

Newsletter

September 2023



**SHEPHERD
OF THE PRAIRIE**
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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OF THE PRAIRIE**

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Huntley, IL sotp.org 847/669-9448

A Note

From Pastor Mark



This is the year of Matthew in our Gospel readings for worship each week. One of those readings coming up is from Matthew 16:21-28. I invite you to read and ask yourself for a “price check.”

Jesus is preparing his disciples for that which will come—his suffering, death, and resurrection. Often impetuous in his actions, Peter’s response indicates that he doesn’t understand God’s direction or Jesus’ actions to complete his mission as Messiah.

Do we see ourselves in Peter? Have we too often responded randomly to a situation without looking to or listening for God’s leadership?

Peter’s response wasn’t evil; he spoke in love. However, if Jesus had not suffered and died, the resurrection would not have occurred. God’s Kingdom would not have been advanced.

Think of the grief in Jesus’ voice as he rebuked Peter. Just as Satan had tempted him in the desert, here was Peter wanting him to take the way of power. Do Jesus’ words remind Peter that the better way is to follow his leading? Do they remind us to listen for God’s leading before making decisions randomly? Do we grieve God when we make our decisions based on our world view rather than his?

Then Jesus goes on to tell the disciples that as he would suffer, so would they. Following him has a cost.

I am sure that through the years you have witnessed women and men who

have paid a price for standing up for what they believed.

I sometimes wonder however if it is becoming less likely. We are living in times of great apathy. A lot of people wonder what difference does it make for me to be part of a worshiping community? Do our neighbors recognize or see anything in us that makes us a bit difference than what the world expect? Beyond the fact that we went to church on Sunday, could they see a difference in our lives? Do we keep our faith so to ourselves that they weren’t even aware of it?

If there had been persecution in our land, would we have been worth persecuting? Would Jesus have recognized us as one of his followers? Walking close with God should have a price. We must be recognized as Christians in order to be known as followers. And to be recognized, we must be listeners, in order that our random actions not be a hindrance to God’s purpose.

God’s Kingdom will grow on earth as in heaven; praise God that that we are invited each day to be a part in it. As we begin another year of learning at SOTP ask for the grace to live our life closely connected to God’s Word. What difference does that connection make for you and how are you living it out?

Pastor Mark

A Note From Pastor Ryan



One Year!

It is hard to believe, but August 15 marked my one-year anniversary at SOTP!

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Naturally, I have been doing a lot of reflecting over the past few weeks, looking at where I was one year ago vs. now, the many ways I have gotten to know this community better, the things we have accomplished, and the dreams yet-to-be fulfilled.

Much of this past year has been spent getting to know you all and the traditions of SOTP, but I have especially been focused on our confirmation program. Last month, I outlined how exciting our Wednesday nights will be with Adventure Club, confirmation, and youth group all happening on the same night, but this month, I wanted to let you in on a little of the behind-the-scenes work that has been done to get ready for this fall.

I have had the privilege of an amazing team to work with as we dreamed and planned for a new year of confirmation. Tim Torkelson, Jess Panella, Carrie MaCabe, Josh Harding, Kim Stegge, and Marissa Rojas have put in so many hours this summer there is no way I could possibly thank them enough.

Last spring, we started looking ahead and no idea was off the table. We talked about schedule, the nightly

structure, curriculum, volunteers, and more as we began to form a picture in our minds of what we wanted our program to look like. We met twice each month and weighed all options until a clearer picture began to coalesce.

Jess came on board in an administrative role. She will be working behind the scenes to help with attendance, volunteer coordination, and some communication. To prepare for this new role, she and I met, extensively, with Matt Morrison, SOTP's Operations Manager, to develop our system for using Church Center for check-ins, attendance tracking, sharing resources and communication with parents.

All in all, we are looking forward to a great year with better tools and a solid plan for making it the most engaging, meaningful year for our youth yet!

Once the confirmation year is underway, I plan to set my sights on our high school youth ministry and give it a similar level of care and recreation.

As always, we are looking for anyone who has a passion for youth ministry (of any age) to add to our group. If you are looking for new/different ways of getting involved at SOTP, please reach out to me. We are looking for volunteers to present brief large group lessons in confirmation, small group leaders for confirmation, assist with Kids Connect, and anyone who would

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A Note

From Pastor Ryan

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like to assist with our high school youth group.

And on one last note, I like to continue to remind everyone that I also have a passion for creating social/ministry opportunities for our young adults and young families. If

you have ideas, dreams, hopes, or concerns related to whole family ministry at SOTP, please don't hesitate to reach out!

I can't wait to see where we are another year from now!

Thank you!

Pastor Ryan

Ministry Musings

With Donna

Galatians 3:26-28 – “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

The church in Galatia was torn with strife over the issue of what Gentiles had to do to become a 'Christian'. In the middle of the first century, this was perhaps the most important moral question facing the church. The dilemma was whether or not the Gentiles who came to faith in Jesus had to be circumcised and follow the Mosaic law in order to be a Christian. If adherence to the law was required of Gentile Christians, then that would undermine the foundation of the gospel which states that human righteousness is based on what God does, not human

obedience.

Since none of us can stand before God on our own, we now stand in Christ and that fact serves to break down the barriers between us. This means we need to see each other as clothed in Christ so that even the very basic human distinctions of race, class and gender fall apart. Being clothed in Christ doesn't make the differences disappear; they simply lack the ability to have any bearing on faith or service. Our status is now as a trustworthy, faithful, reliable grown-up in Christ!

Paul describes the differences that no longer matter as Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. I wonder if Paul were to write today



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Ministry Musings

With Donna

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what differences would he use? Would he say, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There are no longer people of color and people not of

color; rich or homeless; citizen or illegal alien; immigrant or native; LGBTQ+ or straight; democrat or republican; liberal or conservative; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Just wondering...

Donna Kelly

Wednesday Adult Education

With Pastor Mark



BIBLE STUDY

WITH PASTOR MARK

WEDS AT 11:00 A.M.

Resuming
Sept. 6

Info:

www.bit.ly/SOTPaded23



Adult Bible Study with Pastor Mark will resume on Wednesdays at 11:00 am from September 6th through November 15.

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Revelation 101

With Pastor Bill



REVELATION 101

ADULT EDUCATION

WITH PASTOR BILL WAXENBERG

Saturday, September 23, 2023

10am - 2pm

Info & Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPrevel23



The date is on the calendar! Work is being done! And now you can sign up for Revelation 101 to be held on **Saturday, September 23, 10:00-2:00**, at the church. Come join us to explore the most mysterious book of the entire Bible. AND often the most misunderstood.

Once again this fall we'll be offering one of our Saturday Seminars at SOTP!

This time we'll focus on the last book of the Bible, the one that's the most mysterious and often the most misunderstood. It's **the book of Revelation**.

Already over 60 people have signed up--how about you? We'll meet on Saturday, September 23, 10:00-2:00 at the church.

All you need do is sign up at www.bit.ly/SOTPrevel23, bring your Bible and a sack lunch and come with an open mind and heart. Revelation 101.

The format will be the same as Bible 101, Lutheran 101 & Psalms 101: we'll meet from 10:00-2:00, bring a sack lunch.

I look forward to being with you for Revelation 101!

Contact: *Pastor Bill Waxenberg*
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Sunday Adult Education

With Pastor Roy



ADULT EDUCATION

WITH PASTOR ROY OLSON

EXPLORING THE DANGERS OF
CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM



Sundays Starting
September 10th, 10:15 am
Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPadultED23

“Christian nationalism is a cultural framework—a collection of myths, traditions, symbols, narratives and value systems—that idealizes and advocates a fusion of Christianity with American civic life.” It can distort Biblical Christianity and prevent proper patriotism and true love of country. During each session we will listen to a podcast produced by the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC) and then discuss what we have heard. The weekly topics and schedule are listed below.

- **September 10:** Christian leaders on Christian nationalism (including ELCA Bishop Eaton)
- **September 17:** Academic view of Christian nationalism
- **September 24:** Were we founded as a Christian nation?
- **October 1:** Theological view of Christian nationalism (featuring Walter Brueggemann)
- **October 8:** Understanding Project Blitz
- **October 15:** Standing against Project Blitz in a state legislature (featuring John Marty, son of Martin Marty)
- **October 22:** Christian nationalism, race and white supremacy
- **October 29:** Christian nationalism and white nationalism
- **November 5:** Religious freedom, church-state law and Christian nationalism
- **November 12:** Embracing civic pluralism

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7s Discipleship Groups

Kickoff & Group Signups



OCTOBER 2023
You're Invited

Small Groups Kickoff

7s
Groups

Next Step
Fellowship

Book
Club



More Information:
www.bit.ly/SOTPgroups23

Our Small Groups including our 7s Groups will begin meeting the first week in October.

- Our 7s Groups will be resuming the first week in October. They are called 7s Groups because they meet for 7 weeks in the fall (finishing before Thanksgiving), 7 weeks after the holidays (finishing before Lent begins) and 7 weeks after Easter (finishing before Memorial Day). Some of our groups will be watching and discussing “The Chosen”, a video series on the life of Jesus and his followers. Another group will be talking about the readings for each Sunday and how they and the messages from our pastors influence their lives. More details are forthcoming.

We have two new groups this year.

- Next Step is a fellowship group that began over the summer and continues throughout the year. It is a fellowship group for single senior citizens.
- The second group is brand new and will begin in October. It’s a Book Club and they will meet once a month and will read a variety of different genres of books. Check the newsletter, Friday Flourish and the website for more information.

So, consider becoming engaged in one of our Small Groups including our Ministry Teams. It’s a wonderful way to connect with other people here at SOTP to learn, grow and flourish in our faith.

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Confirmation

Resumes September 20th



**6TH, 7TH
& 8TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION
WEDNESDAYS
6:30 PM**



Register:
www.bit.ly/SOTPConf23

Kids Connect

Resumes September 10th



Register:
www.bit.ly/SOTPKids23

Adventure Club

Register 4th & 5th Graders

4TH & 5TH
GRADERS

Wednesdays
Starting
**September
20th**
5pm

Adventure
CLUB



Info & Registration:
www.bit.ly/SOTPadv2324

Kids Connect

6th Grade—Adult Help Wanted

KIDS
CONNECT
HELP
WANTED

SUNDAYS
BOTH
SERVICES



Info & Registration:
www.bit.ly/SOTPKChelp23

High School Youth

Now Wednesday Nights



High School **YOUTH GROUP**

2023 - 2024

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Register: www.bit.ly/SOTPHS2324



Little Lambs Preschool

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

AGES 2-5

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPLittleLambs23

Food Drive Sept 2 & 3

Labor of Love

LABOR OF LOVE - GRAFTON FOOD DRIVE

9AM - 1PM SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2

COMMUNITY
FOOD DRIVE

INFO: WWW.BIT.LY/SOTPF00D923

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign Up:

[www.BIT.LY/SOTPF00D923](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPF00D923)

Community Outreach and the Mission Team at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church invite you to participate in their next drive through food drive on [Saturday September 2nd](#) for the Grafton Food Pantry.

Listed below are a few of the most wanted items - Cleaning supplies, Personal care items (bars of soap and deodorant), Baking supplies, Condiments, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Peanut Butter, and Mac and Cheese boxes. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Make this Labor Day weekend a Labor of Love by helping our neighbors and giving to the Grafton Food Drive.

Drive up food drive at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

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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



Children's Christmas Program Rehearsals

BEHIND THE SCENES



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REGISTRATION

- Sunday, October 1, 2-3 pm
Parent/Student Read Through
- Sunday, October 8, 2-4 pm
Weekly Rehearsals Begin

More Info & Registration:
www.bit.ly/SOTPKIDSxmas23

Huntley Fall Fest Help Cover the SOTP Booth

Huntley

FALL FEST

SEPT 30 & OCT 1



Info & Register Now:
www.bit.ly/SOTPfest23



Adult Choir

Resuming September 6

ADULT CHOIR

REHEARSALS



WEDNESDAYS
7:00 - 8:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 6

Info:
www.bit.ly/SOTPchoir2324



Youth & Adult Bells

Resuming September 12

YOUTH & ADULT

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

TUESDAYS 7:00 PM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 12TH



Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPbells2324

Book Club

For Those Who Enjoy Reading



Book Club

Special Date for First Meeting

October 12th 1:00 pm

After That, First Thursday Monthly 1pm

More Info:

www.bit.ly/SOTPbook23



Do you enjoy reading? Looking for a way to connect with others? Then you just might enjoy our new Book Club. We will take turns reading several different genres such as; mystery, biography, fiction, non-fiction, religious. We will meet once a month on the first Thursday at 1pm.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 12th at 1pm. This will be a chance to talk about what genre we like to read and to pick our first book. We plan to pick books that are either available at the library or discount

bookstores. If you have a Kindle or tablet and library card, you can have the library set you up with being able to “borrow” the book to read on your tablet.

So, come and join us on October 12th and bring a list of books you think would be great for us to read together.

Registration recommended but not required.

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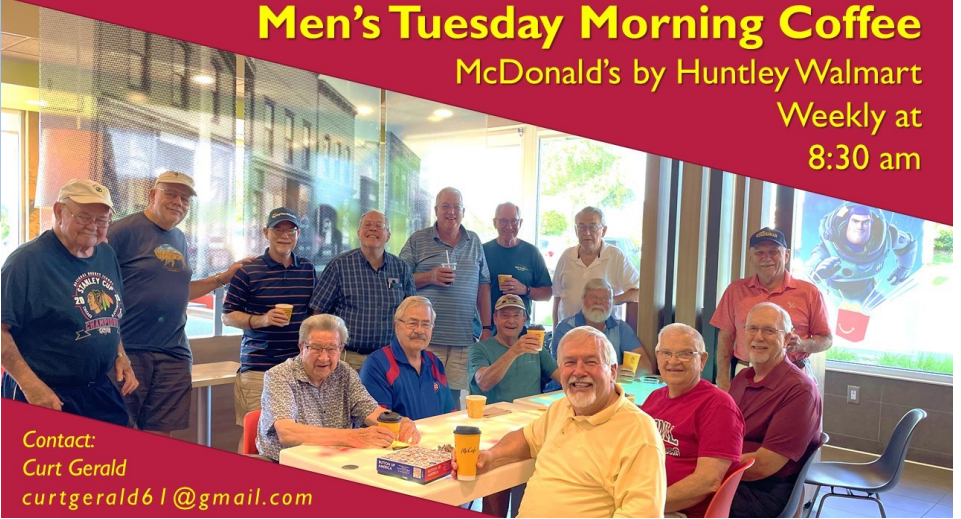
Men's Coffee

Weekly Fellowship

Men's Tuesday Morning Coffee

McDonald's by Huntley Walmart

Weekly at
8:30 am



Contact:
Curt Gerald
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Women's Coffee

Weekly Fellowship



Women's Coffee Gathering Fridays 10am



MCDONALD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART

Contact: Phyllis Thomson phyllisthomson@aol.com

Prairie Pointe Quilters

All Are Welcome

Prairie Pointe Quilters

Monthly on 1st &
3rd Tuesdays
9:00 am

No Experience Necessary



Friends Bible Study

Women's Bible Study



FRIENDS' (Women's) BIBLE STUDY



Mondays at 12:30 pm

More info: www.bit.ly/SOTPfriends

Currently the study focuses on the book of Exodus . Our study guide is **Be Delivered: Finding Freedom by**

Following God by Warren Wiersbe.

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Mission Team Collection

Helping Those Making a New Start



“LORD WHEN WERE YOU IN PRISON AND I VISITED YOU?”

(Mathew 25:39)

YOU & I CAN VISIT PRISONERS

LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) meets prisoners the day they are released and try to help them rehabilitate.

They need hygiene kits for when they are first released.

BY SUPPLYING THEM WITH ANY OF THE ITEMS BELOW.

MISSION TEAM (with YOUR help) is collecting:

- Shaving Cream
- Lots of Disposable Razors
- Men's Deodorant

- Tooth paste
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap

DROP ITEMS OFF IN THE BOX ON THE BLUE TABLES BY OFFICE WINDOWS

WE ARE COLLECTING AUGUST THROUGH MID SEPT.

THESE ITEMS WILL BE PLACED IN GALLON SIZED ZIP LOCK BAGS.

Then Delivered to LSSI which then will be delivered to various prisons where needed most all located in Illinois.

*Contact: Sandy Hupert
sandyhupert@gmail.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

**Grief Journey
will not meet
on Tuesdays:**

- Aug 29
- Sept 5
- Sept 19

Prairie Crafters *Crafting Event*



Prairie Crafters

**9:00am
Thursday
September 21**

**Bring \$5 to
cover supplies**

Crafting & Fellowship



**Register & Info:
www.bit.ly/SOTPcrafters**

Prairie Crafters are hosting a make it take it day at church. Come make two angels - one to take home, the other to donate to SOTP's Craft Sale.

Please bring \$5 to the event to cover costs.

Contact: *Lori Paeth*
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Captivated by Nature *Presentation*



See the marvels of wildlife and nature through the eyes of professional photographer and videographer Dennis Houghton.

Since the start of his career Dennis has been involved creatively in several nature TV programs including "Wild Kingdom".

Dennis' 60-minute presentation shows stunning photographs and

videos of fascinating animal behavior, and the beauty of wildlife and nature in their natural habitats - many of which are in our local area.

At the end of the presentation, there will be a 30-minute question and answer session.

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Financial Records

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church only keeps financial records on members and non-members that have envelopes assigned.

If you are not a member and want envelopes, contact the Church office.

*Contact: Michelle Rankin
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SOTP Logowear

Order Online Now



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Online Apparel Store

www.bit.ly/SOTPlogowear

Shepherd of the Prairie is excited to announce that we now have an online apparel store!

The weekend of July 28 & 29 at worship, we will have samples of the different types of apparel for anyone to check out. The samples are here this weekend only so be sure to stop by.

Our online store will be available all the time moving forward so feel free to browse here as well:

www.bit.ly/SOTPlogowear

While on the site, you may see that in some places, it asks about "players." The company we are using provides services to a lot of sports teams so that is why that word is there. Please skip any

request to enter "player" info.

SHIPPING OPTIONS:

- Flat Rate (\$11.00) Shipped to your house (3 weeks time)
- In Store Pickup (Schaumburg, IL) (\$0.00) Schaumburg,
- You can wait for the church to make a bulk pickup

All purchases help SOTP provide our outreach t-shirts for events like parades and events in the community.

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Contact: Matt Morrison
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Hymn Fest

Free Concert



HYMN FEST
"Soli Deo Gloria"
(To God Alone Be the Glory)

SEPT 24
2:30 PM

**TRADITIONAL,
DIXIELAND & JAZZ**
PRESENTED BY
KATHLEEN & GEORGE GENTES
FAMILY & FRIENDS

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPhymn23



An afternoon of music from Traditional to Dixieland and Jazz. A concert about giving back and in thanks to God for All the blessings he has bestowed upon George, Kathleen and family this last year.

Featuring: Brass, Choir, soloists, piano and organ **FREE CONCERT * NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

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Artist Series Concert



THE COPS' PAJAMAS
vocal band

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2023
7:30 PM

Presented by the
Shepherd of the Prairie
Artist Series



See What's Happening At Shepherd of the Prairie

The screenshot shows the website for Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. The navigation menu includes 'Me', 'Check-In', 'Signups', 'Groups', and 'More'. Several event listings are visible:

- ADULT EDUCATION**: Faith & Mental Health, Shame, Guilt & Forgiveness, Sundays 10:20 am, Jan 15 - Feb 26. Contact: Pastor Roy Olson.
- ALTAR FLOWERS**: Sign up for the next service.
- SOTP KIDS NEED YOU!**: Ways You Can Help Sundays. Includes options like 'Read script and lead session', 'Participate in Activities', and 'Keep Children on Task'.
- NEWSLETTER PREP**: A graphic with an envelope icon.
- Soup Supper Worship**: MARCH 5:45 PM. SET UP | BRING SOUP | CLEAN UP. Contact: Donna Kelly.
- COFFEE & CONFECTION**: A graphic with a QR code and a 'b' logo.

EASILY VIEW CURRENT
EVENTS &
REGISTRATIONS
www.bit.ly/SOTPsignup

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

Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpmail.com

Next Step Fellowship For Single Seniors



Painting: Saturday, September 30, 10am

NEXT STEP FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Group for Single Seniors
Registration Required



\$5 Fee



Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0923

Regularly Scheduled



Sundays

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

Mondays

9:00 am (3rd Mon) Gazebo Valor
Quilts
10:30 am FBW
12:30 Friends (Womens) Bible Study
6:30 pm Boy Scouts – Troop 200
7:00 pm (2nd Mon) Ministry Night
7:00 pm (3rd Mon) Council Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 am Men's Coffee at McD's by
Huntley Walmart
8:30 am Staff Meeting
9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool
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 Adult & Youth Bells
Rehearsal
6:30 pm (1st Tues), Scout Troop 200
Committee
6:30 pm (1st Tues), Boy Scouts Patrol
Leader's Council
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 (Del Webb
Group)
10:30 am Women's FBW
11:00 am Adult Bible Study with
Pastor Mark (Resuming 9/6)
12:30 pm Women's FBW
5:00 pm Adventure Club (starting
Sept 20)
6:30 pm High School Youth Group
6:30 pm Confirmation (Resuming
Sept 20)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool
9:00 am (2nd Thurs), Prayer Shawl
Ministry
10:00 am (2nd Thurs), Baranbas
Meeting
6:30 pm (2nd Thurs), Lions Club
6:30 pm (4th Thurs), Habitat New
Hope Partnership Board
Meeting
7:00 pm Cub Scouts
Times Vary Volunteers at Habitat for
Humanity ReStore

Fridays

9:30 am Sunshine Boys (Del Webb
Group)
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
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Saturdays

5:00 pm Worship

Upcoming Events



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Food Drive, 9am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Food Drive, 8:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Church
Office Closed, Labor Day

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Bible Study with Pastor Mark,
11am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Adult Choir Rehearsals
Resume, 3pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 Adult
Education with Pastor Roy
Olson Begins, 10:15am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 Bell
Choir Rehearsals Resume, 7pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Captivated by Nature
Presentation, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Adventure Club Resumes, 3pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Confirmation Resumes, 6:30
pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Prairie Crafters Crafting Event,
9am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Revelation 101 Adult Bible
Study, 10am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Hymn Fest 2:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 Next
Step Fellowship Painting, 10am

WEEKEND OF SEPT 30 & OCT 1

SOTP Booth at Huntley Fall
Fest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 Children's
Christmas Program Parent/
Student First Meeting, 2pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 The
Artist Series Event—The Cat's
Pajamas Vocal Group, 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Book Club Kickoff, 1pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 Prairie
Crafters Crafting Event, 9am

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

New Member Gathering, 3pm

WEEKEND OF NOV 11 & 12

Bake Sale & Craft Sale

WEEKEND OF NOV 17 & 18

LOMC Confirmation Retreat

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Followed by Pie Fest, 7pm

Birthdays

April



1. Natalie Dobrolinsky,
Susan Krewer,
Bayleigh Masters,
Liam Nagel, Beverly
Noffz
2. Abby Fiandalo,
Phillip Jacobs, Steve
Sparks
3. Nancy Eberly,
Kristina Harvat, Alice
Miller
4. Brett DePorter, Kira
Frendreis,
5. Adrienne Araoz,
Colleen Bender,
Richard Dase, Jake
Harding, Mason
Murray, Alice
Schroeder, Teri
Wilson
6. Kelly Hibbeler, Olivia
Krewer, Tara
Mackey, Adam
Walloch
7. Stephen Browne,
Jeremy Hollow, Ryan
Mackey, Joan Riffner,
Daniel Stallbaum
8. Samantha Grady
9. Gail Quam
10. Leslie Enders, Nicole
Grabs, Beth Mudge,
Samantha Szekely,
Jordan Wills
11. Gloria Scimeca,
Donna Sorensen
12. Leah Anderson,
Robert Falbo
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14. Adam Luedtke,
Gladys Meese,
Marilyn Sauerberg
15. Tyler Allegretti, Deb
Case, Nora Frake,
Eric Lindgren, Clara
Seibert
16. Luther Yndestad
17. Lori Paeth
18. Morgan Bach, Joseph
Case, Chris Nack,
Victor Pizarro
19. Linda
Christopherson, Ben
Hinkle, Donna
Newbanks, Joyce
20. Shotick, Rob Womac
Gordon Burseth,
Janet Fry, Joshua
Miley
21. Autumn Kasal
22. Miles Koegel
23. Teagan Papka, Sandy
Scalise, David
Stangle, Adele
Wogstad
24. Madyson Dailey,
Ruby Haerle, Dave
McIntyre, Wendy
Papka
25. Frank Leonardi, Rick
Miller, Cameryn
Piskule
26. Lois Kosmen,
Nanette Wade
- 27.
28. John Shepard
29. Haley Sabie, Lori
Wysk
30. Abby Clifford, Mike
Huston, Michael
Luecht, Nathan
Ulmer, Gianna Young

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



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:

- AARRK Garden – Ronda Shoemaker
rondapatton313@gmail.com
- Adult Choir—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Adventure Club—Jill Gillming
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- Annual Church Picnic – Sharon Little
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- Assisting Minister (9am) – Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Artist Series – Jane McMullen
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- A/V Team – Mike Yndestad,
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- Communion Assistants—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
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- Community Outreach—Tara Mackey,
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- Crafting Gifts for Sr. Citizens & Homeless Blankets—Alice Hallett, agrndmom3@gmail.com
- Greeters—Elaine Gillam,
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- Habitat for Humanity – Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com
- Mission Team – Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com
- Newsletter Mailing Prep—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com Sign up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPfolders
- Next Step Fellowship (Single Seniors Fellowship) – Dave Stangle, dstangle.ds@gmail.com or Phyllis Thomson, phyllisthompson@aol.com
- Prairie Crafters – Lori Paeth
- Property Team—Mark Frendreis, SOTPproperty@gmail.com
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- Vacation Bible School – Jill Gillming
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- Welcome Center—Tara Mackey,
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- Worship Band (Singing & Instrumental)—Jeff Moore,
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Involvement Schedule

September 2023



		September 2 & 3	September 9 & 10	September 16 & 17	September 23 & 24	September 30	
Communion Bread Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Judie Symbal judie.symbal@att.net	Sun	Alice Dabelow	JoAnn Ward	Eileen Gerald	Lynn Broederdorf		
	Sat	Jacque Stashwick					
Counters	Mon						
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 Candace Beck	Laura Attaway Elaine Gillam		
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm					
Ushers Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net	SAT 5:00 PM	Sue Mattiucci Lynn Meyer	Diana & Jim Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Steve Murphy Peggy Lynn Loiselle	Diana & Jim Murphy	
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Ryden Chris Solem Tim Bueschel Mickey & Cathy Kappel	JACK CONTI Pete Thompson Frank Cesario Carol Engstrom Cheryl Rotermund Jeff Ottens	WAYNE SCHMIDT Nancy Wilson Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski Jeff Stangle	RALPH WEHNES Jerry & Pat Darow Ed & Carolyn Cuttle George Attaway Stan Crissman		
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Annika Yndestad	MARK FRENDEIS Sandi Stewart Jessica Panella	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	VIK BEKERIS Bob Mollis Diane Mollis		

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- Weekly Friday Flourish (Church info)
- Monthly Newsletter (More detailed information)
- Weekly Videos from our pastors

To start receiving any (or all) of the above, please e-mail your request to Michelle Rankin at michelle@SOTPmail.com

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report as of July 31, 2023

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$339,958. Total income for the month was \$69,123 and total expenses for the month was \$81,481. Approximately 4.2 months of General Fund reserves.

General Fund reserves. Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$49,373. Income for the month was \$14,492. The monthly mortgage payment is \$18,807. Approximately 2.6 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

This Month

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$69,123	\$72,576	(\$3,453)	-4.75%
Expenses:	\$81,481	\$75,644	\$5,837	7.7%

Year-to-Date

General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Percentage
Income:	\$539,895	\$582,227	(\$42,332)	-7.3%
Expenses:	\$568,695	\$566,645	\$2,050	.36%

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$14,492
Income YTD:	\$114,512
Payments YTD:	\$131,649
Ending Fund Balance:	\$49,373

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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