



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

## Congregational Newsletter August 2015

### SOTP Statement of Purpose

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

### SOTP SCHOLARSHIP FUND HONORING PASTOR MARK

# WOW!

A big THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the SOTP Scholarship Fund honoring Pastor Mark's 25 year anniversary of Ordination. As of July 20<sup>th</sup> the fund has received a total of **\$5,420.00**.

This is an ongoing fund to give financial assistance to any member of our congregation who is called into the rostered ministry of the ELCA, whether to become a pastor, an Associate in Ministry, a deaconess, or anyone who is called to fulltime service in the life of Christ's Church.

### NEW MEMBERS GATHERING

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 for the New Member Gathering on **Sunday, August 9, from 3:00-5:00 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, **August 16**. 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.

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## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Dear Christian Friends,

My grandfather used to farm with horses and mules. They wore collars over their necks that rested on their shoulders. The yoke attached to the collars. Two animals that were yoked together could share the load and lighten the burden that each had to bear. Animals that were yoked together would pull in the same direction.

(By the way, the collar that clergy wear and the stole represent this connectedness to Christ.)

When Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you,” (Matthew 11:28-29) it is an offer of Christ to share the load. It is an invitation to pull in the direction God is going. It is an invitation to be yoked with Christ. Who or what you are yoked with determines what burdens you bear and what direction you go.

What are your burdens? In what direction is your life going?

Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you.” How will you do that?

Sometimes it means letting go of something else with which you are yoked. If there is something or someone that pulls you in a direction that is different from the direction God is going, being yoked with Christ may mean being set free from that yoke which binds you. Are you free to take Christ’s yoke upon you? What holds you back?

Jesus also says, “My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” The Greek word that is translated “easy”—as in ‘my yoke is easy’—is the word for “kind” or “easy to wear.” There are yokes that will kill you and yokes that make your life easier.

Think again of that team of animals. If the yoke fits—if the yoke is “easy to wear” the animals can work all day and the burdens will not overcome them. If the collar and yoke do not fit they will cause pain and chafe and cause the animals to fight against the yoke.

Some of our weariness and burdens come from begin yoked with yokes that don’t fit.

Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you...for my yoke is easy to wear, and my burden is light.” We were created to be yoked with Christ—that Christ’s yoke fits because it is the yoke you were created to bear. All the other yokes we have chosen are because of our sinfulness. True freedom is being yoked with Christ.

The yoke that binds us to Christ and one another is love. It is love that makes Christ’s yoke easy and our burdens light.

As you learn from Christ you will learn of love...the love that yokes us with God and the love that yokes us with one another.

I’ll see you in worship. Peace,

*Pastor Mark*

## Pastor Bill's Adult Education News

It's here and it's just for you!  
What? you may ask. **Christian Active Parenting!** This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parenting skills, enjoy the company of others who are on the same journey, and have fun in the process. And it's all coming to SOTP!



Beginning **October 4** and continuing through **November 9**, we'll meet at the church on six **Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** (And please note: there are no Bear games scheduled during this time!) Led by Chuck and Sharon Little, with assistance from Chris and Amy Brittain, Steve and Lori Conway, and Nick and Sarah Wolf, we'll explore the joys and challenges of parenting children ages 5 through 12. (Parents of older children are welcome to attend, but these are the years that will be our focus.)

Topics will include:

- 1) Styles of Parenting,
- 2) Cooperation and Communication,
- 3) Responsibility and Discipline,
- 4) Building Courage and Self-Esteem,
- 5) Understanding and Redirecting Misbehavior,
- 6) Active Parenting for School Success.

The class is limited to 25 parents. A cost of \$25 per family includes material, child care, and a meal for the kids. Registration begins the first of September. We share this with you now, however, so you can plan to join us for six Sunday afternoons, beginning October 4. Watch future newsletters, the Friday Flourish, and the Sunday video screen for further information.

Three great truths: first, parenting is a gift from a gracious God; second, it isn't easy; and third, we can all strengthen our skills. How about YOU?

If you have questions or for more information, contact:

- the Littles 847-961-6172 or jc65little@mac.com
- the Brittaines at 847-802-4696 or amyloise1180@yahoo.com
- the Conways at 847-659-9256 or sconwayl@email.com
- the Wolfs at 847-340-8038 or smaw@comcast.net

Blessings,

*Pastor Bill*

## Ministry Musings

Summer tends to be the typical time to relax and take a deep breath. Kids are out of school, some jobs have shorter summer hours and it's a time for family fun and vacations. We spend more time outdoors and working on projects that just can't get done during the winter months. Our ministries here at SOTP tend to slow down a little as well as some teams take a more relaxed path during the summer.

This seems like a good time to stand back and take stock of our ministries and to say thanks to all who participate. So thanks to all of you...our standing team leaders and members, those who serve on teams associated with the standing teams, all who are involved in education of children, youth and adults, all who make worship and ministry possible with their tireless efforts, those who minister to the sick and hurting, those who work behind the scenes to keep us up and running, those who participate in ministries outside of the SOTP walls, those who support the ministries financially and most importantly, those who support the ministries in prayer.

Without each and every one of us working together, the ministry of God's kingdom wouldn't get done. So thank you again to everyone who participates in large and small ways, up front or behind the scenes!

*Donna Kelly*

—Lay Ministry/New Member Coordinator



On Sunday, August 16, our Annual Church Picnic will be held at Deicke Park in Huntley following the 10:45 a.m. service. Please sign up for a dish to pass-salad, side dish or dessert and indicate the number of children you will

bring as we have games and prizes for them. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, water, juice boxes and all paper goods will be provided.

You can sign up online on our website or in Crossroads on 8/2 and 8/9.

Want to help? We need volunteers for setup, serving and cleanup. If you can help with any of these tasks please contact Sharon Little at 847-961-6172 or [skl55little@mac.com](mailto:skl55little@mac.com).

See you there and bring your friends!

## MEMBERSHIP DATABASE UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our SOTP membership database and need your help. We will be asking everyone to review the information (names, address, phones, emails, etc.) as we currently have it and make any changes needed. You will receive additional information on how to do this at a later date.

We are also creating a database of all ministries and volunteers that can be accessed and used by the various ministry teams. To create that database we will need everyone to go onto the website and fill out the “**Ministry Interest Form.**” We will be sending out an email blast in the next couple of weeks which will include descriptions of the various ministries and a link directly to the form. We would need to know what ministries you currently participate in and what ministries you would like to know more about.

Both of these updates can be done by filling in the “**New Member Information Form**” and the “**Ministry Interest Form**” on the SOTP website [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) (click “Registration” on the top menu). We will also have paper copies of the forms available. On each Sunday in August, there will be laptops available between worship services for you to use to complete the information if you don’t have internet access or need help in accessing the forms.

We hope everyone will help us with this monumental task. The better the information we can gather, the better we can make the database serve our needs here at SOTP.

If you have any questions or need any help please contact Donna Kelly, 847-669-9448 or [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).

## KINDERGARTEN BLESSING

Parents of children entering Kindergarten!!! We encourage you to share in worship with us on **Sunday, August 23.**

On that day we will be offering a blessing for all children entering kindergarten. Please let us know that you will be with us

that day by calling the church office at (847)669-9448 or sending an email to [pastormark@sotpmail.com](mailto:pastormark@sotpmail.com)



## Trends

### Sharenting

Parents, where do you find your value and worth? For many parents, our value and worth are found in our children. In today's social media world, many parents engage in nonstop posting of carefully curated photos and status updates featuring their children. We can easily fall into worshipping our children and using them as status objects in the unspoken game of one-upping other parents. This new online phenomenon is known as "share-enting." We need to realize that when our social media posts are meant to bring glory to our selves rather than to God, we are engaging in the sin of idolatry. In addition, we must realize that it's also not good for our kids. For example, we might be posting things that later in life they will find embarrassing. And, we can be sending them the message that their value and worth in our eyes is based on their appearance and accomplishments. That's a lot of pressure to put on our kids. Parents, find your value and worth in Christ alone. Don't give in to the temptation to brag up yourself or your kids.



## Latest Research

### Music Videos and Sex

Our children and teens are growing up in a hyper-sexualized culture. The culture leads them to believe that when it comes to their sexuality, they can do whatever they want, wherever they want, however they want, with whomever they want, and whenever they want. New research reveals the kind of role that music videos play in shaping our kids' sexual understanding and practices. Teenage boys who watch music videos are more likely to be sexually active than those who don't. In addition, music videos lead both teen boys and teen girls to believe that their peers are actually more sexually active than they really are. Researchers say that it's the sexual scripts of music videos that shape these beliefs and behaviors. Parents, this serves as one more reminder of how important it is for you to take the lead in helping your kids see that sex is not only a good gift of God, but one to be indulged only within a life-long, monogamous, covenantal marriage between one man and one woman. Foster the healthy sexual development of your children and teens.

### QUICK STATS

- There will be an estimated 48.8 million U.S. Internet users ages 0 to 17 this year. —eMarketer
- Teen summer employment rates hit a low of 29.6% in 2010 and 2011 and remained low at 31.6% in 2014. Rates from 1974- 2004 typically hovered between 46-58%. —Pew Research Center

## Families and Teen Stress— Walt Mueller, CPYU President

It used to be that home was the most stress-free environment for children and teens. But the many changes taking place in the family have transformed the home from a stress reducer to a stress producer. For example, recent research tells us that only 45% of U.S. teenagers have spent their childhood with an intact family. Because this is not the way it's supposed to be, this adds stress to a child's life, leading many to become depressed. But there are other stress-producing and depression-inducing forces at work even in families where both mom and dad are present.

As a dad, I need to constantly look in the mirror to be sure that I'm not adding to the normal difficulties my kids face as a result of growing up in today's world. I've learned that there are three stress-inducing factors that can creep into our families if we aren't on guard and aware.

First is a lack of time spent with one or more parents and the resulting feeling of abandonment. Kids interpret lack of time and intimacy with mom and dad as rejection. Oftentimes teenagers who struggle with depression claim they can remember no adults to whom they ever felt close. Young males usually point to the lack of an effective father figure in the home. In many of these cases, the father has been physically present but emotionally absent and unwilling to provide spiritual direction.

A second factor is unrealistic parental expectations. Faced with parental pressure to keep up the grades, stay involved in activities, earn money, and get ready for the right college is too much for some kids to handle. High achievers who have considered or attempted suicide report that the catalyst has been feelings of worthlessness, feeling the pressure to succeed, and the fear of failure. The pressure to excel can be extremely destructive. Placing unrealistic goals and expectations on our kids can literally kill them.

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### HOT QUOTE

*"I am literally open to every single thing that is consenting and doesn't involve an animal and everyone is of age. Everything that's legal, I'm down with. Yo, I'm down with any adult -- anyone over the age of 18 who is down to love me. I don't relate to being boy or girl, and I don't have to have my partner relate to boy or girl."*

—Miley Cyrus, speaking about her own sexuality and gender identification, PAPER, June 2015

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A third factor is a family history of depression. While there is no proven genetic link or biological predisposition to depression that is passed from one generation to the next, family environment and the examples of others can play an important role in a child's emotional state. Kids learn from their parents. If Mom and Dad model how to effectively handle stress in healthy ways, then chances are their children will learn those lessons well. But if Mom and Dad are paralyzed by stress and have struggled with depression themselves, kids may not learn appropriate and helpful coping strategies.

Parents, our kids will feel better about themselves and exhibit healthier reactions to stress when they are loved, nurtured, and cared for in a healthy home situation. Spend large quantities of quality time with your kids. Expect them to glorify and worship God by doing their best, not some socially-defined and unrealistic "best." And finally, if your kids are struggling to handle the pressures of life, secure the services of a competent Christian counselor who can guide them into finding their identity and hope in Jesus Christ.



**Peder Eide  
Is coming to  
Shepherd of the Prairie!**

**Join us in worshipping with Peder at a special concert on  
Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC)



Volunteers needed! SOTP is going to FMSC in Schaumburg on **Saturday August 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** We have committed 30 people to volunteer. We will meet at SOTP at 10:00 a.m. SOTP does not provide

transportation, your own vehicle will be necessary. Car pooling can be arranged.

Volunteers hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children. These packs are sent to partners around the world where they are used to operate orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs to break the cycle of poverty. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries in our history.

Individuals and families are welcome. Children must be of kindergarten age. Everyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. There are "sitting" jobs available for those who need them. Please contact Jill Brown 847-683-5027 or [jillbrown14@yahoo.com](mailto:jillbrown14@yahoo.com) with any questions, or if you would like to volunteer.

## CHATTERS BOOK GROUP NEWS

SOTP'S CHATTERS BOOK GROUP  
INVITES YOU

to an afternoon with  
**Ruby Haerle,**

our latest author and member of  
Shepherd of the Prairie, as she shares  
a time in her life uncovered in her  
whimsical new novel

**"DREAMING MY WAY OUT"**

Wednesday, August 19 at 1:00 p.m.  
in the West Wing Fellowship Room



**CHATTERS  
BOOK GROUP**

Hear Ruby's tale and delightful read.

Ruby will have copies of her book available.

Join us to find out: *Do Ruby's Dreams have a new adventure in the works?*

Light refreshments will be served by Chatter's Book Group

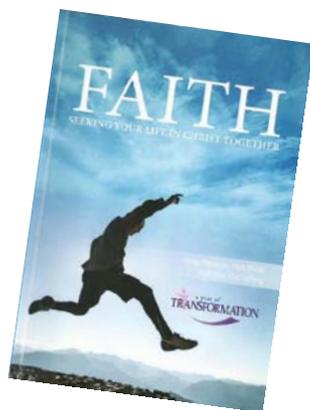
## SUMMER BOOK READ ENDING POT LUCK

Our Summer Book Read is in full swing. We will have our ending pot luck supper on **Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** at SOTP. If your group have not finished the lessons by then, please feel free to continue on until you do.

For the potluck please bring:

- **A-H**—Main Dish
- **I-P**—Dessert
- **Q-Z**—Salad or Side Dish

We will talk about how the book read went this summer and any ideas for next year. Thanks to all who have participated and see you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

*Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*



With start of Sunday School just around the corner, we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to help us bring our children to Him. Join us in sharing God's Word with our children. We offer classes during each service and there is plenty of opportunity to come and serve. We use a guided curriculum which plans the lessons for you—no experience is needed. Please consider participating in this extremely important part of our young

people's Christian education. To volunteer or for more information contact Mike Parmele at (309-251-6075) or by email at [mike\\_parmele@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_parmele@yahoo.com).

## STEWARDSHIP TALES



If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400.00 that carried over no balance from day to day, and allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent of course! Well you have such a bank and its name is "time". Every morning it credits you with 86,400

seconds. Each night it rules off as lost whatever part of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balances. It allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present-on today's deposit. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, peace, joy and love.

## SOTP BOWLING LEAGUE

Do you like to bowl? This is to advise all current league bowlers, and potential new bowlers that Season 6 starts in September on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We bowl the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. This is a FUN league! There is no requirement to be a good bowler. It is open to all ages, high school to 100, men and women, married or single. Couples can bowl together, or we can separate you if your mate criticizes your style or LOW score! There are 4 on a team. If you have enough for a team and wish to bowl together, GREAT! If you're a single bowler, or a couple, we'll match you up with other exciting people, just like yourself.

This is a great way to have some fun, get together with friends, make some new friends, get some exercise, and only have to make one evening commitment a month! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXCITING OFFER !!

Don't **STRIKE** out and miss all the fun. We guarantee you'll have a **BALL**, so **PIN** down your spot! Call Wayne Schmidt and leave a message at (847) 659-1331 or E-Mail [schmidtw12@comcast.net](mailto:schmidtw12@comcast.net).

## 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: **Cereal, Cookies, Canned Peaches, Canned Mixed Fruit, Salad Dressing.**

## AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### NURSERY

#### Service

9:00 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
Clean

#### Aug 2

Jen Kolcz  
Blue Geller  
Jen Powe

#### Aug 9

Jen Powe  
Jen Powe  
Judie Symbal

#### Aug 16

Judie Symbal  
Mary Lee Rishel  
Mary Lee Rishel



#### Service

9:00 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
Clean

#### Aug 23

Jen Powe  
Sandy Hupert  
Sandy Hupert

#### Aug 30

Jamie Patel  
Betty Ferina  
Judie Symbal

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## THANKS!

Thank you so much for all the love and appreciation shown our family in celebration of my 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. We were overwhelmed by all the expressions of love over the last few weeks. I am especially humbled by the generous spirit of the congregation in setting up a seminary scholarship fund for future leaders in the church. What a blessing that SOTP is taking seriously the need to raise up pastors in the local church. Thank you!!!

—Pastor Mark

To all our SOTP family and, of course, our biological family:

We'd like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, well wishes and calls. Things are looking good and we hope to see you all real soon.

Love and Peace,

—Ron and PJ Knudsen

We want to thank those of you who have donated yarn and/or money to help support the Prayer Shawl Ministry. In addition to providing prayer shawls to members and friends of SOTP, we recently donated 22 prayer shawls to a nearby hospital. Your gifts help SOTP continue this important ministry: THANK YOU!!!

—The Prayer Shawl Ministry

## AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES (cont.)

### ALTAR GUILD

**Saturday (setup)** ..... Becky Tuzik & Sue Mattiucci

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

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

**(setup & take-down)**..... Sue Wehnes & Ann Lehman

**Sunday (10:45 a.m.—take-down)**

August 2 ..... Sandy Hupert & Merrily Burkland

August 9 ..... Pam & Darren Walloch

August 16..... Linda Jahr & Donna Schnepff

August 23 ..... Jan & Don Koerner

August 30..... Barb Beaudette & Marlene Boehler

### SUNDAY WELCOME

August 2 9:00 a.m.....Elaine Brody & Joanne Bychowsky

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

August 9 9:00 a.m.....Nancy Ottinger & Cheryl Adams

10:45 a.m.....Judy Petropulos & Joanne Bychowsky

August 16 9:00 a.m.....Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson

10:45 a.m.....Elaine Neukirch & Marty Jacobsen

August 23 9:00 a.m.....Carole & Frank Cesario

10:45 a.m.....Carl & Sandy Hupert

August 30 9:00 a.m.....Cathy & Jim Conway

10:45 a.m.....Noreta Walker & Debbie Lindquist

**COUNTERS:** Warren Brody, Cal Meyer, John Throckmorton

### GREETERS

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

August 1 ..... Sue Blotch

August 8 ..... Lois Kenyon

August 15..... Claudia Morgan

August 22..... Gail Quam

August 29..... Stevie Massei

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

August 2 ..... Terry Halpin, Judy Sanford

August 9 ..... Terry Halpin, Mary Trodahl

August 16..... Terry Halpin, Donna Kelly

August 23..... Terry Halpin, S & D Sorensen

August 30 ..... Terry Halpin, Dolly Cardascio

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

Bob & Caroline Malm

### COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS

**Saturday**

August 1-15.....Joan Rice

August 22-29....Joanne Klinger

**Sunday**

August 2 ..... Lanita Palermo

August 9 ..... Oneida Wheeler

August 16 .... Jen Powe

August 23 .... Kim Stowell

August 30 .... PJ Knudson

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report

#### Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of June 30, 2015:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
General Fund Income:	\$ 277,373.81	\$ 276,846.00
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 261,194.56	\$ 283,592.00
Net Income:	\$ 16,179.25	\$ (6,746.00)

General Fund Notes: Through June, operating income exceed expenses by \$16,179.25. Member contributions are more than budget by \$528.00. Expenses are under budget \$22,397.44. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$23,202.70 primarily due to funding Provision Accounts \$7,752.00 reduced staffing costs of \$9,106.57 and \$3,000.00 in prepaid pledges. 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 June 30, 2015:

Building Fund Begin Balance 06/01/2015:	\$ 68,931.49
Debt Reduction Donations	\$ 18,446.00
Building Fund Donations:	\$ 88,474.56
Mission Plus Interest Income	\$ 200.82
Memorial Donations Building Fund	\$ 1,100.00
<b>Building Fund Income/Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 108,221.38</b>
Loan Principal Payments:	\$ 72,105.79
Loan Interest Payments:	\$ 9,938.21
Principal Only Payments:	\$ 13,385.10
Capital Campaign Consultant	\$ 5,143.00
Building Fund Expenses:	\$ 100,572.10
 Ending Fund Balance:	 \$ 76,580.77
Net Income:	\$ 7,649.28

We continue to accumulate funds in the Building Fund account per Council direction and Congregation approval on building expansion future requirements.

The June month end building loan balance is \$602,424.50. Thank you for your faithful tithing as we continue to cover our mission operational costs, funding our building loan obligation, and our future building expansion.

Jim Henley  
SOTP Treasurer

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Loan Balance ..... **\$590,177.02**  
Estimated Payoff Date ..... **June 1, 2019**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### Date

- 1 John Kawa, Troy Miller,  
Alexandria Miley
- 2 Joyce Petersen, Darin Allison
- 3 Alice Murphy, Jennifer Baumstark,  
Nate Brown, Ava Hisel
- 4 Marian Mesenbrink,  
Emmetta Shepard,  
David Macaulay, Kathryn Weston
- 5 Len Suski
- 7 Joanne Klinger, Lauren Black,  
Marley Reicher
- 8 Laura Klaus, Josh Ramey
- 9 Nancy Ottinger, Sarah Wolf,  
MacKenzie Alpert,  
Madison Alpert, Max Hisel
- 10 Tom Knawa
- 11 Sandra Lemke, Angi Corless
- 12 Carlee Petelle, Colin Wade
- 14 Tim Lukes
- 15 Erica Bishop
- 16 Marissa Rojas, Paul Ross,  
Alex Lee, Cade Golembeck,  
Nathan Stopka
- 17 Warren Brody, Joseph Roberts,  
Sarah Roberts
- 18 Barbara Beaudette,  
Carol Engstrom
- 20 Betty Knawa
- 20 Tyler Hennessey
- 21 Savannah Patel, Aidan Hibbeler
- 22 Michael Saletta, Christine Black
- 23 Barbara Auwerda,  
Carrie Mathiesen, Jared Grabs
- 24 Louis Soest, Jeff Kolcz
- 25 Christa Serpe
- 26 Larry Dale, Joseph Browne
- 27 Jessica Hess
- 28 Martha Brenner, Jim Auwerda
- 28 Mary Victorson, Brian Bala,  
Gloria Desiato,  
Cassidy Mathiesen,  
Rebecca Powe
- 29 Sue Wehnes, Barry Burren,  
Adam Adams
- 30 Bonnie Bayser, Geri Dale,  
Jean Libby, Robert McDuffee,  
Timothy Reincke
- 31 Jordyn Bremer, Alicia Parmele

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*Little Lambs*

### **Sandy Martin**

*Cherub Choir*

### **Michael Waal**

*Blessings Choir*

### **Denise James**

*Joy Ringers*

### **Michael Parmele**

*Sunday School Director*

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

*Contributions Secretaries*

### **Tammy Uteg**

*Music Librarian*

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**Marlene Boehler**, *Vice President*

**Mike McCann**, *Secretary*

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