



### IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

November 2	Saturday Evening Service,	November 14.....	Little Lambs, Prairie Crafters, Rejoice Band Rehearsal, Adult Bells
November 3.....	Grafton Food Pantry Collection, Traditional and Contemporary services, Adult Education, New Member Meeting	November 15 .....	Girl Scout Meeting
November 4.....	Friends Bible Study	November 16 .....	Leadership Retreat, Fall Bell Festival, Saturday Evening Service
November 5.....	Little Lambs, Prairie Point Quilters, Adult Education Class, Adult Beginning Bells	November 17 .....	Traditional and Contemporary services
November 6.....	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Little Lambs, Adult Bible Study, Cherub Choir, Blessings Choir, Jubellation Ringers, Shepherd Voices, Confirmation Night	November 18 .....	Friends Bible Study, Council Meeting
November 7.....	Little Lambs, Prayer Shawls, Rejoice Band Rehearsal, Adult Bells	November 19.....	Little Lambs, Northern Conference Pastor Meeting, Prairie Point Quilters, Adult Education Class, Adult Beginning Bells
November 8.....	Fall Bazaar	November 20.....	Little Lambs, Adult Bible Study, Book Chatters, Cherub Choir, Blessings Choir, Jubellation Ringers, Shepherd Voices, Confirmation Night
November 9.....	Fall Bazaar, Commitment Weekend, Saturday Evening Service	November 21	Mary/Martha Meeting, Rejoice Band Rehearsal, Adult Bells
November 10.....	Fall Bazaar, Commitment Weekend, Traditional and Contemporary services, Welcome New Members	November 23 ...	Quilt Weekend, Saturday Evening Service
November 11.....	Northern Illinois Food Bank, Caring Callers Morning Meeting, Friends Bible Study, Ministry Meeting, Caring Callers Evening Meeting	November 24 ...	Quilt Weekend, Traditional and Contemporary services, PADS, Merry Widows, Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
November 12.....	Little Lambs, Adult Education Class, Adult Beginning Bells	November 25 ...	Friend Bible Study
November 13.....	Little Lambs, Adult Bible Study, Cherub Choir, Blessings Choir, Jubellation Ringers, Shepherd Voices, Confirmation Night	November 26	Little Lambs, Adult Education Class, Adult Beginning Bells
		November 27	Adult Bible Study, Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fesst
		November 28	Thanksgiving, Office Closed
		November 29	Office Closed
		November 30	Saturday Evening Service

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Dear Christian Friends,  
Thanksgiving Blessings!

It is hard to believe we are entering into the month of Thanksgiving. We pray thanksgiving blessings to you and your family during this season of harvest.

Many of us go to second hand stores, dent can stores or discount stores for our day-to-day shopping, but when it comes to serving company, we buy only the best and freshest products. Why wouldn't we? Our guests are important!

Whether it's our monthly donation to the food pantry, or the annual joy of giving generously for our Thanksgiving offering taken during our Thanksgiving Eve service, never forget that the people who receive this food and offering are guests at our table. Maybe I shouldn't even say "our" table. This is the table of the Lord.

Exodus 34:26 says: "The best of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God."

Remember, this is Thanksgiving. None of us plan, when we gather together for the feast, to bow our heads and thank God for giving his second best. This is family. Give well.

There is so much to give thanks for in this season of Thanksgiving, but two of the most important are the opportunity and the willingness to give so others may give thanks as well!

In thanksgiving and praise,

*Pastor Mark*

## A CUP OF CHRISTMAS TEA

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Our annual Christmas Tea will be held on **Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m.** Tickets at \$10 apiece will be sold in the Crossroads Area beginning **November 2nd and 3rd**, thru **Sunday, December 1st.** A “Tea Assorted Menu” followed by an Uplifting Program is planned. Make your reservation early as only 88 tickets can be sold due to limited space.



Our Christmas offering will be gift cards for Women and Children at Home of the Sparrow. You may purchase GL Scrip Gift Card from our Youth Fundraiser in the Crossroads. It will save you time and gasoline while rushing about during this busy season and benefit the Youth of SOTP.

## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP AND PIE FEST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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SOTP's annual Pie Fest will begin directly after the 7:00 p.m. service on **Wednesday, November 27.** Come and join us in worship and delicious pies.



## QUARTERS FOR QUILTS

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**Save your quarters!!!** On **Sunday, November 3rd** after the New Member Gathering Meeting a display table showing a quilt, batting, topper and a jar to collect your quarters will be located in the Crossroads.

**Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24th is Quilt Weekend.** The quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary. A table showing a quilt, batting, topper and a jar to collect your quarters will be located in the Crossroads

# YOUTH CULTURE NEWS

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## Parents, Media, and Discernment

When Miley Cyrus and Robin Thicke caught the attention of the world with their racy stage performance at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards a few weeks ago, parents were forced to respond. At one extreme, some parents decided that it was time to shield their kids from the negative effects of music and media by grabbing their children and teens in fear while screaming “Run for your life!” That’s tempting, I know. At the other extreme were the parents who simply looked the other way, assuming that music and media really don’t have any influence on kids. While there certainly are times when it’s appropriate to step in and shut it off and times when it’s appropriate to leave it on, neither of these extremes - when used exclusively - is helpful to our kids.

I would suggest that a more God-honoring approach is to teach children and teens how to think Christianly about music and media. Yes, when our children are young we should be doing a lot of thinking for them. They don’t have the cognitive abilities or the wisdom to make mature, Godly decisions. Setting boundaries is necessary. But because we want them to grow up into adults who are able to think biblically for themselves, it is important that we exert a deliberate effort to think with them about their music and media during the formative adolescent years. Sure, they think (or know!) that they are capable of making these decisions for themselves, but the reality is that their still-not-yet-complete cognitive development or spiritual maturity requires our continued, active and regular help.

The faithful follower of Christ is one who does “whatever” they do to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31). We want to nurture our kids into having and using “transformed” and “renewed” minds (Romans 12:2). This includes their engagement with music and media. In other words, we want to train them to be able to watch Miley Cyrus and Robin Thicke in ways that lead them to make good decisions about what they are seeing and hearing in the moment, and for the rest of their lives.

Here’s a helpful little 3(D) paradigm for thinking with your kids about music and media:

**First**, Discover the underlying worldview and message of the media piece. In other words, dig deep to discover the message communicated through the media’s content.

**Second**, Discern by comparing what you just discovered with what God’s Word says on those matters. Discernment is the practice of looking more closely at what you’ve discovered and distinguishing those things God says are good, true, healthy, and right from those things God says are evil, false, dangerous, and wrong.

**Third**, Decide if the media is worthy of being used for your personal entertainment and enjoyment. If it reflects a biblical worldview (and it can do so without being overtly Christian!) and it draws you closer to the image of Christ, then celebrate and enjoy! If not, then you need to make the sometimes difficult decision to move on to something else.

# YOUTH CULTURE NEWS

## TRENDS

### Diabulimia

This story is about the pressure all of our kids are feeling to be thin and to be perfect. Doctors are now dealing with a new diagnoses called diabulimia. It's a term for kids who have diabetes and who use insulin, but who deliberately skip insulin shots in order to lose weight. Doctors have seen the practice in patients as young as thirteen and as old as sixty. Once the insulin is stopped, the patient loses weight rapidly. Of course, the symptoms of diabetes then ramp up, along with all other kinds of side effects. While your kid might not have diabetes, your kid – like all kids – feels the pressure to conform to horribly unrealistic and unhealthy body image standards. Chances are, you feel those pressures yourself. We live in a day and age when we must fight these pressures to find our identity in our shape. Instead, we need to find a secure identity in Christ!



## LATEST RESEARCH

### Driving under the influence

Currently, there are thirteen million teenagers in the United States who drive. It's alarming to think that of those thirteen million teenagers, three million of them admit to driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or illegally used prescription drugs. And if that's not bad enough, consider this:

almost twenty percent of those who drink and drive say that drinking actually improves their driving. Thirty-four percent of those who drive under the influence of marijuana believe that smoking pot improves their driving. These frightening new facts come to us courtesy of the folks at Students Against Destructive Decisions and Liberty Mutual Insurance. Parents, our teenagers think they are invincible and nothing can or will happen to them. We need to remind them of their God-given responsibility to obey the laws that have been established to protect them and to protect others. Take the time to talk to your kids about the destructive nature of substance abuse.

## QUICK STATS

In 2011, over 25% of high schoolers were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug at school. (National Youth Risk Behavior Survey)

Youth exposure to alcohol ads on television rose by 71% in the period between 2001 and 2009. (The Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth)

The video game Grand Theft Auto V, released on September 17, brought in more than \$800 million worldwide in its first 24 hours on sale. ([www.gamesindustry.biz](http://www.gamesindustry.biz))



# Operation Christmas Child

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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There's still time to be part of Operation Christmas Child! Just fill a shoe box—often the only gift many children will receive—with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Or you can donate cash, and our church youth will do the shopping for you. Or bring some individual items (toys, crayons, hard candy, etc.) to be combined with others to fill more boxes. (Need a shoe box? Pick up one of the ready-to-fill red and green boxes at the OCC table.)

Please bring all filled boxes and other donations to SOTP by Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so there is time to get them to children around the world. For details, please pick up a flyer at our OCC display or go to [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). OCC requests that you include \$7 for shipping. This can be a check inside the box or donated online (more fun: an online donation allows you to follow your box around the world).

Before distributing the boxes, OCC adds a gospel book in the child's native language, so the boxes truly are a way to demonstrate God's love to needy children around the world and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please contact Zoe or Greg Dowell with any questions. And thanks to all of you who have already helped with shoe boxes, donations and prayers.

## YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

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Make better music. Personally, my opinion - I think Jesus would like better bands, you know? Now I'm going to get a bunch of Christian rock hate mail... Christian rock, if you want to be good, stop copying U2. U2 already did it. You know what I mean? There's a lot of U2- esque Christian rock. Bono and company created the template for modern Christian rock. And I like to think Jesus would want us all to evolve .

**Billy Corgan, lead singer-songwriter of The Smashing Pumpkins, during a CNN interview for "Talk Asia" when asked "What would you say to Christian rockers?" August 23, 2013**

# REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 7TH

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Shepherd of the Prairie will be featured on national TV this Christmas season as "This Week in AgriBusiness", hosted by Orion Samuelson and Max Armstrong, videotapes its annual hour-long Christmas show. For more than 20 years, Orion and Max have originated their Christmas edition from churches in 10 states and this year, the music program at SOTP will be in the spotlight with selections by the children and adult choirs along with the handbell choirs. The program will be telecast on RFD-TV four times during the weekend of **Dec. 21, 22, 23** as well as 86 commercial TV stations across the country. RFD-TV is available on the Dish Network and DirecTV reaching 50-million homes and we will have the broadcast times available before the weekend.

The taping will take place at the church **Saturday, December 7th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.** with the children's choirs at the beginning followed by the bell choirs and the adult choir. We encourage people to be there to watch the production of a TV show and see how it all comes together. It is not necessary to be present for the full five hours so people can come and go during the session, but we want it to look like a full church during the entire session.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR

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**"A Country Christmas"** Rehearsals will start for a special adult choir that will be participating in the television taping of "A County Christmas", Orion Samuelson's annual Christmas Special on the "Today in Agriculture" show.

The taping will be here at SOTP on **Saturday December 7, starting around 1pm.** (Exact time schedule will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.)

**Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings.** The schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, October 30 from 7:30 to 8:15 pm,**  
**Wednesday, November 6 from 7:30 to 8:15 pm,**  
**Wednesday, November 13 from 7:30 to 8:15 pm,**  
**Wednesday, November 20 from 7:30 to 8:15 pm,**  
**Wednesday, December 4 from 7:30 to 8:15 pm**

**Regular Adult Choir will be from 7:00 to 7:30pm,** please feel free to join us before the Christmas rehearsals, we would love to have you!!!!

## ADULT EDUCATION

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Through the month of **November**, we'll continue our study of the Gospel according to Matthew. This puts us right in line with the First Sunday in Advent when Matthew becomes the primary Gospel read every Sunday. What a blessing the church has given us, as we can spend an entire year reading from one account about the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord! And, even more than that, there is also this: we share each week's Gospel reading with our sisters and brothers in Christ in other churches--Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, plus a few more. What an important witness to the unity of Christ's church, even if complete unity will happen only in God's eternal kingdom.

Even if you haven't availed yourself of the opportunity to join us as we study Matthew's Gospel, it's never too late! We meet every **Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.; and on Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m.**

We'll also conclude our first series, Bible 101, which meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** This is the first in a series of "Basics of the Faith." What's next? Come and find out! Even better, come and make your suggestions. We'd love to hear from you.

## CARING CALLERS

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Are you someone who enjoys talking on the phone?  
One who loves to let others know you care? Are you  
looking for a way to share God's love?

Could you be a Caring Caller?



**A Caring Caller** is one who calls members on the prayer chain for a friendly chat, to check on their well being, to see if there is anything their SOTP family can do to help and most of all, just listen.

**Qualifications:** faith, a caring heart, listening ears and the willingness to show others that you care.

There will be training sessions on **Monday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.** led by Pastor Mark.

If you would like to be a part of this opportunity to share God's love as well as your own as a Caring Caller, please contact the church office or Donna Kelly at 214-676-1788 or donnarae51@gmail.com.

Grace & Peace, The InReach Team



## BAKE SALE

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### Help Needed for Bake Sale.

Please bring in your favorite bakery or candy goodies for the Bake Sale on **Friday morning, November 8th between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.** If you need containers or have any questions call Joan Kimminau @ (224) 569-6739



## 10TH ANNUAL BAZAAR

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Hear ye, hear ye, it's time again for our annual craft and bakery bazaar. The bazaar will be held on **Friday, November 8th from 5:00 p.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.,** and before and after the church services this same weekend. Unique handcrafted items available are: a variety of wood, crocheted, knitted, ceramic, and

sewn items including eighteen-inch doll clothes, accessories, holiday gift items and discounted name-brand jewelry. New this year is a Santa Secret Shop for kids only. This secret shop will provide your kids the opportunity to buy something special for their parents and grandparents. No items in Santa's Secret Shop are greater than \$5.00 and most items are \$2.00 or less. Some items can be personalized while your child waits for no additional charge. Simply select who your child will be buying gifts for and the total amount your child can spend. Santa's helper will assist your child in making the appropriate selections. Also, be sure to stop by our Coffee Klutch Café and Bakery Sweet Shop for a free cup of coffee or tea to have along with your purchased sweet snack. Be sure to purchase a sweet treat to take home too. Come one, come all to the annual bazaar. All proceeds go to the debt reduction of our building.



## WELCA:W4:WOMEN WHO WORK WONDERS!

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We just entered autumn but our plans move forward to November and December events .



### **Mary-Martha** meets on **Thursday, November**

**21 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** Studying The Widow of Zarephath, A trusting Follower. Read 1Kings 17:1-24. Two widows are featured in this session, each one faced with giving up the last of what she has to serve God. In this Thanksgiving season, we are challenged to look at how we use our resources, whether as individuals or as the church. Join us as we practice developing a thanksgiving attitude.

**Quilt Weekend:** Display and Dedication of Quilts made by Prairie Point Quilters for Lutheran World Relief and Home of the Sparrow will be on **November 23rd and 24th.**

Dates to reserve: Annual Retreat: April 5th, 2014 and Mother-Daughter Fashion Review/Banquet, June 14, 2014.



Join the  
*Spirit of Life*  
*Chorus*  
at our  
Fall 2013  
Concert Schedule

### **SUNDAY CONCERT SCHEDULE DATES:**

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**November 3, 4:30 pm,** Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 630.860-2975

**November 10, 4:00 pm,** Christ Church, 847-297-4230,

**November 17, 3:30 pm,** St. Mary Catholic Church, 847-669-3137

**November 24, 4:00 pm,** Immanuel Lutheran Church, 630-879-7163

**December 1, 4:30 pm,** St Walter Catholic Church, 630-894-2461

For more information about the Chorus and our concert schedule, visit  
[www.spiritoflifechorus.org](http://www.spiritoflifechorus.org)

## MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK

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In addition to the 10% budgeted benevolence dollars sent to the work of the larger church, one percent is spent on mission projects. Recently, gifts were sent to the following organizations::

**Turning Point (\$500)** -- Located in Woodstock, it is the only domestic violence shelter in McHenry County. They provide a hot line 24/7, 365 days a year. They serve @1700 clients a year, 200 of which are children. For more information, contact <http://www.mchenrycountytturningpoiint.org/>.

**Community Crisis Center (\$500)** -- Located in Elgin, it provides emergency shelter for women and children in Kane County. They provide 24-hour crisis help and no-cost counseling, food and other help. For more information, contact <http://www.crisiscenter.org/>.

**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (\$500)** -- Founded in 1867, LSSI is one of the largest faith-based social service providers in Illinois, and is an agency of three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To learn more about LSSI, contact <http://www.lssi.org/>.

Our SOTP special holiday offerings are gifted to mission work. Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings will be sent to the following:

### Thanksgiving Offering:

**1. Grafton Food Pantry** -- (will receive 1/2 of the offering) SOTP generously donates food on the first Sunday of each month. However, to meet the needs of the more than 225 families they serve each month, the Pantry purchases about 75% of their food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Each \$1 has a buying power of \$4 at the Food Bank.

**2. Northern Illinois Food Bank** -- (will receive 1/2 of the offering) Each week they serve @62,000 individuals through food pantries and other agencies in Northern Illinois. Approximately, 25% of the food is donated by retail stores, @20% is donated from food manufacturers, @20% is donated by the government, and the rest is purchased from various sources. Many SOTP members have volunteered for our special work days. They've seen first hand the work being done to feed the hungry.

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## MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK (CONTINUED)

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### Christmas Offering:

**1. Turning Point** -- (will receive 1/3 of the offering.) Domestic violence shelter located in Woodstock, IL.

**2. Pioneer Center for Human Services** -- (will receive 1/3 of the offering) The largest social service agency in McHenry County, they provide programming in the areas of developmental disabilities, youth services, traumatic brain injuries, mental health, PADS, and autism services. To learn more, contact <http://www.pioneercenter.org/>.

**3. Home of the Sparrow** -- (will receive 1/3 of the offering) Serving homeless women and children in McHenry County and Northern Illinois, they provide housing, parenting support, case management, educational programs. To learn more, contact <http://www.h-o-s.org/>.

## COMMITMENT WEEKEND 2014

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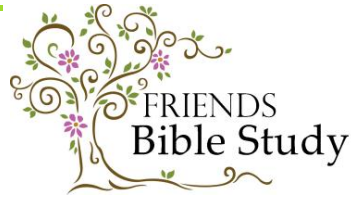
On **Saturday November 9th** and **Sunday November 10th** you will be asked to make a financial commitment to Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church for 2014. There are two categories on the pledge card, General Fund and Building Fund. The General Fund pays all of the normal day to day bills, and allows the Church to expand ministry opportunities. The Building Fund pays the mortgage on our building and land. Estimate of Giving cards will be available during these services. If you are unable to get to Church that weekend, you can stop at the Church office and pick up an Estimate of Giving card or you can go on line (after November 1st) to our Church home page and fill out an online Estimate of Giving card (link). If you don't plan to pledge, PLEASE fill out an Estimate of Giving card or go on line and indicate "no pledge" or "give as I/we can". Anyone we don't hear from by **Monday November 25th** will be contacted personally. If you have any questions, contact one of the Stewardship Committee members.

Ralph Wehnes, Jacque Stashwick, Enrique Rojas & Bob McDuffee

## FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY

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**ATTENTION LADIES!** Friends Bible Study meets on **Monday afternoon from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** 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.



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!

## BOOK CHATTERS

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Book Chatters will meet **Wednesday, November 20, at 1 p.m.** at the church for our monthly discussion of a book. We've chosen Nicholas Sparks' **The Longest Ride** as our selection. Sparks writes very readable books that are currently quite popular. This is a chance for a "feel good" book -- on in which we will not get bogged down in a discussion of heavy duty symbolism, social relevance, or other such literary factors. As a group, we decided that once in a while its fun to read just for fun. You know, the curl-up-on-the-sofa-on-a chilly-day sort of reading. Our group has found that in any and every kind of literature we can find topics to discuss for their merits beyond just pleasure. That's what we'll do in November. Please join us.



## PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

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The Prairie Point Quilters are fast approaching another quilt **Sunday on November 24th**. Many loving hands have been at work cutting, laying out and sewing to have all the quilts we possibly can ready for shipment to those in need. We plan to donate some to Home of the Sparrow in our area. When we started last year we had about twelve active members in our group and little by little we have doubled. We are thankful for gifts of material and new or gently used sheets for backers. Not everyone can make every meeting so there is always room for more hands.



Betty Zimmerman will be leaving our group in a month or so and we had a luncheon to honor her faithful dedication to quilting as one of the original six who started this quilting group. We wish her the best in her new surroundings.

Elaine & Ruby

## A THANK YOU

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Two little words, but oh so much meaning! I wish to THANK everyone for their Love, Prayers and Support during my Heart Valve Replacement Surgery. Especially, Pastor Mark for his visits and bringing me communion in the hospital and to Pastor Bill and Carol for their visits. The Love shown to me by them and everyone in the congregation means so much to me. I received so many beautiful cards, notes, telephone calls, delicious meals, soups, cookies that certainly has helped me to know how God has worked in my life. Also, it was so wonderful having Communion brought to Lou and I at home...what a beautiful ministry. Everyone has shown so much compassion. How fortunate we are to belong to such a congregation that constantly shows the Love of God. Again, to everyone, Thank You from the bottom of my heart. You are all so dear to me and to Lou and our Thanks also for prayers for him as his Arthritis has been so severe lately.

Love and God Bless, Darlene

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

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On **Wednesday, November 6**, we will meet at Sammy's Restaurant at 9:00 am 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.



## **OFFERING COUNTERS**

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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.

## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

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Between **October 1st and November 30th, 2013**, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will double your "Choice Dollars" that are directed to Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. If you have "Choice Dollars" to direct, simply call Thrivent Financial at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." If you have questions, you can call John or Matt Drafall at 847-669-3029.

## **OUTREACH GOES GREEN!**

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Since we have been supporting the Huntley Library's ongoing newspaper recycling project. The bins have been full and the library is receiving the maximum amount of money for each bin.

Please continue to drop off your newspapers, copy paper and magazines at any time in the bins located on the east side of the parking lot at the Huntley Library, 11000 Ruth Road. This fundraiser supports many programs and activities sponsored by the library.

**EVERY PAPER COUNTS!** Please remember: **NO CARDBOARD** and **NO TELEPHONE BOOKS!** Thank you for being a good neighbor to the Huntley Library!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

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You're invited to  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
JESUS PARTY!!**

**Saturday, December 14, 2013**

**11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.**

**Shepherd of the Prairie**

**Lunch, Games, Crafts, Caroling, Story**  
**Bring a pair of gloves as your gift**

## NOVEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

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	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>November 3</b>	Kylie Rankin	Trevor Dowell
<b>November 10</b>	Brennen Clementi	Jared Grabs
<b>November 17</b>	Lizzy McCann	Chelsea Greene
<b>November 24</b>	Kyle Lemke	Josh Miley



## LAY MINISTRY/NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR

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It is with great pleasure that I announce to you the decision of the Church Council at our October meeting to hire Donna Kelly to serve as Lay Ministry/New Member Coordinator at Shepherd of the Prairie beginning November 2013. Donna has been a member at Shepherd of the Prairie for almost three years and has served the church in a variety of capacities including currently as leader of the Inreach Team. Donna is a commissioned Diaconia Minister of the ELCA and has extensive experience in areas of personnel management.

Due to other obligations at present, Donna is going to begin her duties working 10 hours per week. She will spend a good deal of her time working on new members welcome and invitation into ministry.

I am thrilled that Donna has agreed to serve in this capacity at SOTP. She brings a wealth of experience and training to the position. More than anything she brings a great servant heart to faithfully inspire and lead people into lives of service through the church. I know you will warmly welcome our new colleague on staff.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark

## STEWARDSHIP TALES

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How large should our pledge be?

You may wonder how large your pledge to the Church should be. The ancient principle of tithing sets a historical example. Centuries ago, 10% of earnings was the standard. Looking at the changes in taxation, earnings, and living costs, some modern authorities have suggested even 5% is important. Thus, a couple earning \$40,000 per year could consider a guideline between \$2,000 and \$4,000 as an annual pledge. But every pledge should come from the heart, not just the pocket. Asking how much, exactly, to give to those who need our help, is asking us to tell what is in your heart. Our Church touches the lives of people and makes them better. It is a place where the work of Christ can continue. It is your link to the wisdom of the past and the promise of the future. That kind of meaning cannot be reduced to giving formulas and percentages. It requires a response from the heart.



## GIFT CARDS

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With the holidays rapidly approaching, do you have someone who has everything or is difficult to buy for. Why not give a GIFT CARD to their favorite place. **Gift Cards** also make a great stocking stuffer. Not only will you be able to give a great gift you will help SOTP Youth.



GL Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, McHenry/Kane Fraternal Chapter. Funds will be matched up to \$800".

## WORSHIP GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

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### Saturday 5:00 services

November 2	Sue Blotch
November 9	Gail Quam
November 16	Sue Blotch
November 23	Kay O'Shanna
November 30	Kay O'Shanna

### Sunday - 9:00 service

November 3	Chris & Sara Solem
November 10	P.J. & Ron Knudsen
November 17	Sandy Lemke & Joanne Klinger
November 24	Kim & Brennan Clementi

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

## USHERS

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The Worship Ministry Team is asking for your help. Ushers are needed for the 10:45 am Sunday service. If you are interested, please contact Ferdie Kimminau at 224-569-6739 or email [ferdiekimm@att.net](mailto:ferdiekimm@att.net).

Thank you for your help.



## **GIVING TREE**

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The Giving Tree will be up and ready the week of **Monday, November 11th**, for the needy families in our area. Please take a tag, or more, buy the gifts and return to church, UNWRAPPED, by **Sunday, December**

**1st**. Place your gift in a bag and securely attach the tag to the outside of the bag. **New items only**. Boxes will be near the tree for you to deposit the gifts. Thank you for helping these families to have a blessed Christmas. If you have any questions, please call Barb Hoppensteadt at 847-669-0016..



## **SAVE YOUR JEWEL DINNERWARE STAMPS**

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Every \$10 you spend at Jewel, you receive a stamp that can be used for free Rachael Ray Dinnerware. Bring your stamps to church and place them in the special envelope on the bulletin board in Crossroads. The Mission Team will use them to purchase dinnerware for our next Exodus World Service sponsored refugee Welcome to America collection.

## **THANK YOU**

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A special thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards. Everyone has shown so much compassion and I greatly appreciate receiving communion at home.

Blessing to all, Zigrida Bekeris

## **USHER MEETING—MARK YOUR CALENDER**

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There will be an Usher Meeting on **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## FOOD PANTRY

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Items needed this month for the Grafton Food Pantry:

**crackers. soup, deodorant, shampoo & paper towels**



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 9:30am and Tuesdays at 8:30am** 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.

## PADS - HELP NEEDED

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Shepherd of the Prairie volunteers on the 4th Sunday of each month at PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) . The location is at Bethany Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake.

Our volunteers make sandwiches at SOTP and help serve at Bethany. The total time commitment is about 3-4 hours.

The problem is the **SAME** people are doing this each month, Can you help with **ONE** Sunday during the winter? It is a wonderful opportunity for **FAMILIES** wishing to serve together. For many young people, it will be a great “hands-on” lesson in **MISSION** to those who are less fortunate than we.

If you are willing, please call either Rebecca Hennessy (847-961-6050) OR Jill Brown (847-683-5027).

### NOTE TO TRAVELERS:

You know how when you stay at hotels and motels, you are provided with various toiletries. (During the winter months Kleenex and Chap Stick are also needed). The **HOMELESS** at PADS would be grateful to have those items. SOTP is collecting them in a special box in the Gathering area. Thank you for your generosity.

## OFFERING COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER

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- ◆ Warren Brody
- ◆ Gloria Samuleson
- ◆ John Shepherd

## ALTAR GUILD—NOVEMBER

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- \* Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Adele Wogstad & Dee Pedersen  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.:
- \* November 3                      Marlene Boehler & Sandy Hupert
- \* November 10                     Barb Beaudette & Merrily Burkland
- \* November 17                     Donna Schneff & Linda Jahr
- \* November 24                     Jan & Don Koerner
- \* **Saturday:** Becky Tuzik and other volunteers

Thank you to all our Altar Guild members for your continued help. Any conflicts with your date as scheduled please make a change with another member.



## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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The Stewardship Committee is needing additional volunteers. Please contact Ralph Wehnes, 224-569-2808 if you are interested.

## SIMPLY GIVING—EFT (ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER)

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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.



# MONTHLY BUILDING FUND

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MONTH: OCTOBER 2013  
LOAN BALANCE: \$1,023,862.03  
ESTIMATED PAY OFF DATE: 07/01/2021

## OPERATING BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF AUGUST 31ST, 2013

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Budget	YTD Actual	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$361,525.38	\$386,523.00
General Fund Expenses:	<u>\$357,348.38</u>	<u>\$386,523.00</u>
Net Income:	\$4,177.00	\$0

General Fund Notes: Through **September 30th**, operating revenue exceeded expenses. Expenses are under budget primarily due to the vacancy in our Lay Ministry Coordinator. If this position had been filled for all 9 months, we would currently have an operating budget deficit of approximately (\$11,719.75).

## Building Fund Year-to-Date as of September 30, 2013

Building Fund Income: \$179,750.94  
Loan Principal Payments: \$97,698.24  
Loan Interest Payments: \$25,367.76  
Principal Only Payments: \$45,000.00  
Total Building Expenses: \$168,066.00  
Net Income: \$11,684.94

## FINANCIAL RECORDS

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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.

## SANCTUARY LIGHTS

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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.

## October BIRTHDAYS

Birth date	Name
1	Tracy McDuffee, Kylie Rankin
2	Elaine Brody, Terri Corless
3	Sherry Roberts, Diana Reincke, Samantha Johnson
4	Jonathan Black
6	Michael Yndestad, Autumn Maraviglia, Joseph Trevino, Maggie Rojas, Maggie Rojas
7	Nancy Morbeck, Carol Gerhardt, Katie Parker, Dylan Schorsch
8	Ken Grate, Jim Mosby
9	Patricia Bour, Sarah Frederickson, Breanna Huston, Brock Riebock
10	Mike Kasal, David Johnson, Nate Reincke, Zoe Bishop
11	Merrily Burkland, Carol Legel, Jake Scalise, Reilly Tangen
12	Kym Clementi, Norris Bretsen, Randi Dawson, Paul Marx, Megan Prather, Dylan Miley, Thor Forsythe
13	Don Koemer, Paul Lemke, Becky Tuzik, Melissa Juergensen, Joe Lindquist
14	Ron Butzen, Don Schneider, Richard Himebaugh, Mark Boster, Jill Brown, Mike Parmele
15	Richard Hoffman, Jake Luedtke
17	Patti Schmitendorf, Gina Debolt, Rylen Jacobs
18	Ronald Petersen, Barbara Pagano, Kristine DeBolt
19	Pattie Young, Kim Szekely
20	Helen Fenzan, Dick Maiman, Brittany James
21	David Kann, Jen Raines
22	Joyce Thompson, Elizabeth Johnson
23	Laura Miley, Drew Anderson
25	Janet Thunholm
26	Barbara Hoppensteadt, Jill Bohmell
27	Ted Anderson
28	Scott Wintersteen, Bailey Greene
29	Robert Vitner, Jim Rhode, Richard Juergensen, Venessa Lorenzo

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*Little Lambs*

**Sandy Martin**  
*Cherub Choir*

**Carol Waxenberg**  
*Blessings Choir*

**Denise James**  
*Joy Ringers*

**Michael Parmele**  
*Sunday School Director*

**Sue Wehnes, Renae Greene**  
*Contributions Secretary*

**Tammy Uteg**  
*Music Librarian*

**Congregation Council**  
**Bob McDuffee, President**  
**Kathy McGuine, Vice President**  
**Mike McCann, Secretary**  
**Devin Burg, Treasurer**  
**Adam Adams**  
**Amy Brittain**  
**Theresa Molgren**  
**Larry Newbanks**  
**Wayne Schmidt**

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**Worship Schedule**

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**Saturday Evening**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Morning**

**9:00 a. m. Traditional Service**

**10:45 a. m. Contemporary Service**

*Refreshments between Services*

*Nursery care provided all morning*

**Sunday School at both services  
(September through May)**

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