

**JUNE 2023**  
NEWSLETTER



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

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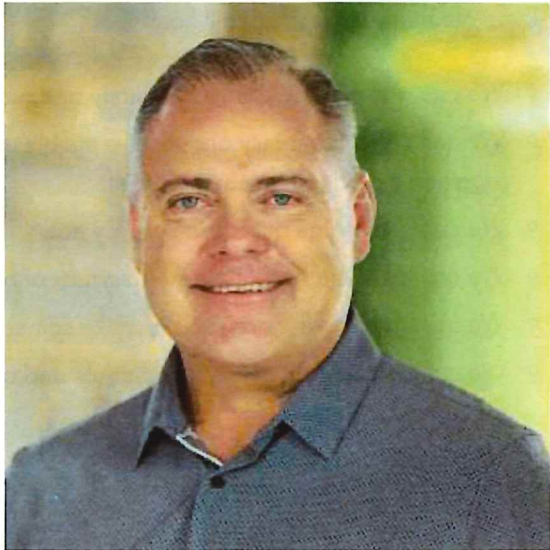
## A Note

### *From Pastor Mark*

Ahhh, summer is here. God bless all of our teachers, school administrators and support staff in our schools. God bless Jill Gilming, Kendra Coots and Judie Symbal (substitute teacher) who serve as teaching staff at our Little Lambs preschool. It is wonderful during the week to see our Little Lambs Preschoolers walking down the hallway of the church.

We are hopeful you all get some much deserved rest and refreshment through the summer months.

We all need that however and God knows as well. In the creation story we know even God "rested on the seventh day." It is why God established the Sabbath and encourages us to keep it holy (set apart).



Isn't it amazing what a few hours of sleep can do. A person can be completely physically exhausted after a day of cleaning up the yard, trimming the trees and bushes, and bagging up or binding up the yard waste. Yet a little food, a nice warm shower, and a night's sleep produces a refreshed body ready for another day. The muscles are relaxed and strong again. The skin and bruises or scrapes are beginning to show healing. The heart and lungs are full of energy and working smoothly.

Only God could have created such a human being that is able to feel like new again with the free gift of rest, of daily renewal.

The plan seems so simple. Balance work and rest. Utilize your time wisely, then take a break. But it is one of the hardest for we humans to follow. And keeping Sabbath seems even harder for the world.

God created one day out of seven for Sabbath. It is the perfect day to honor and worship God; not that we leave out honor for God other days. But this is an entire "holy day."

There are many ways to keep it holy.

- We can gather in Christian community and praise God.
- We can celebrate family and receive the blessing of an activity together, nurturing each other's spirit.
- We can spend time outside in the very nature that God created for us.
- We can take time apart from the busyness of our world and be still.
- We can use our skills or talents to make someone else happy.
- We can be free from our usual schedule and open to whatever God places in our path.

Sometimes an opportunity comes along to keep a Sabbath on a different day than number seven, perhaps sooner than the end of the week.

Whatever we declare to be our Sabbath day, we must strive to keep it, and not let our spirit, mind, and body be robbed of this holy occasion. The benefits are numerous, both for us and for God.

What stops us from keeping Sabbath?

What are some positive changes that we can effect?

Take some time today and list some ways you have kept Sabbath in the past month and consider keeping track of how you are acknowledging the gift of Sabbath rest over these summer months. Summer is a great time to begin something new. Consider your need for Sabbath rest and make it a practice and priority in your life.

Summer blessings to you and your family and I look forward to being part of your sabbath this summer in worship!

Pastor Mark

## A Note

*From Donna Kelly*

"Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got,

Taking a break from all  
your worries sure  
would help a lot.

Wouldn't you like to  
get away?

Sometimes you wanna  
go where everybody  
knows your name,

And they're always  
glad you came.

You wanna be where  
you can see, our troubles are all the same.

You wanna be where everybody knows your name."

Gary Poitnoy/Judy Hart; Cheers Theme c. Addax Music Co

Recently on vacation, my family and I watched several episodes of the 80's sitcom Cheers. If you don't know the show, it takes place in a bar in Boston owned by Sam. The regulars at the bar find a "family" there amongst the other patrons and the staff. They are always welcomed well when they come into the bar. The patrons and staff are a very eclectic group of people from all walks of life, ages and ethnic groups. But no matter who they are and what their background, they are accepted for themselves. They need not put on any false pretenses; they can let their hair down and just be themselves;



and they are accepted and loved for who they are. The patrons and staff share their ups and downs, wins and losses, victories and defeats, celebrations and tears. There are certainly some disagreements, but they forgive hurts and renew relationships. Each one listens to the others and even though there are wisecracks and teasing, you can tell the characters care for one another.

As I watched the episodes and listened to the theme song play at the beginning of each one, I couldn't help but think that this is what the church is called to be. A place where we can be authentic without having to pretend to be what we are not, or to be what someone else wants us to be. A place where we can disagree, but always forgive and restore relationships. A place of welcome and acceptance.

Jesus calls us to love each other; to take care of one another; to be servant to one another; to wash one another's feet. We need to ask ourselves each time we walk into this place of worship, "Who can I welcome or serve today?" "How can I make somebody's experience of SOTP just a little bit better today?" "What can I do to serve someone else here today?" "How can I help someone to know they are loved?"

Donna

## AARRK Garden Vegetable Stand at SOTP - Starting in June

### *Fresh Produce Coming to SOTP*

Fresh produce for sale weekly at AARRK Garden Vegetable Stand at SOTP before & after all weekend services June through October.



All donations directly go back to AARRK Garden, which helps the homeless get back on their feet.

- Every Saturday 3:30 – & after services
- Every Sunday 8am – after services

Contact: Ronda Shoemaker [rondapatton313@gmail.com](mailto:rondapatton313@gmail.com)



## Vacation Bible School Volunteers

*Help Still Needed*



Vacation Bible School is the most AMAZING program we offer that facilitates instant fun and connection for kids and leaders alike!

Join our team today and share the message of the Gospel with hundreds of children this summer! Our theme this year is:

Ready, Set, Move! Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere.

This summer our program is for kids in pre-school (must be potty trained) through 5th grade.

Register and let us know where you'd like to help out at [www.bit.ly/SOTPBVBSvol23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPBVBSvol23).

Contact: Jill Gillming [jill@sotpmail.com](mailto:jill@sotpmail.com)

## Vacation Bible School Registration

*NOW OPEN*

VBS registration is now open!!!

Sign up now for VBS registration. July 10-14 from 9:00am- noon. This summer our program is for kids in pre-school (must be potty trained) through going into 5th grade.

A colorful banner for Vacation Bible School registration. The background is dark blue with a yellow dashed border. In the center, the text "READY, SET, MOVE" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is "FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE". The dates "July 10 - 14, 2023" are written in yellow. To the right, a compass rose is visible. On the left, the text "SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH" is written in white. On the right, "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE" is written in white. At the bottom, a pink banner contains the text "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN" in white and "Register: www.bit.ly/SOTPVBS23" in white. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

Our theme this year is Ready, Set, Move! Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere.

Register at [www.bit.ly/SOTPBVBS23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPBVBS23)

Those entering 6th grade (and older) are welcome to join us as a VBS Volunteer. Rester at: [www.bit.ly/SOTPvbsvol23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPvbsvol23)

Contact: Jill Gillming [jill@sotpmail.com](mailto:jill@sotpmail.com)

## Preschool Registration

For 2023-2024 School Year

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

**LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL**

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

Request Info:  
**[www.bit.ly/SOTPLLInfo](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLLInfo)**  
Contact: Jill Gillming [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com)

=> 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](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLInfo)

Contact: Jill Gillming [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com)

## Ice Cream Social - June 2

*Ice Cream, Games, Face Painting & WHEELS!*

Summer is kicking off with an Ice Cream Social & Wheels Show.



Join us **Friday, June 2nd from 6:30pm-8:30pm** for the Ice Cream Social.

We will also have games, relays, face painting, an ice cream Pinata, and lots of fun!

Let us know you're coming – register at [www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial23)

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Also, sign up to bring your wheels at [www.bit.ly/SOTPwheels23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPwheels23) . They can have 4 or 3 or 2 wheels, maybe someone even has a unicycle!?!?

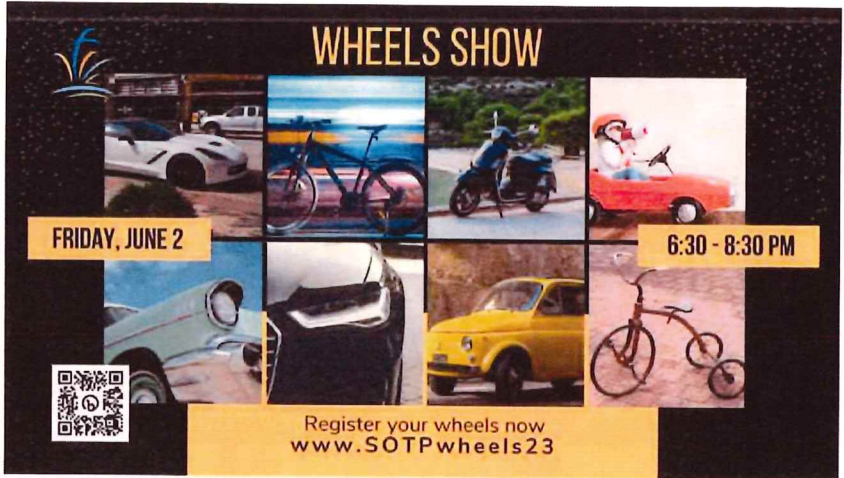
The best decorated kid's wheels will win a prize.

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## Wheels Show - June 2

*Register Your Wheels Now*

Summer is kicking off with an Ice Cream Social & Wheels Show.



A promotional graphic for the 'WHEELS SHOW' event. The title 'WHEELS SHOW' is at the top in a stylized font. Below it is a grid of eight images: a white sports car, a blue bicycle, a blue scooter, a red car with a person inside, a silver car, a black car, a yellow Volkswagen Beetle, and a brown bicycle. The date 'FRIDAY, JUNE 2' is on the left and the time '6:30 - 8:30 PM' is on the right. A QR code is in the bottom left corner. At the bottom, it says 'Register your wheels now www.SOTPwheels23'.

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Contact: Jill Gillming [jill@sotpmail.com](mailto:jill@sotpmail.com)

## Grafton Pantry Food Drive

*Helping our Neighbors in Need*

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH we will be collecting items for Grafton Food Pantry

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE HOSTS

# GRAFTON PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

10805 MAIN ST. HUNTLEY



MONTHLY  
**1ST SUNDAY**  
8:30 - 11AM

**Collecting in Car Outside Main Office Entrance**

SIMPLY bring your items, drop them off at the vehicle outside by the side door.

We will also have containers inside the Front Door.

Needs this month:

- Paper Products
- Cleaning Products
- Shampoos
- Non-perishable Food Items
- Hygiene Products

Contact Annette Petersen @ [petersenannette12@gmail.com](mailto:petersenannette12@gmail.com)

## Financial Workshop - June 3

### *How does the SECURE Act affect you?*

The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring an important workshop on Saturday **June 3rd after the 5:00 service, and on Sunday June 4th after both the 9:00 and 10:45 services.** This will be an informational meeting that can help you plan better to avoid paying additional taxes on your savings. Several other ideas may be discussed during the meeting.



The banner features a dark background with a red top border. On the left, there is a white logo of a plant and the text "STEWARDSHIP TEAM" in white, with "FINANCIAL WORKSHOP" in large yellow letters below it. On the right, the Thrivent logo is shown with the text "THRIVENT" and "No Products Being Sold" below it. At the bottom, there is a QR code on the left, and the text "How does the SECURE Act affect you? Following ALL services June 3 & 4" in white and yellow, with "More info: [www.bit.ly/SOTPthrive23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPthrive23)" in red below it.

No products will be sold.

How does the SECURE Act affect you?

Discover changes that may affect your retirement savings.

Attend our workshop on the SECURE Act 2.0 to learn more about this law, intended to help Americans bolster their retirement readiness, whether you're in or nearing retirement, in the middle of that savings journey, or just getting started.

No Registration Necessary.



Saturday: Music/Education Room

Sunday: Maple Room

Contact: Ralph Wehnes [ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net)

## Next Step Fellowship - June 10

*Senior Fellowship for Single Seniors*



Saturday, June 10, Noon - 2pm

### **NEXT STEP FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship Group for Single Seniors



Info & Registration: [www.bit.ly/SOTPnext](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPnext)

Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Shepherd of the Prairie is starting a new Fellowship Group called, **The Next Step**. This is a group for single seniors looking for community and fellowship. Whether widowed, divorced or never married, member or friend of SOTP, if you find yourself single and in these best years of your life, we encourage you to join us. People who consider themselves seniors (55+) are invited to participate.

Our first get-together will be **Saturday, June 10th at noon** for lunch, fun and brainstorming about activities for this new community; take in a movie, go out for dinner of lunch, take a day trip, play games, serve in a ministry together...?

Come and bring your ideas for ways this community can have fun, grow and serve. Registration is recommended so we can make sure we have enough food, but not required. You can sign up on the website, through

Church Center, at [www.bit.ly/SOTPnext](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPnext) or at the Registration Kiosk on Sundays.

Questions? Contacts: Phyllis Thomson, [phyllisthomson@aol.com](mailto:phyllisthomson@aol.com), 847-732-4628 or Dave Stangle, [dstangle.ds@gmail.com](mailto:dstangle.ds@gmail.com)

## University of Illinois Alumni Choir

*An Artist Series Event*

The University of Illinois  
**Alumni  
Concert Choir**  
Saturday  
June 10, 2023  
7:30 pm

 **Dr. Chester L Alwes**  
Conductor

Presented by the  
**SHEPHERD  
OF THE PRAIRIE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Artist Series  
& Music Department  
sotp.org

University of Illinois Alumni Concert Choir to perform at Shepherd of the Prairie

Under the direction of Dr. Chester L. Alwes, noted conductor, composer, and author, the voices of the 50-member University of Illinois Alumni Concert Choir will echo on **Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 7:30pm** at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, 10805 Main Street, Huntley.

Admission to this performance is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Sponsored by the SOTP Artist Series, a community outreach initiative sponsored by Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, the acclaimed University of Illinois Alumni Concert Choir will sing a variety of popular

works suitable for all attendees who value the love and appreciation of music.

As a choral conductor, Dr. Alwes is known for his innovative programming, his sensitivity to tone and musical line, and his dedication to the musical success and growth of his singers. Throughout his career, Alwes has been widely hailed as a teacher/mentor, scholar, editor, and composer.

He holds degrees in music from Hanover College (BA), Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music (MSM), and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (DMA). Prior to joining the University of Illinois faculty in 1982, he held teaching positions at the College of Wooster (Ohio) and the University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music.

At the University of Illinois, Dr. Alwes has taught graduate courses in choral literature (both MM and DMA) and seminars on the works of J. S Bach and Henry Purcell as well as graduate and undergraduate conducting.

In 1996, he founded the Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana (BACH), an ensemble of singers and players drawn from the University and local community that specializes in the music of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Guests who attend this concert by the University of Illinois Alumni Concert Choir will enjoy the professionalism and top level of excellence expressed by conductor Dr. Alwes and the esteemed choir.

## Summer Parents Connect - Starting June 11

*Get to Know Other Parents*



**SUMMER PARENTS CONNECT**

**SUNDAYS**

- JUNE 11
- JUNE 25
- JULY 9
- JULY 23
- AUG 13
- AUG 27



**JOIN THE FUN  
BETWEEN  
SERVICES  
10-10:40 AM!**



**Register Now: [www.bit.ly/SOTPsumPARENT](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsumPARENT)**

A great time for parents to connect.

Let us know you're coming, register: [www.bit.ly/SOTPsumPARENT](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsumPARENT)

Contact: Pastor Ryan Mackey [pastorryan@soltpmail.com](mailto:pastorryan@soltpmail.com)

Summer Kids Connect - Starting June 11

Preschool - Entering 5th Grade

Calling all kids!



**SUMMER KIDS CONNECT**

**SUNDAYS**

- JUNE 11
- JUNE 25
- JULY 9
- JULY 23
- AUGUST 13
- AUGUST 27



Register Now: [www.bit.ly/SOTPSummer23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPSummer23)



Join us twice a month at **10:00 am** for Summer Kids Connect fun!

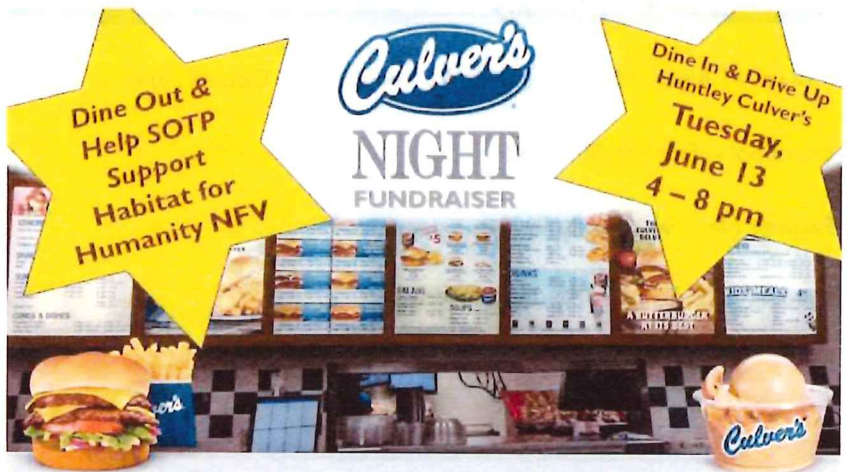
Preschool – Entering 5th Grade

Register Now: [www.bit.ly/SOTPSummer23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPSummer23)

Contact: Jill Gillming [jill@sotpmail.com](mailto:jill@sotpmail.com)

## Habitat for Humanity Northern Fox Valley - Culver's Night

*& One Home Done, Starting Another Soon*



WOW!! Look what we have nearly completed!

Habitat for HumanityNFV – New Hope Partnership (Which includes SOTP) has helped build and fund this house from the bare earth up.



We are excited for the family to move in.

NOW we plan to build another home and are starting to raise the funds.

Here is a way you all can help!

COME AND EAT AT CULVERS (Route 47 in Huntley)

On **Tuesday June 13 th between 4 and 8 PM**

A % of all orders big or small will go to

Habitat/New Hope Partnership

Contact: Sandy Hupert [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com)

## Sing "the Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*With the Adult Choir July 2nd*

Come join us on Sunday, July 2 to sing "the Battle Hymn of the Republic" with the SOTP Adult Choir



Sing  
**"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"**  
**with Us July 2**

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**Rehearsals:**  
**June 21 & 29 7:00 pm**

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More Info & Sign Up:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPJul423](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPJul423)

Only 2 rehearsals:

- Wednesday June 21, 7 pm
- Wednesday June 28, 7 pm

We will sing at the 9 am service July 2

Call time: 8:15 am

In order to insure we have enough sheet music please register.

Contact: Jane McMullen [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

### *You Are Invited to Join Us*

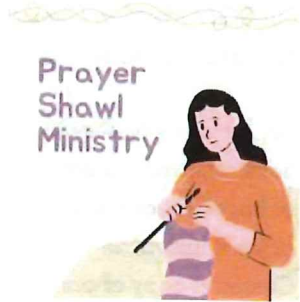
The Prayer Shawl Ministry group would like to thank everyone who has donated yarn or given a shawl! Please stop by and check us out, we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9am in the library.

We make the shawls for the congregation to give to anyone that might benefit from a bit of love and comfort. We like to think of them as a "Hug" from heaven!

There are many different sizes and colors to choose from. Please check out the "shawl rack" in the hall across from the big kitchen, and also the top portion of the "A" cabinet at the end of the ministry hall.

Thank you all so much! Remember: "We make 'em — you take 'em"

Contact Jeanne Henley: [cjhenley2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cjhenley2003@yahoo.com)



## New Photo Directory

### *Updating Pictures & Information*

It's been 6 years since we completed our latest photo directory; many things have changed since then. Every time we welcome new members, we update our SOTP Member Directory, but it doesn't have pictures. It's time to create a new photo directory that we can keep more up to date.

So, by now you should have received via email, or hopefully picked up at the Registration Center, a copy of our most current directory that includes the photos we have on file. Please take a moment to find your or your family's photo. If there is no

photo of you/your family, or if your photo is well out of date, please send a current photo to Ed Cuttle at [edschn28@comcast.net](mailto:edschn28@comcast.net) if you have one. **Be sure to list the names of all in your photo.** If you don't have a photo and would like one taken, we will be taking photos between services on Sundays, June 4, 11 & 25. If you worship on Saturday, please see Pastor Mark or Pastor Ryan and they will take your photo.

We also ask that you look over your contact information as it is currently listed. If there are any corrections, please send them to Ed Cuttle as well. **We ask that the photos and updated information be sent to Ed by June 30** as we would like to publish the updated directory in the first part of July.

If you have any questions, contact Donna Kelly, [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) or through the church office.



## Prairie Pointe Quilters

### *Updates*

The Prairie Pointe Quilters are moving right along – we're quickly approaching 100 quilts!

As always, we can always use more hands and/or



donations of flat sheets (not white) or money to buy more fabric. We're all looking forward to the next dedication and seeing the sanctuary all dressed up with all the colorful quilts. Shown is one of the quilts that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly at 9:00 am. No previous experience necessary.

Contact: Bev Kenny [krbjk@comcast.net](mailto:krbjk@comcast.net)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dem910@outlook.com)

## What's More American Than Broadway - July 2

### Artist Series Concert

"WHAT'S MORE AMERICAN THAN BROADWAY"

**MARK OLEN**  
AND HIS  
"STARS AND STRIPES"  
ORCHESTRA  
Featuring Allysa Allgood & Paul Marinaro

**WHAT'S MORE AMERICAN  
THAN BROADWAY**

**JULY 2, 2023 7:00 PM**

PRESENTED BY THE  
**SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE ARTIST SERIES**  
10805 MAIN STREET, HUNTLEY  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPARTIST](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPARTIST)

Mark Olen and his "Stars and Stripes" Orchestra will present a special evening of entertaining Patriotic and Broadway musical selections during a free concert on July 2nd at 7 p.m. at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, 10805 Main Street.

Sponsored by the SOTP Artist Series, Mark Olen has performed in prior concerts, as well as various church services at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. Olen and his trumpet exhibit his versatility by performances with the American Jazz Philharmonic, Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, Ravinia Festival Orchestra, Grant Park, Elgin and Rockford Symphonies, Chicago Brass Quintet & Brassworks. He has been a soloist with Great Lakes Navy Band & Chicago Jazz Ensemble as well. Mark and the "Stars and Stripes" Orchestra will be joined by renowned soloists Alyssa Allgood and Paul Marinaro.

**Alyssa Allgood** is a Chicago-based jazz vocalist who has been described as “assured and daring” by DownBeat Magazine and a “model of sophisticated song interpretation” by the Chicago Tribune.

**Paul Marinaro**, dubbed as having “one of the most beautiful vocal instruments in the business today” by the Chicago Tribune, is a modern classic. With Chicago as his home base Paul has become one of the most in-demand and respected male vocalists and has taken his place among the top five male jazz singers active today.

Mark your calendar – **July 2, 2023 at 7PM** for a very special performance!

For more information on upcoming events, go to: [www.bit.ly/SOTPARTIST](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPARTIST)

To donate to the Artist Series to help bring more events like these to Huntley go to: [www.bit.ly/SOTPartist](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPartist)



## Christmas in July

*Celebrate by Giving Gifts to ELCA World Hunger*

O Holy Night. Away in the Manger. Joy to the World! It's Christmas in July at SOTPI!!!

**Christmas in July**

**GIVING TO ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

Ornaments will be available on Giving Tree July 8-30

Register: [www.bit.ly/SOTPxmasjul23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPxmasjul23)

Christmas is a time of celebration. The Christmas carols, the twinkling lights, the cookies, the joy of giving gifts. A celebration of God's ultimate gift to us: the birth of Jesus. So we're celebrating again from July 8th – 30th to share our love for others by giving our gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

On July 8th and 9th look for the Christmas tree display. It contains ornaments for gifts like bees, pigs, goats, care for kids (like sending a girl to school, vaccinations for a child or stocking a backpack with food) or even a water well! These gifts can make a difference in the lives of families in ELCA community partners across the globe. Just pick out an ornament and an offering envelop. Place your money or check in the envelop and drop off the donation in the God's Global Barnyard "barn" at the display table, or donate "online". Hang your ornament on the tree so we see how our gifts are transforming lives, and creating hope in the lives of families facing food insecurity.

Please return all gifts/donations by Sunday July 30th.

Register to help at our table at: [www.bit.ly/SOTPxmasjul23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPxmasjul23)

## Weekend Serving Schedule

June 2023

		June 3/4	June 10/11	June 17/18	June 24/25
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Annette Kandell		Donna Sorensen	Sandra Johnson
Communion Assistants	SAT 5:00 PM	Mary Holbrook	Peggy Lynn Loiselle	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM	Nancy Willson Elaine Gillam Rick Miller	Annette Kandell Eileen Gerald		
	SUN 10:45 AM	Donna Kelly Carol & Steve Legel Doreen Brangenberg	Donna Kelly Doreen Brangenberg	Donna Kelly Marlene Boehler Doreen Brangenberg	Donna Kelly Doreen Brangenberg
Communion Bread	Weekend	Lynn Broederdorf	Eileen Gerald	Barb Hoppensteadt	Jacque Stashwick
Counters	Mon	Donna Turner, John Throckmorton & Marilyn Wilhelm			

Greeters	SAT 5:00 PM	<b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> 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	Bob & Carolyn Malm	Elaine Gillam	Elaine Gillam
Newsletter Mailing Prep		For this Newsletter: Ronda Shoemaker & Lois Jensen			
Readers	SUN 9:00 AM	Donna Sorensen Mike Malczewski	Sandra Johnson Rick Miller	Dottie Bobzin Annette Kandell	Annette Kandell

Chri		June 3/4	June 10/11	June 17/18	June 24/25
Ushers <b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact: Ed Cuttle	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Diana Murphy Jim Murphy	Joy Nesta Barb Hoppensteadt
	SUN	<b>WALTER LEMKE</b>	<b>JACK CONTI</b>	<b>WAYNE SCHMIDT</b>	<b>RALPH WEHNES</b>

edschn28@comcast.net	9:00 AM	Art Ryden Chris Solem Tim Bueschel Mickey Kappel Cathy Kappel	Pete Thompson Frank Cesario Carol Engstrom Cheryl Rotermund Jeff Ottens	Nancy Wilson Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski	George Attaway Ed & Carolyn Cuttle Jerry & Pat Darow Jeff Stangle
	SUN 10:45 AM	<b>BOB MCDUFFEE</b> Vik Bekeris 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		<b>Interested in Serving Here?</b> Contact: Tara Mackey <a href="mailto:rtmackey10@yahoo.com">rtmackey10@yahoo.com</a>			
Worship Flowers		<b>Interested in sponsoring weekend worship flowers?</b> Contact Diane Mollis: <a href="mailto:dem910@outlook.com">dem910@outlook.com</a>			

## Birthdays

### *June*

- 1.....Rebecca Miller
- 2.....Michelle Jacobs, Derek Mackey, Sydney McGuine, Mark Michalak, Shonna Rankin
- 3.....Olivia Lorenzo, Candi McNeal, Josephine Stoica
- 4.....Nathaniel Black, Sandy Martin, Kim Stancl, Jacob Trevino
- 5.....Conrad Barta, Curtis Hollabaugh, Rachael Yndestad
- 6.....Jamie Elam, Sandra Meyer, Rob Satalino, Kim Scalise, Frances Wilson
- 7.....Chuck Bayser, Joanne Bychowsky, Corin Casablanca, Anneliese Espinoza
- 8....Jonathan Boster, Kathy Miller, Rebecca Mudge
- 9.....Kellen McNeal, Kaitlyn Richards, Gloria Samuelson
- 10...Lisa Adams, Elaine Berens, Susan Falbo, Noah Konie, Merle Lewis
- 11....Carole Cesario, Anthony Serpe
- 12....Ava Galati, Marilyn Schnell, Payton Serpe, Henry Womac, Harley Young
- 13....Max Wondriska
- 14....Lilja Farnam
- 15....Vicki Maraviglia, McKenzie Schlachta, Shawn Smosna

16....Sharon Mundt

17....Leah Bloomfield

19....Deanne Byers, Emily Dunfrund, Jill Gillming, Megan Palombit, Judie Symbal, Patrick Ullrich

20....Matthew Alpert, Morgan Alpert, Matteo Galati, Ethan Gartzke, Hannah Robinson

21....John Browne, Michael Glosson, Karin Henkle, Troy Kindle

22....Margaret Motyka, Anne Nagel

23....Kimberly Ernst, Rebecca Fulcer, Ron Knudsen

24....Mary Lou Chamberlain, Avary DeBlieck, Mary Klatt, Susan Krizmanich, Kathy Pizarro

25....Jacob Andrew Marx, Lincoln Shaw

26....Austin Allegretti, Barb Carr, Katie Casablanca, Stevie Massei, Dennis Perkey, Alexander Rojas, Bill Skidmore

27.....Reagan Bishop, Kelly Stallbaum, Ella Ullrich

28....Carolyn Malm, Daniel Rossman

29....Anthony Maraviglia

30....David Huston, Dana Turk

## Upcoming Events

*Join Us!*

Now Little Lambs Preschool 2023-2024 Registration Open,  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPLInfo](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLInfo)

**Before & After Weekend Services Starting in June** AARRK Garden  
Vegetable Stand at SOTP

**First Sunday Monthly** Collecting for Grafton Pantry Food Drive, before &  
after Sunday services

**Friday, June 2** Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm [www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsocial23)

**Saturday, June 3** Northern Illinois Food Bank, 9am  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb623](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb623)

**Saturday, June 3** Stewardship Team Financial Workshop  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPthrive23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPthrive23)

**Saturday, June 10** University of Illinois Alumni Concert Choir—Artist Series  
Event, 7:30 pm

**Sunday, June 11** Summer Kids Connect Kickoff, 10am

**Tuesday, June 13** Culver's Night for Habitat for Humanity at Huntley  
Culver's, 4-8 pm

**Wednesday, June 21** First of 2 Rehearsals for Singing with Adult Choir July  
2 at 9am, 7pm

**June 25—30** High School Youth Group Service Trip (Contact Pastor Ryan  
[Mackey.pastorryan@sotpmail.com](mailto: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 8** Kicking Off Christmas in July Gifts for World Hunger

**July 10—14** Vacation Bible School, save the date

- Volunteers sign up now: [www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSvol23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSvol23)
- Register kids preschool (potty trained) through entering 5th grade  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPVBS23](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPVBS23)

**Sunday, August 13** New Member Gathering, 3pm

**Sunday, August 20** Annual Church Picnic, Noon

## Regularly Scheduled

### *At SOTP*

#### Sundays

- Before & After Services AARRK Garden Vegetable Stand at SOTP
- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 10:00 am Summer Kids Connect
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 1:00 pm FBW

#### Mondays

- 9:00 am (3rd Mon) Gazebo Valor Quilts
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am FBW
- 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
- 9:15 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

- 10:00 am God's Girls
- 10:30 am Women's FBW
- 11:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Mark
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir

### Thursdays

- 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

- 9:30 am Sunshine 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

- Before & After Service AARRK Garden Vegetable Stand at SOTP

## Get Involved

### *So Many Ways to Participate in Our Church*

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:

- AARRK Garden – Ronda Shoemaker [rondapatton313@gmail.com](mailto:rondapatton313@gmail.com)
- Adult Choir—Jane McMullen, [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)
- Adventure Club—Jill Gillming [jill@sotpmail.com](mailto:jill@sotpmail.com)
- Annual Church Picnic – Sharon Little [skl55little@mac.com](mailto:skl55little@mac.com)
- Assisting Minister (9am) – Jane McMullen, [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)
- Artist Series – Jane McMullen [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)
- A/V Team – Mike Yndestad, [mike@sotpmail.com](mailto:mike@sotpmail.com)
- Barnabas Ministry—Donna Sorensen, [sorensensid@comcast.net](mailto:sorensensid@comcast.net)
- Bell Choir (Adult) —Jane McMullen, [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)
- Bell Choir (Kids & Youth) – Jane McMullen, [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)
- Communion Assistants—Jane McMullen, [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)
- Communion Set Up & Take Down—Judie Symbal, [judie.symbal@att.net](mailto:judie.symbal@att.net)
- Community Outreach—Tara Mackey, [rtmackey10@yahoo.com](mailto:rtmackey10@yahoo.com)
- Counters—Ralph Wehnes, [ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net)
- Crafting Gifts for Sr. Citizens & Homeless Blankets—Alice Hallett, [agrndmom3@gmail.com](mailto:agrndmom3@gmail.com)
- Greeters—Elaine Gillam, [suggillam@aol.com](mailto:suggillam@aol.com)
- Habitat for Humanity – Sandy Hupert [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com)
- Mission Team – Sandy Hupert [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com)

- Newsletter Mailing Prep—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com  
Sign up at: [www.bit.ly/SOTPfolders](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPfolders)
- Next Step Fellowship (Single Seniors Fellowship) – Dave Stangle, dstangle.ds@gmail.com or Phyllis Thomson, phyllisthomson@aol.com
- Prairie Crafters – Sue Kamphausen antiochmueller@aol.com
- Property Team—Mark Frendreis, SOTPproperty@gmail.com
- Prairie Quilters—Bev Kenny krkbjk@comcast.net
- Prayer Shawls—Jeanne Henley cjenley2003@yahoo.com
- Public Relations—Matt Morrison matt@sotpmail.com
- Readers—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Ushers—Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net
- Vacation Bible School – Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com
- Welcome Center—Tara Mackey, rtmackey10@yahoo.com
- Worship Band (Singing & Instrumental)—Jeff Moore, jeff@sotpmail.com

# Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2023

## Treasurer Report as of April 30, 2023

**General Fund Report:** The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$372,694. Total income for the month was \$76,383 and total expenses for the month was \$77,750. Approximately 4.8 months of General Fund reserves.

**General Fund reserves. Mortgage Service Fund Report:** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$65,404. Income for the month was \$16,106. The monthly mortgage payment is \$18,807. Approximately 3.5 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

	This Month			
General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$76,383	\$89,436	(\$13,053)	-14.6%
Expenses:	\$77,750	\$77,034	\$716.00	1%

	Year-to-Date			
General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$329,291	\$348,164	(\$18,894)	-5.4%
Expenses:	\$325,354	\$316,256	\$9,099	2.9%

### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$16,106
Income YTD:	\$74,036
Payments YTD:	\$75,228
Ending Fund Balance:	\$65,404

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathy McGuine  
Congregation Treasurer

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**Worship Schedule**

**Saturday** 5:00 pm

**Sunday** 9:00 am Traditional & 10:45 am Contemporary

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