



Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

Annual Report
January 28, 2007

**Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
January 28, 2007**

Agenda

I Quorum Call

II. Prayer: Pastor Mark

III. Financial Reports

IV. Reports (see attached

- A. Pastor**
- B. Congregational Council**
- C. Building Committee**
- D. Capital Campaign Committee**
- E. Stewardship**
- F. Small Group Director**
- G. Altar Guild**
- H. Volunteer Coordinator**
- I. Usher Coordinator**
- J. Helping Hands**
- K. Prairie Connection**
- L. Sr. Shepherds**
- M. W 4**
- N. Men's Ministry**
- O. Spirit Alive**
- P. Shepherd Voices**
- Q. Prairie Ringers**
- R. Sunday School**
- S. Final Exam Care Packages**
- T. DUIJ**
- U. Music**

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- A. Election of Audit Committee**
- B. Election of Nominating Committee**
- C. Election of Council Members**
- D. Building Site Transfer Resolution**
- E. 2007 Budget**

VII. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Shepherd of the Prairie Building Fund
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2006

	Dec 31, 06
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	199,697.37
EFS Money Mkt(MidAmerica Bank)	199,697.37
Total Checking/Savings	399,394.74
Other Current Assets	
Harris Bank CD 6M 9-4-03	53,325.39
Huntley Bk Center CD 3M 2-4-04	54,116.66
Mission Investment CDs (One Yr)	
Mission Invest CD # 4 1-5-06	102,377.50
Mission Invest CD #1 3-8-05	54,495.52
Mission Invest CD #2 9-9-04	107,892.83
Mission Invest CD# 3 4-27-05	52,731.42
Total Mission Investment CDs (One Yr)	317,497.27
Total Other Current Assets	524,939.32
Total Current Assets	924,334.06
Fixed Assets	
Land	480,000.00
Main Street Road	128,019.69
Total Fixed Assets	608,019.69
TOTAL ASSETS	1,232,656.38
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Loan Payable MIF For Land	480,000.00
Main Street Road Payable To MIF	128,019.69
Northern Illinois Synod Loan	45,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	653,019.69
Total Liabilities	653,019.69
Equity	
Retained Earnings	-45,000.00
Net Income	624,636.69
Total Equity	579,636.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,232,656.38

Shepherd of the Prairie Building Fund Profit & Loss

January through December 2006

Jan - Dec 06

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions	
Flexman Memorial	8,858.64
Karl Pohlman Memorial	460.00
Ladies of SOTP	5,385.24
Larry Boster Memorial	100.00
Northern Illinois Synod	0.00
Pratt Estate	10,000.00
SOTP Contribution--2nd Campaign	135,827.43
SOTP Contributions	71,871.08
Total Contributions	232,502.39
Interest	19,978.64
William Black Memorial	100.00
Total Income	252,581.03
Expense	
Architecture Fees	44,416.30
Bank Service Charge	3.00
Capital Campaign Fees	25,506.00
Civil Engineering Services	3,498.75
Construction Consulting	3,870.00
Land Survey	5,502.50
Legal	370.50
Loan Fees	750.00
Total Expense	83,917.05
Net Ordinary Income	168,663.98
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Contributions Prior Years	
Bob and Marilyn Engen Prior Yr	1,040.00
Flexman Mem Prior Year	67,480.44
Interest Income Pr Yr	12,399.89
Ladies of SOTP Prior Yr	7,495.35
Larry Boster Mem Pr Yr	285.00
Northern Ill Synod Pr. Yr	45,000.00
Other Contributions Pr Yr	38,900.00
Ray Nelson Prior Yr	1,625.00
Robert Engen Memorial Pr Yr	318.00
SOTP Contributions Pr Yr	300,036.05
Total Contributions Prior Years	474,579.73
Total Other Income	474,579.73

Shepherd of the Prairie Building Fund
Profit & Loss

January through December 2006

	Jan - Dec 06
Other Expense	
Expenses Pr Yr	
Land Survey	4,500.00
Legal Pr Yr	5,395.30
Printing Expenses Pr Yr	61.72
Village of Huntley Pr Yr	8,650.00
Total Expenses Pr Yr	18,607.02
Total Other Expense	18,607.02
Net Other Income	455,972.71
Net Income	624,636.69

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2006

	<u>Dec 31, 06</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	52,066.66
Citizens First National Bank	52,066.66
Total Checking/Savings	<u>104,133.32</u>
Other Current Assets	
Bank One CD (Chase) 9M 9/7/04	51,674.50
Loan to Mark Boster	9,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>60,674.50</u>
Total Current Assets	112,741.16
Fixed Assets	
Music Equipment	7,315.57
Total Fixed Assets	<u>7,315.57</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>120,056.73</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	944.34
Payroll Liabilities	944.34
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>944.34</u>
Total Current Liabilities	944.34
Total Liabilities	944.34
Equity	
Retained Earnings	104,558.59
Net Income	14,553.80
Total Equity	<u>119,112.39</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>120,056.73</u>

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss Actual 06 & Budget 06
 Calendar Year 2006

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 Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 06	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions			
Loose Plate	6,470.00	23,906.04	27.1%
Pledges	284,493.62	252,894.00	112.5%
Total Contributions	290,963.62	276,800.04	105.1%
Flower Contributions	2,429.00	1,500.00	161.9%
Grants (Misc)			
ELCA			
DO Grant	1,184.00		
Total ELCA	1,184.00		
Total Grants (Misc)	1,184.00		
Interest Income	1,821.44	2,000.04	91.1%
VBS Registration	0.00	750.00	0.0%
Total Income	296,398.06	281,050.08	105.5%
Expense			
Advertising	7,243.92	6,600.00	109.8%
Automobile Expense	6,457.55	6,399.96	100.9%
Bank Service Charges	0.00	50.04	0.0%
Benevolence			
ELCA			
Division for Outreach Payback	1,200.00	1,200.00	100.0%
NI Synod	29,803.00	28,599.96	104.2%
Total ELCA	31,003.00	29,799.96	104.0%
Total Benevolence	31,003.00	29,799.96	104.0%
Conferences	752.00	2,000.04	37.6%
Contingency	0.00	500.04	0.0%
Education			
Adult Education	434.06		
Confirmation	333.29	399.96	83.3%
New Member Orientation	4.21	200.04	2.1%
Sunday School	1,408.99	999.96	140.9%
VBS	637.91	750.00	85.1%
Total Education	2,818.46	2,349.96	119.9%

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Profit & Loss Actual 06 & Budget 06
Calendar Year 2006**

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Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 06	Budget	% of Budget
Employee Benefits			
Director of Small Groups	14,055.34	12,500.04	112.4%
Other Salaries	2,550.33	4,100.04	62.2%
Pastor	36,372.22	33,999.96	107.0%
Total Employee Benefits	52,977.89	50,600.04	104.7%
Employee Business Expense			
Equipment Rental	457.95	399.96	114.5%
Evangelism & Outreach	8,501.87	6,500.04	130.8%
Fellowship	3,448.71	12,000.00	28.7%
Flower Expense	647.85		
Gifts	2,958.59	1,500.00	197.2%
Good Samaritan	42.17	699.96	6.0%
Insurance	300.00	500.04	60.0%
Licenses and Permits	450.00		
Ministry Development	369.50	1,500.00	24.6%
Office Equipment	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Office Supplies	0.00	999.96	0.0%
Payroll Expenses	4,197.26	3,500.04	119.9%
Director of Music	10,630.08	10,629.96	100.0%
Director of Small Groups	25,000.08	24,999.96	100.0%
Nursery	2,308.33	3,200.04	72.1%
Pastor	68,500.08	68,499.96	100.0%
Secretary	14,207.42	14,370.00	98.9%
Total Payroll Expenses	120,645.99	121,699.92	99.1%
Penalties	250.54		
Postage and Delivery	3,088.81	2,000.04	154.4%
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.20		
Rent			
Office Rent	10,404.00	10,599.96	98.2%
Park District	22,656.00	24,000.00	94.4%
Total Rent	33,060.00	34,599.96	95.5%
Repairs/ Replacement	32.16	500.04	6.4%
Sign Expense	540.00	500.04	108.0%
Small Group Ministries	21.77	999.96	2.2%
Stewardship	1,054.92	1,500.00	70.3%
Utilities			
Telephone	2,980.44	2,700.00	110.4%
Total Utilities	2,980.44	2,700.00	110.4%
Website	565.85	750.00	75.4%
Worship			
Altar Guild	452.01	500.04	90.4%
Equipment	443.89	2,000.04	22.2%

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	Jan - Dec 06	Budget	% of Budget
Music			
1st Service Music	255.69	300.00	85.2%
2nd Service Music	496.89	300.00	165.6%
Childrens Choir	148.76	99.96	148.8%
Chime Choir	105.75	200.04	52.9%
Rejoice	0.00	750.00	0.0%
Shepherds Voice	13.00	350.04	3.7%
Total Music	1,020.09	2,000.04	51.0%
Pastoral Assistance	200.00	500.04	40.0%
Supplies	402.79	999.96	40.3%
Total Worship	2,518.78	6,000.12	42.0%
Youth			
DUIJ	736.85	999.96	73.7%
Kool Christian Kids	0.00	500.04	0.0%
Total Youth	736.85	1,500.00	49.1%
Total Expense	288,123.03	301,650.12	95.5%
Net Ordinary Income	8,275.03	-20,600.04	-40.2%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Building Fund Income			
Donation 2006	223,805.16		
Restricted 2006			
Books	45.00		
Children's Choir	200.00		
Chime Choir	270.00		
Computer	1,000.00		
Conference	30.50		
Evangelism Outreach	1,115.00		
Faith Chest	100.00		
Fellowship	504.50		
Good Samaritan 2006	1,783.00		
Heifer Project	805.34		
Hymnal	260.00		
KCK 2006	69.00		
Lutherdale Retreat	778.00		
Music Eqpt.	249.00		
Property Sign	1,310.00		
Robes	216.95		
Shepherd Voices	150.00		
Special Gifts	4,461.50		
VBS	325.00		
W-4	1,329.00		

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	Jan - Dec 06	Budget	% of Budget
William Black Memorial	100.00		
World Hunger	2,455.26		
Youth Calendar	645.00		
Youth Retreat/Scholarship	2,324.00		
Total Restricted 2006	20,526.05		
Total Donation 2006		20,526.05	
Donations Prior Year(s)			
Restricted Prior Year(s)			
Chime Choir Account Prior Yr	202.51		
Conference	555.00		
Confirmation Bible Kits	128.02		
DUIJ	309.55		
Evangelism/Outreach	194.84		
Fellowship Prior Yr	972.62		
Good Samaritan Prior Yr	821.76		
Heifer Project Prior Yr	354.66		
Kool Christian Kids	658.53		
Memorials Prior Year(s)			
Bob and Marilyn Engen Prior Yr	1,040.00		
Ray Nelson Prior Yr	1,625.00		
Robert Engen Prior Yr	50.00		
Total Memorials Prior Year(s)	2,715.00		
Pastor Discretionary Account	76.17		
Senior Shepherds Prior Yr	61.17		
VBS Prior Year	837.65		
W-4	207.84		
Total Restricted Prior Year(s)	8,095.32		
Total Donations Prior Year(s)		8,095.32	
Total Other Income		252,426.53	
Other Expense		223,805.16	
Building Fund Transfer			
Restricted Expenses 2006			
Computer		898.09	
Foot Steps of Paul		5,144.52	
Good Samatrian 2006		178.24	
Heifer Project 2006		645.34	
Lutherdale Retreat		800.00	
Music Eqpt		249.00	
Property Sign Expense		540.00	
Robes		216.95	
Shepherds Voices		50.00	

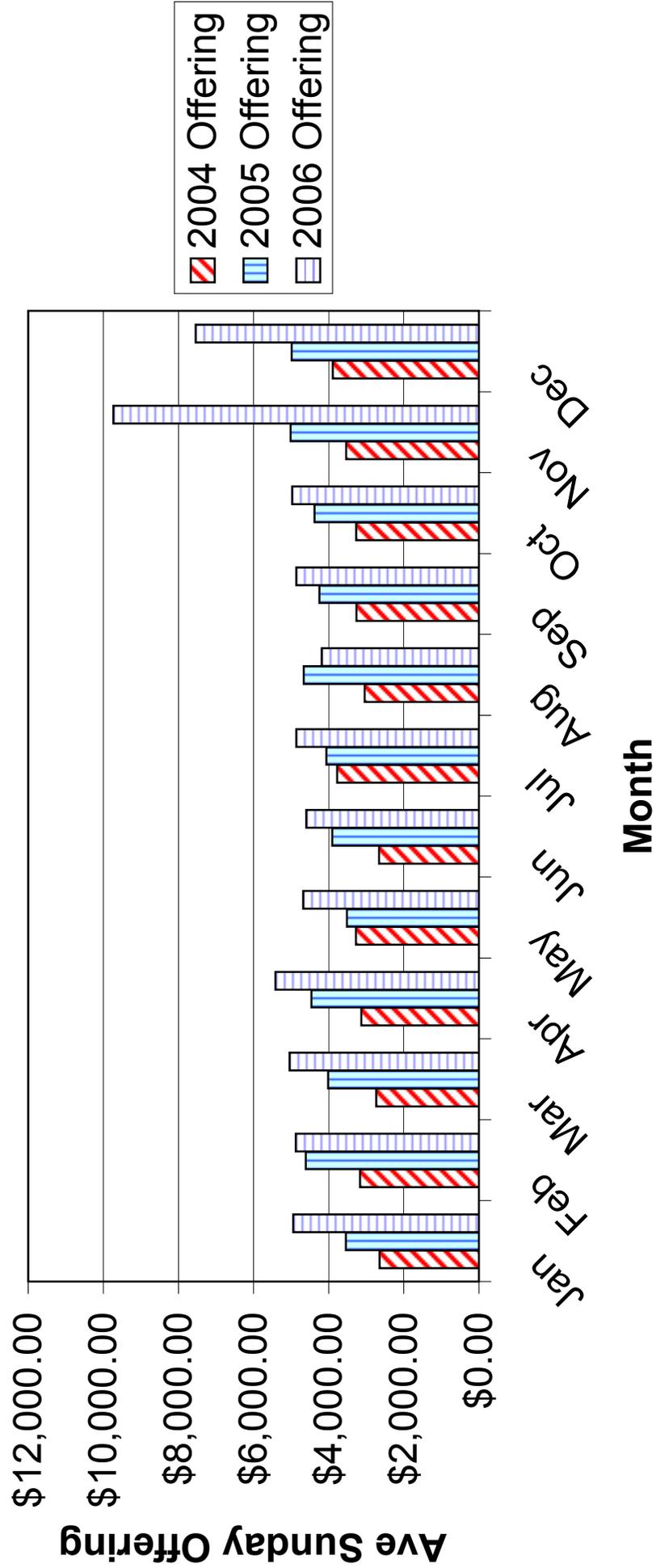
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Special Gifts	4,411.50		
W-4	1,173.43		
William Black Memorial	100.00		
World Hunger	2,455.26		
Youth Calendar	300.00		
Youth Retreat/Scholarship 2006	675.00		
Total Restricted Expenses 2006	17,837.33		
Restricted Expenses Prior Yr(s)			
DUJ Prior Years	67.71		
Evangelism/Outreach Prior Years	194.84		
Fellowship Prior Yr	100.69		
Good Samatrian Pr. Yr	821.76		
Heifer Project	354.66		
Memorials Prior Year(s)			
Bob and Marilyn Engen Prior Yr	1,040.00		
Ray Nelson Prior Yr	1,625.00		
Robert Engen Prior Yr	50.00		
Total Memorials Prior Year(s)	2,715.00		
Pastor Discretionary Prior Yr	111.61		
Youth K.C. Kids Prior Year	139.00		
Total Restricted Expenses Prior Yr(s)	4,505.27		
Total Other Expense	246,147.76		
Net Other Income	6,278.77		
Net Income	14,553.80	-20,600.04	-70.6%

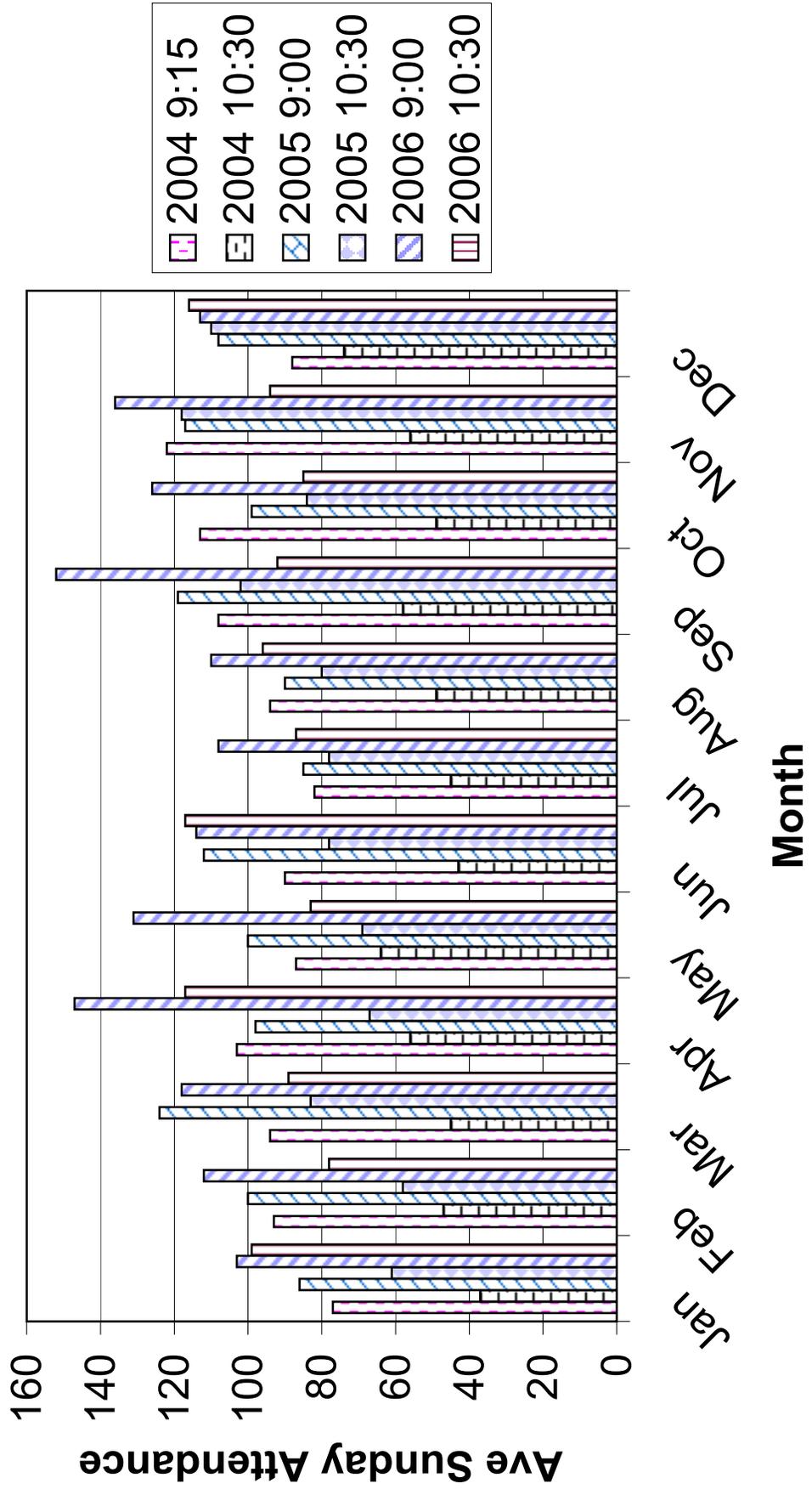
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General Fund Monthly Offering 2004, 2005 and 2006



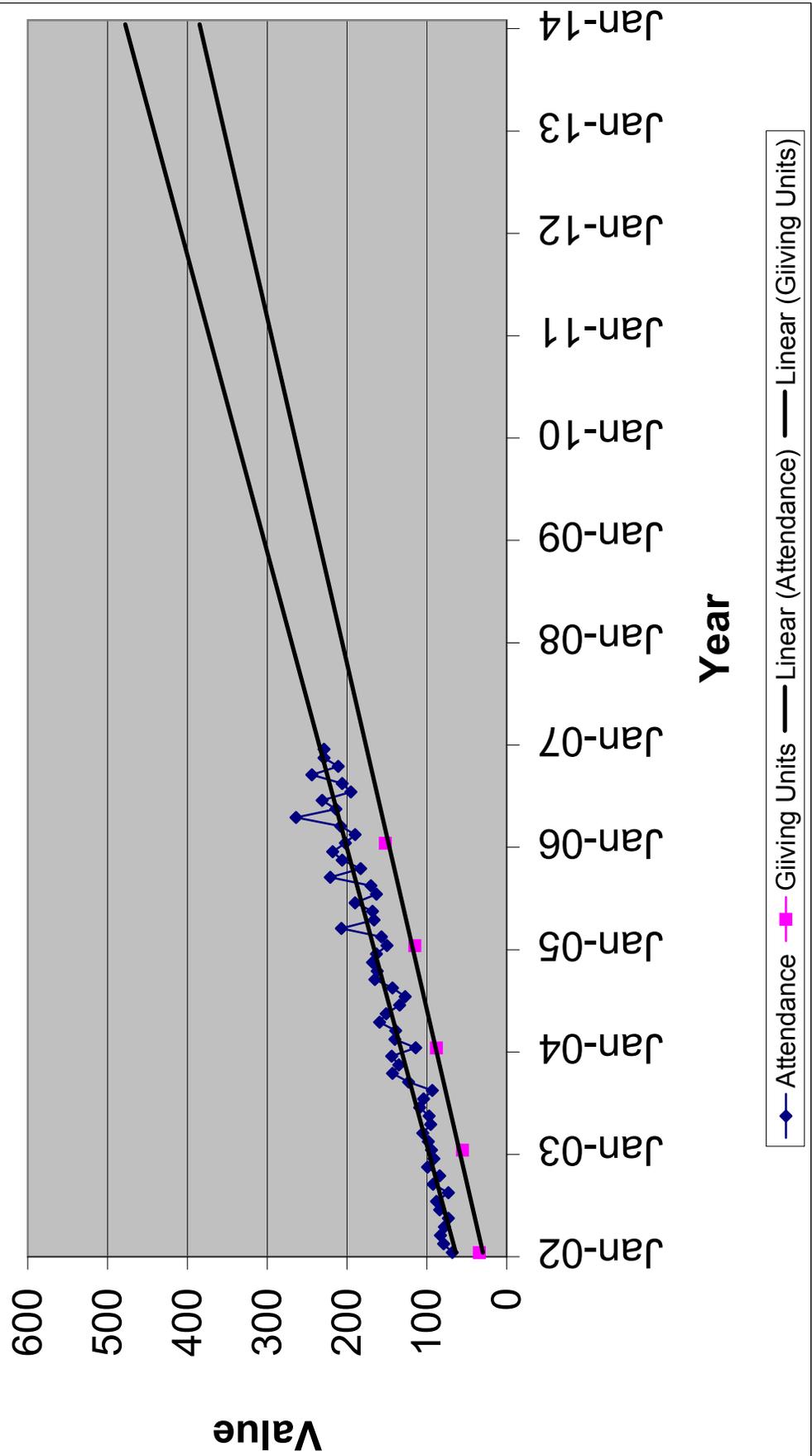
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Monthly Attendance 2004, 2005 and 2006



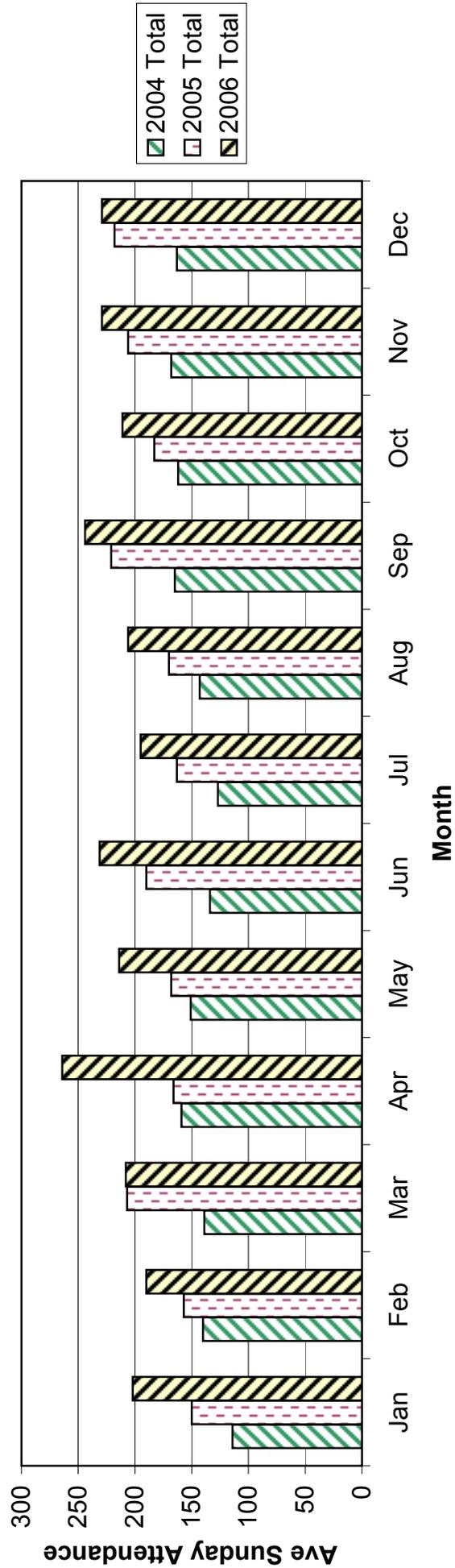
Attendance-Giving Units

Monthly Average Sunday Attend-Yearly GU



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Monthly Attendance 2004, 2005 and 2006



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AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

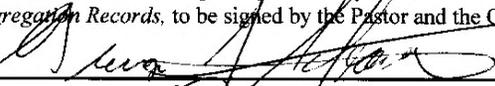
OVERALL CONCLUSION AND OPINION:

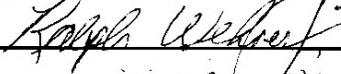
The Internal Audit Committee members are George Sebastian, Ralph Wehnes and Lois Brothers. All are members in good standing of the congregation. The audit Committee met twice (May 31, 2006, and, June 23, 2006) to conduct the audit with the assistance of Eleanor Ault (Church Accountant) and Don Koerner (Church Treasurer). In addition the committee met once (September 14, 2006) to complete the audit and write the audit report. The period reviewed during this audit was January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. We reviewed transactions in the General Fund, as well as the Building Fund.

In our opinion, the accounting procedures followed by Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church are appropriate to account for the funds of the Church, and protect the assets of the Church. As the Church grows in size, we recognize that some of these procedures will have to be revised to meet increased workloads. We found the procedures as outlined to us are being followed, and we found no material deficiencies in the accounting records, and related financial statements.

Auditors' Opinion

It is the opinion of the audit committee that the financial policies and procedures of the staff of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church are in compliance with generally accepted business practices. We had minimal recommendations. Attached at the beginning of this report is the auditors' *Certification of Financial Compliance Review of Congregation Records*, to be signed by the Pastor and the Chair of the Leadership Team







**MISSION INVESTMENT FUND OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, Illinois 60631**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE CONGREGATION**

Name of congregation: Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

Address: 12101 Regency Square Parkway, Huntley, IL 60142

CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY

I, _____ (*print name*) am the
_____ [*title - insert SECRETARY or ASSISTANT SECRETARY*] of the
above named congregation (herein the "Congregation"), and I hereby certify that the following is a true
and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of this Congregation
present at a meeting of the members duly called and held on _____, at which
meeting a quorum was at all times present and acting, and that said resolution remains in full force and
effect as of the date of this certification:

WHEREAS this Congregation proposes to borrow up to the sum of \$500,000.00 from the
Mission Investment Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the "Fund") for the
purpose of:

SITE TRANSFER,

to be secured by a first mortgage, or deed of trust or other security instrument, on the real property
of this Congregation,

RESOLVED that the foregoing secured loan up to the sum of \$500,000.00 is hereby
authorized and approved by the members of this Congregation, and the Congregation Council [or
Board of Trustees, or Board of Directors - *strike out inapplicable terms*] of this Congregation is
authorized to arrange the terms of said loan, and to approve and authorize execution in the name of
this Congregation of all documents and instruments evidencing said loan and the security for the
loan, and to take all additional steps needed to carry out the foregoing loan.

Date of certification: _____

Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary: _____

Print name and title: _____

Senior Pastor Report

January 28, 2007

Our Mission

“Caring for God’s Children of all Ages”

Our Vision

“Growing Disciples, Who Make Disciples”

"Equipping to serve"

We have probably all heard of Johnny Appleseed, the gentle wanderer who roved the countryside planting apple seeds in remote places. He believed that God had given him a mission in the wilderness to preach the gospel ("good news") of love and to plant apple seeds that would produce orchards for the benefit of men and women and little children. Johnny Appleseed's whole life was devoted to making the wilderness fruitful, whether that wilderness was geographical or spiritual.

This was Jesus mission too, to be a sower of seed in order to make the wilderness wanderings of our lives become spiritually fruitful. As he sowed Jesus gave a challenge: "He who has ears to hear, let them hear." This is a parable on hearing and responding in mission!

As you look through the Annual Report this year I encourage you to take a look at the "signs of the harvest." Take a look at the Parochial Report for the past year and see the harvest of folk who have been called by God this year to serve in mission at Shepherd of the Prairie. This year our congregation has increased in membership. Folk have been baptized, transferred their membership, affirmed their faith. Whatever the cause for coming, God has blessed our church with a "marvelous harvest." We believe every member (disciple) must have a min

The "Marks of Discipleship" continue to be the guiding force by which ministry is accomplished. One of the great blessings witnessed by me in the past has been younger men and woman making commitments to grow spiritually. Shepherd of the Prairie is blessed with many fine seasoned church veterans. People who have given long and hard to the ministry of the congregation. This faith needs to be passed on not passed over. We need to continue to raise up and mentor new young leaders in the church.

Prayer and reading the Scriptures regularly. With what are you filling up on these days? A suggestion. Prayer and daily Scripture reading would be a great spiritual "buffet" with which to begin your day. What is the status of your prayer life? Is it done in passing, as an after thought? Is prayer a part of your life only when crisis hits? Make prayer a priority in your daily agenda. Take time to take a deep breath and fill it with the Holy Spirit's breath of God. Daily prayer should mark the beginning of any new day as an offering of your life to God. Maybe this will be the year when you find a group of prayer/study partners to pray with you and for you? Maybe

this will be the year you and your spouse make a commitment to pray and read Scriptures together daily?

Continue to make worship a priority. Worship is the third mark of discipleship. This is time to make that strong connection to God and God's people. It is the place where we can be assured of the loving forgiveness of sin. It is where God's Word for the week is spoken to us. It is where we gather together as family around the table and share the body and blood of Christ. There is no other time during the week where these things are possible outside of your worshipping community.

The outward sign of worship is making an impact upon the world by serving. Serving in ministry for the sake of others is the fourth Mark of Discipleship. We have recently completed a job description book of many of the ministries at SOTP. It is no surprise to me that we are pushing nearly 100 different ministries through which to serve. Our mission statement says it best "Caring for God's children." Ultimately our serving points to the One who empowers our serving. We grow in faith as we are drawn close to the source of ultimate power, Jesus Christ. Please consider sharing in these opportunities to grow.

Sacrificial giving is the fifth mark of discipleship. This mark encourages the disciple to give unto God from the top not from what is left over. We believe in the Biblical principle of the tithe and encourage you to make a commitment to grow sacrificially. You cannot out give God. The tithe (10%) is simply a benchmark for us to gauge our giving. What is the level of sacrifice to which your heart responds to the needs of God's work in the world? A little boy wrote me a note a few weeks ago which read, "Pastor Mark, please use this money to help build our church. I got enough for Christmas and wanted to give some back to God. I love Jesus!" Jesus said, "for where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Make this a year of growing in sacrificial giving unto the Lord's work. Remember often times we must give up in order to grow up!

I am grateful for the leadership response in this church. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to see people grow in their faith commitment to Christ. Young leaders are being raised up in this church. This is the great challenge in the church today. We must be diligent in responding to the need for growing leaders for Christ. One of my ministry goals in this New Year is to invite 20 long time followers of Jesus to serve as mentors for 20 young leaders, 20-30 year olds in the church. I believe we need to build life bridges to pass on stories and experiences of faith to a new generation of Christ followers.

"Equipping to Serve" These three words I pray will be kept close to your heart and mind beginning today and throughout the year (and your life). The Lord's Great Co-Mission certainly comes to mind here. Think of it in this way. "Go into all YOUR worlds and make disciples." The real emphasis in the Great Co-Mission is not on the word go, for it is better translated "going." The real emphasis is on making disciples. So why not, in order just to get a handle on it, translate it like this: "Go into all your worlds and make disciples. And we do have little worlds, little circles. Some of them overlap and some are miles apart - where we go to school, where we live, where we work, where we do business, or the world of social life. These are our worlds. As Christian folk, God has sent us into these worlds on a mission.

Remember we do not go alone. It is a Co-Mission. God's Holy Spirit goes before us and stands with us as we do God's work.

Jesus still calls Johnny Appleseeds, just like you and me, to sow the gospel message in the wilderness of this world where people are hurting and without God. All who have ears, hear and heed the message on making the wilderness fruitful.

Thank you for your partnership in our great mission together. As God equips you for service, continue your faithfulness in prayer, worship, study, serving and giving. These prepare us to be used by God to spread "seeds of hope" bearing the love of Christ to the world.

I'll see you on the journey!

Pastor Mark Boster

Congregational Council Report

The purpose of the Congregational Council is to have general oversight of the life and activities of Shepherd of the Prairie, and in particular it's worship life. The charge of the council is to lead SOTP in stating our mission, to do long range planning, and to evaluate activities in light of our mission and goals. The council is also responsible for financial and property matters of the congregation. Please see our constitution for more information on what the council is responsible for.

At a minimum, the Council meets monthly to manage the business of the church. The Executive Council meets as a group monthly prior to Council meetings and the President meets monthly with the Pastor. Many members of the council are also involved with other committees and groups as well.

2006 has been a busy year for council. Some of the highlights from Council meetings are below:

- January, Council passed a motion to increase benevolence giving from 10% to 11% to the ELCA.
- April, Council appointed a new Volunteer Nursery Coordinator who is working on a list and schedule of volunteer nursery attendants beginning in January, 2007.
- May, we established new procedures for carrying the bank bag to the bank after services as well as a schedule of council members to carry the bag.
- June, the council approved the organization of the Steps of Paul trip as an outreach effort.
- November, we established an Endowment Fund for SOTP. We also decided to implement Natural Church Development for 2007. More information will be coming soon.
- Throughout the year the Council has been working with the Building Committee to hire an architect, general contractor and the creation of a schematic for our property. We are currently working on transferring ownership of the land from the Mission Investment Fund.

Please continue to pray for the council. The Council is made up of eight volunteers who have the love of Christ and the love of SOTP in their hearts. They work very hard on the behalf of all.

I want to thank the Council, the Pastor and all of you for your support of me as President of the Council.

Prayerfully submitted,
Jessica Panella
Congregation Council President

Building Committee Report

At its creation in January 2004 the Building Committee was charged with designing and constructing a building to house the church's ministry at newly purchased property located at Main Street and Manhattan Drive. In 2004 the committee's principal activities were meetings with the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) of the ELCA to discuss budget and finance options. Also in 2004 the committee toured several congregations that had recently built their first building.

In 2005 the committee wrote Building Specifications and met with the ELCA Staff Architect. His Preliminary Schematic Design, prepared at no charge to SOTP, was presented to the congregation in October 2005.

The committee sent requests for information to 15 local architectural firms and in March 2006 selected Carlson Architecture to design our building.

The committee requested Carlson review the 12,332 square foot ELCA design and estimate its construction cost. The project cost estimate of \$4.74 million was significantly higher than the \$3.41 million cost estimated with MIF's guidance 18 months earlier. The cost of the building is only 48% of the project cost. The remaining half of the costs include site purchase cost, assessments for Main Street and Manhattan Drive, grading of the site, water line, storm and sanitary sewer, parking lot paving and lighting, landscaping, and architectural and engineering fees. These non-building costs remain pretty much the same even if the building size were to be doubled or cut in half.

In a June 2006 meeting with MIF and the Northern Illinois Synod we learned that MIF would loan us \$1 million less than we had been expecting. MIF calculates its mortgage loans by two methods and the loan is limited to the smaller of the two calculations. One method is based on contributions to our general operating fund – our 2006 general fund limits our mortgage to \$1.65 million. The second method is based on pledges to the building fund – our building fund pledges limit our mortgage to \$1.7 million. In order to obtain a larger MIF loan SOTP must increase giving to both the general fund and to the building fund. Initially impatient with MIF's guidelines, the Building Committee has gradually come to see the wisdom behind MIF the guidelines. The committee will investigate other sources of a mortgage loan but accepts the MIF philosophy of balancing Ministry with Building.

Architect Carlson conducted a Space Needs Analysis for Shepherd of the Prairie. Carlson held meetings with the Church Council and with SOTP members representing Christian Education, Worship, Altar Guild, Ushers, Music, Pre-school, Youth, Coffee Fellowship, and Office Staff. Carlson also attended our worship services in order to learn more about our 2 services. A bulletin insert requested input from all congregation members. Carlson's analysis showed we needed a building of about 16,500 square feet to house the activities we currently conduct at the Cosman Center and at Citizens Bank.

Faced with the reality that we cannot build for several years, the Building Committee instructed architect Carlson to design a building based on the Space Needs Analysis. The 17,062 square foot design efficiently uses rooms for multiple purposes at differing times of the week. It should

accommodate membership growth expected by the time we occupy the building. It is also designed to be easily expanded in the future.

Carlson's design is intended to be the first phase of a Master Plan for the site. The Master Plan has 5 phases that can be done in any order and will enable us to add classrooms, a 600-seat final sanctuary, a large recreation/social/dining fellowship hall, and more office space.

The initial phase has a large south-facing building entrance that leads to a Gathering Space that is 70% larger than that at the Cosman Center. Straight ahead is a multi-use Worship Space seating 331, about 25% more than we can seat at the Cosman Center.

The administration wing is west of the Gathering Space. The church office and workroom is 25% larger than our facilities in Citizen's Bank. A small Associate Pastor's office and a good-sized Pastor's office are farther back. On the other side of the corridor is a small meeting room seating 10 – high school education classes would also use this space. Nearby are a men's room and a women's room. Also in the administrative wing is a 17x21-foot "catering kitchen" with warming ovens, refrigerator and a walk-in pantry. The kitchen has a large pass-through to the Gathering Space for serving coffee.

The education wing is east of the Gathering Space. Closest are a nursery and a pre-kindergarten classroom. There are classrooms for kindergarten, first/second grade, third/fourth grade, fifth/sixth grade, and seventh/eighth grade.

In order to get a more accurate estimate of construction cost, the committee selected Shales McNutt Construction to provide pre-construction services. Having a construction manager involved with the design process is a common method of ensuring that cost-effective materials are used, that "value-engineering" methods are used in the design and that the building cost is accurately estimated. Shales McNutt Construction was selected after requesting information from 7 well-qualified firms.

In a similar manner the committee requested information from 7 recommended civil engineering firms and selected Wendler Engineering to provide pre-construction services.

Based on input from Shales McNutt and Wendler Engineering, Carlson Architecture estimated the cost of the 17,062 square foot project to be \$5.2 million. This is \$460,000 more than the cost of the 12,332 square foot ELCA design. But the 10% cost increase gets us a building that is 38% larger, more expandable, and one that better meets our needs.

The 17,062 square foot schematic design was presented to the congregation November 5, 2006.

Late in 2006 the committee requested the Church Council form a study group to examine financial aspects of our building program. The study group will examine how we can afford to build and when we will have enough money to build.

There will be no further architectural design work until the study committee completes its work. Then, after congregational approval of the schematic design, the committee will instruct Carlson Architecture to do "design development" work which will specify the materials to be used in the

building. After design development we will have a better estimate of the project cost and a better estimate of the construction date.

The level of contributions to both the general operating fund and the building fund will determine the timetable for construction. At current levels of giving it will be several years before we can break ground.

Dave Macaulay

Capital Campaign Committee Report

The Capital Campaign Committee began a second three-year campaign that began in June of 2006. The James Company was chosen to be the consulting company. To discuss the details of the campaign, people met in small groups, watched wonderful video presentations and had time to ask any questions of the committee representatives. Even though we did not reach our financial goal, the Campaign was still very successful. We were able to communicate with more families than our first drive, and have more contributors to our building fund.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Torkelson

Stewardship Committee Report

The Stewardship Team has a basic responsibility of guiding the individual SOTP Congregational members to a lifestyle of Stewardship.

A lifestyle of Stewardship includes time, talent and treasure. The treasure aspect is to strive for the 80-10-10 formula. Eighty percent of income to support the individual or family. Ten percent for the work of the Church and ten percent for the family savings. We recognize that for many this is a challenge and that the "Church" ten percent will mean different things to different people. Also, we recognize that for many the "church" means "charitable giving" and not all 10% will go to the Church! Only the individual and God will know how their 10% is distributed.

We will give all an opportunity in January to offer their time and talent commitment. Perhaps the 10-10-80 concept could be applied there as well. If you have 168 hours in a week that would

be 17 for Christ. You have the rest for work, sleep, yourself and your family (157). We encourage all disciples to consider their time and how it is used.

We have 164 giving units and approximately half make commitments to the general expenses and ministry of SOTP. We sincerely hope that more will step forward in 2007 and consider making a covenant with their Lord to support and do His work.

We thank and pray for God's blessing on all who have stepped forward with their time, talents and financial efforts to forwarding the ministry of SOTP here in this place, in this community and throughout the world.

We welcome all to join us in this exciting ministry and time in the life of SOTP.

Your friends and fellow disciples in Christ!

The SOTP Stewardship team.

2006 Small Group Director 2nd Service Keyboardist Report

We began our busy year with a 6 week Small Group Leader Training Class, with 10 participants who represented our expanding Prairie Point Quilt Group, Merry Widows, Adult Education, Prairie Chimers and the Men's Group. Using resources from Willow Creek and Augsburg, we learned listening techniques for more effective communication, basics for conflict resolution, prayer training, celebrating personality differences and Bible study. We all agreed to be more faithful with devotions.

At the request of those in that training, the "Bible Basics" Summer Sunday night Small Group, planned and led by Nancy Ramirez, with minor coaching from me, was born. For its 12 participants, this was a very successful, highly ambitious, yet fun, walk through the basic themes of God's Word.

Throughout the winter and spring, SOTP's "Life of Paul" DVD study and series, led by Dr. Paul Maier and facilitated by Chuck and Sharon Little (who had recently returned from a tour of Paul's journeys), Bob and Carolyn Malm and Roger and Eleanor Ault on Tuesday mornings and evenings was well received by the over 30 people who attended. At my suggestion, we invited our seminary professor and esteemed Lutheran/Pauline scholar, Rev. Dr. Edgar Krentz, to preach and teach at SOTP in late March. Dr. Krentz' fantastic presence and presentation at SOTP prompted the Littles to ask him and Pr. Mark to help lead the trip they'd been planning to Paul's lands this coming November.

Blessedly, the Holy Spirit moved Several SOTP members to accept my invitation to trust God and step up to lead small groups this fall. Many thanks to Brian and Jamie Lindgren for facilitating the wellness group, “Fit- 4 -Life,” (Bless his heart—Brian also is leading one of the confirmation small groups on Wednesday nights!), Anita Bull for leading “12 Extraordinary Women” based on John MacArthur’s book, on Tuesdays, Ronn Brower for leading the popular “Christianity and Islam” on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings, Nancy Ramirez and Jeff Meissner for tackling “Stress Management in the Spirit” on Wednesday evenings, Katie Torkleson for organizing a Spiritual Scrapbooking group and Katie Meissner for re-organizing the well attended ‘Prairie Connections’ Events. Special thanks to Theresa Molgren for assisting me in leadership on our blessed Prayer Team. I’ve really enjoyed leading the “Faith in Film” group on Wednesday afternoons, and worked hard for my Sunday night “End Times” class.

These new groups, along with our many existing groups, have either concluded their time together, or are continuing to grow in their same or slightly different forms. In 2007 I hope to continue to help guide leaders who will shepherd many different types of gatherings, according to their gifts; I also hope to develop some neighborhood study groups. Katie Desiato’s new group on “The Bad Girls of the Bible” is part of this dream.

Since September, I’ve enjoyed helping Annette Boster shepherd her two new Children’s choirs as their accompanist. I really appreciate how she always includes a devotion, memory verse and prayer into those rehearsals...And, her musicianship with the children is superb. We have fun, too!

Recently, I loved doing ministry with so many of our SOTP children, parents, Sunday School and Spirit Alive teachers, as I worked with them directing our Sunday School Christmas musical, “Bethlehem’s Best”. My special thanks to all of the kids who worked so hard, plus Barb and Jim Auwerda, Janice Shuff, Annette Boster and Carol and Dennis Lilla, Ann Lehman, the Miley, Browne, Arndt, Frendreis, Mudge, and Ramirez families and especially my husband, Pr. Rich Grudt, for their extraordinary help and positive dedication to that project.

I am VERY excited about SOTP’s upcoming W-4 retreat on Outreach. Many thanks to Carlee Petelle for working so hard with me to put this together. Our upcoming Family Retreat at Lutherdale will be another way for nearly 50 of us to grow as a group in friendship and faith . Blessings to Gail and Steve Barnard , Carl and Sandy Hupert and Pr. Rich Grudt as we plan this event with Pr. Mark. Special thanks and much appreciation to Pastor Mark who is a very supportive colleague and friend.

I continue to enjoy my role as second service keyboardist. It is a joy to support SOTP’s gifted musician/ guitarist, Mitch Corso, in his leadership.

Pastor Sue Ellen Grudt

Altar Guild Report

Due to family commitments, Mary Conti resigned from her five year position of Chairperson and Darlene Soest was approached and agreed to be the Chairperson with Adele Wogstad as Co-chair and Joan Kimminau assisting when needed.

Mary is still a member of the Altar Guild as well as Phyllis Anderson, Gail Barnard, Susan Boyle, Alice Hallett, Jan Koerner, Joanne Klinger, Joan Kimminau, Gretchen Lane, Carol Lilla, Dee Pedersen, Darlene Soest, JoAnn Ward, Adele Wogstad, Betty Zimmerman, with Katie Desiato and Janice Shuff assisting and Pastor Sue Ellen Grudt advisor.

The Guild has been very active this year with maintaining weekly schedules of responsibility for set up and take down of altar, providing personalized Baptismal Napkins, laundering of altar linens, pastoral robes and draperies. In addition, many of our members assist in baking Communion Bread.

A new system has been worked out with the Cosman Center that we do not have to disassemble the Altar every week. We only remove the candles and cover the altar with a huge plastic covering and store on the stage. We will only have to disassemble if the Cosman Center has a special event where they need to utilize the entire stage.

In addition, new Liquid Paraffin Altar Candles have been purchased by the Guild and has eliminated the problem of dripping wax. A definite asset on our Altar.

A new wardrobe for storage of our linens has also been purchased. We now have three, one for Altar Linens, one for Quilting and once for all the costumes used.

In the past, after the 10:30 a.m. service, the Ushers were responsible for the care of the Eucharist vessels and disposal of the leftover bread, wine and grape juice. Altar Guild members have now taken over this responsibility.

Sincere thanks to all members who have worked so diligently this year on the Altar Guild, to Carol Lilla who made beautiful, new Purificators and is in the process of sewing new Fair Linen with Mary Conti. To Phyllis Anderson for sewing the White Altar Parament and hemming the Assisting Pastor's robe. To the women who have volunteered to assist when needed with removal of Eucharistic Vessels, Altar Linens, covering Altar and take-down of Baptismal table, to Ferdie Kimminau who made an adapter for the advent candle holder to hold one and one-half inch candles and to Janice Shuff who took the advent wreath home, used her crafting skills in adding poinsettias so everyone could enjoy the beautiful wreath during the Advent season. Thank You All So Very Much!

And a reminder, new members are always welcome and we invite all women and teens of the congregation to be a part of this wonderful ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Soest and Adele Wogstad (Co-chairs 2006 Altar Guild)

Volunteer Coordinator Report

Due to other commitments, Chris Wilkerson resigned from her position as Volunteer Coordinator and Darlene Soest assumed her role.

The Volunteer Coordinator manages the Time and Talent Sheets and is responsible for contacting individuals who are willing to serve on various committees in our congregation. The Coordinator also attends Pastor's Orientation Meetings with perspective new members and gives a short explanation of the use of the Time and Talent Sheets and the importance of utilizing your talent for the important ministries of our congregation..

A new Time and Talent Sheet has been completed for distribution on Ministry Sunday, January 7, 2007. Complete position descriptions for each category is currently being developed in booklet form and expected to be completed within the next several months. In the meantime, if there are any questions, please contact Darlene Soest

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene A. Soest

Usher Coordinator Report

After a meeting with various committee members, it was determined that Nancy Ramirez needed assistance and Lou Soest volunteered to be the Coordinator and make up the Usher schedules.

It was then decided that a new schedule would be created with Group Leaders for each service. Ferdie Kimminau accepted to be Group Leader for the 9:00 a.m. service and Don Koerner for the 10:30 a.m. service.

Individuals were assigned for each Sunday of the month with the fifth Sunday utilizing the youth of our congregation for both services.

If those assigned are unable to fulfill their commitment for a particular Sunday, they are to notify their Group Leader and if the Group Leader is not available, individuals may contact Lou Soest.

Assistance is still needed for both services due to many of our members being snow-birds, therefore, men, women and teens are invited to be a part of this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Soest, Sr.

Usher Coordinator

Helping Hands Report

"Helping Hands" lets see, that must mean helping, or helping others, by just using your hands, sounds easy enough! And it really is easy, all you need is the desire to help others by a visit, a ride to the doctor or anywhere else needed, or making a part or all of a meal for someone home from the hospital or with a new baby. How nice it is to have a meal brought in and not to worry about preparation for one night, or maybe 2 with leftovers. As good as it is to receive one of our "Shepherd" meals, it is also great to know that someone else enjoyed or appreciated what you did for them. Would you like to help others and feel good yourself, think about the joy you can give others

Jan Koerner, Chairman Helping Hands

Prairie Connection Report

Prairie Connection is a social group for our "Under 50's" SOTP members. We try to have our events every few months with a member hosting a potluck dinner at their house. Our evening consists of eating, talking and playing games. This is a great social event for our members to get out and get to know other members in the same age group. This past year we had several members host at their homes where the different events consisted of warming up with homemade chili, grilling out, making homemade pizza, and having a Halloween Costume party. We are looking forward to next year with more fun events and recruiting new members!

Katie Meissner

Senior Shepherds Report

Senior Shepherds is made up of any member of Shepherd of the Prairie "50" and over who would like to attend any of the activities planned. It is "cemented" by Christian Friendship and "glued" with Love for our Church and our Lord. We have built relationships, and just plain had some fun. This past year activities included: Game Night at Lois Brothers on Feb. 19, Dinner and Theater at Deeters Restaurant and the Woodstock Opera House on April 29, Dinner at the Illinois Machine Shed in Rockford and a Patriotic Concert at the Summerwood Outdoor Amphitheatre on June 24, Lake Geneva Boat Cruise and Luncheon on September 30, and last but not least a trip to Milwaukee to a Madrigal Dinner directed by Sharon and Chuck Little's son on December 3. Hopefully the year was enjoyed by all.

Phyllis Anderson and Jan Koerner

W-4 Report

W4-Women Who Work Wonders is open to all women of the church. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 1PM and 7PM in member's homes. We have a short business meeting, followed by a Bible study and refreshments. We are using the ELCA magazine for the Bible study series-Hope in God in Times of Suffering. Each month we rotate the leader's guide and role, so we all have a chance to prepare. The series this year included the topics relating to suffering-big questions, rich relationships, God and us in process, mouthing off to tell God our feelings, knowing God is always present with us, prayer and living hope.

Our group now numbers around 35 and we will always accept new ladies who wish to join us. Our motto is: To encourage faith, friendship and service!

We had a joint luncheon of both groups in June at Biaggi's in Algonquin and over 40 attended. Many ladies brought a friend or a relative. Jan Koerner and Alice Hallett organized our 3rd annual Christmas Bake Sale and Craft Fair. All combined efforts brought in a total of over \$5000., including the matching funds from Thrivent. This money goes to the Building Fund. Piefest was held on Nov. 22 with over 20 delicious pies served to 75 of us after the Thanksgiving Eve service. The Giving Tree project this year through Salvation Army gave us an opportunity to be generous to five families in need. There were toys, gifts, household items and food cards purchased for eighteen children and their parents. SOTP was 'over the top' in terms of their kindness and generosity to all of these needy folks. The December Christmas party was held on Dec. 21 at the home of Betty Zimmerman. Secret Pals were discovered and new names were drawn for 2007. Plans are underway for a Women's Retreat at the Citizen's Bank on Jan. 13, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Little, President

Men's Ministry Report

First Annual Report

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

The men's ministry group meets on the third Saturday of each month. We would like to take this time to extend a personal invitation to all the men of SOTP to join us for breakfast.

Following is a few notes of what Men's Ministry consists of.

Small Group Ministry for Men

What Makes a Great Men's Small Group?

Small groups are a key part of how your men's ministry will help men become joyful followers of Christ. These groups are a great place to grow spiritually, develop relationships, and deepen friendships. In a culture where most men are busier than ever and often living somewhat independent lives, small groups provide the community and accountability that we all need to live life to the fullest.

What is a small Group?

A small group is an intentional gathering of a small number of people who commit themselves to regular meetings for the purpose of becoming better disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why Small Groups for Men?

They:

1. Are biblical
2. Help us learn and Practice Christian Principles
3. Help us build relationships
4. Provide support
5. Provide a forum to pray for one another
6. Provide an opportunity for accountability
7. Form discipleship
8. Provide occasions for witnessing
9. Offer opportunity for service within and outside the group

Four Elements of small groups:

1. Bible Study
2. Prayer
3. Group Ministry Task
4. Mutual Support

This past year besides breakfast we enjoyed great fellowship and conversation, bible studies, shared in prayer concerns, singing, etc. We also have begun having guest speakers of which one was the Mayor of Huntley. It is our intention to have more guests with various subject of interest.

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrew 10:24-25)

Yours in Christ,

Russell S. Deloney, Sr.

Ferdie Kimminau

Coordinators

Spirit Alive Annual Report

This year we are using the Kids Own Worship curriculum written by Group. The lessons are hands-on and the children can focus on God in their own way. The teachers provide experiences and worship through fun songs and memorable Bible lessons. The hands on Bible lessons are fun and exciting. We are averaging 12 to 15 students per week. We have a rotating teacher schedule and each teacher teaches Spirit Alive for one month. Currently the teachers assisting with Spirit Alive are: Devin & Kara Burg, Kara Parry, Kim Frendreis, Annell Buch, Kim Kozlowski, Lori Conway, and Jamie Lindgren.

Devin & Kara Burg

Shepherd's Voices

It has been a joy to conduct the choir this year. We regularly sing twice a month at the early service. The group has about sixteen singers. The music had been borrowed from Trinity in Des Plaines, free off the internet courtesy of Dick Larrison, and some bought within our budget. Several members have also donated cash so that more music may be purchased. We look forward to a new year with hopes for more members. We also will be using the new hymnal as soon as it arrives in the spring. Special thanks to Elaine and Mary who keep us on pitch by playing for us.

Gretchen Lane

Prairie Ringers

The prairie Ringers have been very active during 2006. With the exception of July and August, the chime choir as played at least one a month at the 9:00 a.m. service and occasionally plays the call to worship at the 10:30 Service. Our twelve faithful members practice every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the room next to the church office.

In addition to playing at SOTP, in mid-November the Prairie Ringers presented the program at Sun City's Music Club and were showcased in Sun City's weekly paper and in another local paper in Huntley as a result of that program.

Thank you for your encouragement and support of the Prairie Ringers. We are always looking for new ringers.

Carol Mosby

Annual Report for Sunday School

In June of 2006, Pastor Mark asked me to assume the position of Sunday School Superintendent. The first order of business was to recruit SS teachers to begin teaching in Sept. Twenty members of the congregation volunteered to teach.

The next step was to register children. A registration table was set up each Sunday in the Welcoming Center with volunteers to assist parents when registering their children. There are now 84 children, preK through high school, attending classes.

There are two types of Sunday School being offered to the children of SOTP. During the 9:30 service, the SS meets in a traditional manner. There are preschool, kindergarten, 1st/2ND 3rd/4Th, 5Th/6Th, middle school, and high school classes meeting each week. During the 10:30 service, a centered oriented Sunday School meets as an entire group for 3-9 year olds.

The traditional Sunday School, uses a curriculum published by Augsburg Fortress. This is the same curriculum that has been used in past years. The focus is learning about faith traits and how these traits relate to Jesus and transcend the lives of the children. Several of the classes incorporate team teaching where two people share the teaching duties. The spirit alive class has the same focus but is offered through a whole group approach. A specific center, such as music, or art, is used to teach the weekly faith trait. Spirit Alive uses a team teaching approach also. Each teacher teaches for one month.

The dedication of the teachers is amazing. There have been Sundays when I visited the classes and have seen how the children are actively engaged in learning about Jesus and the Bible. What a heartwarming sight! Teachers are asked to have the children take home something each Sunday from his/her class--a craft project, coloring sheet, Bible verse, etc. The children are excited and inspired by their Sunday School experiences.

The highlight of the year was the Christmas program that was performed on Sunday, Dec. 17. There were 72 children involved, several congregation members, and the Sunday School teachers. The cooperation of teachers, parents, and children was wonderful. SOTP is truly blessed.

The commitment to serving God and bringing His word to the children of SOTP is strong. The future is shining brightly in every smile of our Sunday school children.

Submitted by:

Barbara Auwerda

Sunday School Superintendent

Final Exam Care Packages Report

This year we have put together and mailed final exam care packages to our college students. We hope to make this an annual opportunity to reach out to our students away from home.

Alice Hallett

Outreach

The Outreach Team introduces Shepherd of the Prairie to the greater Huntley area. We use a number of outreach activities to accomplish this:

1. We deliver a welcome gift to first-time visitors at the Sunday services.
2. Host a booth at the Huntley Expo.
3. Host a booth at the Huntley Fall Fest.
4. Use doorknob hangers to promote special seasonal activities.
5. Publicize special events in our church.

In 2006 we distributed approximately 60 welcome gifts to first-time visitors. Over 180 people visited our booth at the Huntley Expo. The Fall Fest included a 4 hole putting green built by Ferdie Kimminau, and hundreds of children and adults demonstrated their putting skills. Almost 500 door hangers were distributed for the Easter season, 350 for our Fall Rally and 600 for this Christmas season.

Allen Boyle

January, 2007

**Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Annual Congregation Meeting
January 28, 2007**

Elections

Thanks to the nominating committee for their help in providing a slate of nominees for this years elections!

Congregation Council:

- Kristi Cordle
- Jeff Meissner
- Sue Boyle
- Ferdie Kimminau

Audit Team

- George Sebastian – 1 year term
- Lois Brothers – 2 year term
- Patrick Desiato – 3 year term

Voting Members to Northern IL Synod Assembly

- Russell Deloney
- Theresa Molgren

2007 Nominating Committee (Appointed by Council)

(1) Two Outgoing Council Members

- Sharon Little
- Tim Reincke

(2) Additional Members

- Anita Bull
- Wally Fuellgraff
- Ron Knudson
- Corinne Neukirch

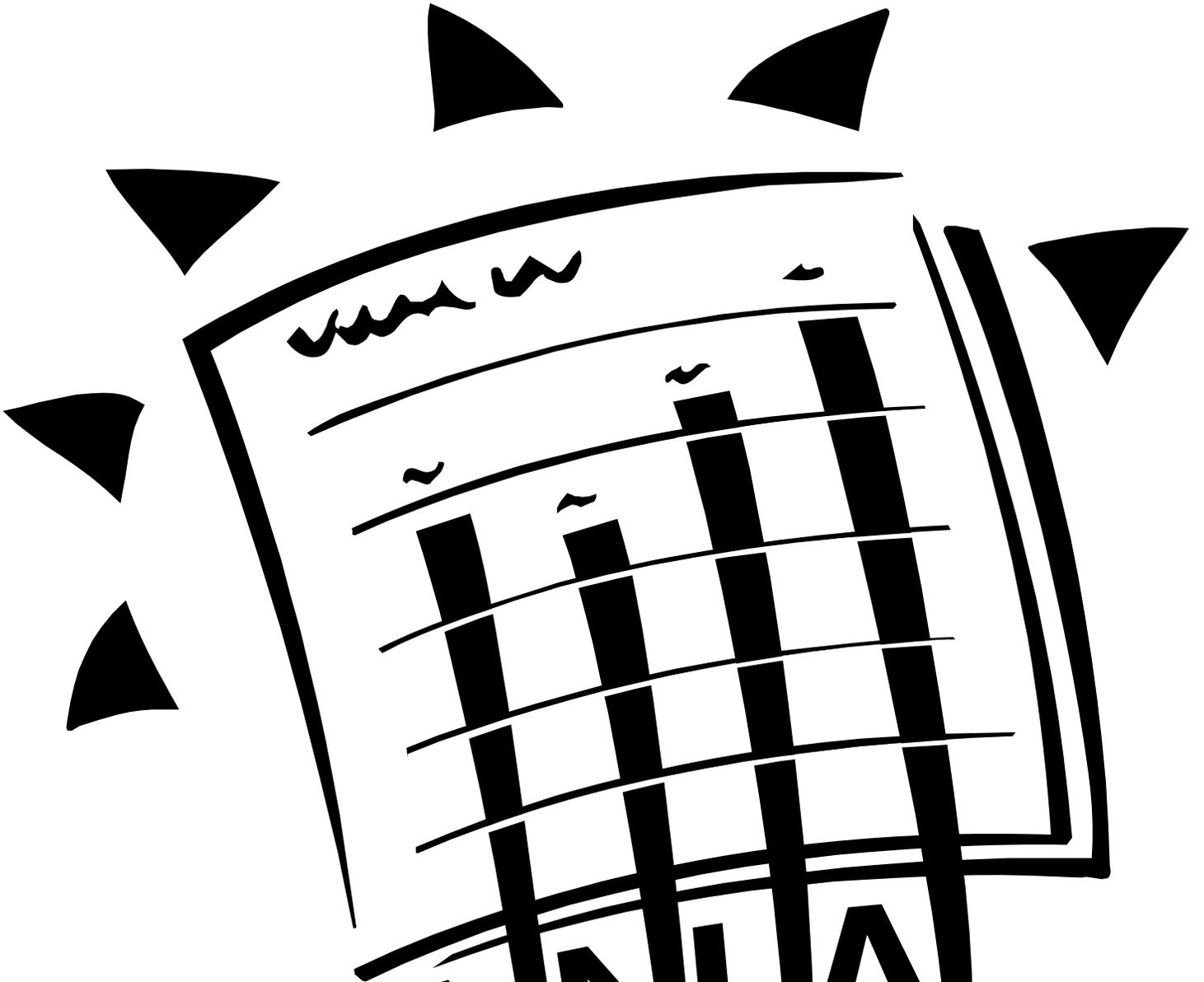
Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

2007 Budget

	BUDGET	
	2006 Budget	2007 Proposed Budget
Income		
Contributions		
Loose Plate Contributions	23,906	6,400
Regular giving	0	54,281
Pledges	252,894	257,201
Total Contributions	276,800	317,882
Other Income		
Flower Contributions	1,500	2,490
DO Grant (NI Synod)	0	1,000
Interest Income	2,000	2,000
VBS Fundraiser	750	0
Total Other Income	4,250	5,490
Total Income	281,050	323,372
Expense		
Advertising	6,600	7,270
Automobile Expense	6,400	4,500
Bank Service Charges	50	50
Benevolence--ELCA		
Division for Outreach Payback	1,200	1,200
NI Synod	28,600	35,571
Total Benevolence	29,800	36,771
Conferences	2,000	2,000
Contingency	500	500
Education		
Adult Education	0	520
Confirmation	400	300
New Member Orientation	200	0
Sunday School	1,000	2,000
VBS	750	700
Total Education	2,350	3,520
Employee Benefits		
Director of Small Groups	12,500	13,750
Other Salaries	4,100	5,100
Pastor	34,000	37,400
Total Employee Benefits	50,600	56,250
Employee Business Expense	400	400
Equipment Rental	6,500	9,000
Evangelism & Outreach	12,000	12,000

	BUDGET	
	2006 Budget	2007 Proposed Budget
Fellowship		
Lenten Suppers	100	0
Ordinary Fellowship Expense	500	0
WOW Expense	750	0
Fellowship - Other	0	0
Total Fellowship	1,350	500
Flower Expense	1,500	2,990
Gifts	700	300
Good Samaritan	500	500
Insurance		750
Licenses and Permits	1,500	1,000
Natural Church Development (was Mir	3,000	3,000
Office Equipment	1,000	500
Office Supplies	3,500	5,000
Payroll Expenses		
Director of Music	10,630	15,000
Director of Small Groups	25,000	25,750
Nursery	3,200	0
Pastor	68,500	69,870
Staffing for Growth		3,000
Secretary	14,370	14,801
Payroll Expenses - Other	0	0
Total Payroll Expenses	121,700	128,421
Late Fees (was Penalties)	0	75
Postage and Delivery	2,000	3,360
Reconciliation Discrepancies		0
Rent		
Office Rent	10,600	11,000
Park District	24,000	25,000
Total Rent	34,600	36,000
Repairs/ Replacement	500	500
Sign Expense	500	500
Small Group Ministries	1,000	750
Stewardship	1,500	1,500
Utilities-Telephone	2,700	3,000
Website	750	500

	BUDGET	
	2006 Budget	2007 Proposed Budget
Worship		
Altar Guild Equipment	500	500
Music Equipment	2,000	1,500
Music		
1st Service Music	300	300
2nd Service Music	300	300
Childrens Choir	100	100
Chime Choir	200	200
Rejoice	750	500
Shepherds Voice	350	350
Music - Other	0	0
Total Music	2,000	1,750
Pastoral Assistance	500	250
Supplies (bread, wine, etc.)	1,000	500
Total Worship	6,000	4,500
Youth		
DUIJ	1,000	1,000
Kool Christian Kids	500	500
Total Youth	1,500	1,500
Total Expense	303,000	327,407
Net Ordinary Income	(21,950)	(4,035)



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