



Shepherd
OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Caring For All God's Children

**Congregational
Newsletter
March 2013**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, March 28 –
7:00 p.m.—Living Last Supper

Good Friday, March 29
10:00 a.m. Children's Worship
7:00 p.m. The Lord's Supper with
Tenebrae

Resurrection Weekend – Facing the
Future

Saturday, March 30 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 – 6:30 a.m.
Sunrise Worship followed by Easter
Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

Important Dates in March

Mar. 3	Grafton Food Pantry Collection	Mar. 16	Spring Craft Sale, First Communion Instruction
Mar. 5	Prairie Points Quilters	Mar. 17	Spring Craft Sale
Mar.. 6	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Soup Supper, Lenten Service, Easter Choir Rehearsal	Mar. 18	Council Meeting
Mar. 7	Prairie Crafters	Mar. 19	Prairie Points Quilters
Mar. 9	Spring Craft Sale, First Communion Instruction	Mar. 20	Soup Supper, Lenten Service, Easter Choir Rehearsal
Mar. 10	Spring Craft Sale	Mar. 21	Mary/Martha Bible Study
Mar. 11	Ministry Meeting Night	Mar. 23	Spring Clean Up
Mar. 13	GEMS, Soup Supper, Lenten Service, Easter Choir Rehearsal	Mar. 24	Palm Sunday, Merry Widows, PADS
Mar. 14	Prayer Shawls	Mar. 27	Easter Choir Rehearsal
Mar. 15	Senior Shepherds Potluck, SOTP Bowling League	Mar. 28	Maundy Thursday Service
		Mar. 29	Children's Good Friday Service, Tenebrae Service
		Mar. 30	Easter Saturday Service
		Mar. 31	Easter Sunday, Easter Breakfast

A Note From Pastor Mark

Dear Christian Friends,

Blessings to us all as we journey through Lent together. I am hopeful that you will take this time for reflection and action as God leads you in your walk of faith.

This month I am going to use my newsletter article to introduce a ministry program recently adopted by your Congregation Council and led by our Inreach team at Shepherd of the Prairie. Pastor Don Larson wrote the manual for lay people who are trained and commissioned for this ministry. He shares a family story, one that illustrates what this ministry is all about:

“Sunday dinner was a special meal in the Larson home. On most Sundays the entire Larson family was at the table. But Don’s father sometimes worked at a local gas station on Sundays. On those days ‘Mother would fix a plate for him following the family’s dinner, cover it with aluminum foil, and carefully slip it into a sack, along with tableware and a napkin.’ Don would take it to his father. His father could have carried his lunch like he did every other day of the week, but that wouldn’t have been the same. By bringing dinner from the family table Don’s father connected with his family on their special day.”

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION
FROM THE ASSEMBLY is meant to

provide a church family connection with those who are home-bound, in hospitals, nursing homes or other clinical settings. It is a ministry approved a number of years ago by the ELCA. This ministry brings the Lord’s Supper from the worshipping congregation, thus making a connection with those who are unable to participate in the worship experience.

Our goal is to commission our ministers in worship on Sunday, June 2. On that day Shepherd of the Prairie will begin providing a ministry that has been a blessing to many of God’s children in the ELCA.

If you have any questions related to this ministry please don’t hesitate to contact me. Also, please feel free to talk with Pastor Ken Pohlmann, who will be training our ministers or Donna Kelly, Inreach Team Leader.

Thanks be to God for all who lead and serve through our community of faith.

Blessings

Pastor Mark

EASTER CHOIR

If you love to sing in a choir, but cannot commit to an every week schedule, here is a great opportunity for you. **We really need you!!!**

Please come and sing with the Easter Choir. We will be singing on Good Friday, March 29, at the 7 p.m. worship and on Easter Sunday, March 31 at the 9 a.m. service . Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:40 p.m., right after the Lenten Services.

The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Wed. March 6: 7:40 to 8:45 p.m.

Wed. March 13: 7:40 to 8:45 p.m.

Wed. March 20: 7:40 to 8:45 p.m.

Wed. March 27: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please email Jane McMullen at jane@sotpmail.com.



LENTEN WORSHIP & SOUP SUPPER

Be sure to join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a soup supper followed by worship.

Wednesday, March 6 – 7:00 p.m. Soup Supper at 6:00 pm.

“Facing Our Worldliness” • Matthew 6:19-21

Accepting we are often all too dependent on worldly goods opens the door to seeing the value of everlasting blessings.

Wednesday, March 13 – 7:00 p.m. Soup Supper at 6:00 pm.

“Facing One Another” • Ephesians 4:31-32

Confessing that we have not always treated each other in a Christ-like manner helps to build better relationships.

Wednesday, March 20 – 7:00 p.m. Soup Supper at 6:00 pm.

“Facing Suffering” • Romans 8:18-19

Enduring suffering in this world connects us to Christ and points us to the joy to come.

EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

Orders will be accepted for our Easter Garden **through Sunday, March 17**. Forms will be available in the Crossroads. Your options are: Easter lily, \$12.00 each; hyacinth and tulips are \$12.50 each. All flowers are in 6" pots. Please be sure to specify how the flowers are to be dedicated. Include your check with the order form.

Self Worth?

Confidence?

Status?

THE BRAND OF SELF

The term “branding” has snuck its way into the way we talk and live in recent years. Kids now aspire to be “branded” because they know that wearing the right brand assures them of the status they so desperately desire. What does it mean to be “branded”? It simply means a brand label and style is adopted as one’s personal identity. Kids who don’t wear the right clothes can become the object of peer taunting and exclusion at all grade levels, from nursery school right on through college and into their adult years. Some parents are going so far as to hire professional shopping consultants to do back to school shopping with their kids. One of those consultants says she knows how to convince a mother that paying \$160 for a pair of jeans is worth it because “your daughter is going to get so much confidence from them.” Parents, our kids are learning that what you wear is an important determiner of status. But is that who God calls us to be? Is that where God wants us to find our value? No, our worth must be found in Christ alone.

Quick Stats

90% of tanning salons claimed that indoor tanning wasn’t dangerous at all, while more than half said that tanning beds would not increase the risk of skin cancer. (U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce Investigative Report, 2012)

Compared to children who were never bullied, bullying victims are 3 times as likely to have suicidal thoughts, and those who were bullied over a long period of time were 6 times more likely to consider suicide. (Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.)

TRENDS

Prescription Drug Abuse

Nobody wants their child to become a drug or alcohol addict. In fact, most parents work hard to keep their kids from substance abuse and all the dangers it brings. We applaud ourselves when our kids choose not to abuse alcohol or other drugs like meth, heroin, or marijuana. But have you thought lately about the trend towards the abuse of prescription drugs? The abuse of stuff that can be found in the family medicine cabinet has been on the rise for years. Nearly one in five teens admits to abusing medications that are not prescribed to him or her.

Experts advise you to look for these signs of prescription drug abuse: a change in sleep habits, a change in energy level, a change in personal hygiene, a change in mood or personality, a sudden change in grades, a change in their circle of friends, the loss of appetite, and constricted eye-pupils. Parents, monitor your teenagers and their friends. Your commitment to keeping them off drugs will protect them from hurting themselves in long-lasting ways.



Latest Research

Cruelty and Kindness Online

A new survey from the Pew Research Center reveals some interesting information regarding what online life is like for our children and teens. According to Pew, two-thirds of the teenagers surveyed said that people are mostly kind to each other on social networks, even though 88% said they had witnessed people being mean or cruel to others.

One in five teens admits to joining in on the cruelty. In relation to online bullying, one in four teens said that an online squabble had gone offline, resulting in a face to face argument or worse. In an effort to protect our kids and to teach them how to live online to the glory of God, we must take the time to monitor their online time and then step in, offering guidance, correction, and boundaries where needed. The good news from Pew is that 86% of teens say that their parents had advised them on how to use the Internet responsibly and safely. You can access some parental helps on the digital kids initiative website at www.digitalkidsinitiative.com.

Youth Culture Hot Quote:

I'm so proud of my sisters, but I'll be married before I have a baby. – Rob Kardashian, in regard to the announcement that his sister Kim and her boyfriend, rapper Kanye West, were expecting a child, December 31, 2012.

EASTER OFFERING

The SOTP Easter Offering will be divided among three organizations that bring the Easter message of hope to our neighbors in need.

McHenry County Jail Detainee Ministry Program: Faith leaders, including Dan Driscoll-Shaw, bring counseling and Bible study to those detainees waiting to learn their future.

Buddy House/LSSI Prison Family Ministry: Located in Blackhawk Courts, Rockford, IL, this Lutheran Social Services of Illinois program provides after-school activities, tutoring and snacks for children. Adults find it a quiet place of respite where they receive support, access community resources and receive information about their incarcerated loved ones.

FirstSteps Press: A new program of Exodus World Service, FirstSteps Press publishes information that refugees need to begin rebuilding their lives in their new home in the United States. The information is translated into key refugee languages and includes photos of real-life situations. SOTP's offering to FirstSteps Press will help Exodus World Service develop these critical resources and get them into the hands of the refugee families and the volunteers who need them.

LENTEN OFFERING REMINDER



*Faith In
Action*

Faith in Action of McHenry County will be the recipient of the SOTP Lenten Offering. This organization assists our senior neighbors to live independently in their own homes or with loved ones. It provides no cost services of transportation, home and yard maintenance, respite for caregivers, companionship, medical equipment loans. Thank you for your generous gifts of money, prayer, and volunteer time for all of our neighbors in need.

SENIOR SHEPHERDS

Senior Shepherds (a social group for SOTP seniors and friends) are meeting at church on Friday, March 15 from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for a St. Patrick's Day potluck luncheon and game fest. Please bring a dish to pass and a board game if you'd like. Paper plates, silverware, etc., punch and coffee will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Crossroads and you MUST sign up by Friday March 8. Any questions, please call Carol Gerhardt at (847)683-2746.

SPRING CRAFT SALE



Spring is coming! And with spring comes the SOTP Spring Craft Sale and our

SPRING BAKE SALE—MARCH 9, 10 AND MARCH 16, 17

The Spring Bake Sale is coming soon and donations are welcomed! Please label wrapped goodies and specify if item(s) contain nuts. Donations may be brought to SOTP prior to the Saturday and/or Sunday Services on both weekends. Thank you for your generosity in making this sale a success! A sign-up sheet is located on the Crossroads bulletin board. Questions? Contact Sandy at lemkepaul17@gmail.com or (847)961-5451.



WELCA

SPRING RETREAT Will be on April 13 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Continental breakfast and a lunch will be served. Keep watching for further information. We are collecting personal items for Home of the Sparrow. A box is located in the Crossroads with a list and donations are gratefully accepted. The list has been sent via email for needed items and hard copies are posted on the WELCA bulletin board and the collection box. The collected items will be sorted and bagged at the Spring Retreat.

SCRAPBOOKING will be held on **Friday, March 8 from 6-11 p.m.** at the church. Come out and enjoy some fellowship while you get those pictures organized! Please RSVP to Renae at renae@sotpmail.com by March 4.

FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY

ATTENTION LADIES! Friends Bible Study will return from our winter break on **Monday, March 11**. We will continue with our study from the book *Miracles, Signs of God's Glory* by Douglas Connelly. He writes, "Most of us could use a miracle. Some physical condition, relationship problem or financial crisis could be fixed rather quickly with just one miracle. When we open the pages of the Bible, our desire of a miracle intensifies as we read astonishing stories of God's power poured out. What do these events have to do with us? How can we experience the power of God in the struggles we face every day? This study guide will help you discover how God works in the world."

Please plan to join us on **Monday, March 11, 12:30-2:00 p.m.** at the church. We are excited about this study and the fellowship we share as we get to know each other better.

A friend is a gift you give yourself! If you have a friend interested in Friends Bible Study, please invite her to join us!

For more information on purchasing the book, please contact Barb Hoch at (847)669-6652.

PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

The Prairie Point Quilters are busy working on many beautiful quilts. We are in need of a reliable portable sewing machine, in good working condition, so more ladies can sew during quilting time. If you know of a machine that needs a new home please consider us. Contact Elaine Brody at (847)669-1610. We meet the **first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.** at the church. We invite all who are interested in joining us to contact either Elaine Brody or Ruby Haerle for more information.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Please sign up in the Crossroads on the bulletin board to help the Property Team complete the spring clean up of the interior of our church on **March 23**. We will start at **9 a.m.** and everything should be completed by noon. Coffee and donuts will be served. Please plan to help us keep our beautiful facilities sparkling clean.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On **Wednesday, March 6**, we will meet at **Sammy's Restaurant at 9:00 a.m.** for breakfast. Sammy's is located on Route 47 in Huntley just north of the train tracks. All men of SOTP are welcome to attend.



ACOLYTES FOR MARCH

	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
March 3	Annabel Johnson	Chelsea Greene
March 10	Jack Trevino	Josh Miley
March 17	Rachel Miller	Trevor Dowell
March 24	Chelsea Greene	Alexandra Stowell
March 31	Brennen Clementi	Trevor Dowell

WORSHIP GREETERS FOR MARCH

	Saturday 5 p.m.	Sunday 9 a.m.	Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Mar. 3	Stevie Massei	Sharon Neubauer, Sandy Lemke	Bob & Carolyn Malm
Mar. 10	Doris Kopp	Ron & P.J. Knudsen	Bob & Carolyn Malm
Mar. 17	Lois Kenyon	Sid & Donna Sorensen	Bob & Carolyn Malm
Mar. 24	Kay O'Shanna	Kym Clementi, Brennen Clementi	Bob & Carolyn Malm
Mar. 31	Becky Tuzik	Wayne & Audrey Schmidt	Bob & Carolyn Malm

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed this month for the Grafton Food Pantry:
**deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, dish soap, tomato paste,
 tomato sauce, cereal, paper towels**

Thank you so very much for your generosity.



COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS FOR MARCH

March 3—Pam Perrott
March 10—Jen Kolcz
March 17—Delle Lenegar
March 28 (Maundy Thursday)—Brandi Lorenzo
March 31 (Easter)—Pat Fiorese

Saturdays
March 2, 9, 16—Lisa Adams
March 23, 30 & April 6—Sandy Martin

If you are interested in baking bread for Communion or have any questions about this ministry, please contact Pat Fiorese at (847)687-9164 or email a3ptkicker@sbcglobal.net.



ALTAR GUILD—MARCH

- * **Saturday:** Volunteers
- * **Sunday 9:00 a.m. Set-up:**
Darlene Soest, Judy Spencer
Alternates: Betty Zimmerman, Sue Wehnes
- * **Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Take-down**
March 3: Carol Lilla
Marlene Boehler (except March 31)

Thank you to all our members for giving their time to serve. Extra help will be needed during Holy Week and Easter. Guild members please let me know if you will be available March 28-31 for extra duty on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday (3 services).

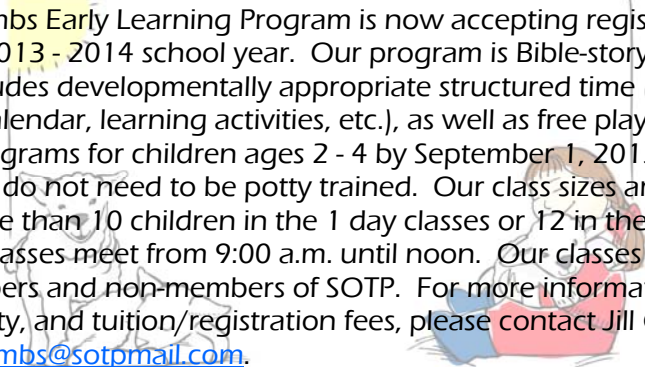
Sue Wehnes
(224)569-2808

USHERS ARE NEEDED!

If you are willing to usher just one Saturday or Sunday a month, please contact Ferdie Kimminau at (224)569-6739.

LITTLE LAMBS EARLY LEARNING REGISTRATION

Little Lambs Early Learning Program is now accepting registrations for the 2013 - 2014 school year. Our program is Bible-story-based and includes developmentally appropriate structured time (craft, music, calendar, learning activities, etc.), as well as free play. We have programs for children ages 2 - 4 by September 1, 2013. Children do not need to be potty trained. Our class sizes are small (not more than 10 children in the 1 day classes or 12 in the 2 day class). Classes meet from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Our classes are open to members and non-members of SOTP. For more information, availability, and tuition/registration fees, please contact Jill Gillming at littlelambs@sotpmail.com.



OUTREACH

The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who helped in the Shepherd of the Prairie booth at the Huntley Expo. Our booth included games, prizes, and information about the fellowship and ministries of our church family. Many children enjoyed visiting our booth to have their faces painted. Children of all ages enjoyed playing the Bozo Buckets game and received prizes and coloring sheets of Jesus with the children. We shared our love for Jesus by inviting them to attend VBS this summer. We would like to say "Thank You!" to everyone who helped to make this event a huge success!

Spring is just around the corner and we have been making plans for Easter Sunday. Every person attending SOTP is on the Outreach Team and we need your help! Sharing your love for Jesus may be just the words your friend may be waiting to hear. Please invite your family and friends to worship with you on Easter Sunday.

*God's blessings to you!
Your Outreach Team
Barbara Hoch, Chairperson*

ADULT EDUCATION

At the end of this month--on the last day, in fact!--we'll be singing, "Christ is risen! Alleluia!" But we've got a long way to go before then. Four weeks of Lent, including Holy Week with its Palm Sunday processional, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday when we ask, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" In short, before Easter Sunday we have our journey to the cross.

As a part of that journey, in Adult Education we're trying to make sense of the cross of Christ. Why do we have it? What does it mean? How does it shape our lives today? *Making Sense of the Cross* is our adult study and you're invited to join us, even if you haven't up until now. We meet every Sunday at both 9:00 and 10:30 a.m., and again on Tuesday evenings at 7:00, and on Wednesday mornings at 11:00. There's a book to help us in our travels, as well as a video and lots of discussion. We hope YOU will join us!

Pastor Bill Waxenberg



STEWARDSHIP TALES

A man decided to get rid of a dog he owned. When he drove to the city he stopped near the outskirts, put his pet out and drove away. He spent the rest of the afternoon and evening in the city.

Later that night, through the chill of the falling snow, he headed home. As he neared the edge of the city he saw his dog sitting just where he had left him. As the car approached, the dog lifted his ears, stood up, and wagged his tail. The man drove on past.

At home he confessed to his wife that his conscience was hurting him; yet he did nothing about it.

This story is a realistic illustration of spiritual errors made by God's children when they hope that someone else will assume their responsibility. The man had hope that someone else would take the dog and look after it. Christians often think, "Oh, someone else will do it."

Christian Stewardship is a message and a mission that is learned by a lifetime of practice. Children, as well as adults, need to learn the lesson of sharing with God some of the good things He provides for them. The work of Christ is not something that someone else funds. It is an effort we all need to support, it's everyone's responsibility.

CONGREGATION SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Some of our SOTP sisters and brothers are unable to attend worship or activities. Phone or send them a greeting and include them in your prayers.

Lois Brothers

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Dorothy Carlborg

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PASTOR EVALUATION RESULTS

The Mutual Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who responded to the Pastor Evaluation email sent in November. We sent a survey to all of the staff and every email address on file. Six of 7 staff members and 110 of approximately 400 congregation members responded. We are very happy with the response rate this year and encourage all members to respond to this year's evaluation. The evaluation is used to set goals for the Pastor in the coming year.

Pastor Mark is beloved and appreciated by both the staff and congregation based on the comments received. There were some opportunity areas which Mutual Ministry will encourage Pastor Mark to include in his personal goals for this year. The results were presented to the Council in January and if you are interested in additional information please see the January Council report on the church website.

If you ever have any feedback or concerns with regard to Pastor Mark and his ministry feel free to discuss this with him or one of the Mutual Ministry Team members: Rebecca Fulcer, Mike Hoch, Neal Mejdrih or Jessica Panella. Sarah Wolf will be leaving the team and we thank her for service over the past several years. Rebecca Fulcer has been the Council Liaison for several years and has decided to take Sarah's place on the team. We will be welcoming a new Council Liaison shortly.

Peace,
Jessica Panella
Mutual Ministry Chair



EXODUS WORLD SERVICE—CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Please join us on **Friday, April 26, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare in Rosemont. The Mission Team is hosting a table (or 2) at the Exodus World Service Celebration of Hope dinner. PLEASE be our guest and learn how this ministry changes lives by mobilizing volunteers of all ages to welcome refugee families. This is a FREE dinner, but you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry. SOTP participates in the Exodus World Service program by providing Welcome to America goods. COME and learn more about Exodus. Contact Sandy Hupert at (224)569-6041 or sandyhupert@gmail.com to reserve a seat at our table or to ask any questions. You can also register online directly at Exodus World Service: www.e-w-s.org.



SOTP MINISTRY AT WORK!

On February 4, nineteen members from SOTP spent an enjoyable afternoon volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva, IL. The Trodahls, Roths, Huperters, Brodys, Shepherds, Thompsons, Sorensens, Ralph Wehnes, Don Thomson, Delle Lenegar, Sue Flesher, and Alan Boyle packed over 1700 pounds of food. I think all would agree it was a very fulfilling experience and one they are anxious to do again. The Mission Team will try and set a date for the first part of May to go again. Hopefully many of you will be able to join us. It was a real eye opening experience. The pizza afterwards wasn't too bad either!

*Sid Sorensen
Mission Team*



GIVING STATEMENTS

Thank you to all of you who have worked with me in the process of getting the giving statements emailed to your homes. I have struggled with the new software, but with the help of Dennis & Renae, we have made a lot of progress and it is working well for us. I am excited to share with you the statistics on cost savings. In 2012, we had over 350 boxes of envelopes issued (that number for 2013 has already been exceeded). Of that number, we have thirty members (less than 10%) who do not have email addresses. We also have about ten members who prefer a printed copy (3%). This is a tremendous saving of printing, paper and envelopes. We save postage when you pick up your statement at church, but statements not picked up are mailed. Considering the increase in postage, wear and tear on our copy machine, and time it takes to fold and stuff envelopes, I am very excited about saving time, money and using less paper. If you need a printed copy do not hesitate to let me know. I am happy to print a copy and mail it if necessary. If you change your email address, please let Renae (renae@sotpmail.com) know. Any questions or discrepancies on your statement can be made directly to me at susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net or call me at (224)569-2808.

Sue Wehnes



BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Month	<u>February 2013</u>
Loan Balance	<u>\$1,156,379.53</u>
Estimate Payoff Date	12-1-2021

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget year to date as of January 31, 2013

General Fund Income: \$37,334.48
General Fund Expenses: \$35,015.90
Net Income: \$2,318.58

OFFERING COUNTERS FOR MARCH



- ◆ Warren Brody
- ◆ John Shepherd
- ◆ Donna Turner

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 would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

MARCH

- 1 Alice Monson, Annette Carlson, Joe Jones, Zach Ott, Ronnie Bretsen
- 2 Taylor Ramey
- 3 Jill Hoffman, James Hisel
- 4 David Bishop
- 5 Michelle Nielsen, Matthew Behm, Jamie Lukes
- 6 Hollie Lindgren, Tamara Uteg
- 7 Carol Roth, Tamara Polzin, Timothy Ramirez, Madison Black
- 8 Carol Bletz
- 9 Richard Dahl, Merlyn Thompson, Richard Gerhardt, Pamela Perrott, Vivian Kasal, Emily Rossman, Alyson Johnson, Kendall Wolf
- 11 Denise Gartzke
- 12 Alice Hallett, Jaxson Domenz
- 14 Lisa Piskule, Bentley Jacobs
- 15 Lauren Flanagan
- 16 Ferdie Kimminau, Grant Jahr, Daniella Berti
- 17 Helen Berry, Mark Wilkerson, Colt Luedtke
- 18 Alexis Kowalski
- 19 Dee Jones, Phyllis Thomson, Seth Conroy, Annabel Johnson, John Robinson
- 20 Cheryl Konie
- 21 James Rice, Jeff Bala, Braden Turk
- 22 Wally Fuellgraft, Devan Turk, Payton Marx, Derek Reincke
- 23 Mary McCullough, Michael Hoch, Annika Yndestad, Zachary Powe, Lillian DeBolt, Cecelia DeBolt
- 24 Karen Ankerberg, Sara Solem, Chad Juergensen
- 25 Gerd Rankin, Debbie Jones, Brandon Wade, Trevor Dowell
- 26 Paula Meyer, Jim Milford, Noreta Walker, Sandi Stewart, Al Guttenburg
- 27 Ruth Quam, Jennifer Trevino, Kylie Golembeck
- 28 Renae Greene, Rachel Miller
- 29 Wayne Schmidt, Lisa Sovo
- 30 Kay O'Shanna, Amy Johnson, Jennifer Powe
- 31 Orion Samuelson, Alixandria Rhode, Amanda Juergensen

Our Vision:
**"Caring for God's Children of All Ages
By Growing Disciples Who Make
Disciples"**

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Denise James
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Sue Wehnes
Contributions Secretary

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