



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

Congregational
Newsletter
August 2013

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

If you have been worshipping with us, and you would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to consider attending our upcoming New Member Gathering on **Sunday, August 11, from 3—5:30 p.m.** This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and to give prayerful consideration to whether you want to enter into membership. Those who desire to become members will be welcomed during the worship services the following **Sunday, August 18, 2013.** Please call the church office at (847)669-9448 to let us know if you will be participating with us and if you will need child care for the afternoon.



*New Member
Gathering*

Important Dates in August

August 1 Prairie Point Quilters,, Rejoice Worship Band Practice, Stitchin' Time
 August 3 Saturday Evening Service
 August 4 Grafton Food Pantry Collection
 August 6 Prairie Point Quilters
 August 7 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 August 8 Prayer Shawls, Rejoice Worship Band Practice,
 August 10 Saturday Evening Service
 August 11 New Member Meeting
 August 12 Ministry Meeting
 August 13 Spirit Ringers
 August 14 WELCA Salad Lunch, Stubbs Family Missionary Visit, Visual Arts Team
 August 15 Rejoice Worship Band Practice, Stitchin' Time
 August 17 Saturday Evening Service
 August 18 Church Picnic
 August 19 Council Meeting
 August 20 Prairie Point Quilters, Adult Bible Study

August 21 Adult Bible Study
 August 22 Rejoice Worship, Stichin' Time
 August 23 Spirit Ringers
 August 24 Saturday Evening Service
 August 25 Merry Widows
 August 27 Adult Bible Study
 August 28 Adult Bible Study
 August 29 Rejoice Worship, Stitchin' Time
 August 31 Saturday Evening Service

A Note From Pastor Mark

Dear Christian Friends,

The Gospel of Mark is a quick read. I read it last week and was just reminded again at how fast everything seems to happen in Mark's Gospel. No time to wait or question. Jesus is on the move and he needs an answer now from those he calls; will they follow and serve?

Sometimes it gets to be tough to give up an easy way of life—especially when all your needs are being met and you're warm and snuggled up. Then comes a phone call or a knock on the door or an email asking if you could give up a little bit of your time and perhaps even some of your talent or skill at helping someone else out.

Well of course, they assure you, that if you need more time to think this over, here is the number you can call. You hesitate, right? After all, this isn't something that you would normally do even though you were well aware of the need as there was a reminder of some sort that used to goad your conscience every day.

But come on, you're retired and would like some time for your own stuff, right? Or, our daughter just made the travel softball team and our weekends are now full. Some of us would jump right in without the least hesitation and forgo the comfort zone for a bit. Some of us would perhaps hem and haw while desperately trying to formulate a reasonable and justifiable excuse that was rock solid and gold plated. Most of us may be somewhat apprehensive about stepping into the unknown like leaving the comforts of one's own

home to go and serve soup or a meal at a shelter for the homeless. Even though it is only going take a couple of hours of our time, it's beyond our normal way of doing things.

Well, what is the response should you hear God calling? What are you going to do then? What if there is someone waiting for you to tell them about your journey of faith but you don't feel comfortable reaching out?

What do you say when someone informs you that they have known of your faith for a long time but were wondering why you haven't demonstrated it by words or actions? What are we going to say when we have said "no" so many times and then find ourselves asking for the same help we once refused to give?

I invite you to read Mark chapter 1. Ask yourself what would have happened if Jesus hadn't stepped out of his comfort zone.

There may come a day when a stranger extends a helping hand to you without the least bit of hesitation. In fact, they act as if it is a normal response for them. They take a minute to go beyond their everyday life and do what Jesus would have done. We can all be Jesus to someone and each other. When the opportunity arises to help in some way, say "yes" and be thankful that they thought enough of you to even ask.

I'll see you in worship,

Pastor Mark

Shepherd of the Prairie—Job Content Document

Job Title: New Member Welcome and Involvement Coordinator
Location: Huntley
Reports To: Pastor
FLSA Status: non-exempt, part-time
Prepared By: Kristi Cordle
Prepared Date: 6/7/2013
Approved By: Shepherd of the Prairie Staffing Committee
Approved Date:

SUMMARY: The New Member and Involvement Coordinator will be charged with promoting, encouraging and coordinating new and existing members within the congregation to hear God's call to serve in ministry. This position will welcome and facilitate the discovery and use of new member's God-given talents and skills. The New Member Welcome and Involvement Coordinator will support active and ongoing ministries in support of the mission of the church while also providing strong leadership for volunteers involved in leading ministries.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned as needed.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Organize and along with Pastoral staff, lead new member gatherings.
2. Formulate a plan with the Pastor to grow the base of support for member involvement in meaningful ministry and assess new talents and skills toward that objective.
3. Help facilitate connections between new members and ministry leaders within the congregation through use of digital database of talents and skills.
4. Work closely with the Pastor and SOTP Inreach Team to further develop new ideas and special projects to continue to grow vital ministry in support of the mission of the church while continually assessing the ongoing involvement of new members.
5. Serve as a resource and guide for ministry leaders, assisting them in understanding skills and talents as well as encouraging a team approach to ministry.
6. Maintain current job description notebook as a guide for volunteer ministry leaders
7. Develop and implement a recognition program for ministries.
8. Keep thorough and accurate records and provide feedback to and from Pastor and Church Council.
9. Uphold the mission and values of Shepherd of the Prairie.

Qualifications, Skills and Gifts

- Good verbal, written and electronic communication skills
- Excellent organizational abilities
- Office computer skill competence a must
- Interpersonal skills important
- Gifts of strong leadership desired
- Strong ability to inspire and show appreciation for volunteers
- Be a visible and vibrant disciple of Christ

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Must possess outstanding interpersonal skills and be able to work well with a variety of individuals and groups simultaneously. Strong organizational, administrative and computer skills are required. Must show a strong commitment to innovation and continuous improvement. Must be able to develop "leaders of leaders" and to share a major part of job responsibilities with lay leaders.

Youth Culture News

FROM THE WORD:

Many well-intentioned parents work hard to give their kids the “good life.” Believing love means giving them all the things they never had themselves, parents shower their kids with cars, money, special classes, trips, and activities. The negative results of being handed the good life can be seen in the values, attitudes, and behaviors of today’s teenagers and young adults. Their values become very shallow and self-serving. What’s in it for me? they wonder. They grow up with no clue as to what the real world is like, nor how to live in that world in a God-honoring way.

What are the options for those of us who realize that it is dangerous to give our kids the good life? The good news is that there is something better. In fact, it’s the “best life.” Our lives and actions should communicate to our kids that the best life is found in living in relationship with God by God’s will and way, according to his standards of success.

Jesus defined the “best life” during a conversation with a teacher of the law that’s recorded in Mark 12, starting in verse 28. Jesus said that the best life consists of directing all that we have, do, and are towards loving God in every nook, cranny, and minute of our lives. And then, because of our love for him, we should love those around us rather than treating them as competition or the means to material ends.

John Wesley had these priorities in mind when he gave this timely and timeless advice: “Work as hard as you can, to make all the money you can, to save as much as you can in order to give away all that you can.”

Youth Culture Hot Quote:

I think today’s world is moving so fast, bombarding us with such a chaotic barrage of information, that our minds can’t relax long enough to reflect. The moment we pause to ponder, a cellphone rings or an email comes in. Facebook, alone, demands our attention like a drill sergeant and - without questioning - we salute.

Melissa Greene, a fiction writer, poet and writing coach who encourages teens (and adults) to write in journals, *Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era*, June 27, 2013

TRENDS

Erotic Fiction for Teens

Here is a warning to parents about something new in the youth culture soup. In today's sexually-charged youth culture, it should come as no surprise that the literary genre known as "erotic fiction" is age-compressing down into the world of our teenagers. A recent article in The Daily Express describes these books as something less than the Fifty Shades books, but still filled with sexual tension. One author says that her teen fiction books are not about sex, but when sex happens, she describes it. She claims her series of books are about the excitement of first love and first sexual encounters. She justifies them as being realistic. You need to be aware of this trend. As always, we encourage you to track with what books your kids are reading. Then, read them so that you know about the content. Set boundaries where needed. And by all means, talk about how the biblical world and life view addresses these matters.



Latest Research

Materialism and Work Ethic

Over the years, youth culture has come to appreciate and rely on the good research on teenagers coming from Dr. Jean Twenge at San Diego State University. Twenge is an expert on narcissism among teenagers and young adults, and also the author of the book *Generation Me*. She's done some new research that compares the last three generations on characteristics of materialism and work ethic.

She's found that there is a growing gap for today's young adults between materialism and the desire to work hard. She says, "compared to previous generations, recent high school

graduates are more likely to want lots of money and nice things, but less likely to say they're willing to work hard to earn them." She calls this a "fantasy gap." Twenge also found that it's the social context of teens that shapes these expectations. If that's the case, we need to ask ourselves, "what would happen if we were to create a social context that evidenced the biblical lifestyle of self-sacrifice and generosity?"

QUICK STATS

Every day, almost 3,900 children under 18 years of age try their first cigarette, and more than 950 of them will become new, regular daily smokers. (2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health)

During the last quarter of 2012, Internet radio services accounted for 23% of the average weekly music listening time among users between the ages of 13 and 35. (The NPD Group)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Here's your chance! The Mission committee has reserved room for 30 volunteers to work at the Northern Illinois Food Bank(NIFB) on **Saturday Sept. 14th** from 1 to 3:30 P.M. This will be the fourth time a group from SOTP will be volunteering. We have committed more volunteers than in the past, but we have no doubt that you will respond. Those who have gone in the past have found it to be a very rewarding experience. This is open to everyone, whether you have gone in the past or not. We have scheduled it for a **Saturday** so that more families would be able to participate. We need to know who will be going by **Sept. 1st**. Please call Sid Sorensen (224-858-4168) or email (sorensensid@comcast.net) or call Judy Spencer at the church. The NIFB is located in Geneva and distributes around 40 million pounds of food to 13 counties in Northern Illinois. They really need our help. Once we have everyone registered we will work out the transportation details.



THE 3-H CLUB: HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND, HEALTHY SOUL

Welcome gals and guys who are interested in reshaping your lives and share in a healthier lifestyle. Join the eight-week weight management support program. This program begins **Friday, September 8** at 12:30 P.M. in the multi-purpose room.

Informative dietary information will be presented each week. Bring a buddy or find a new buddy friend at the meeting. Share ideas, recipes, and set some real goals for a new you. Weigh in is optional. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

If you have any question, contact Judy Spencer at 847-961-6943 or Frances Wilson at 847-515-8457.

FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY

ATTENTION LADIES! Friends Bible Study meets on **Monday afternoon** from 12:30-2:00 pm at the church. We will be studying from the book “Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them” by the well-known author Liz Curtis Higgs. Liz breathes life into everything she does. Her messages are biblical, encouraging, sensible, and profoundly funny. We will begin our fall Bible Study on **Monday, September 9** with a potluck luncheon. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to share. You are invited to join us at any time as we meet, pray, study, laugh and fellowship together. We have fun studying the Bible and getting to know each other better. Please contact Barb Hoch at 847-669-6652 for information on how to order your book. A Friend is a gift you give yourself! Please plan to join us and make new friends!



OFFERING COUNTERS

If you are available on Monday mornings, you could join the ministry of counting the Church offerings. Once counters are trained, they sign up for counting a month (of their choice) at a time. Some do it once a year and others do it more often. If you are interested, contact Ralph Wehnes at 224-569-2808.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On **Wednesday, August 7**, 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.



WELCA'S PLANS FOR 2013-2014 "IN GOOD COMPANY"

WELCA-W4 Women Who Work Wonders

Planning Ahead: Dates and Programs already planned.

This year WELCA will be supporting a book theme for many of their programs and service projects.

We will be entertaining you

Sept. 23, 2013 at a 5:30

salad dinner and skit about Women from Old Testament

times. The skit will feature women from the Novellas of Francine Rivers. Janice Shuff's article explains further details.



On **Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013**, at 3:00 pm. Bookfriend's International will join us for an afternoon with refreshments and a program informing us about their foundation of building libraries in Tanzania. We will be collecting books to support this worthwhile project. Barbara Pagano will have a tri-fold poster with brochures detailing the organization and types of books needed for their libraries. The warehouse is in Wauconda and we have many opportunities to help package the books into the crates, collect books, or donate financially.

Dec. 8, 2013, second annual Christmas Tea, based on the book The Christmas Tea.

Offering to support Women and Children sheltered with Home of the Sparrow of McHenry County.

September is the start up for Friendship Circles meeting either weekly or monthly. Barbara Hoch again facilitates Friends Bible Study on Mondays weekly. Look for her timely articles.

Mary-Martha Friendship Circle will meet on **the third Thursday of the month** from 1-3 pm at the church.

Lydia Friendship Circle was on hiatus last year but we hope to begin anew with a new date and time. Plan to meet on **the third Tuesday** at 12:30 following Prairie Points Quilting, bring a sack lunch to share around fellowship and meet from 1-2pm for Bible study.

WELCA'S PLANS FOR 2013-2014 "IN GOOD COMPANY"

Both Mary-Martha and Lydia will use Gather Magazines "In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women" for their study.

Book Chatters under the facilitation of Gail Barnard resumes in September. Gail has something really special to kick start the year.

School Supplies School is rapidly approaching and school lists are out. For its second year, WELCA will collect school supplies and school bags for families served by Grafton Food Pantry. Michelle Rankin is chairing this project and asks that supplies be brought in on the **first Sunday in August** like we do with the Food Pantry. This is a short notice but the need is great. This is an opportunity to make the school year brighter for many of our Grafton families. Lists are available on the WELCA table, & Friday Flourish. A collection box will be in the Crossroads area.

Thank you for your support. Michelle Rankin, WELCA treasurer, tastefullyrankin@sbcglobal.net, 847-515-4164

Wednesday August 14th, noon till two a salad luncheon, followed by a video Embrace Grace by Liz Curtis Higgs an award winning speaker. Experience God's loving embrace as she shares the Good News of God's amazing grace. You'll learn how to start each day saying "Ta-Da!" and discover the freedom of the forgiven life. Bring a favorite salad and share an afternoon with us. An offering for Malaria Initiative will be taken.

Kick-off for September, WELCA general meeting will be **Monday, September 23 from 5:30 till 8:00 pm**. A second chance to partake of a potluck supper. A brief business meeting highlighting the year ahead. "In Good Company" is the theme for this year's Friendship groups- the three bible based groups, and Book Chatters. Therefore we will use Francine River's stories of Ruth, Tamar, Rahab and Bathsheba as the basis for the evening's program. We hope to prepare a skit lifting up these Old Testament figures and learn of their lineage to Jesus.

ADULT EDUCATION

What's happening in adult education during this final summer month? There's a bit of study and a bit of relaxation. First, let's talk about our **August** study. Pastor Mark will lead us in a discussion of the previous Sunday's sermon on the last two **Tuesdays** of the month (**August 20 and 27**) at 7:00 pm, and on the final two **Wednesday** mornings (**August 21 and 28**) at 11:00. He will be preaching on the Gospel text, and the questions for discussion will include: What did you hear? What surprised you? What challenged you? How did Jesus address you and your life-situation? (This study will also include the first week in **September--Tuesday, September 3 and Wednesday September 4.**)

The relaxation part comes on **Sunday mornings**--we won't be meeting on the **four Sundays in August**; nor will we meet on the **first two Tuesdays (August 6 and 13), nor on the first two Wednesdays (August 7 and 14).** Our regular schedule will resume in **September after Labor Day.**

So, come join Pastor Mark the second half of the month! Reflecting on what we've heard in the sermon is a great way to deepen the proclamation of the Gospel in our hearts and lives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"It is almost Sunday School time again! We are preparing for another great year in Sunday School and need a few more teachers to fill out our rotation.

If you are an adventurous individual and have a passion for bringing God's word to our most precious of treasures, our children, then We Want You. The program features pre-planned lessons and activities, with plenty of opportunities to do your own thing. If you are interested in hearing more about how you can help, please contact Mike Parmele by email at

Mike-parmele@yahoo.com, by phone (309) 251-6075, in person at church, or drop a note in my mailbox. Come and join the fun!"



OUTREACH

The Outreach Team would like to encourage you and your family to participate in the program "Remember 45" on **Sunday, August 11**. This event is a tribute to our Greatest Generation the men and women who served our country during World War II and the Korean War. A member of our SOTP family, Jerry Christopherson, is the chairperson for this event. Please visit the website at www.truepatriotscarefoundation.net. This will be a great family event and we ask that you look at the event schedule posted on the bulletin board in the crossroads for times and activities. The Outreach Teams asks that you Support our Troops and Remember our Veterans!

Please continue to be a witness for Christ and spread the Good News of Jesus love. Have a great summer and remember - Jesus Loves You!

God's blessings to you!

OUR TRIP TO LUTHERLAND

Wittenberg! Eisleben! Augsburg! Worms! Erfurt! In Germany 500 years ago, these were the places of Martin Luther, one of our spiritual fathers who, because of this faithfulness to the Gospel, has shaped our life of faith even today. In October 1517, Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, and the Protestant Reformation of the church began. This, and subsequent events, are such a great part of our spiritual heritage, what a blessing it would be for us to be able to actually visit where all this took place.

And so we will! In **September 2014**, you're invited to join Pastor Bill and Carol Waxenberg, along with Chuck and Sharon Little, to make this spiritual pilgrimage. You can find out all about it in a brochure entitled "Martin Luther Heritage Tour", available in the church office and in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings.

Coming in September there will be four opportunities to hear about this trip and ask your questions--on **Sunday, September 8** (at 9:00 and 10:30), on **Tuesday, September 10** (at 7:00 pm); and on **Wednesday morning, September 11**, at 11:00. Come and hear what it's all about. And then come join us for a trip to the Lutheran "holy land"!

KINDERGARDEN BLESSING

Parents of children entering Kindergarten!!! We encourage you to share in worship with us on Sunday, August 18. On that day we will be offering a blessing for all children entering kindergarten. Please let us know that you will be with us that day by calling the church office at (847)669-9448 or sending an email to pastormark@sotpmail.com



STEWARDSHIP TALES

GOD GIVEN TALENT

Have you heard about the school for animals which was set up in this forest? All the animals decided it was time to set some criteria for who should be allowed to live in the forest, so a number of them came up with a curriculum which included tree climbing, swimming, flying, and running. They decided all the animals must pass each of these classes in order to graduate. Well, the first class was in tree climbing which of course the squirrels passed with flying colors. The fleet footed deer however flunked the course. When it came to running the deer got straight A's, but the geese kept falling over frontwards. Now, in flying the bald eagle flew circles around the squirrels who kept falling off the branches into the ground below. The point, of course, is clear. God has given each part of his creation a talent according to their ability, and that includes humans as well. God's idea of talents is based on their usefulness to others, not on the number of talents, or how artistic they are. Not only will we be held accountable for using our talent we have been given, but as importantly, whether we have used it in God's Kingdom.



SOTP ANNUAL PICNIC

SOTP Annual Picnic Attention SOTP members! Are you ready for some fun in the sun?! Well, if you are keep Sunday, August 18 open on your calendars for the Annual SOTP Picnic at the Cole Pavilion in Deicke Park. This is the same location as last year. The Cole Pavilion is located on your right when you enter Deicke Park from Route 47.



The festivities will begin immediately following the second service and will include lots of delicious food and loads of fun! We would also like you to wear your SOTP spirit wear, bring lawn chairs, and your SOTP nametags.

You may sign up in the Crossroads or go to www.sotp.org and sign up on line. The sign up sheet will be in the Crossroads on July 21, 28 and August 4th and 11th after services. We ask that you sign up no later than August 14. We want to be sure to have enough goody bags for all of the children that attend! We hope to see everyone there!

INREACH

Communion From the Assembly. At the end of June, 13 members were commissioned as Ministers of Communion from the Assembly; Larry & Donna Newbanks, Cliff & Linda Dungey, Walter & Carol Roth; Helen Fenzan; Carol Bletz, Sharon Neubauer, Sue Reid, Janice Shuff, Patty Driscoll-Shaw and Donna Kelly. These ministers will be taking communion from the table directly to members who cannot be present in worship with us on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Please pray for these ministers as they bring inclusion to those of our family who cannot be present.

THE PENTECOST BANNER

The Pentecost Banner was made to model the SOTP Statement of Purpose:

“We care for God’s children of all ages by growing disciples who make disciples”

The text for the banner is Matthew 28:v19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

May the banner continue to remind us to share God’s Word with all people.



FUNERAL SERVICE PRE-PLANNING

The InReach Committee of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Funeral Service Pre-Planning group session. It will meet at the church on **Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 A.M.** Pastor Ken Pohlmann has been sharing this ministry with individuals and couples for several years and has agreed to lead a group session. Maximum group size: 12. Participants will receive guidance and resource materials that will assist them in planning a memorial service, one which will celebrate their life and faith, bring comfort to those who mourn and above all, give glory to God whose promise of ETERNAL LIFE is fulfilled. Pre-register by contacting Pastor Ken. Phone: 847-669-8675. E-Mail: kpohlmann3152@aol.com. In Person: at church.

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

The Missionaries are Coming! The Stubbs, the missionary family we help sponsor in Tanzania, is on home leave and will visit our church on **Wednesday evening, Aug. 14th**. A ice cream social is planned before their presentation of slides, music, and inspirational talk. Be sure to save this date and pray for their safe travel. More on exact time and details in near future.

The Mission Team Worship



*Randy & Carol Stubbs
Megan, Marissa, Nathan
and Juliana*

ACOLYTES FOR AUGUST

	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
August 4	Annabel Johnson	Chelsea Greene
August 11	Rachel Miller	Kaia Huston
August 18	Alexandra Stowell	Trevor Dowell
August 25	Brittany James	Brennen Clementi

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed this month for the Grafton Food Pantry:

Cereal, toothpaste, shampoo, paper towel, salad dressing and ketchup



Help is needed on the **first Sunday of the month** at SOTP to load the vehicle and to unload at the food pantry just after the second worship service begins and on **Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.** at Grafton Food Pantry to help unload vehicles and put the food away. For more information contact Alice Hallett at (847)515-7556 or Michelle Rankin at (847)515-1428. Thank you so very much for your support.

WORSHIP GREETERS FOR AUGUST

* **Saturday services**

- August 3 - Gail Quam -
- August 10 - Lois Kenyon
- August 17 - Jamie & Brian Bremer
- August 24 - Sue Blotch
- August 31 - Kay O'Shanna

* **Sunday - 9:00 service**

- Aug. 4 - Chris & Mary Trudahl
- Aug. 11 - Alice Murphy, Judy Sanford
- Aug. 18 - Kim & Brennen Clementi
- Aug. 25 - Judy Spencer, Joanne Klinger

* **All Sunday 10:45 - services - Bob & Carolyn Malm**

ALTAR GUILD—AUGUST

* **Sunday 9:00 a.m.:**

Joanne Klinger, Judy Spencer

Sunday 10:45 a.m.:

August 4—Carol Lilla, Barb Beaudette

August 11—Sandy Hupert, Marlene Boehler

August 18—Jan & Don Koerner, Merrily Burkland

August 25—Linda Jahr & Donna Schneff

* **Saturday:** Becky Tuzik and other volunteers

Thanks to all our volunteers for serving each month. We are trying a new schedule for the late service for take-down. Volunteers will serve only once (most months) rather than for the entire month. If you cannot serve, please contact another member and exchange dates. Any problems please contact Sue Wehnes at (224)569-2808.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Just a reminder: if you are going to turn on the sanctuary lights, please read the instructions above the light panel. Make sure you don't hold the button in as it may reprogram the setting.

COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS FOR AUGUST

* **Sundays**

August 4—Michelle Dvorak

August 11—Jacque Stashwick

August 18—Lisa Adams

August 25—Dell Lenegar



* **Saturdays**

August 3—Dowell Family

August 10, 17 & 24 —Jen Kolcz

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget year to date as of June 30, 2013

	YTD Actual	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$246,255.99	\$257,682.00
General Fund Expenses:	\$236,091.87	\$257,682.00
Net Income:	\$10,134.12	\$0

OFFERING COUNTERS FOR AUGUST



- ◆ Warren Brody
- ◆ 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.

SIMPLY GIVING—EFT (ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER)

Four more family's signed up for "Simply Giving". We are close to 12% of our Congregation that is participating. It is a safe and secure program that keeps your pledge up to date. Stop by the church office and we can get you enrolled. Other great reasons to use "Simply Giving" are that it saves the counters time, your giving bypasses the counters and is posted automatically to your giving statement.

Simply 
giving®

August

Birth date Name

- 1 John Kawa, Troy Miller, Alexandria Miley
- 2 Joy Kruto, Joyce Petersen, Darin Allison
- 3 Alice Murphy, Jennifer Baumstark,
Nate Brown, Ava Hisel
- 4 Marian Mesenbrink, Emmetta Shepard,
Dave Macaulay, Kathryn Weston
- 5 Len Suski
- 6 Dick Kraaz
- 7 Joanne Klinger, Lauren Black
- 8 Laura Klaus, Josh Ramey
- 9 Sarah Wolf, MacKenzie Alpert,
Madison Alpert, Max Hisel
- 10 Theresa Molgren, Tom Knawa
- 11 Sandra Lemke, Angi Corless
- 12 Carlee Petelle, Bill Noffz, Colin Wade
- 14 Richard Moore, Tim Lukes
- 15 Betty Zimmerman, Jack Tangen,
Erica Bishop
- 16 Marissa Rojas, Cade Golembeck
- 17 Warren Brody, Sarah Roberts,
Joseph Roberts
- 18 Barbara Beaudette
- 20 Betty Knawa, Tyler Hennessey
- 21 Savannah Patel
- 22 Christine Black
- 23 Barbara Auwerda, Carrie Lyne Mathiesen
- 24 Lou Soest, Jeff Kolcz
- 26 Larry Dale, Joseph Browne
- 27 Jessica Hess, Kara Parry
- 28 Martha Brenner, Jim Auwerda, Brian Bala,
Gloria Desiato, Cassidy Mathiesen,
Rebecca Powe
- 29 Sue Wehnes, Barry Burren, Adam Adams
- 30 Bonnie Baysyer, Geri Dale, Charles Tresp,
Jean Libby, Alicia Bjorklund,
Robert McDuffee, Timothy Reincke
- 31 Jordyn Bremer, Alicia Parmele

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

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