

Newsletter

May 2023



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Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

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Photo: Easter Egg Hunt 2023

A Note

From Pastor Mark



43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." 44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

John 1:43-46

Spring is in the air, albeit with a bit of hiccup along the way (snow was again flying this past week). The Easter season breaths new life into the body of Christ, the church. Is there some new thing God is calling you into to help bring the Kingdom come among us?

In that spirit I would like to invite you to participate in SEE week. Servant Engagement and Equipping week will kick off on Sunday, May 7. In worship we will celebrate and give thanks for the good ministry of so many who call SOTP home. That afternoon we will have a new member gathering and during and we will be encouraging our new friends to get engaged in the ministry life of the church.

The disciple Nathanael, questioned as to whether "anything good (in reference to Jesus) could come out of Nazareth. The disciple Phillip responded, "come and see."

During the week we invite anyone

(not only our members) who would like to participate in the ministry

life of the church to come and see. It's an invitation to members of Shepherd of the Prairie to be engaged in the church. On Monday night our ministry teams meet beginning at 7:00 pm. Come and see how you might get plugged into to helping on one of those teams

- Community Outreach Team
- Children/Youth and Family Team
- Mission Team
- Property Team
- Stewardship Team
- Worship Planning

During the week other ministry teams will hold SEE gatherings for those currently serving as well as those who might wish to serve. I am hopeful this becomes a part of the culture of our church and continue SEE week following all of our four new member gatherings each year.

My thanks to all of our ministry team leads who will be hosting SEE gatherings during the week. Please consider and pray about where and how God might be calling you to serve.

Thankful for your partnership in the Gospel and come and see!

Pastor Mark

SEE Week

Come & See!

Get Engaged
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES
MAY 7 - MAY 13
SEE WEEK
SERVANT ENGAGEMENT & EQUIPPING
Engage in ministry life.
Come & See!
www.bit.ly/SOTPSEE523

PASTOR
MARK BOSTER

PASTOR
RYAN MACKEY



A Note From Pastor Ryan

May is here, spring is in bloom, and the promise of summer is becoming realized! That means we are also wrapping up another year of things like, Adventure Club and confirmation. It also means that I have gotten my first SOTP confirmation year under my belt.

It was definitely a year of learning for me as well as the students. I have been teaching confirmation for 11 years now, but I have never worked with a program the size of SOTP's. We couldn't have done what we did this

year without the great, passionate leadership of Bob McDuffee, Carrie McCabe, Tim Torkelson, Marissa Rojas, Josh Harding, Grace Boster, and Jason Brown. They each gave so much of their time to help plan for large group sessions and worked to make meaningful connections with each of their small groups. I can't thank them enough!

This year proved to be one of transition and showed us how much we need to re-envision what it will look like going forward. As we would expect the needs/expectations/culture of our middle school students have changed (this was accelerated by the

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A Note

From Pastor Ryan

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pandemic) and we must adapt. To respond as best we could as the year unfolded, we changes to a more effective curriculum and put extra emphasis on community building. We saw some positive trends in the last few months of the year.

Our core group of leaders will be asked to work closely with me this summer as we develop a new structure for our time together. We plan to continue using small groups as our primary way of building relationships and digging deep into faith formation, but we look to shake up how we approach large group activities. Look for some exciting changes to emerge as we prepare for the 2023-24 confirmation year!

Another ministry that is wrapping up

this month is Adventure Club. Jill has been doing an amazing job this year and, between her leadership and Pastor Mark's, it has become a group that our 4th and 5th graders can't wait to get to!

But just because the school year is winding down, that doesn't mean Children, Youth, and Family Ministry plans to! Our high school youth group will continue to meet each week and they will be going on a mission trip to Milwaukee in June. We will be hosting an ice cream social for the young and young-at-heart on June 2. Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 10. AND! Look for information about a summer version of KIDS CONNECT! See you in worship!

Pastor Ryan

Ministry Musings

With Donna

"Come and See"! After Phillip was called by Jesus to follow him, he found his friend Nathanael and invited him to meet Jesus of Nazareth. Nathanael asked if anything good could possibly come from Nazareth and Phillip told him, "Come and See!" Nathanael came and saw and followed Jesus in learning and growing in ministry!

We have an exciting opportunity for everyone here at Shepherd of the Prairie, longtime or new-time, young or old to do the same; to "Come and See" what's going on here in ministry at SOTP!



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Ministry Musings

With Donna

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When we talk about ministry, we say a lot about each of us having a gift we need to share to make the church whole and complete. But what do we mean by that? Some gifts are easy to recognize; a gifted musician, an artist, someone who works well with children, a great speaker, a natural teacher or leader. But we all have a gift.

Many of us tend to think if we don't have a "big" gift to give, we don't have one at all. But God wants to use each and every one of us. Every one of us has a different life that we touch in a different way. Paul spoke about the different parts in the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12 where he says, "...and if the ear should say, 'because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But, in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."

In the same way, if we all had only the gift of music we would raise a glorious song to God, but the building would fall apart from neglect, the children wouldn't be educated about God, the communion bread wouldn't get baked, no one would go to Northern Illinois Foodbank, the computer information wouldn't get

updated, and newsletter wouldn't go out. In the same way if we were all gifted at caring for and maintaining the building and property, there would be no music!

This May, we are launching an additional way to find out about ministry and become Engaged. The second Monday of each month is Ministry Night. This is an evening when many of our Ministry Teams come together to meet to plan for events. We are coordinating the dates of our New Member Gatherings to coincide with Ministry Night and will be inviting all of our new members to come. All of our existing SOTP members are also invited to "Come and **SEE**" (**S**ervant **E**ngagement and **E**quipping. That entire week will be seen as "**SEE** Week". Different ministries will be hosting training sessions throughout the week where people can find out more about ministries and receive training. These Equipping sessions will be for those looking to become Engaged in the ministry and for those already Engaged in the ministry as a refresher. Wouldn't it be wonderful and exciting if everyone at SOTP was involved in sharing the love and grace of God with others through ministry just as Jesus did and calls us to do? My prayer is that you all answer the Spirit's call to you to the best of your ability, in the place you are called!

Donna Kelly

Children & Family With Jill



We had an amazing Easter Egg Hunt here at SOTP on April 8th! There were over 80 children that came out to hunt for candy filled eggs (*photo below*). We had such a great time. Thank you to everyone that donated candy, we were so very blessed with all the

very long!!!

Our next event is on **Friday June 2nd**, Ice Cream Social Summer Kick

donations. Also thank you to everyone who took the time to fill 2400 eggs, it was a big job but with many hands involved it didn't take



ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Friday, June 2
6:30-8:30 pm

SUMMER KICKOFF!

GAMES

MUSIC

ICE CREAM

Register Now
(RSVP & Donations):
www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial23

Children & Family

With Jill

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Off!!!! We will be kicking off summer with games, music, and ICE CREAM. This event is for the young and the young at heart, so everyone is

welcome. Go to the SOTP website and register today.

Calling all VBS volunteers!!!! VBS is coming up fast, **July 10-14**. This years theme is Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere! If

you are interested or you have any questions on how you can help please contact Jill Gillming

Contact: Jill Gillming
jill@sotpmail.com



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

READY, SET, MOVE
FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE
July 10 - 14, 2023

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Before*During*After

Set Up/ During/ Take Down Volunteers
Register Now: www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSvol23

Church Center Equipping



Here at SOTP, we want to be sure that everyone has access to the latest events and happenings here at the church. One of the best ways to keep up to date is through our church app called "Church Center"

Not only is this app updated with the most current SOTP information, it is a quick and easy way for all members to register for events, keep in touch with their groups and make requests for things such as room reservations!

During SEE week, we want to be

sure to support anyone who is looking to get a better understanding of the app and how it is/can be used.

Feel free to reach out to our Operations Manager, Matt Morrison, anytime during the week to get one on one time specific to any questions you may have.

Contact: Matt Morrison
matt@sotpmail.com

DOWNLOAD THE CHURCH CENTER APP

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

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Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

- Set Up & Manage Your Family's Profile
- See What's Happening
- Register Now for Upcoming Events
- Ministry Resources

Church Center App

And more to come...

Social Media



Follow us on
Instagram

[@shepherdoftheprairie](https://www.instagram.com/shepherdoftheprairie)



Faith & Mental Health Adult Education

The third part of our series on Faith and Mental Health will focus on two issues: addiction and why is there evil and

suffering in the world? We will review the basic facts of addiction and recovery, study the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and glean spiritual truths found in them and the Serenity Prayer. Finally, we will pursue

answers to that most troubling question: why there is evil and suffering in our world.

- ⇒ **May 7** – The Serenity Prayer
- ⇒ **May 14** – Answers to Why Is There Evil and Suffering, Part 1
- ⇒ **May 21** – Answers to Why Is There Evil and Suffering, Part 2

Contact: *Pastor Roy Olson*
olson612sr@sbcglobal.net

Ushers Needed All Services

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.

Name Tags

Many members are wearing name tags. It really helps visitors and new members meet other members. The easy way to make everyone comfortable is to wear your name tag. New name tags are also in the

2023 envelopes in case you haven't picked them up yet. It also helps our pastors with names-our membership is over 1200. Need one?

Contact: *Michelle Rankin*
michelle@sotpmail.com

Memorial Day Parade

Join Us!

Looking for a way to celebrate Memorial Day? How about joining SOTP's Community Outreach team in the American Legion's Annual Memorial Day parade? We are looking for anyone interested in decorating the float and/or walking in the parade with us. The parade is **Monday, May 29th at 11 am.**

For more information and to sign up



to go Church Center or the SOTP website by May 12th! Hope to see you there!!

Contact: Tara Mackey
rtmackey10@yahoo.com

Honor Lunch

For Huntley Public Works

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

DESSERTS NEEDED

MAY 24, 2023

Hosting Lunch Honoring
Huntley Public Works

Info & Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPubwks23

Calling all bakers! The Community Outreach team needs your help! This year we are honoring the hardworking Huntley Public Works department by treating them to lunch **May 24th**. We will be providing them with pizza, drinks, and some delicious desserts. If you are interested in baking or donating

some goodies for the well deserving men and women that keep Huntley looking good, please sign up via Church center or the SOTP website. We ask that all desserts be dropped off to the church by May 23rd. Thank you for your help!

Contact: Tara Mackey
rtmackey10@yahoo.com



Altar Flowers *Brighten the Sanctuary*

We continue to ask you to please consider signing up to donate flowers to brighten up the sanctuary. Each arrangement will be \$50.

The bouquets are delivered from the florist for the weekend worship services. The flowers are yours to keep after the Sunday services or on the Monday following. The church is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

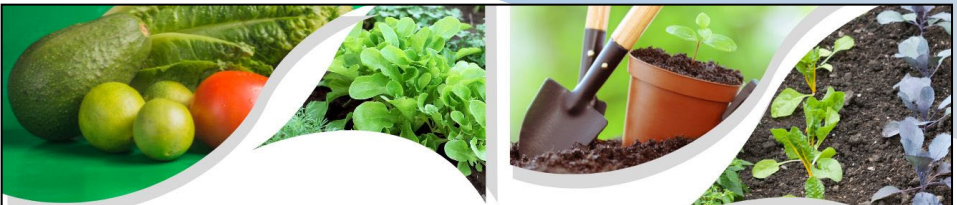
There are several ways to place an order for altar flowers. You can do so online with your regular offering, fill in the sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board in the church lobby, or you can contact me on

dem910@outlook.com. When you order the flowers, you will need to provide your name, the date you would like them, your phone number, and for whom the flowers are dedicated to or in memory of. I will send you a special offering envelope for the payment in the mail. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Mollis.

Thank you for contributing to beautify the altar during our services at Shepherd of the Prairie.

*Contact: Diane Mollis
dem910@outlook.com*

AARRK GARDEN *Helping Those in Need*



AARRK GARDEN

HELP NEEDED

Building & Planting Beginning April/May

Contact: Vik Bekeris
vikbek66@yahoo.com



New Member Gathering

Learn About Us

If you have been worshipping with us for a while here at SOTP in person or online and would like to know more about us as a worshipping community, we would love to have you join us at our New Member Gathering. We will be offering the gathering on **Sunday, May 7th, from 3 - 5:30pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the life and ministry of SOTP

and for you to consider prayerfully whether or not you want to formally become a member of the SOTP family.

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact Donna Kelly; donna@sotpmail.com. You can also sign up on our website under the "SERVE" tab - Events & Registrations.

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com



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New Member Gathering

Learn More About
Our Community



CONTACT: DONNA KELLY DONNA@SOTPMAIL.COM



SUNDAY
MAY 7

3:00 - 5:30 PM

Sign up:

www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0523

Prairie Crafters Meeting

All Are Invited

Anyone who is interested in Prairie Crafts to come and share ideas for a craft fair in the future. If interested and can't make it contact Sue for more information.



Contact: Sue Kamphausen
antiochmueller@aol.com

Grief Journey *A Safe Place to Heal*

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM

Grief Journey Group

Meet in SOTP Library

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Prayer Chain *Praying for Those in Need*



PRAYER CHAIN

RECEIVE
PRAYER REQUESTS:
ADMIN@SOTPMAIL.COM

SEND IN
PRAYER REQUESTS:
DONNA@SOTPMAIL.COM

Online Giving

Easily Donate Online



**YOUR OFFERINGS
ARE A BLESSING.
AND BLESSINGS
KEEP ON GIVING.**

Online Giving Available at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPGIVING

Questions?
Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

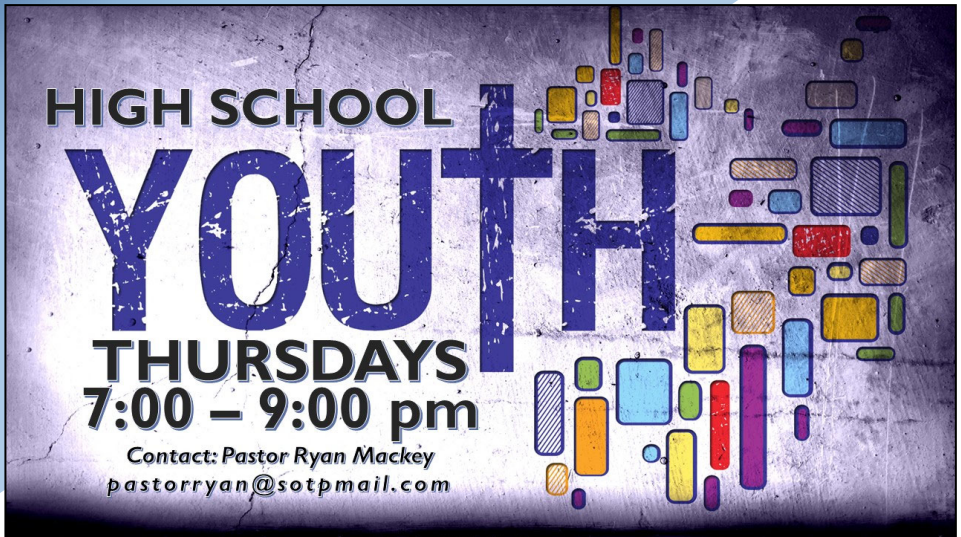


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Contact: Vik Bekeris vikbek66@yahoo.com

High School Youth

Thursday Nights at SOTP



**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH**

**THURSDAYS
7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Contact: Pastor Ryan Mackey
pastorryan@sotpmail.com

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Preschool Registration

For 2023-2024 School Year



LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2023-2024
2, 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS



Request Info:

www.bit.ly/SOTPLInfo

Contact: Jill Gillming LittleLambs@sotpmail.com

**Registration for the
2023-2024 school year is now
open!**

- ⇒ 12 slots are available for a 2-day class being offered on T/Th (for children who have turned 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2023)
- ⇒ 10 slots are available for a 1-day class on Wednesdays (for children who are at least 2 by Sept. 1, 2023)
- ⇒ There is also the option for your child to attend 3 days (Tuesday/Thursday and Fridays). We do highly recommend students who will be entering Kindergarten in 2024 to attend for 3 days, so

they will be ready for Kindergarten the following year. Parents have been very pleased with their child's progress after having been in the 3-day class and felt the extra day was instrumental in Kindergarten preparation.

The registration fee is \$50.

Also, if you refer a new family that signs up to our program we will reduce their registration fee and yours to \$25!!!

To request more information, go to **www.bit.ly/SOTPLInfo**

**Contact: Jill Gillming
LittleLambs@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

Online Giving



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

Contact the church office for more information.

Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

Northern IL Food Bank Sign Up Now

 	<p>Saturday June 3 9:00 am</p>		<p>Serve With Your Church Family</p>
<p>Register Now: www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb623</p> 		<p>Pack for Neighbors in Need</p>	

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. Navigation links include 'Me', 'Check-In', 'Signups', 'Groups', and 'More'. A user profile picture is visible in the top right. The main content area features several promotional banners: 'ADULT EDUCATION Faith & Mental Health Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness Sundays 10:20 am Jan 15 - Feb 26', 'ALTAR FLOWERS', 'SOTP KIDS NEED YOU! Ways You Can Help Sundays 9:00-10:45 am', 'NEWSLETTER PREP' with an envelope icon, 'Soup Supper Worship MARCH 5:45 PM SET UP | BRING SOUP | CLEAN UP www.bit.ly/SOTPsupper23', and a 'COFFEE & CUPCAKES' banner with a QR code. A large blue overlay with white and yellow text reads 'EASILY VIEW CURRENT EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS' and 'www.bit.ly/SOTPsSignup'.

Easily access current events & registrations at www.bit.ly/SOTPsSignup

Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpsmail.com

AV Team Serve with Us

The advertisement features a photograph of a professional audio mixing console, a laptop, and other AV equipment. The text is arranged in a dynamic, angled layout. At the top left, it says 'JOIN THE AV TEAM' in large, bold, red letters. To the right, it says 'CREATING AN INVITING AND ENGAGING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE THROUGH' in red, followed by a bulleted list: 'SOUND', 'VIDEO', 'GRAPHICS', and 'LIGHTING'. At the bottom right, it provides contact information: 'Contact: Mike Yndestad' and 'mike@sotpsmail.com'.

Welcome to America

Exodus—Thank You!

Thank you everybody our sign up for items needed has been completed!

As soon as all items have been brought in, we will Contact Exodus and they advise us when a refugee family arrives. We will deliver at that time.



Contact: Sandy Hupert
sandyhupert@gmail.com

Artist Series

Save the Date

Saturday, JUNE 10 @ 7:30 PM



ALUMNI CONCERT CHOIR

Chester L. Alwes

Author, Choral Conductor, Composer, Clinician, Consultant



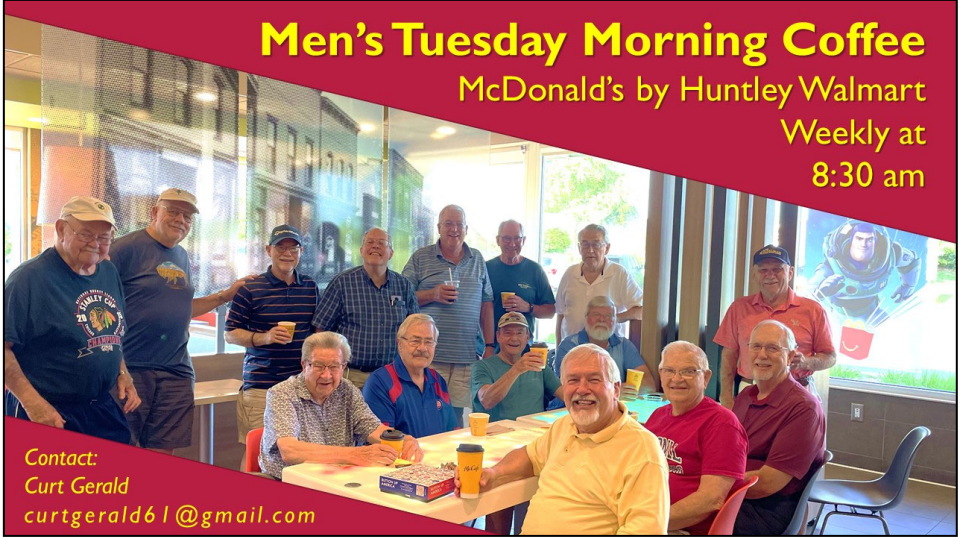
Men's Coffee Fellowship

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

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



Now Little Lambs Preschool
2023-2024 Registration Open,
www.bit.ly/SOTPLLInfo

THURSDAY, MAY 4 See Week
Leader Training, 11am

SUNDAY, MAY 7
New Member Gathering, 3pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0523

WEEK OF MAY 7-13 SEE Week
(Servant Engagement &
Equipping)
See Schedule & Register:
www.bit.ly/SOTPSEE523

THURSDAY, MAY 18 Prairie
Crafters Meeting, 9:30 am

WEEKEND OF MAY 20-21
First Communion Weekend

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
Lunch Honoring Huntley
Public Works
www.bit.ly/SOTPubwks23

MONDAY, MAY 28 Memorial
Day, Church Office Closed

MONDAY, MAY 28 Memorial
Day Parade (Walk With Us)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 Ice Cream
Social, 6:30 pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial23

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 Northern
Illinois Food Bank, 9am
www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb623

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 University
of Illinois Alumni Concert
Choir—Artist Series Event,
7:30 pm

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

SUNDAY, JULY 2 What's More
American Than Broadway—
Artist Series Event, 7:00 pm

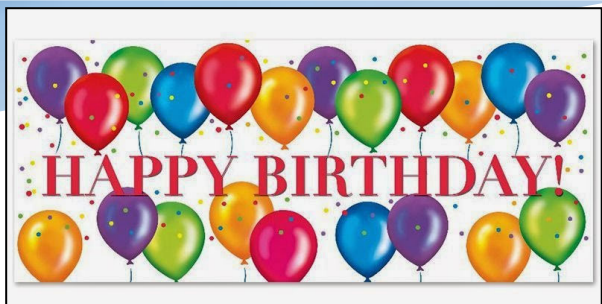
TUESDAY, JULY 4 4th of July,
Church Office Closed

JULY 10—14 Vacation Bible
School, save the date
Volunteers sign up now:
www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSvol23

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
New Member Gathering, 3pm

Birthdays

May



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|--|---|---|
| 1 Donna Cygan, Rick Miller, Russ Motyka, Jessica Zeimen | 14 Jill Dobek | 25 ... Emily Langlo, Ashlyn Palm |
| 2 Michael Burian, Michelle Rankin, Noelle Schlachta | 15 Caryl Fabian, Grace Moretti, Ashlyn Rankin, Chris Solem | 26 ... Calvin Meyer, Melanie Ressler, JoAnn Ward |
| 3 Jan Koerner, Steve Murphy | 16 ... Dottie Bobzin, Evie Fetzer, Simone Galati, Michael Habrat, Dennis Lilla, Tim Reicher | 27 Joshua Harding, Jack Schlachta |
| 4 Brian Buesing, John Dawson, Nelly Munoz, Amy Stech, Brandon Young | 17 ... Jeff Ottens | 28 Andrew Behm, Sandy Hupert, Arlene Petrine, Leah Stech |
| 5 John Baumstark, John Thunholm | 18 ... Mike Allegretti, Mark Fulcer, Ron Mudge | 29 ... Doris Graff, Beth Macaulay, Jeremy Ottens, John Richardson, Leo Young |
| 6 Benjamin Beallis | 19 ... Pamela Schuett | 30 ... Carly Grace Domenz, Thomas Domenz, Jeni McCann, Tony Moretti, Kyle Sabie |
| 7 DeWayne Klein, Lorraine Soosloff | 20 ... Nathan Allison, Betty Ferina | 31 ... Elizabeth Case, Robert Dunfrund, Alexa Joyce Hoving, Hannah Stegge |
| 9 Marlene Boehler, Elaina Satalino | 21 ... Emily Ramirez, Jacque Stashwick, Eric Stopka, Carol Waxenberg | |
| 10 ... Gavin Glosson, Samantha Schurhammer, Joseph Trevino | 22 Carl Hupert | |
| 11 ... Olivia Dahlin, Tyler DeBlicke, Kathy Kann, Sasha Suski | 23 Zachery Boster, Jonathan Crase, Matthew Holmes, Elizabeth McCann, Wendy Werner | |
| 12 ... Sharon Little, Brayden Patel, Laura Ramey, Judith Sanford, Alison Womac | 24 ... Karen Burren, Evelyn Gniot | |
| 13 Harriet Thompson | | |

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@sotppmail.com
- **ADVENTURE CLUB**—Jill Gillming jill@sotppmail.com
- **ASSISTING MINISTER (9AM)** - Jane McMullen, jane@sotppmail.com
Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworship
- **A/V TEAM** - Mike Yndestad, mike@sotppmail.com
- **BARNABAS MINISTRY**—Donna Sorensen, sorensensid@comcast.net
- **BELL CHOIR (ADULT)** —Jane McMullen, jane@sotppmail.com
- **BELL CHOIR (KIDS & YOUTH)** - Jane McMullen, jane@sotppmail.com
- **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotppmail.com
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- **COMMUNION SET UP & TAKE DOWN**—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net

Get Involved

Ways to Serve

- **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
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- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frendreis, SOTpproperty@gmail.com
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- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Matt Morrison matt@sotppmail.com
- **READERS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotppmail.com
Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworship
- **USHERS**—Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net
- **WELCOME CENTER**—Tara Mackey, rtmackey10@yahoo.com
- **WORSHIP BAND (SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL)**—Jeff Moore, jeff@sotppmail.com

Involvement Schedule

May 2023



		May 6/7	May 13/14	May 20/21	May 27/28
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Michael Malczewski	Sandra Johnson	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPWORSHIP	
Communion Assistants Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPWORS HIP	SAT 5:00 PM	Mary Holbrook	Ron Mudge	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM	Sandra Johnson	Interested in Serving Here? Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPWORSHIP		
	SUN 10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert			
Communion Bread Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Judie Symbal judie.symbal@att.net	Week end	Lynn Broederdorf	Eileen Gerald	Barb Hoppensteadt	Jacque Stashwick
Counters	Mon	Donna Turner, Diana Murphy & Marilyn Wilhelm			
Greeters Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SAT 5:00 PM	Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com			
	SUN 9:00 AM	Linda & Ken Rotter	Eileen Gerald Terry Halpin	Dottie Bobzin Cheryl Adams	Laura Attaway Carol Engstrom
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			
Newsletter Mailing Prep		For this Newsletter: Ronda Shoemaker & Lois Jensen			
Readers Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPWORS HIP	SUN 9:00 AM		Michael Malczewski	Carolyn & Ed 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 Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Diana & Jim Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Joy Nesta Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Ryden Chris Solem Jeff Ottens Tim Bueschel	JACK CONTI Mickey & Cathy Kappel Pete Thompson Cheryl Rotermund Frank Cesario Carol Engstrom	WAYNE SCHMIDT Nancy Wilson Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski	RALPH WEHNES George Attaway Ed & Carolyn Cuttle Jerry & Pat Darow
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Chuck Peterson Annika Yndestad	MARK FRENDREIS Sandi Stewart Jessica Panella	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	VIK BEKERIS Bob Mollis Diane Mollis
Welcome Center		Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Tara Mackey rtmackey10@yahoo.com			
Worship Flowers		Interested in sponsoring weekend worship flowers? Contact Diane Mollis: dem910@outlook.com			

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 to be added.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2023

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$374,061. Total income for the month was \$79,358 and total expenses for the month was \$78,646. Approximately 4.6 months of General Fund reserves.

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$68,105. Income for the month was \$14,720. The monthly mortgage payment is \$18,807. Approximately 3.6 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:	\$79,358	\$84,056	(\$4,698)	-5.6%
Expenses:	\$78,646	\$77,034	\$1,612	2.1%

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> <u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$252,907	\$258,728	(\$5,821)	-2.25%
Expenses:	\$247,605	\$239,222	\$8,383	3.5%

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month: \$14,720
Income YTD: \$58,015
Payments YTD: \$56,421
Ending Fund Balance: \$68,105

Submitted by,
Kathy McGuine
Congregation Treasurer

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