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

## Congregational Newsletter September 2014

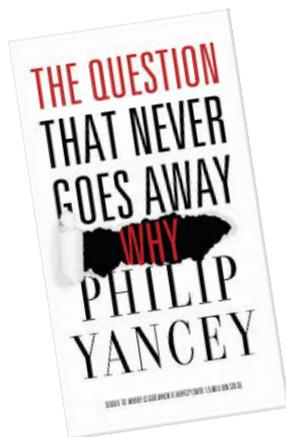
### **SOTP Statement of Purpose**

*"We care for God's children of all ages  
by growing disciples who make disciples."*

#### **Adult Education—Bracketed by a Potluck!**

Our 2014 Summer Read kicked off on June 1 with a potluck. Now we'll conclude the same way!

When we gathered in June, it was an opportunity to meet others who would join us in a small group to read and discuss Philip Yancey's book, *"The Question that Never Goes Away."* Groups have been meeting throughout the summer, and now we'll have a chance to meet one final time--all together.



#### **POTLUCK DINNER**

On **Sunday evening, September 7**, you're invited to join fellow-readers at 5:30 p.m. at the church for a closing potluck and large group discussion, including questions like:

*"What was most helpful? Least helpful? What did you learn? Has this book and subsequent discussion changed your faith? Challenged your faith?"* And so on.

For this final gathering, we suggest the following: those whose last names begin with A-J, a dessert; K-R, a main dish; and S-Z a salad or side dish.

We hope you'll put this on your calendar--and join us!

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## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Dear Christian Friends,

In the twentieth chapter of John's Gospel we are told that the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Then he said again, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Did they feel the peace that he had promised them just a few weeks before? Did they have new understanding of what Jesus' death and resurrection meant? Did they realize that it was now up to them to proclaim what Jesus had done and what it meant for the world?

Because we are here as the church today, we know that through the power of the Holy Spirit, they did proclaim the message as did countless others after them, for we have received that same message. And yes, we, too, hear Jesus say, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Just as the disciples could not remain in that locked room, we cannot remain in our churches,

hearing God's message of grace, believing and being thankful for it, but not going out to live and proclaim it. As God chose Jesus to fulfill God's plan of love and grace; as Jesus chose his disciples to proclaim the fulfillment of God's plan; we, as the church, have been chosen to extend the message into the world.

The other day I was speaking with a community leader who stopped me and asked "are you Pastor Mark." I said, "I am." He said "I just wanted you to know that in Huntley whenever the topic of a church that is seeking to better our community comes up, it always Shepherd of the Prairie that is mentioned." Wow! You talk about making my day. Let's keep it up sisters and brothers. It isn't about us, it is about giving glory to God and planning and preparing for ministry to those who have yet to walk through the doors of the church. That means we must continue to go out and proclaim maybe with words but more in particular with our actions.

As the church, we cannot expend our energies on our own agendas; we must remain close to God's Word so that our message is God's message. We must be open to the leading of the Spirit, which we receive

through God's Word and the Sacraments in order to proclaim God's message of salvation.

"As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." It is God who sent God's son to die for us; it is through Christ's obedience, death and resurrection that our salvation is insured; it is through the Holy Spirit working in us that we can proclaim that message. Let's continue to be filled with the spirit through Word and Sacrament ministry to be sent into the world as commanded by our Lord.

I'll see you in worship,

*Pastor Mark*

## *Pastor Bill's Adult Education News*

### **Adult Education Begins Anew!**

"*In the beginning....*" There are only two books in the Bible that open with these words. Do you know what they are? Without looking, I mean! The first, of course, is Genesis. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." And the second? It's the Fourth Gospel, the Gospel according to John: "In the beginning was the Word..."

So let us begin a new year of adult education as we again delve into the Scriptures and into the many facets of the faith that bind us together as the people of God.

Beginning on **Sunday, September 7, at both 9:00 and 10:30**, we'll explore John's Gospel for six weeks. During the last three years, we've studied and reflected upon the other three Gospels--Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Now it's John's turn. And John is so different from the other three! He hearkens to a tradition not known by Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In addition, it's as if John had the first three Gospels in front of him, read them, reflected on them, and then asked, "But what does it all mean?" And, with incredible depth of insight, he tells stories unique to his Gospel and shares with us imaginative metaphors to plumb the depths of who Jesus is.

How about joining us for this journey? Not only do we meet on Sunday morning, but we'll also meet each **Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:00**,

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and on **Wednesdays at both 11:00 in the morning and at 6:30 in the evening.** Take your choice! You're even welcome to bounce back and forth as your schedule allows.

The Gospel according to John--Martin Luther's favorite. If not already, perhaps it will become yours too!

The Gospel according to John--beginning **Sunday, September 7; Tuesday, September 9; and Wednesday, September 10.**

Blessings,

*Pastor Bill*

## *A Note From Donna Kelly*

How wonderful it was on this month to welcome our most recent members; Jackie Elkin, Luke & Lanita Palermo and Seth, Adrienne Doerr, Bob & Carol Hartman, Chris Nack, Steve & Lindsay Sparks, Mel & Jan Kling, Darren, Pam, Ian & Adam Walloch, Len & Dolly Cardascio, Terry Wilson, Ed & Pam Richard, and Ralph & Carolyn Bergstrom. Please take a few moments at worship or other gatherings to introduce yourselves to our newest family members.

It is also wonderful to be here on a more frequent basis. I'm enjoying visiting with all of the groups who meet here during the week and seeing "hands on" all of the things they do! If you would like to get together to talk about how you would like to serve in ministry here at SOTP or elsewhere, or you have some ideas for new ways to "care for God's children of all ages" please stop by to chat. I'm here in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you would like to meet at other times just give me a call at the church office or email me at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) and we can work that out.

Grace & Peace ,

*Donna Kelly*

—Lay Ministry/New Member Coordinator

## YOUTH CULTURE NEWS

### From The Word...

The book of Proverbs is a book about wisdom. In a world where so many competing voices scream for our attention and allegiance, we desperately need wisdom in order to consistently endeavor to follow God's will and God's way. This is true for us as parents and for our kids!

*“My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.”*

—Proverbs 5:1-2

Wisdom is about knowing what to believe and what to do with what we believe. It is about developing skills in discernment so that we can clearly differentiate between right and wrong, and about developing a character that is bent on pursuing right rather than embracing what is wrong. Seeking out and embracing biblical wisdom leads us to maturity by equipping us to live out God's purpose for our lives. That should be the goal of Christian parents for themselves and for their kids.

While the context of Proverbs chapter 5 speaks specifically to the importance of marital faithfulness, there are some general principles that apply to all of life. We must both teach and model what it means to turn our ears to God's wisdom in His Word, as they open our eyes. . . giving us insight into how we are to live and navigate life in our sinful and fallen world.

Both you and your kids need to know how to sort out and discern truth from error as you face the daily barrage of voices and choices that come your way. Are you taking the time to immerse yourself in God's Word on a daily basis? Are you asking God to show you how His Word applies to your life? Proverbs reminds us that it is God's wisdom that we should seek. It is that wisdom that will enable us to find our way, plan our course, and “maintain discretion.”

## YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

*“People clearly aren't buying the argument conservative sociologists from Robert Putnam to Brad Wilcox have been making for years, that marriage is essential for thriving communities. Society, people seem to think, will be just fine without it.”*

**Emma Green**, associate editor at The Atlantic, in a column discussing a recent Pew report about Millennials and their attitudes toward marriage  
—The Atlantic, July 8, 2014.

### Trends Alcohol Vaping

Because our teens are by developmental stage very impulsive, it's important for us to know about and warn them of the many behavioral dangers that exist in today's world. One of those dangers is known as "vaping," which is a new way that teens are consuming alcohol. By using a variety of methods to vaporize alcohol, kids then inhale the vapors, which leads to an



immediate and intense drunk as the alcohol goes directly into the bloodstream. Teens wind up getting drunk faster, and they stay drunk longer. There are many obvious dangers related to this risky practice. But what most people don't know is that alcohol poisoning and death are very real possibilities as the body cannot expel the alcohol through regurgitation. Parents and youth workers need to provide a diligent and united front, talking to their students about the spiritual, physical, legal, and relational aspects of substance abuse. Vaping is not only dangerous and potentially deadly, but it's wrong.

### Latest Research Alternative Subcultures, Self-harm and Suicide

While it's dangerous to stereotype, profile, and pigeon-hole kids, they oftentimes do send out visual and behavioral clues as to what *is* and *is not* happening in their lives. Recent research from Europe indicates that kids who immerse themselves in alternative subcultures such as the goth, punk, and emo cultures, are more likely to self-harm and attempt suicide than kids in the overall teen population. Over forty-five percent self-injure, and almost one in five attempt suicide. Kids in these subcultures are typically easy to identify by their adoption of distinct types of dress, along with their musical tastes. Most are drawn to these subcultures in an effort to deal with extreme emotional pain, relational brokenness, and a desire to find a place to belong. Self-injury and suicide are more prevalent because of these factors. If you know a teen who identifies with a more extreme subculture, respond to any dangerous issues with Christlike love, and competent Christian counseling.

#### QUICK STATS

68% of 18-34-year-old social media users are at least somewhat likely to make a purchase after seeing a friend's social media post.

—Harris Interactive

Teenagers who said they had ever used an e-cigarette were 6 times more likely to try tobacco than those who had never tried an e-cigarette.

—Center for Tobacco Research and Education/National Youth Tobacco Survey

### **Digital Media— Strengthening or Weakening Spirituality?**

If your kids are living and breathing, they are living and breathing in a world that requires them to engage with technology. Most of our kids are using smartphones, tablets, and computers (among other things!) on a daily basis. To think that technological tools and content don't influence and shape our kids is incredibly naïve. As media critic Marshall McLuhan said fifty years ago, "First we shape our tools, and then our tools shape us."

As parents who are given the responsibility to nurture our kids into spiritual growth and health, we need to constantly be asking this question: "Is technology shaping my kids for better or for worse?" Technology is a blessing when it changes us for good. It's a blessing when we use it in a direction that advances the shalom and human flourishing that God made us for. But it is a curse when it changes us for the bad. . . when it advances the kingdoms of the world, the flesh, and the devil that destroy shalom and human flourishing.

As Christians, I don't think any of us should be anti-technology. Technology is a good gift of God. Instead, we should be about the responsible use of technology. We need to pause, ponder, and be patient as we think about the kinds of technology we put in our children's hands, when we put it in their hands, and how we will monitor their engagement with that technology once we allow it to become a part of their lives.

Youth Ministry educator Matt Eloffson has studied how technology is affecting us and our families. Matt voices some timely and very real concerns regarding digital media and the spiritual growth of our kids. He cites three particular areas where we as parents must ponder the potential negative effects that new digital media can have "on the ability of adolescents and emerging adults to engage" some of the most important and necessary spiritual disciplines. Here they are. . .

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First, solitude. Are we fostering a situation where our kids are so constantly connected that they have no idea how to enjoy, practice, and thrive in physical and technological silence? Are we leading them away from experiencing those necessary times spent alone in God's presence?

Second, silence. Are we creating a culture of constant noise and distraction where kids can no longer quiet themselves to hear God's voice? Do they always need noise to keep them from the discomfort of silence?

And third, meditation. Are we overloading them with so much noise and distraction that any type of meditation or focused reflection on God and His Word might be difficult or even impossible?

These are issues that we must consciously and continually think about if we want to foster rather than impede our kids' spiritual growth. Of course, it would be silly to think that we could just eliminate digital media and technology from our kids' lives. Instead, we should be discerning about what technology we put in our children's hands and how they are using it. Keep an eye on your kids, and don't be afraid to set borders and boundaries where necessary!

*-From Walt Mueller, Center for Parent/Youth Understanding President*

## LITTLE LAMBS EARLY LEARNING REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 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, 2014. Children do not need to be potty trained. Our class sizes are small (not more than 10 children in the 1 day classes on Wednesdays or 12 in the 2 day classes on Tuesday and Thursday). 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, see our "Registration" page on our website [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) or contact Jill Gillming at [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com).

# New Member Class



Have you been worshipping with us here at Shepherd of the Prairie for a while now and think you would like to learn more about our church or think you might be interested in becoming a member? Please join us at the New Member Gathering on **Sunday, October 5, from 3:00-5:30 p.m.** This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and to give prayerful consideration to whether or not you want to enter into formal membership in the SOTP family.

Those who desire to become members will be welcomed during the worship services on the following Sunday, October 12. Please call the church office to let us know if you will be participating with us and if you will need child care during the gathering.

## FALL SUPPER CLUB

# *SOTP Fall Supper Club*

SOTP ADULTS: Don't "FALL" out of touch with fellow SOTP members, Meet new people, expand old relationships. GATHER TOGETHER OVER A MEAL, FOUR TIMES DURING SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER. Add your name(s) to the "FALL" Yellow Supper Club Signup sheets posted in the Cross Roads. Sunday September 7 is the last day to sign up for the fall session.

Here's how it works:

Folks sign up every four months (Trying one session does not automatically sign you up for more, it is up to you.) After the cutoff date folks (singles are welcome) are divided into small groups of 6-8 people. Usually (but not always) the host provides the main meal in their home, then the others bring a dessert, salad, etc. The next month another takes the main meal, etc. Some groups order in or eat out for one or more of their meals. Each group makes their own plan.

Questions? Or want to sign up via phone or e mail?? Please do contact Sandy at [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com) or call 224-569-6041! You can also sign up online on our website "Registration" page, or directly at <http://www.shepherdoftheprairie.com/2013/vwdforms/supperclub/supperclub.aspx>.

## SOTP BOWLING LEAGUE



Can you believe summer is coming to a close, and fall is right around the corner? That means the start of season 5 for the SOTP BOWLING LEAGUE is rapidly approaching. We are looking forward to a great season and hope to expand the league. Requirements are easy. Anyone can participate. Here is all it takes:

- This is a FUN league. If you enjoy getting together with other church members socially, then this is right up your **ALLEY**.
- Being a good bowler is OK, but definitely not a requirement, and remember you will never lose a **BALL** like all the golfers do.
- You only have to commit to one evening a month - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 6:00 p.m. to about 9:00 p.m.
- We are open to church members and friends high school age and above. If you are over age 99 we require a note from your mother or doctor.
- There are 4 bowlers to a team. If you have enough for a team, GREAT! If you're a single bowler or a couple we'll match you up with other exciting people just like yourself.
- Teams are made up of men, women, single or married. Couples can bowl together or we can separate you if your mate criticizes your style or score.

If you can **SPARE** one night a month, are looking to have some fun with close friends, or wish to **STRIKE** up new friendships, then you will have a **BALL** with our group. It's also great exercise. Call Wayne Schmidt and leave a message at (847) 659-1331, or email at [schmidtw12@comcast.net](mailto:schmidtw12@comcast.net). Do it TODAY!!! You don't want to miss out on this EXCITING limited offer.

## 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 “Angels” by Douglas Connelly.

Do angels have wings and fly? Do they protect us from accidents? Will we become angels? Misconceptions about angels abound. This study will show you what the Bible really says about God’s angels and about fallen angels. Come and discover the wonderful ministry angels have in our lives.

We will begin our fall session on **Monday, September 8** with a potluck luncheon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. 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.

Books will be for sale between services on **Sunday, September 7, and at our luncheon on September 8**. The cost for the book is \$7.00. Please contact Barb Hoch at 847-669-6652 for more information.

A Friend is a gift you give yourself! Please plan to join us and make new friends!

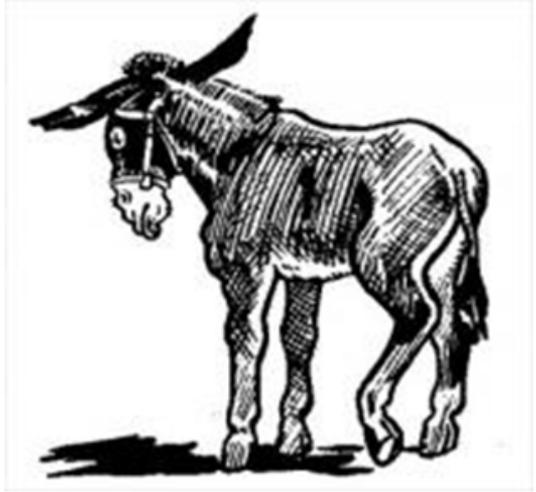
## MARY/MARTHA

All women of the church are invited to the first meeting of Mary Martha on **Thursday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m.** Our bible study will be from the September Gather magazine entitled “*TRANSFORMATION and CONVERSION.*” We will read of the transformation of Paul's encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus as well as other biblical characters like, Moses, King David, Jesus and others.

## STEWARDSHIP TALES

### CLASSIC ONE-LINERS

The following one-liners were collected over many years of Stewardship service. When you hear one of these, you know that either the person is deceiving himself or is trying to deceive you and worse yet, has failed to absorb some basic principles of being a good Christian and a good Steward.



- I will give as much or more, if I don't set a goal for myself.
- I can give so little; it doesn't matter, if I don't give at all.
- I give enough when I attend to make up for all the Sunday's I miss.
- Let those that have it, give it; I don't have enough to share.
- What I have is mine, won with my sweat and enterprise; to be used as I please.
- Let God make me a millionaire, and then I will give to the Church.

Ask yourself in each instance, "What is wrong with the person's thinking?"

The attitude of Christian Stewardship recognizes that one's own special talents or skills were given to us by God. These skills or talents could have been given to someone else, but they were given to us to use for God's purpose.

## MISSION TEAM NEWS

### **EXODUS RUN/WALK FOR REFUGEES—Saturday, September 6**

More than 13 million refugees do not have a safe place to call home. This year some will be invited to find safety and freedom in the U.S.A. Starting over is difficult. The **Exodus World Service** helps these refugees. WE CAN HELP by being a participant in the walk/run (in Long Grove) or supporting a runner/walker. Carl and Sandy have done this walk with their 6 & 8 year old grandchildren. It is a great family activity, benefiting those in need. (Also, some of the stores in Long Grove open up for after the event!)

WE NEED RUNNING (walking) MATES. Would you be interested in being a part of a SOTP team to Help Exodus Run/Walk for refugees? The event course is a 5K Chip-timed race and a 3K walk through a historic business district and Long Grove country roads. The entry fee includes water, goodie bags, pancake breakfast, T shirt (of course!), and much more.

Contact Sandy Hupert [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com) (224-569-6041), or any Mission Team member if you are interested in participating, would like the name of a participant to support or any other question concerning Exodus.

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### **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS—Sunday September 7**

Mr. Hopeful (that little YELLOW-shirted guy by the welcome window) is looking for more green cards to be filled out and dropped in the box next to him. If you need a green card, they are located next to the little box of completed cards. What are they for? They are a way as individuals we can say what we are currently doing for God's work or a suggestion of what you might want to do. Need help.. We can give suggestions but mostly it would be great to see what you are or will be doing. **We need the cards by the end of August.**

Please ask the mission team ( Jill Brown, Becky Henessey, Carl Hupert, Sandy Hupert, Theresa Mohlgren, Larry Newbanks, Nancy Ottinger, Jules Pelka, & Mary Trohdahl) any questions. The team will have extra Green Cards if you need them.

## MISSION TEAM NEWS

### **EXODUS WELCOME TO AMERICA PACK**

WE HOPE TO FINISH COLLECTING THIS MONTH!

Some of the items still needed are: towel sets, queen sheets, covered fry pan, 6 toothbrushes & toothpaste, pens & pencils, Paper, radio alarm clock and much more. PLEASE check the tall signup board in the crossroads for more information and detailed needs. Call or email Sandy Hupert -- 224-869-6041, [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com) or any mission team member.

*“...IN AS MUCH AS YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS YOU HAVE DONE IT TO ME.”*

—Matthew 25:40

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### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK—Saturday, November 8**



You are needed. **For Saturday, November 8, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.** the Mission committee has committed 45 volunteers to help repackage food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank

(NIFB) in Geneva. . This is the most we have ever committed to bring to an event like this, but because of the enthusiasm of past trips and the willingness of so many of you to give of your time we felt we would have no trouble bringing that many.

The only age requirement is that you must be at least 10 years old. Many of you have gone in the past and know what a rewarding experience it can be. If you have not done anything like this before the committee would urge to consider going.

It is a few weeks away, but try and make room for it on your busy calendar and email Sid Sorensen at [sorensensid@comcast.net](mailto:sorensensid@comcast.net) or call 224-858-4168.

## MISSION TEAM NEWS

### **STUBBS' FAMILY UPDATE**

The Stubbs, our missionary family in Tanzania, have been busy. **Megan** has been involved in concerts with the Nairobi Symphony Orchestra. **Carol** and **Nathan** have returned to the states for a few weeks. The rest are taking care of new goat kids, doing school and working on the new grant from the European Development Fund which has to do with *"The preservation and promotion of traditional music and dance in northern Tanzania."*



**The Stubbs Family:**  
*(back row) Adelina, Carol, Randy,*  
**Megan, Juliana, Nathan,**  
*(front) Marissa*

Read more about their mission and adventures on their website-  
[www.Stubbsmission.info](http://www.Stubbsmission.info).

## FOOD PANTRY

Items needed this month for the Grafton Food Pantry:

**Pancake mix, cereal, toothpaste, kitchen needs (salt, pepper, oil, sugar, flour, spices), snacks.**

Thank you so very much for all you do.



# FINANCIAL NEWS

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### **Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of July 31, 2014:**

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 306,343.26	\$ 300,615.00
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 286,589.96	\$ 300,601.00
Net Income:		\$ 19,753.30
		\$ 14.00

**General Fund Notes:** Through July, operating revenues exceed expenses. Member contributions continue to exceed budget primarily due to Prepaid Pledges of \$15,480.00 from 2013 being recognized in January 2014. Expenses are over budget in the categories headed Facilities, and Office Expenses - Equipment Rental. Facilities Lawncare/Snow Removal is in excess of budget because of the number of snow events we have had this year and mulch expense not budgeted. Overall General Fund Expenses are under Budget YTD \$14,011.04 in the categories Mission Ministry, Staffing Ministry, and Other Church Expenses and we appreciate the restraint staff and mission teams have shown in spending in the various other expense categories.

### **Building Fund Year-to-Date as of July 31, 2014:**

Building Fund Begin Balance 07/01/2014:.....	\$ 60,255.25
Building Fund Donations:.....	\$ 140,760.99
Prepaid Building Fund Donations 2013: .....	\$ 6,533.40
Loan Principal Payments: .....	\$ 68,901.05
Loan Interest Payments: .....	\$ 13,142.95
Principal Only Payments: .....	\$ 13,337.02
Total Building Fund Expenses: .....	\$ 95,381.02
Ending Fund Balance: .....	\$ 112,168.62
Net Income:.....	\$ 51,903.37

The current building loan balance is \$839,658.25. Thank you for your faithful giving as we continue to cover our mission operational costs and funding our building loan obligation.

Jim Henley  
—SOTP Treasurer

### **BUILDING FUND UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER, 2014**

Loan Balance.....	\$828,066.45
Estimated Payoff Date .....	June 1, 2020

## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### ALTAR GUILD

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**.....Becky Tuzik, Tom & Darlene Polzin  
& Volunteers

**Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. (setup)**. Judie Symbal & Joanne Klinger

**Sunday 10:45 a.m. (take-down)**

September 7 ..... Marlene Boehler & Barb Beaudette

September 14..... Linda Jahr & Donna Schneff

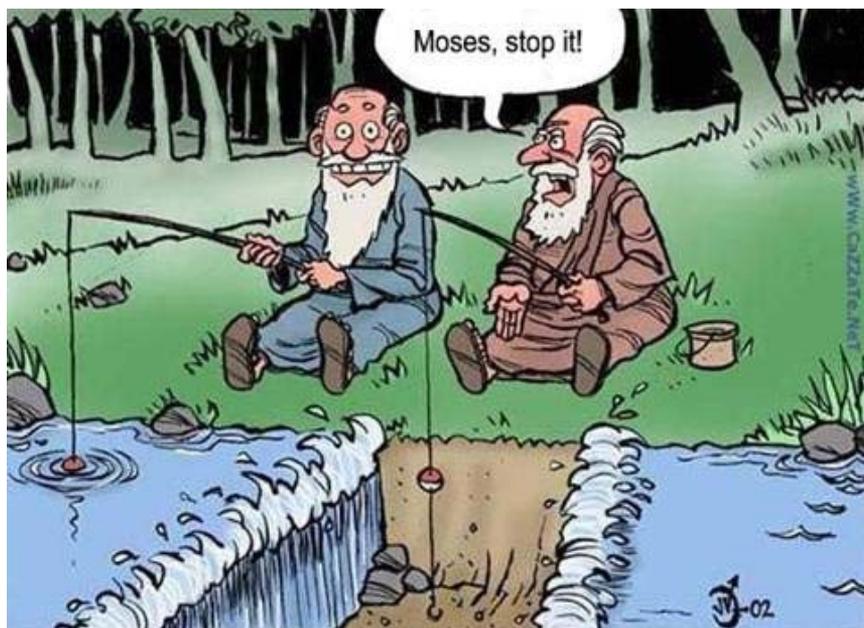
September 21 ..... Sandy Hupert & Merrily Burkland

September 28..... Jan & Don Koerner

I continue to encourage our members to become a member of the Altar Guild. If you have interest in serving please contact Sue Wehnes at (224) 569-2808. On-the-job training is available.

### COUNTERS

William Brody, Gail Quam, Sue Blotch



## September Birthdays

### Date Name

- 1 Beverly Noffz, Susan Krewer,  
Natalie Dobrolinsky
- 2 Jason Lindquist, Phillip Jacobs,  
Steve Sparks, Abby Fiandalo
- 3 Lois Long, Judie Brady, Kristina Harvat
- 4 Beth Wintersteen, Brett DePorter,  
Kira Frendreis
- 5 Harold Henkle, Teri Wilson,  
Jake Harding
- 6 Kelly Hibbeler, Adam Walloch,  
Olivia Krewer
- 7 Jean Clausen, Stephen Browne,  
Pearl Kolcz
- 8 Gerhardt Neukirch
- 9 Gail Quam, Riley Petersen
- 10 Beth Mudge, Nicole Grabs,  
Jordan Wills, Samantha Szekely
- 11 Sally Schuett
- 11 Gloria Scimeca, Alan Henningsen,  
Donna Sorensen
- 12 Jamie Bremer, Don Wiek,  
Karen Carr, Emma Konie,  
Leah Anderson
- 14 Gladys Meese, Janice Shuff,  
Adam Luedtke
- 15 Deb Case, Eric Lindgren, Jodie Reed,  
Todd Schilling
- 16 Andrew Fulcer, Luther Yndestad
- 18 Victor Pizarro, Marty Schnepff,  
Joseph Case
- 19 Linda Christopherson,  
Raymond Dunn, Donna Newbanks,  
Kristi Cordle, Crystal Schilling
- 20 Josh Bremer, Gordon Burseth, Rob  
Schuett, Joshua Miley,  
Meredith Parmele
- 21 Autumn Kasal
- 22 James Blanchard
- 23 Adele Wogstad, Sandy Scalise,  
Teagan Papka
- 24 Ruby Haerle, John Shannon,  
Wendy Papka, Tyler Greene
- 25 Cameryn Piskule
- 26 Lois Kosmen, Nanette Wade,  
Vivian Lukes
- 27 Candy Henningsen
- 28 John Shepard
- 29 Dee Pedersen, John Ameson
- 29 Haley Sabie
- 30 Cheryl Mandro, Bill Harding,  
Miike Huston, Nathan Ulmer,  
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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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