<b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> <b>Contact: Tara Mackey <a href="mailto:rtmackey10@yahoo.com">rtmackey10@yahoo.com</a></b>			
	SUN 10:45 AM	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 5px;">           Carl &amp; Sandy Hupert         </div>			
Worship Flowers	<b>Interested in sponsoring weekend worship flowers?</b> <b>Contact Diane Mollis: <a href="mailto:dem910@outlook.com">dem910@outlook.com</a></b>				

**Do you receive our email communications?**



## Stay Connected

- Daily Devotionals (Food for the soul)
- Weekly Friday Flourish (Church info)
- Monthly Newsletter (More detailed information)

To start receiving any (or all) of the above, please e-mail your request to:  
**Admin@SOTPmail.com**

If you aren't receiving other e-mail blasts from us, please reach out to Michelle Rankin at [Michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:Michelle@sotpmail.com) to be added.

# Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2023

**General Fund Report:** The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$399,362. Total income for the month was \$110,704 and total expenses for the month was \$80,100. Approximately 4.99 months of General Fund reserves.

**Mortgage Service Fund Report:** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$77,562. Income for the month was \$29,859. The monthly mortgage payment is \$18,807. Approximately 4.1 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>THIS MONTH</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$110,704	\$104,816	\$5,883	5.6%
Expenses:	\$ 80,100	\$80,719	\$ 618	0.75%

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> <u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$110,704	\$104,816	\$5,883	5.6%
Expense:	\$ 80,100	\$80,719	\$618	0.75%

### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$29,859
Income YTD:	\$29,859
Payments YTD:	\$18,807
Ending Fund Balance:	\$77,562

### Council Action Item Approvals:

- Need approval from council on the 2 upcoming Artist Series events

Submitted by,  
Kathy McGuine  
Congregation Treasurer

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**finances**

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