



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

## Congregational Newsletter May 2015

### SOTP Statement of Purpose

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

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please be advised that the Congregational Council has called a special meeting to be held on Sunday May 3, 2015 immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the recommendation from the Building for Mission 2020 team and a proposal to raise up a Building Team to begin work on expansion plans.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

Peace and Blessings,

Bob McDuffee

—*Congregation Council President*

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 3..... Special Congregation Meeting (see *article above*)

May 4..... Northern Illinois Food Bank

May 9..... Green Trees Joint Landscaping Project

May 17..... The last day of Sunday School

May 20..... GEMS pizza party—all 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited

July 12..... **Pastor Mark's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.**  
Open house **from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**, at the Huntley Park District's Cosman Center. Invitations will be forthcoming.

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Dear Christian Friends,

While reading through the Gospel of Luke I found myself immersed in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke. A portion of this chapter is devoted to addressing the problem of that age old issue of: covetousness—the desire for possessions.

A person in the crowd gathered around Jesus says, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me” (Luke 12:13). Apparently there was an issue in the family. The oldest brother was responsible for managing the family inheritance. The man who calls out to Jesus wasn’t getting what he thought he should. He wanted Jesus to help him get his way.

Jesus doesn’t get involved with his family dispute. After all Jesus was not in the business of being a judge over a case involving rightful inheritance.

But Jesus was a teacher who would get down to the bottom of the issue presented by this man’s request. Jesus said, “...Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions” (Luke 12:15).

The fundamental problem with covetousness and greed is the belief that our life is valued based on our possessions. The more we have the more successful and important we become. It reminds me of the bumper sticker that said, “The one who dies with the most toys wins.”

American society has become extremely materialistic. Advertising has sold us many products promising to make our lives better, more beautiful, more important, more successful. And we have responded by buying.

What effect has this had on your life? Does your life consist in the abundance of possessions? What happens if we lose those possessions, our homes, and our retirement income?

Jesus told a parable about a man who prepared for a long retirement and then died before he could enjoy it. His material preparation was for nothing. But he wasn’t prepared for his real future. He needed to be prepared spiritually, but wasn’t.

How are you prepared for the future?

Are the spiritual values of honesty, love, compassion, and relationships a part of the way you live your life? What spiritual legacy do you desire to leave? Possessions can drag us down if they become too important.

I found myself pondering how I might be filled with less of me so there’s more room for Thee. I invite you to do the same.

Thanks for all you do to make Christ known.

*Pastor Mark*

## *Pastor Bill's Adult Education News*

This month is a good time to prepare for what's coming this summer and this fall! During the summer of 2015 you're invited to participate in **our second "Congregational Summer Read"**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to all read the same book and then, in small groups, to have some thoughtful discussion. In fact, one of last year's groups is still meeting, still reading, and still discussing. More information including the book, sign-up opportunities, a news about a kick-off potluck will be coming soon, so look for it!

Also, beginning in the fall, we will inaugurate a **new series** titled **"Active Christian Parenting"**. This is designed for parents of younger children and is intended to strengthen parenting skills based on the Christian faith. Again, more information will be coming soon, so be on the look out!

Blessings,

*Pastor Bill*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The last day of Sunday school will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School pre-registration for the next session begins immediately. To pre-register parents can email me at [mike\\_parmele@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_parmele@yahoo.com) with their child's name and new grade level, or verify their emails and grade levels on the Roster sheet in their Sunday School classes.

—Mike Parmele  
*Sunday School Director*

## *Ministry Musings*

As many of you know, I lived in Rochelle IL for many years and my late husband was a police officer there for 27 years. Even though I wasn't raised there, I consider Rochelle my home town. Last week a devastating tornado roared through the area and 75 homes were destroyed just outside of Rochelle and another 70 in Fairdale; not to mention all of the farms and other rural homes that were devastated. Many families lost everything material thing they had.

I have been overwhelmed but what I see as the outpouring of ministry to these areas. As I drove through Rochelle last Sunday to visit my daughter's family who lives there, I was struck by all of the love and care present. One parking lot was set up with Red Cross and Salvation Army; another, Operation Blessing. Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team had completely taken over additional church parking lot. The LCMS Lutheran Churches in Rochelle was acting as the home base for Comfort Dogs and their handlers and many volunteers are being housed at Wal Camp in Kingston IL. My grandson's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at St. Paul Lutheran spent one whole school day picking up debris in farmer's fields so they can get in to plant this year's crops; and the Student Council at Rochelle High had a t-shirt designed and ready to sell the day after the tornado hit, with proceeds going towards the relief efforts. Thousands of volunteers are working to clean up debris at all of the locations so rebuilding can take place.

This speaks to me in a concrete sense of what it means to be part of the family of God and of the phrase, "God's Work, Our Hands". Not all of the relief efforts are Christ based, but many are and we know God often works through the secular world as well as his church.

"Bearing one another's burdens" is what it means to do ministry. Jesus said, "By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Let us go forth and minister to each other in love in the ways our Lord calls each of us to do.

*Donna Kelly*

*—Lay Ministry/New Member Coordinator*

## GREEN TREES JOINT LANDSCAPING PROJECT

### GREEN TREES JOINT LANDSCAPING PROJECT WITH TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Mission Team of Shepherd of the Prairie is coordinating a "Landscaping Clean up" day at Green Trees Housing Project in Huntley. For the first time, we are doing this with our partners in Christ, Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church, both churches located in Huntley. (Symbolically, note that the roads from each church converge at Green Trees on Main St.)

Green Trees is a housing project for low-income seniors and for people with disabilities. SOTP has done a number of projects at this facility over the last few years.

We need people who are willing to dedicate a couple of hours of their time for general landscaping cleanup and perhaps mulching ( we have lots of SOTP experience – videos to prove it) We need people of all skill levels, not just for the physical work.

The date is Saturday May 9 . We start at 8:00 a.m. and are done by 12:00 p.m. at the latest.

Coffee and donuts will be available early and we have Pizza at noon. If you cannot stay for the entire time, come when you can, leave when you must. If you cannot make that date, but wish to help, there are projects you can do on your own schedule.

To volunteer, call Jules Pelka at 847-515-1640 or email him at [julespelka@gmail.com](mailto:julespelka@gmail.com).

This is a unique opportunity to a partner and socialize with our fellow Christians for a common community cause.

## NURSERY CAREGIVERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to serve in the nursery during one worship service a month. The nursery provides a safe, fun environment for children under four. Help care for the youngest members of our SOTP family! Contact Jen Powe (847-331-1423 or [jen330@gmail.com](mailto:jen330@gmail.com)) for more information.

## WELCA—MARY/MARTHA

Our next meeting will be a POT LUCK LUNCH at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 14 at the home of Donna Sorenson, 11551 Windsor Drive, Huntley. Bring a salad to pass for lunch.

Our bible study will start at 1:00 p.m. from the Gather Magazine "**The Church Transforming & Reforming.**" This will be our final meeting until September. Hope you can join us.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The SOTP Mission Team thinks **Habitat for Humanity** is an excellent charity and in June we are going to do a little experiment. One way to help Habitat without being a construction worker is financially. They have a large restore facility in South Elgin. They can use helpers to help sort, set up displays, etc. (much like any other resale shop). Just as an experiment, we are going to try to get together three times in different small groups of 4-6 people. The dates are Wednesday afternoon, June 17, Saturday morning, June 27 and Tuesday morning, June 30.

We will get feedback from Habitat to see if this is something we wish to encourage in the future. There will be signup sheets on the Mission Possibilities Bulletin Board soon.

## DRAMA NEWS

I wish to thank all the actors and tech people for the excellent job all of you did during Lent. I hope it was as rewarding to you as it was to the congregants who approached me after the services. It was a good way to portray the events of 2000 years ago and make them relevant to the 21<sup>st</sup> century Christian.

The team has formed with room for many to participate in this very rewarding lesson teaching method. So, if you have a theatrical background or have never seen the workings of a drama and wish to, please let us know. The easiest way to inform the team of your interest is to e-mail to [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com). Looking forward to hearing from you.

—Chris Solem

## STEWARDSHIP TALES

A pastor was once asked to define “faithful giving.” His reply was simple: “All I ask is that you apply the same standards to your church giving that you would to other areas important to your life. Now, if you don’t think that’s too much to ask, please consider the following:



- If your car starts two out of three or four times, do you consider it faithful?
- If the paper boy skips your Monday and Thursday editions, would you miss them?
- If you fail to come to work two or three times a month, would your boss call you faithful?
- If your refrigerator quits for a day now and then, do you say, “*It works fine most of the time*”.
- If you miss a couple of mortgage payment or car payments during the year, would your bank say, “*Oh well 10 out of 12 isn’t that bad*”?
- Or finally, if you count on someone to meet you at a certain place or certain time each week, and they consistently stands you up, do you consider this person faithful to their promise to you?

If you contribute financially only now and then, are you faithful? Why not try to apply the same standards to your giving to your church as you do in other areas of your total life?

## FOOD PANTRY

SOTP is committed to the Grafton Food Pantry program, which meets the needs of families and individuals who do not have the means to purchase food and other essential items. Food collection is the first Sunday of the month. Food items needed this month:

**Cookies, Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressings, Deodorant, Diapers (Size 6), Toothpaste, Cereal**

### Parenting Foundations

Parenting in today's world is not an easy task. Here are five elements that are essential foundations to parenting as you travel through the few short years you have with your children.

Your approach to parenting should be biblical. From the moment they are born, our children need parents who tune themselves in to the most reliable source of parenting information and instruction. God has given us the Bible to guide us through these difficult and confusing days. Your approach to parenting should be informed and guided by God's Word. Study the Bible with diligence on a regular basis. Prayerfully ask God to use your times in His Word to reveal Himself and His will. Discover how the Bible speaks to the molders and shapers of contemporary youth culture. Uncover the character traits and attitudes that God calls us to exhibit in our families and other relationships.

Your approach to parenting should be realistic. Why is it that so many of us feel like failures when we or our children make a mistake? My guess is that we are disappointed because we expect ourselves and our children to be perfect—a very unrealistic expectation. The reality is that because of our sinful natures, we are broken people raising broken people. But our gnawing sense of imperfection should not keep us from endeavoring to be good parents. Realistic parents pave the way for family closeness and help their children find their identity in Christ by parenting with grace. They aren't paralyzed by feelings of fear, shame, and inadequacy when they or their children make mistakes.

Your approach to parenting should be preventive. We all share a concern for our children's physical well-being. We tell our kids to stay out of the street, to look both ways, don't take candy from strangers, and to keep away from hot stuff. Parents who expect to lead their kids through adolescence into spiritual health should also take preventive measures. Our children should be equipped to face life and all of its challenges. They need us to pass on the valuable information we have learned about life. We need to speak openly about the dangers and results of choosing to walk through life in opposition to God's will and way.

Your approach to parenting should be redemptive. How will you respond to your children when they make a mistake or do something wrong? All teens will make sinful choices, and the determining factor in whether or not a sinful choice turns into a situation that gets better or worse will depend on your response. Let me suggest that your goal should be to redeem these situations by turning a mistake into an opportunity for your teen to learn about what it means to have a heart for God. Treat your child as you think Jesus would treat you if you were the offending party.

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### **Trends** E-Cigarettes

Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention raised the alarm regarding the growing popularity of electronic cigarettes among teenagers. These e-cigarettes are especially popular among children and teens as they are erroneously believed to be safer

than conventional cigarettes, and they come in a variety of flavors, which makes them especially attractive to kids. The CDC has found that in 2013, more than a quarter million middle and high school

students who have never smoked regular cigarettes, had indeed used an e-cigarette. That number is three times more than had done so just two years earlier. In addition, researchers have found that those never smoking youth who had used e-cigarettes are nearly two times more likely to have intentions to smoke conventional cigarettes than those who had never used an e-cigarette. Parents, e-cigarettes are addictive and dangerous. Teach your kids to care for their God-given bodies by choosing not to smoke at all.



### **Latest Research** Distracted Driving

The National Highway Safety Administration recently released new data on what they call “distraction-affected crashes.” The news is troubling. The organization defines distracted driving as any driver that texts, uses a cellphone or

smartphone, eats and drinks, talks to passengers, grooms oneself, reads, uses a navigation system, watches a video, or adjusts some kind of car stereo system or audio player. Perhaps it’s not surprising that the most dangerous of

these distracted driving activities is sending and receiving text messages. Sending and receiving texts requires visual, manual, and cognitive focus and attention, which serves to seriously distract drivers from safely driving their vehicle. Now here’s what’s especially scary: the data says that 71% of teens and young people say they have composed and sent a text message while driving. 78% have read a text message while driving. Warn your kids about texting and driving.

### **QUICK STATS**

- One in six teenagers who spend time online say they have been contacted online by someone they did not know in a way that made them feel scared or uncomfortable.  
—(**“Teens, Social Media, and Privacy”** from the Pew Research Center)
- Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among children and young adults aged 10 to 24. In 2012, more than 5,000 teens and young adults died by suicide.  
—(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

### **From The Word...**

As teens and twentysomethings begin to explore and question their faith, many of them seek answers outside the confines of the church. This is especially true of kids who head off to college and feel that the church no longer has anything to offer them, or that they can develop their own personal spirituality or faith without the help of or involvement in the

Body of Christ.

***“Let us not give up meeting together.”***

—Hebrews 10:25

While the Church was set up by God with Christ as the cornerstone, it is still a human institution filled, and operated by, imperfect humans. There is no perfect church. Kids will often-times notice the flaws and use those as a reason to withdraw from fellowship with the

larger, gathered Body of Christ. But despite that, the writer in Hebrews is clear. As Christians we are not to abandon the church and seek to go it alone. We are called to be a part of the church and to fellowship with other believers for the purpose of encouraging one another and growing. In fact, God has given us each spiritual gifts for use within the Body of Christ.

We need to help our children understand the importance of this. There is nothing magical about attending church or youth group. It won't protect us from going astray. But, fellowshiping with other believers in the context of a local congregation is an important part of our spiritual life and development. Sitting under sound biblical teaching on a regular basis leads to spiritual maturity.

Local church involvement is what God desires for us. We need to be actively involved ourselves. And remember, your kids are watching.

*(Parenting Foundations—continued from page 8)*

Your approach to parenting should be prayerful. Parents, we need to pray for answers—answers to the questions that we have about raising our children and answers to our children's questions about who they are and what they should believe. You see, our children grow in the wisdom and nurture of the Lord in spite of us, not because of us. Sure, they learn a lot from the example we live and the words we choose, but the fact of the matter is that it is ultimately God who gives faith to our kids and leads them to spiritual health

### Everest VBS Volunteer Opportunities July 27-30, 9:00 a.m.-Noon



Welcome to Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!

In just a few short months, our church will be getting a mountain makeover as we begin a unique adventure at Everest VBS! Kids will worship God through songs and prayer, and discover life-changing Bible truths in fun and memorable ways.

To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. So let me share a few ideas about ways you might be able to make this program a success. Please check out the following list, and then pray about where God might use you.

**Station Leaders:** Use easy-to-follow station leader manuals and prepare a 20-minute session each day, which you will repeat with four different groups of approximately 20 kids. We need leaders for the following stations:

- **Music Station** (daily opening and closing, includes leading songs)
- **Craft Station** (fun crafts to reinforce daily bible lesson,)
- **Games Station** (*fun* games that reinforce Bible truths)
- **Cinema Station** (video featuring the real-life adventures of real kids and discussion)
- **Kitchen Station** (helping kids make snacks)
- **Drama Station** (incredible, surprising explorations of Bible stories)
- **Sound System Station** (work with the music volunteers to present songs, and dances)
- **Photographer** (take candid pictures of children during VBS week)

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**Elementary Crew Leaders:** Shepherd a mixed-age group of five elementary children through each day’s activities...and there’s no preparation!

**Preschool Crew Leaders:** Be a friend and helper to a group of five preschool children...again, no preparation required!

Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we’ve got a place for you!

We believe that God will use this incredible program to reach many children with the message of his love, so please prayerfully consider your role in Everest VBS. Feel free to contact me by email, phone, or in person if you have any questions.

For more information about Shepherd of the Prairie Everest VBS 2015 registration or volunteer opportunities, please visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/sotpeverest2015>.

## NAME TAGS

More of our members are wearing name tags. It really helps visitors and new members meet other members. One easy way to make everyone comfortable is to wear your name tag. If you have misplaced your name tag, you can order a new one at the “Welcome Center” in the Narthex/Crossroads. It also helps Pastor Mark with names as our membership has grown to over 1000 members.

## THANKS

Thanks to everyone for your concern, cards and prayers as I recover from surgery. You certainly make a friend feel special.

—Sue Wehnes

## FINANCIAL NEWS

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 want envelopes, contact the Church office.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report

Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of March 31, 2015:

|                        | YTD Actual    | YTD Budget    |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund Income:   | \$ 142,428.47 | \$ 138,423.00 |
| General Fund Expenses: | \$ 133,764.58 | \$ 141,796.00 |
| Net Income:            | \$ 8,663.89   | \$ (3,373.00) |

General Fund Notes: Through March, operating income exceed expenses by \$8,663.89. Member contributions are more than budget and that is partially due to an annual gift of over \$6,000.00. Expenses are under budget \$8,031.42. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$12,036.89 prior to funding Provision Accounts and inclusion of annual gift. We continue to encourage the restraint of staff and mission teams in their spending in the various expense categories.

Building Fund Year-to-Date as of March 31, 2015:

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Building Fund Begin Balance 03/01/2015: | \$ 68,931.49        |
| Debt Reduction Donations                | \$ 8,284.00         |
| Building Fund Donations:                | \$ 47,529.91        |
| Mission Plus Interest Income            | \$ 89.85            |
| Memorial Donations Building Fund        | \$ 1,100.00         |
| <b>Total Building Fund Income:</b>      | <b>\$ 57,003.76</b> |
| Loan Principal Payments:                | \$ 35,865.24        |
| Loan Interest Payments:                 | \$ 5,156.76         |
| Principal Only Payments:                | \$ 6,818.00         |
| <b>Total Building Fund Expenses:</b>    | <b>\$ 47,840.10</b> |
| <b>Ending Fund Balance:</b>             | <b>\$ 78,095.15</b> |
| <b>Net Income:</b>                      | <b>\$ 9,163.66</b>  |

We continue to accumulate funds in the Building Fund account per Council direction until Congregation decision on building expansion needs are determined.

The March month end building loan balance is \$645,232.05. Thank you for your faithful tithing as we continue to cover our mission operational costs and funding our building loan obligation.

Jim Henley  
SOTP Treasurer

### **BUILDING FUND UPDATE (April 15)**

Loan Balance .....\$633,149.24  
Estimated Payoff Date.....July 1, 2019

## MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### ALTAR GUILD

**Saturday (setup)** ..... Becky Tuzik

**Saturday (take-down)** ..... Tom & Darlene Polzin

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

(setup & take-down)..... Jackie Elkin & Marilyn Schanke

**Sunday (10:45 a.m.—take-down)**

May 3 ..... Sandy Hupert & Barb Beaudette

May 10 ..... Pam & Darren Walloch

May 17 ..... Marlene Boehler & Marril Berkland

May 24: ..... Linda Jahr & Donna Schnepff

May 31 ..... Jan & Don Koerner

### COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS

**Saturday**

May 2, 9..... Barb Krmptsch

May 16-30..... Jeff & Kristi Cordle

**Sunday**

May 3..... Joanne Klinger

May 10 .... Beth Wintersteen

May 17 .... Joan Rice

May 24 .... Jill Brown

May 31 .... Judie Brady

**COUNTERS:** Warren Brody, Sue Blotch, Gail Quam

### GREETERS

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

May 2 ..... Betty Knawa

May 9 ..... Kay O'Shanna

May 16... Kay O'Shanna

May 23... Gail Quam & Sue Blotch

May 30... Gail Quam & Sue Blotch

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

May 3..... Terry Halpin & Lois Kenyon

May 10..... Terry Halpin & Sara Solem

May 17..... Terry Halpin & Ann Lehman

May 24..... Terry Halpin & Dolly Cardascio

May 31..... Terry Halpin & Evelyn Gniot

**Sunday 10:45a.m.**

Bob & Caroline Malm

### SUNDAY WELCOME

May 3 9:00 a.m. .... Jules & Brigitte Pelka

10:45 a.m. .... Helen Fenzan

May 10 9:00 a.m. .... Jack and Mary Conti

10:45 a.m. .... Barb and Jim Auwerda

May 17 9:00 a.m. .... Jan Suski and Joyce Thompson

10:45 a.m. .... Elaine and Guy Neukirch

May 24 9:00 a.m. .... Nancy Ottinger and Joanne Bychowsky

10:00 a.m. .... Noretta Walker and Debbie Lindquist

May 31 9:00 a.m. .... Chris and Mary Trodell

10:45 a.m. .... Joanne Bychowsky and Marty Jacobsen

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

### Date

- 1 Carolyn Bergstrom, Donna Cygan  
 2 Sheri Ott, Michelle Rankin,  
 Noelle Schlachta  
 3 Doris Kopp, Jan Koerner,  
 Alexis Werner  
 4 John Dawson, Nelly Rojas,  
 Brian Buesing, Brandon Young  
 5 Richard Brush, John Thunholm,  
 John Baumstark  
 7 DeWayne Klein, Lori Conway  
 8 George Goodhue, John Lindquist  
 9 Marlene Boehler, Elaina Satalino  
 10 Jo Broz, Joseph Trevino, Gavin Glosson  
 11 Kathy Kann, Sasha Suski, Tyler Deblieck  
 12 Richard Thompson, Judith Sanford,  
 Harriet Thompson, Sharon Little,  
 Craig Forsythe, Laura Ramey,  
 Brayden Patel  
 13 Corky Corless  
 14 Jill Dobek  
 15 Caryl Fabian, Chris Solem, John Berti,  
 Grace Moretti, Ashlyn Rankin  
 16 Dennis Lilla, Dottie Bobzin,  
 Tim Reicher, Michael Habrat  
 17 Lois Brothers, Joe Hansen,  
 Alexandra Stowell  
 18 Anita Bull, Ron Mudge, Mark Fulcer,  
 Lincoln Kolcz  
 19 Carlie Werner  
 20 Brian Bremer, Don Thomson,  
 Betty Ferina, Nathan Allison  
 21 Janet Kling, Jacque Stashwick,  
 Carol Waxenberg, Eric Stopka,  
 Emily Ramirez  
 22 Carl Hupert  
 23 Charlie Tuzik, Zachery Boster,  
 Jonathan Crase, Elizabeth McCann  
 24 Ken Gniot, Evelyn Gniot, Karen Burren,  
 Nicole Schorsch  
 26 JoAnn Ward  
 27 Donald Hoppensteadt, Josha Harding,  
 Jack Schlachta  
 28 Sandy Hupert, Arlene Petrine, Jack Ott,  
 Andrew Behm  
 29 John Richardson, Beth Macaulay  
 30 Thomas Larrison, Robyn Ostrem,  
 Thomas Domenz, Jeni McCann,  
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*Joy Ringers*

### **Michael Parmele**

*Sunday School Director*

### **Sue Wehnes, Renae Greene**

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### **Tammy Uteg**

*Music Librarian*

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**Cliff Dungey**

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**Worship Schedule**  
**10805 Main Street**  
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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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