



Shepherd
OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Report

January 31, 2021

"A Growing Church for Growing People"

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Annual Meeting

January 31, 2021

I. Call to Order

II. Quorum Call

III. Opening Prayer

IV. Looking Back

1. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2020
2. Approval of Committee and Ministry Reports
3. Approval of 2020 Financial Reports
4. Recognition of Outgoing Council Member

- Cliff Dungey

V. Looking Ahead

1. Purpose Statement, Guiding Principles and Strategic Directions
2. Call Committee Update
3. Staffing Introductions

VI. Vote to approve revised Constitution

VII. Congregation Vote to approve the establishment of a Memorial Garden at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

VII. Elections

1. Election of New Council Members

Nominees: Cheryl Adams
Bob Mollis
Joyce Shotick

VIII. Approval of 2021 Budget

IX. Closing Prayer

X. Adjournment

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2020

- Called to order – 12:06 am by Bud Hansen, Council President
 - Quorum required is 87; Met with 95+
 - Tellers –Mark Frendreis, Jacob Fiandalo
- Opening Prayer: Pastor Mark
- Looking Back
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2019 Annual Meeting made by Cal Meyer, seconded by Chuck Petersen. Voted on and approved.
 - Motion to approve 2019 Committee and Ministry Reports made by Jack Voss . Seconded by Bob McDuffee. Voted on and approved.
 - Review of 2019 Financial Reports (Dan Wentzloff)
 - ◆ Financial process review - thorough and careful process
 - ◆ Fund Review
 - Successful year - General Fund ended with positive year to date of \$11,797
 - Thank you to Dave Shotick for his exceptional records
 - Mortgage Services balance \$87,473.
 - ◆ 2020 Budget: Addresses ministry and mission of church
 - Highlights
 - Thorough and conservative budget based on actual
 - ◆ Motion to approve 2019 Financial Reports made by Chris Brittain. Seconded by Marilyn Voss. Voted on and approved.
- Looking Ahead
 - Purpose Statement, Guiding Principles, ROCKS and Commitments as Disciples
 - ◆ Caring for God’s Children of all ages by growing disciples who make disciples.
 - ◆ ROCKS
 - Increase community engagement
 - ▶ Artist Series Committee hosted musical events and speakers open to the community
 - ▶ Christmas Eve Caroling on the Square with 3 other churches
 - ▶ Continue activities such as Green Trees Restoration, Huntley Expo, Barnabas Ministry, Huntley Farmers Markets and PADS
 - Increased leadership
 - ▶ Three Leadership Huddles were held reviewing our ROCKS
 - ▶ Staff training began with Dave Daubert
 - ▶ Additional training to include Council and Key Ministry Leaders in 2020
 - Membership Engagement
 - ▶ Efforts into membership engagement
 - ▶ Launching new Small Groups Ministry in January 2020
 - Children/Youth and Family Ministries
 - ▶ Added full-time Children and Family Director to staff
 - ▶ Minister for children from birth to 5th grade
 - ▶ Young Adult Ministry Team established to lead 6th grade and above

- ▶ Various activities providing youth engagement
- Staffing Introductions
 - Pastor Bill Waxenberg, Jill Gillming, Tyler Greene, Donna Kelly, Daryl Laird, Dennis Lilla, Jane McMullen, Michelle Rankin, Dave Shotick, Greg Dowell, Tessa DeLong, Eric Boehmke, Melany Chesney
 - ◆ Prayer
 - Recognition of Dan Wentzloff and Jacob Fiandalo, outgoing Council members
 - ◆ Prayer
- Elections
 - Election of Voting Members to the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly (June 19th - 20th)
 - ◆ Jessica Buesing, Mike Huston
 - ◆ Motion to elect Voting Members of NI Synod Assembly made by Brian Buesing. Voted on and approved.
 - Election of Council Members to serve a three year term ending January 2023
 - ◆ Michael Luecht, Ellen Nissen, Christa Serpe (first term)
 - ◆ Voted on and approved.
- 2020 Budget Highlights (Bob Mollis)
 - Recognition of Finance Team
 - Review of footnotes from 2020 Budget
 - A motion to approve the 2020 budget made by Chuck Petersen, seconded by Sandy Hupert. Voted on and approved.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Mark

Meeting adjourned – 12:57 pm

Pastor's Report to the Congregation

What a year!

2020 was a year like no other in our lives.

It was full of processing heartaches and hurts as well as embracing new ideas, staff and ministry while trusting in the gracious love of God.

It was a year in which I was reminded of the importance in telling and sharing our stories. In being open to new ideas and ways to make meaningful connections with people. The importance of the word engagement. Asking each day who I have engaged in ministry to further the Kingdom. Also, realizing often, feelings of falling short.

What we've learned and how we experience brokenness and joy becomes part of the larger story of God's love in the world.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life."

1 John 1:1-3

In the middle of 2020 I was given a daily devotion book called "Savor: Living Abundantly Where You Are, As You Are" by Shauna Niequist.

It's a book that plays off of cooking. Cooking – of all things, the devotional piqued my interest. As many of you know cooking is one of my many joys in life. One of those joys this year has been to finally be able to cook a great slab of ribs. Certainly 2020 was a year when we had to search diligently to find joy.

I found this devotion to be particularly meaningful.

The book uses cooking in a different way – a way to remind its reader of the joy of "savoring" each moment, each meal, each table at which God's people are gathered as we proclaim the Word of life.

The introduction reads: "What I want to do is savor this life – my life, my children, my community, this gorgeous world God created. That's what we all want, right? To soak up the goodness all around us, to be aware of holy fingerprints everywhere, to walk through each day expecting and noticing those glints and shimmers of the divine right in the daily – in a hug, a tomato sandwich, a quiet moment, a text from someone we love. That's what I want, and so often I miss it. I lay in bed at night frustrated with myself that I allowed the minor annoyances of life to obscure the rich melody underneath it. I rush and push and don't even see the beauty all around me. I let my fear about the unknowns in our future or my desire to control everything and everyone around me cover over the deep beauty and grace and peace that are playing like a drumbeat under everything. This collection [of daily devotions] is my attempt at paying attention, at clearing away space and noise, and inviting you to hear the drumbeat, too. God's always speaking, always. He's always moving, always present, always creating, always healing. The trick, at least for me, is paying attention. The trick is savoring."

Savoring...

- Paying attention.
- Seeing the divine in the daily.
- Participating at the table (worship).
- Hearing and sharing the stories of God's love and grace with those around us.

This is the work of the church.

This is the drumbeat that we are a part of through the ministry of Shepherd of the Prairie.

Now is the time to look back, remember and savor the memories and learnings from 2020. We will take time to learn from our mistakes as well as celebrate new joys and hopes God has provided through SOTP's ministry.

Pastor's Report to the Congregation (*cont*)

And then we are invited into 2021's new hopes and adventures!

2021 will bring continued work on strategic planning in the ministry areas of worship, Christian education, service, and God guiding us to raise up new leaders to serve in ministry within and outside our church.

We will be invited to savor our God moments as we live our story as a church and community. By God grace we will once again all be invited back into public worship and continue to live out our Lord's Pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Thanks be to God for this place, this work, this table, and these moments to savor and pay attention to in 2021. So thankful to serve as your pastor at Shepherd of the Prairie, a growing church, for growing people!

Faithfully,

—*Pastor Mark*

Director of Adult Education

*“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart...”
Psalm 9:1*

2020: perhaps the strangest year of our lives! COVID 19; a pandemic; a contentious political season; a nation divided, not seen since the Civil War; Black Lives Matter; civil unrest swamping the streets of our cities; and the list goes on and on. And yet.... And yet God’s faithful still gathered for Word and Sacrament, albeit at home via on-line streaming and Zoom. Worship, Bible studies, meetings, and ministry of all kinds continued. The power of the Holy Spirit was still at work. And thanks be to God for that!

A variety of Bible studies still took place, from the Friends Bible study on Mondays, to the special thanksgiving studies this fall, to weekly opportunities, thanks, in large part, to the talent and faithfulness of Mike Yndestad. My heart is filled with gratitude for all that Mike has done—both for our church-at-large and for me personally.

We began the year with in-person classes as we looked at our God-with-us-life in celebration, confession, prayer, and fasting. Then we began a study of Forgiveness but were immediately interrupted by COVID 19. That led to video-taping our weekly study which continued throughout the remainder of 2020 and will lead us into a new year. Subsequently, we studied selected Psalms, the Acts of the Apostles, the First Letter of John, and an introduction to the Gospel of Mark.

And, thanks be to God (!), both Pastor Mark and Pastor Curt contributed to our adult education as Pastor Mark led a summer study on Faith and Family, and Pastor Curt a fall study of Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians.

Because of the pandemic, our Germany trip to see Luther-land and the Oberammergau Passion Play was cancelled. Maybe in another life-time!

I am so deeply grateful, not only for all who made our adult education possible, but especially for those who participated in class and for those who joined us on-line week after week. It’s always heartening to receive a text or email that some part of our study was meaningful or comforting or challenging. It is my profound hope that we will return in person—soon, very soon! Until then, our thanksgiving continues.

—*Pastor Bill Waxenberg*
Teaching Pastor

Human Resource Report

In the middle of 2020, the Human Resources Committee at Shepherd of the Prairie was reconstituted. The primary task for the Committee is to help Shepherd of the Prairie strive to have a work culture where excellence is sought and an individual's work experience is ultimately satisfying for them. In addition, the Committee will be reviewing all files, policies and procedures to make sure they are current and appropriate.

The team at Shepherd of the Prairie is so critical to the church achieving its Vision and Strategy. The Human Resources Committee looks forward to helping and supporting them on that endeavor.

Respectfully,

—*Mike Luecht, Lindsay Sparks, Sarah Wolf*

Youth and Family

The Youth and Family Ministry Team had an interesting year, as did most ministries within SOTP due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Unfortunately, we had to cancel most of our planned events in early 2020 such as Culver's fundraising night, Trivia Night and ultimately our Mission Trip to the Chattanooga, TN area was cancelled.

However, we were able to conduct several successful fundraisers in order to raise funds for youth to attend future youth ministry activities. We were extremely pleased to collect almost 7,500 pounds of donations for Savers which raised \$1,100.

Confirmation Program:

SOTP had 18 students participate in their Affirmation of Baptism ceremony, held this year on Oct 25 (Reformation Sunday) in front of family members. In Sept, we also began our Confirmation Program with a few changes from prior years. We meet Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 with students meeting in their small groups as well as spending a short time with large group leaders who teach the lesson for the evening. Our focus this year is on building relationships between the students and their small group leaders. There are 52 students currently enrolled in the Confirmation Program.

High School Youth Group:

We spent the early part of 2020 holding HS Youth Group meetings on Sunday following 2nd service and then met on Zoom for a time when we were unable to meet in person. In October we were fortunate to bring Kurtis Arndt on board as an intern who is focusing his efforts on revamping the HS Youth Program. We've since changed meeting dates and time (Thursday night from 7 – 9PM) and have been seeing a consistent group join us for these nights. We've just finished lessons on the Gospels and will be starting a new set of lessons in January. We encourage any students in 9 -12th grades to reach out with an questions, or join us any time.

We look forward to 2021 and our continued work to help make Christ known to the youth of SOTP.

Respectfully submitted,

—*Bob McDuffee*

Youth and Family Team Leader

Congregational Council Report

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve such a faithful and generous congregation. Even though Covid-19 has disrupted the normalcy of our lives we have remained steadfast in serving our Lord and our community. We have found ways to stay connected as a church through audio and visual ministry team efforts, streaming church services, on-line giving, Zoom, Facebook, Parking Lot services via FM radio and various other ways.

Many have been touched by our outreach and Mission team, both locally and globally. More than \$100,000 has been given to charities by our congregation in 2020. We gave to the ELCA synod to support global ministries. Many local charities such as Grafton Food Pantry, Pads, Home of the Sparrow, Senior Care, Turning Point and LSSI Addiction Center (Elgin) to name a few have also benefited.

Two Leadership Retreats were held in 2020, the February meeting was attended by the Council, Staff and Key Ministry Leaders and the May meeting was Council only due to Covid-19 concerns. During these retreats, we discussed our Statement of Purpose and Vision statement for Shepherd of the Prairie.

Follows is the new Statement of Purpose and Vision statement, with thanks to Mike Luecht for his leadership on this –

Shepherd of the Prairie *Vision & Strategy*

Purpose Statement

A Growing Church for Growing People

Vision

- Shepherd of the Prairie is a vibrant congregation, open and attentive to God's will. We reach people and build community on the ground and online with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Young people find a place to launch their faith lives. Adults live out an increasingly mature faith, growing deeper as followers of Jesus.
- Through dynamic worship, meaningful small groups and committed service, God's people are able to love and be loved – in the congregation, community and in the world.

Envision a Culture

-where first and foremost it is all about attaining this Vision.
- where the Vision is at the forefront of all decisions and the commitment to a culture of positivity and grace is paramount
- where the church is welcoming and encourages worship in large and small groups

Envision Governance

-where the Council continually remembers how critical its role is to leading Shepherd of the Prairie and how many people are counting on the Council.
- where the Council has open discussion and then ultimately works as a unified body to drive the church toward attaining its Vision

Envision Pastoral Care

-where Pastor Mark continues to inspire the congregation with his pastoral leadership
- where the Council quickly augments those talents with the proper staffing to achieve the Vision of Shepherd of the Prairie
- where a second pastor is called to further enhance the Pastoral Care of the church and whose traits also help toward the achievement of the Vision

Envision Shepherd of the Prairie's Staff

-where they individually and collectively work toward the Vision of the church in an incredibly positive manner
- where staff has absolute clarity regarding the direction of the church and their individual roles and responsibilities
- where staff see themselves as not necessarily “doers” of ministry but ones who engage the laity into lives of service in and through the church

Envision the Congregation at Shepherd of the Prairie

-where they truly feel like they are part of a vibrant, welcoming church as described in the Vision
- where SOTP is seen as a congregation of small groups rather than a congregation “with” small groups
- where Congregation Committees are clear in their mission and are celebrated for their efforts and achievements
- where Life Groups continue to be a positive resource for an increasing amount of people in the congregation

Envision the Community that Shepherd of the Prairie is a part of

-where they know that Shepherd of the Prairie is a positive force in the local community
- where they can receive communication in many and ever evolving formats

Envision the Worship at Shepherd of the Prairie

-where excellence is the standard and achieved for both traditional worship and contemporary worship
- where teaching continues to be a primary focus
- with live streaming services presumably be an ongoing critical element, that Shepherd of the Prairie will be known as producing streaming services among the best

Ongoing improvements and key elements identified within our congregation as we go forward:

- Council has formed an HR Team of Sarah Wolfe, Lyndsay Sparks and Mike Luecht.
- Kurtis Arndt was brought on as an intern to assist in re-energizing the Youth program.
- Council has formed a Call Committee seeking a second Pastor for Shepherd of the Prairie. Mike McCann, Jessica Panella, Jessie Buesing, Ron Mudge, Matt Klemblowski and Kurtis Arndt make up the team.

“A Growing Church for Growing People”

Respectfully submitted,

—*Bud Hansen*

Congregational Council President

Finance Team

The Finance Team is responsible for overseeing the daily, monthly, and year-end financial activities of the Church. Our 2020 Team members were Don Schneider, Devin Burg, John Throckmorton, Bill Nesta, Cliff Dungey (Church Treasurer), Melanie Chesney (Accounting Administrator) and Bob Mollis (Finance Chair).

Your Finance Team monitors all financial activities and meets monthly to review the Church's financial reports. We report monthly to the Church Council with our analysis of the Church's financial position as well as with any financial recommendations we think appropriate. We are responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and the monitoring of our actual financial activities against that budget. Financial policy and procedure recommendations are submitted to the Church Council for approval to improve cost control and financial processes.

We are also responsible for managing the Church's Mortgage Service fund, maintaining adequate reserves for the maintenance of our building, periodically reviewing the insurance coverage and policies, reviewing contracts for services, being alert to compliance issues, and assisting with an audit of the Church's accounting records.

In 2020, total General Fund Member Contributions declined by \$6,992 compared to 2019. The imposed COVID-19 restricted public worship affected both our attendance and contributions. The total General Fund contributions were \$730,507 compared to a budget projection of \$757,680. This income short fall was offset with Council and Ministry staff controlling expenses. The 2020 General Fund expenses were \$710,946 against a proposed 2020 General Fund budget of \$757,680. This leaves a positive year to date balance of \$19,561 in General Funds to carry forward to 2021.

You will find our 2020 Financial Reports and 2021 Budget enclosed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Please join the Finance team in thanking Susie Wehnes for her dedication, service, and knowledge in her role as the Financial Contribution Secretary. Sue has been a constant in recording and tracking our members and visitors' contributions and memorial gifts. Sue will be retiring in January and the Finance team welcomes Linda Dungey as the new Financial Contribution Secretary. Please reach out to both Sue and Linda and thank them for their dedication and service.

Respectfully submitted,

—*Bob Mollis*

Finance Team Chairman

2020 Year End Treasurer's Report

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve you this past year as your Church Treasurer and Council Member. The Church Treasurer is the financial officer, responsible for general oversight of all SOTP finances including income, expenditures, signing checks, and reporting to Church Council on the overall financial condition of the church. It was my honor as Treasurer to sign the Certification of Beneficial Owner. The treasurer also signed the Certificate for the Paycheck Protection Program, a loan during the economic uncertainty to support the ongoing operations. These funds were used to retain workers and maintain payroll, make mortgage interest payments, and utility payments. Our request for \$95,000.00 was approved on April 24, 2020. The PPP forgiveness for loans of \$150,000 or less has not yet been released by the SBA; they still await the new form to simplify the forgiveness process.

Our Congregation was generous especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. The General Fund Balance was \$196,796, an increase of over the prior year.

First I would like to thank Sue Wehnes for her over 15 years of service as Contribution Secretary; she has devoted many hours to ensuring that your donations and memorials are correctly accounted for. I would like to thank our Accounting Administrator, Melanie Chesny for keeping our Financial Records accurate this year. In addition she has maintained accounting for the Paycheck Protection Program and the new Giving Plus (Credit Card) program.

As of the end of the year our Fund Balances are as follows:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>2020 Amt.</u>	<u>2019 Amt.</u>	<u>Increase</u>
General Fund	\$196,796	\$194,421	\$ 2,375
Restricted Reserves	\$124,146	\$138,969	(\$14,823)
Temporary Restricted	\$142,592	\$162,763	(\$20,171)
Mortgage Services	\$ 63,048	\$ 87,473	(\$24,425)

MIF Loan (Mortgage Services) decreased by \$153,497.

Operating Budget for 2021

The Finance Team prepared a very thorough and conservative 2021 Budget which the Council approved and is submitting for your review and approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff Dungey
Congregation Treasurer

Shepherd of the Prairie - Huntley IL
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2020

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Period Activity	Previous Year Balance
Assets				
Current Assets				
1.100.000	Heartland Bank Checking	527,147.48	33,600.65	452,279.48
1.200.000	Mission Plus Building Fund Checking	63,048.50	(37,107.37)	87,473.09
1.250.000	HBT/LPL Investment Account	422.38	0.00	422.35
	Total Current Assets	\$590,618.36	(\$3,506.72)	\$540,174.92
Fixed Assets				
1.300.000	Building & Grounds	7,203,136.61	0.00	7,203,136.61
1.500.000	Donations Holding Account	1,827.35	824.65	N/A
	Total Fixed Assets	\$7,204,963.96	\$824.65	\$7,203,136.61
	Total Assets	\$7,795,582.32	(\$2,682.07)	\$7,743,311.53
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
2.000.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	1,677.12	(7,646.39)	0.00
2.000.100	SBA Loan Liability	95,000.00	0.00	N/A
2.000.200	Sanctuary Piano	7,232.51	(2,410.83)	N/A
2.100.000	Prepaid General Fund Pledges	6,050.00	0.00	24,570.00
2.110.000	Prepaid Mortgage Service Pledges	1,889.25	125.00	7,388.00
	Total Current Liabilities	\$111,848.88	(\$9,932.22)	\$31,958.00
Long Term Liabilities				
2.200.200	MIF Commercial Loan Payable	3,433,747.69	(8,520.93)	3,587,245.53
	Total Long Term Liabilities	\$3,433,747.69	(\$8,520.93)	\$3,587,245.53
	Total Liabilities	\$3,545,596.57	(\$18,453.15)	\$3,619,203.53
Fund Balances & Equity				
Unrestricted Fund Balances				
3.100.000	General Fund Balance	196,796.11	10,358.16	194,421.65
	Total Unrestricted Fund Balances	\$196,796.11	\$10,358.16	\$194,421.65
Temporary Restricted Fund Balances				
3.170.000	Special Services Fund Balance	7,002.75	4,580.00	8,054.99
3.175.000	Memorial Fund Balance	2,591.85	750.00	5,510.20
3.180.000	Grafton Food Pantry Fund Balance	855.00	15.00	255.00
3.200.000	Heifer Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	6.50
3.250.000	Good Samaritan Fund Balance	9,736.95	400.00	9,588.94
3.260.000	Community Outreach Fund Balance	3,720.95	(543.06)	3,603.37
3.270.000	Holiday Flowers Balance	(470.10)	(622.00)	(293.75)
3.300.000	Music Ministry Fund Balance			
3.330.000	Adult Music Ministry Fund Balance	4,572.31	(4,404.00)	8,001.14
3.332.000	Artist Series Balance	12,179.36	368.25	13,173.24
3.335.000	Bells Ministry Fund Balance	(104.37)	0.00	0.00
	<i>Total Music Ministry Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$16,647.30</i>	<i>(\$4,035.75)</i>	<i>21,174.38</i>
3.350.000	Prairie Crafters Fund Balance	296.00	0.00	0.00
3.360.000	Miscellaneous Fund Balance	225.00	225.00	0.00
3.380.000	Continuing Education Fund Balance	925.00	0.00	1,000.00
3.400.000	Youth Ministry Fund Balance			
3.415.000	Youth Ministry Balance	1,124.79	(385.70)	1,801.58
3.417.000	Youth Mission Trips Balance	7,198.84	0.00	3,349.80
3.421.000	Youth Scholarship Balance	763.01	0.00	763.01
3.422.000	Operation Christmas Child Balance	157.28	0.00	157.28
3.423.000	Confirmation Retreat Fund Balance	(450.00)	0.00	(450.00)
	<i>Total Youth Ministry Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$8,793.92</i>	<i>(\$385.70)</i>	<i>5,621.67</i>

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Period Activity	Previous Year Balance
3.500.000	Little Lambs Fund Balance	4,788.21	(174.39)	6,849.70
3.600.000	Prayer Shawl Ministry Fund Balance	284.76	0.00	284.76
3.650.000	Quilters Ministry Fund Balance	1,647.97	0.00	1,622.97
3.675.000	Memory Garden Balance	13,586.50	0.00	1,500.00
3.700.000	Disaster Relief Fund Balance	315.00	0.00	215.00
3.725.000	Miscellaneous Outside Charities Balance	360.00	0.00	210.00
3.750.000	Seminary Scholarship Fund Balance	6,270.00	0.00	6,270.00
	Total	\$77,577.06	\$209.10	\$71,473.73
3.140.000	Mortgage Service Balance	63,048.50	2,654.04	87,473.09
3.165.000	Building on Faith Balance	3,817.08	0.00	3,817.08
3.192.000	Sanctuary Piano Balance	3,150.01	1,184.17	N/A
	Total Temporary Restricted Fund Balances	\$147,592.65	\$4,047.31	\$162,763.90
Reserves				
3.950.000	Barnabas Reserves Fund Balance	2,245.48	0.00	2,653.63
3.971.000	Roof Repairs/Replacement Balance	39,000.00	0.00	39,000.00
3.972.000	Playground Maintenance Reserves Balance	2,845.00	0.00	2,845.00
3.973.000	Parking Lot Seal/Repair Reserves Balance	11,912.00	0.00	11,912.00
3.974.000	Lawn & Landscaping Reserves Balance	9,871.00	(1,375.00)	11,246.00
3.975.000	Maintenance Reserves Balance	11,754.00	0.00	13,504.00
3.976.000	Carpeting Crossroads/Hallways Reserves Balance	3,302.00	0.00	3,302.00
3.977.000	Carpeting MP Room/Classrooms Balance	19,000.00	0.00	19,000.00
3.978.000	Security Lock System Reserves Balance	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
3.980.000	Equipment Reserves Balance	3,454.59	77.00	8,887.42
3.981.000	Bells Maintenance Reserves Balance	1,986.11	0.00	1,986.11
3.985.000	Sabbatical Reserves Balance	8,775.89	0.00	8,775.89
3.988.000	Payroll Tax Reserves Balance	0.00	(5,857.32)	5,857.32
	Total Reserves	\$124,146.07	(\$7,155.32)	\$138,969.37
Permanently Restricted Funds				
3.940.000	Endowment Fund Balance	12,062.00	0.00	12,062.00
	Total Permanently Restricted Funds	\$12,062.00	\$0.00	\$12,062.00
3.130.000	Building & Grounds Equity	3,769,388.92	8,520.93	3,615,891.08
	Total Equity	\$3,769,388.92	\$8,520.93	\$3,615,891.08
	Total Fund Balances & Equity	\$4,249,985.75	\$15,771.08	\$4,124,108.00
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances & Equity	\$7,795,582.32	(\$2,682.07)	\$7,743,311.53

If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger (marked with "*") and subsidiary account attributes have changed, Previous YTD totals may not represent a valid comparison..

2020 Financial Reports (cont)

Shepherd of the Prairie - Huntley IL Treasurer's Report as of December 2020 for General Fund

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
Income						
4.100.000	Member Contributions	62,511.17	60,000.00	718,270.89	720,000.00	720,000.00
4.150.000	Loose Plate and Growth	917.99	2,953.00	10,748.41	35,480.00	35,480.00
4.200.000	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.250.000	Flower Income	200.00	163.00	1,341.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.300.000	Interest Income (Heartland Bank)	9.51	13.00	146.90	200.00	200.00
	Total Income	\$63,638.67	\$63,129.00	\$730,507.20	\$757,680.00	\$757,680.00
Expenses						
Lay Ministry						
5.150.300	Lay Ministry Expenses	16.97	57.00	620.87	750.00	750.00
	Lay Ministry	\$16.97	\$57.00	\$620.87	\$750.00	\$750.00
Mission Ministry						
5.100.110	ELCA NI Synod	4,532.86	6,000.00	65,575.97	72,000.00	72,000.00
5.100.112	Local Mission	1,700.00	600.00	7,078.40	7,200.00	7,200.00
	Mission Ministry	\$6,232.86	\$6,600.00	\$72,654.37	\$79,200.00	\$79,200.00
Outreach Ministry						
5.150.100	Community Outreach Team	1,677.12	500.00	1,757.10	6,000.00	6,000.00
5.150.150	Advertising	0.00	212.00	671.50	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Outreach Ministry	\$1,677.12	\$712.00	\$2,428.60	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Adult Education Ministry						
5.200.300	Adult Ed Curriculum	0.00	38.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5.200.350	Retreats Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.200.400	Adult Ed - Other	0.00	38.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5.200.450	Home Devotional Guides	0.00	25.00	71.00	300.00	300.00
	Adult Education Ministry	\$0.00	\$101.00	\$71.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Youth and Education Ministry						
5.250.100	Youth Resources	0.00	163.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.250.150	Youth Curriculum	0.00	62.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
5.250.200	Mission Trip Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.250.250	Youth Events Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.250.275	Software/Subscriptions	0.00	163.00	440.25	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.250.280	Confirmation Expenses	0.00	163.00	1,054.24	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.250.300	Other Youth Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Youth and Education Ministry	\$0.00	\$551.00	\$1,494.49	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00

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Children and Family Ministry						
5.250.285	Sunday School Expenses	0.00	87.00	535.82	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.250.290	VBS Expenses	0.00	212.00	657.29	2,500.00	2,500.00
5.250.350	Children & Family Ministry	629.93	100.00	940.61	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Children and Family Ministry	\$629.93	\$399.00	\$2,133.72	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
Music Ministry						
5.300.100	Choral Expenses	7.79	87.00	1,260.66*	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.300.161	Organ/Piano Supply	0.00	37.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
5.300.175	Bells Expenses	0.00	87.00	103.89	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.300.350	Band Expenses	0.00	163.00	1,228.41	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.300.400	Piano/Organ Maintenance	235.00	75.00	590.00	900.00	900.00
5.300.500	Licensing Fees	0.00	38.00	887.00*	500.00	500.00
5.300.550	Music Resources Expenses	0.00	38.00	65.89	500.00	500.00
	Music Ministry	\$242.79	\$525.00	\$4,135.85	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00
Worship Ministry						
5.350.100	Audio Visual Ministry	0.00	212.00	1,266.81	2,500.00	2,500.00
5.350.150	Flowers	210.00	125.00	2,001.89*	1,500.00	1,500.00
5.350.200	Altar Guild	43.95	62.00	535.87	700.00	700.00
5.350.250	Pastoral Assistance	1,000.00	163.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.350.300	Worship Supplies	60.00	38.00	1,599.98*	500.00	500.00
5.350.350	Misc. Worship Expenses	29.99	38.00	1,023.36*	500.00	500.00
	Worship Ministry	\$1,343.94	\$638.00	\$8,227.91*	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00
Facilities						
5.400.100	Cleaning Service	1,150.00	1,213.00	10,250.00	14,600.00	14,600.00
5.400.150	Utilities	1,632.37	2,114.00	18,100.14	25,335.00	25,335.00
5.400.200	Waste Removal	116.26	110.00	1,349.98*	1,320.00	1,320.00
5.400.250	Grounds Maintenance	0.00	800.00	5,625.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
5.400.255	Snow Removal	2,225.00	1,484.00	11,125.00	11,125.00	11,125.00
5.400.300	Maint./Cleaning Supplies	0.00	100.00	517.48	1,200.00	1,200.00
5.400.350	Outside Contract Services	2,038.32	971.00	7,211.88	11,663.00	11,663.00
5.400.400	Misc. Facilities expense	0.00	291.00	2,924.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Facilities	\$7,161.95	\$7,083.00	\$57,103.48	\$75,943.00	\$75,943.00
Office Expenses						
5.450.100	Office Supplies	333.13	300.00	3,044.21	3,600.00	3,600.00
5.450.150	Office Equipment	0.00	41.00	237.89	500.00	500.00

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5.450.200	Web/Software Expenses	520.05	375.00	7,581.46*	4,500.00	4,500.00
5.450.225	High Speed Internet	0.00	150.00	1,799.40	1,800.00	1,800.00
5.450.250	Telephone	183.96	200.00	2,230.84	2,400.00	2,400.00
5.450.275	Wireless Phone	105.62	125.00	1,179.59	1,500.00	1,500.00
5.450.300	Postage	0.00	209.00	2,079.27	2,500.00	2,500.00
5.450.350	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	13.00	244.00*	200.00	200.00
5.450.400	Equipment Rental	1,400.21	1,337.00	16,178.72*	16,000.00	16,000.00
5.450.450	Misc. Office Expenses	0.00	19.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
	Office Expenses	\$2,542.97	\$2,769.00	\$34,575.38*	\$33,250.00	\$33,250.00
Staffing Ministry						
5.500.100	Pastor Salary	5,649.58	5,645.00	67,794.96	67,795.00	67,795.00
5.500.150	Pastor Housing Allowance	2,679.64	2,663.00	32,012.90*	32,000.00	32,000.00
5.500.200	Lay Ministry Coor.	3,014.10	3,015.00	36,169.20*	36,169.00	36,169.00
5.500.225	Director of Children & Family Ministry	2,833.34	2,834.00	34,000.08*	34,000.00	34,000.00
5.500.250	Youth Ministry Coor.	910.00	2,111.00	3,110.00	25,329.00	25,329.00
5.500.300	Director of Music	3,557.80	3,558.00	42,693.60	42,694.00	42,694.00
5.500.350	Organist	2,279.58	1,625.00	24,004.96*	19,555.00	19,555.00
5.500.375	Contemp. Worship Coordinator	900.00	1,081.00	11,220.40	12,978.00	12,978.00
5.500.400	Tech. Support Manager	2,504.29	2,504.00	30,043.29	30,051.00	30,051.00
5.500.425	Business Administrator	0.00	4,291.00	60,908.60*	51,500.00	51,500.00
5.500.450	Office Manager	1,733.05	1,808.00	19,289.60	21,701.00	21,701.00
5.500.460	Custodian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.500.475	Accounting Administrator	1,070.00	866.00	12,808.53*	10,400.00	10,400.00
5.500.500	Director of Adult Education	1,620.26	2,223.00	26,643.12*	26,643.00	26,643.00
5.500.525	AV Coordinator	1,820.00	800.00	16,116.40*	9,600.00	9,600.00
5.500.550	Continuing Education/Training	0.00	0.00	1,475.83*	0.00	0.00
5.500.600	Staff Social Security	1,716.83	2,044.00	23,885.20	24,525.00	24,525.00
5.500.650	Pastor SS/Ins/Retirement	4,800.49	5,141.00	58,007.58	61,697.00	61,697.00
5.500.700	Misc. Staff expenses	704.35	87.00	3,092.32*	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.500.725	Staffing for Growth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Staffing Ministry	\$37,793.31	\$42,296.00	\$503,276.57	\$507,637.00	\$507,637.00
Other Church Expenses						
5.550.110	Kitchen Supplies	0.00	100.00	484.94	1,200.00	1,200.00
5.550.115	Coffee Service	0.00	63.00	234.00	800.00	800.00
5.550.125	Church Events Expense	0.00	0.00	34.35*	0.00	0.00

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5.550.150	Committee Expenses	15.98	41.00	324.36	500.00	500.00
5.550.175	Synod Assembly Expense	0.00	38.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5.550.200	Church Insurance	1,144.41	1,166.00	13,994.59	14,000.00	14,000.00
5.550.250	Automobile Expense	0.00	462.00	2,125.13	5,500.00	5,500.00
5.550.300	Human Resources	0.00	41.00	78.99	500.00	500.00
5.550.340	Credit Card Fees	148.53	0.00	2,248.91*	0.00	0.00
5.550.350	Bank/Legal Expenses	97.90	125.00	3,215.94*	1,500.00	1,500.00
5.550.351	Stock Sale Costs	0.00	0.00	665.72*	0.00	0.00
5.550.400	Misc. Expenses	0.00	25.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
5.550.015	Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	816.39	900.00	900.00
	Other Church Expenses	\$1,406.82	\$2,061.00	\$24,223.32	\$25,700.00	\$25,700.00
Providing for the Future						
5.600.100	Provision for Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.150	Provision for Barnabas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.200	Provision for Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.210	Provision for Roof Repairs/Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.220	Provision for Parking Lot Seal/Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.230	Provision for Lawn & Landscaping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.250	Provision for Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.260	Provision for Carpeting Crossroads/Hallways	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.270	Provision for Carpeting MP Room/Classrooms	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.310	Provision for Bells Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.600.350	Provision for Sabbatical	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Providing for the Future	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Expenses	\$59,048.66	\$63,792.00	\$710,945.56	\$757,680.00	\$757,680.00
	Difference	\$4,590.01	(\$663.00)	\$19,561.64	\$0.00	\$0.00

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

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3.140.000 Mortgage Service Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	60,394.46	87,473.09
<i>Income</i>			
4.140.000	Mortgage Service Donations	22,135.50	265,606.26
4.701.000	MIF Checking Interest Income	54.54	843.62
	Total Income	<u>\$22,190.04</u>	<u>\$266,449.88</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.140.000	Mortgage Service Principal Payments	8,520.93	97,055.37
5.141.000	Mortgage Service Interest Payments	11,015.07	137,376.63
5.142.000	Mortgage Service Principal Only Payments	0.00	56,442.47
	Total Expenses	<u>\$19,536.00</u>	<u>\$290,874.47</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$63,048.50	\$63,048.50
3.165.000 Building on Faith Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	3,817.08	3,817.08
	Ending Fund Balance	\$3,817.08	\$3,817.08
3.170.000 Special Services Fund Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	2,422.75	8,054.99
<i>Income</i>			
4.170.000	Special Services Donations	7,485.00	14,142.00
	Total Income	<u>\$7,485.00</u>	<u>\$14,142.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.170.000	Special Services Expense	2,905.00	15,194.24
	Total Expenses	<u>\$2,905.00</u>	<u>\$15,194.24</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$7,002.75	\$7,002.75
3.175.000 Memorial Fund Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	1,841.85	5,510.20
<i>Income</i>			
4.175.000	Memorial Donations	750.00	8,043.00
	Total Income	<u>\$750.00</u>	<u>\$8,043.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.175.000	Memorial Expense	0.00	10,961.35
	Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,961.35</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$2,591.85	\$2,591.85
3.180.000 Grafton Food Pantry Fund Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	840.00	255.00
<i>Income</i>			
4.190.000	Grafton Food Pantry Donations	855.00	4,782.00
	Total Income	<u>\$855.00</u>	<u>\$4,782.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.190.000	Grafton Food Pantry Expense	840.00	4,182.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$840.00</u>	<u>\$4,182.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$855.00	\$855.00

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3.192.000	Sanctuary Piano Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	1,965.84	0.00
	<i>Income</i>		
4.192.000	Sanctuary Grand Piano Income	3,595.00	31,347.50
	Total Income	<u>\$3,595.00</u>	<u>\$31,347.50</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>		
5.192.000	Sanctuary Grand Piano Expense	2,410.83	28,197.49
	Total Expenses	<u>\$2,410.83</u>	<u>\$28,197.49</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$3,150.01	\$3,150.01
3.250.000	Good Samaritan Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	9,336.95	9,588.94
	<i>Income</i>		
4.325.000	Good Samaritan Donations	400.00	4,414.00
	Total Income	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$4,414.00</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>		
5.625.000	Good Samaritan Expense	0.00	4,265.99
	Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,265.99</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$9,736.95	\$9,736.95
3.260.000	Community Outreach Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	4,264.01	3,603.37
	<i>Income</i>		
4.260.000	Community Outreach Donations	30.00	840.00
4.260.100	LSSI Donations	0.00	200.00
4.260.110	ELCA World Hunger Donations	50.00	1,100.00
	Total Income	<u>\$80.00</u>	<u>\$2,140.00</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>		
	<i>Outreach Ministry</i>		
5.260.000	Community Outreach Expense	623.06	2,022.42
	Outreach Ministry	<u>623.06</u>	<u>2,022.42</u>
	Total Expenses	<u>\$623.06</u>	<u>\$2,022.42</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$3,720.95	\$3,720.95
3.270.000	Holiday Flowers Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	151.90	(293.75)
	<i>Income</i>		
4.270.000	Holiday Flowers Income	33.00	550.00
	Total Income	<u>\$33.00</u>	<u>\$550.00</u>
	<i>Expenses</i>		
5.270.000	Holiday Flowers Expense	655.00	726.35
	Total Expenses	<u>\$655.00</u>	<u>\$726.35</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	(\$470.10)	(\$470.10)
3.300.000	Music Ministry Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	20,683.05	21,174.38
3.330.000	Adult Music Ministry Fund Balance		

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Beginning Sub Fund Balance		8,976.31	8,001.14
<i>Income</i>			
4.330.000	Adult Music Ministry Donations	0.00	3,988.54
Total Income		\$0.00	\$3,988.54
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.330.000	Adult Music Ministry Expense	4,404.00	7,417.37
Total Expenses		\$4,404.00	\$7,417.37
Ending Sub Fund Balance		\$4,572.31	\$4,572.31
3.332.000	Artist Series Balance		
Beginning Sub Fund Balance		11,811.11	13,173.24
<i>Income</i>			
4.332.000	Artist Series Income	1,390.00	11,429.00
Total Income		\$1,390.00	\$11,429.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.332.000	Artist Series Expense	1,021.75	12,422.88
Total Expenses		\$1,021.75	\$12,422.88
	Journal Entry Debits	0.00	(1,200.00)
	Journal Entry Credits	0.00	1,200.00
Total Journal Entries		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Sub Fund Balance		\$12,179.36	\$12,179.36
3.335.000	Bells Ministry Fund Balance		
Beginning Sub Fund Balance		(104.37)	0.00
<i>Income</i>			
4.410.000	Bells Music Ministry Donations	0.00	74.00
Total Income		\$0.00	\$74.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.410.000	Bells Music Ministry Expense	0.00	178.37
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$178.37
Ending Sub Fund Balance		(\$104.37)	(\$104.37)
Ending Fund Balance		\$16,647.30	\$16,647.30
3.350.000	Prairie Crafters Fund Balance		
Beginning Fund Balance		296.00	0.00
<i>Income</i>			
4.355.000	Prairie Crafters Income	0.00	296.00
Total Income		\$0.00	\$296.00
Ending Fund Balance		\$296.00	\$296.00
3.360.000	Miscellaneous Fund Balance		
Beginning Fund Balance		0.00	0.00
<i>Income</i>			
4.360.000	Miscellaneous Fund Income	225.00	325.00
Total Income		\$225.00	\$325.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.360.000	Miscellaneous Fund Expense	0.00	100.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$100.00
Ending Fund Balance		\$225.00	\$225.00

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3.380.000	Continuing Education Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	925.00	1,000.00
	<i>Expenses</i>		
5.380.000	Continuing Education Expenses	0.00	75.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$925.00	\$925.00
3.400.000	Youth Ministry Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	9,179.62	5,621.67
3.415.000	Youth Ministry Balance		
	Beginning Sub Fund Balance	1,510.49	1,801.58
	<i>Income</i>		
4.415.100	Youth Ministry Income	0.00	25.00
	Total Income	\$0.00	\$25.00
	<i>Expenses</i>		
5.415.100	Youth Ministry Expense	385.70	701.79
	Total Expenses	\$385.70	\$701.79
	Ending Sub Fund Balance	\$1,124.79	\$1,124.79
3.417.000	Youth Mission Trips Balance		
	Beginning Sub Fund Balance	7,198.84	3,349.80
	<i>Income</i>		
4.417.000	Youth Mission Trips Income	0.00	6,681.73
	Total Income	\$0.00	\$6,681.73
	<i>Expenses</i>		
5.417.000	Youth Mission Trips Expense	0.00	5,832.69
	Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$5,832.69
	Journal Entry Debits	0.00	0.00
	Journal Entry Credits	0.00	3,000.00
	Total Journal Entries	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	Ending Sub Fund Balance	\$7,198.84	\$7,198.84
3.421.000	Youth Scholarship Balance		
	Beginning Sub Fund Balance	763.01	763.01
	Ending Sub Fund Balance	\$763.01	\$763.01
3.422.000	Operation Christmas Child Balance		
	Beginning Sub Fund Balance	157.28	157.28
	Ending Sub Fund Balance	\$157.28	\$157.28
3.423.000	Confirmation Retreat Fund Balance		
	Beginning Sub Fund Balance	(450.00)	(450.00)
	Ending Sub Fund Balance	(\$450.00)	(\$450.00)
	Ending Fund Balance	\$8,793.92	\$8,793.92
3.500.000	Little Lambs Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	4,962.60	6,849.70
	<i>Income</i>		
4.500.100	Little Lambs Tuition	0.00	12,994.49
	Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$12,994.49</u>

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<i>Expenses</i>			
5.700.100	Little Lambs Salary	174.39	11,064.26
5.700.110	Little Lambs Expenses	0.00	3,991.72
	Total Expenses	<u>\$174.39</u>	<u>\$15,055.98</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$4,788.21	\$4,788.21
3.600.000	Prayer Shawl Ministry Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	284.76	284.76
	Ending Fund Balance	\$284.76	\$284.76
3.650.000	Quilters Ministry Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	1,647.97	1,622.97
<i>Income</i>			
4.650.000	Quilters Income & Donations	0.00	25.00
	Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$1,647.97	\$1,647.97
3.675.000	Memory Garden Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	13,586.50	1,500.00
<i>Income</i>			
4.675.000	Memory Garden Income	0.00	16,411.50
	Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$16,411.50</u>
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.675.000	Memory Garden Expense	0.00	4,325.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$4,325.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$13,586.50	\$13,586.50
3.700.000	Disaster Relief Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	315.00	215.00
<i>Income</i>			
4.710.000	Disaster Relief	0.00	100.00
	Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$315.00	\$315.00
3.725.000	Miscellaneous Outside Charities Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	360.00	210.00
<i>Income</i>			
4.725.000	Misc. Outside Charities Income	0.00	150.00
	Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$360.00	\$360.00
3.750.000	Seminary Scholarship Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	6,270.00	6,270.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$6,270.00	\$6,270.00
3.940.000	Endowment Fund Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	12,062.00	12,062.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$12,062.00	\$12,062.00

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3.950.000 Barnabas Reserves Fund Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	2,245.48	2,653.63
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.950.000	Barnabas Reserves Expense	0.00	408.15
	Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$408.15</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$2,245.48	\$2,245.48
3.971.000 Roof Repairs/Replacement Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	39,000.00	39,000.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00
3.972.000 Playground Maintenance Reserves Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	2,845.00	2,845.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$2,845.00	\$2,845.00
3.973.000 Parking Lot Seal/Repair Reserves Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	11,912.00	11,912.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$11,912.00	\$11,912.00
3.974.000 Lawn & Landscaping Reserves Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	11,246.00	11,246.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.974.000	Lawn & Landscaping Expense	1,375.00	1,375.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$1,375.00</u>	<u>\$1,375.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$9,871.00	\$9,871.00
3.975.000 Maintenance Reserves Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	11,754.00	13,504.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.975.000	Maintenance Reserves Expense	0.00	1,750.00
	Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$11,754.00	\$11,754.00
3.976.000 Carpeting Crossroads/Hallways Reserves Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	3,302.00	3,302.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$3,302.00	\$3,302.00
3.977.000 Carpeting MP Room/Classrooms Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	19,000.00	19,000.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
3.978.000 Security Lock System Reserves Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Ending Fund Balance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
3.980.000 Equipment Reserves Balance			
	Beginning Fund Balance	3,377.59	8,887.42
<i>Income</i>			
4.980.000	Equipment Reserves Income	77.00	4,711.00
	Total Income	<u>\$77.00</u>	<u>\$4,711.00</u>

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<i>Expenses</i>			
5.980.000	Equipment Reserves Expense	0.00	10,143.83
	Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,143.83</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$3,454.59	\$3,454.59
3.981.000	Bells Maintenance Reserves Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	1,986.11	1,986.11
	Ending Fund Balance	\$1,986.11	\$1,986.11
3.985.000	Sabbatical Reserves Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	8,775.89	8,775.89
	Ending Fund Balance	\$8,775.89	\$8,775.89
3.988.000	Payroll Tax Reserves Balance		
	Beginning Fund Balance	5,857.32	5,857.32
<i>Expenses</i>			
5.988.000	Payroll Tax Reserves Expense	5,857.32	5,857.32
	Total Expenses	<u>\$5,857.32</u>	<u>\$5,857.32</u>
	Ending Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00

**ANNUAL
MINISTRY
REPORTS**

Connections Ministry

What a year this has been; but the Connections Ministry has been hard at work to continue to connect and engage people into the life of Shepherd of the Prairie!

GRIEF MINISTRY & JOURNEY GROUP

Our Grief Ministry sends books to help those who are mourning a loved one. They receive four books over the course of the first year. This year we have sent the series of books to about 20 people, some of whom are not members of the church.

We have continued our Grief Journey Group this year and it has been heartwarming to see people connect with others who are grieving to offer and receive comfort, support and insight. For a few months we met via ZOOM, but as soon as possible, we began meeting in person and found that being together in person brought much in the way of comfort and engagement. Our group meets every Tuesday night from 6 to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall and all who grieve are welcome.

I also attended a webinar where I received certification as a Grief Counselor.

BARNABAS CAREGIVING MINISTRY

Our Barnabas Caregiving Ministry was unable to make visits to hospitals, care facilities and homes for most of this year due to Covid. But our ministers were faithful and made at least monthly phone calls and mailed 2 sets of cards each month to those we were unable to visit in person. We look forward to when we are able to share the love of God in person once again. We hope to conduct another training session in 2021.

SOTP CALLERS

The entrance of Covid into our lives brought on many challenges to connection, but also a couple of opportunities. The first was our SOTP Callers Ministry, a branch of Barnabas Caregiving Ministry. We began with Barnabas Ministers, and added more volunteers as time went on. There were 26 callers who made weekly phone calls to almost all of our members over the age of 65 to check on them and make sure they were OK and had all they needed. Many of those who were called originally volunteered to help make calls. There was an additional team of 10 who stood ready to run errands or drive people to appointments.

CONNECTIONS TEAM

Our Connections Team has been making some calls to try to help engage people, especially new members, in the life of SOTP. We were also called on to conduct a survey for the Worship Team about members' preference concerning returning to Saturday Night Worship.

LIFE GROUPS

Our Life Groups ministry started off well in 2020, only to run straight into Covid. Several of our groups continued to meet via ZOOM, but even that became difficult for many as some were unable to connect with ZOOM. Several of our Life Groups are still meeting either via ZOOM or in person. We set up a four-week Life Group program during the month of November with the theme, "In Everything Give Thanks", and invited the entire congregation to participate.

FOOD DRIVE

Our Friday morning Life Group heard God's call to them to minister to God's people and began to look for a way to serve our community. They decided to host a drive-through Food Drive for Grafton Township Food Pantry. The first one was held on June 6th; followed by drives on August 8th, October 3rd, and November 14th. Truckloads of donations of food and personal care items were collected and delivered each time. We also collected monetary donations and the total from the four food drives was \$14,750 collected for the pantry. Special thanks to the Friday Life Group who organized the drives, to the Tuesday Life Group who helped, to the Mission and Outreach teams and all those who participated with the drives. What a wonderful way to do kingdom work in our community!!

Connections Ministry (*cont*)

BUTTON BRIGADE

Another Covid-driven new ministry was our Button Brigade (and our Bitty Button Brigade). These ladies crocheted mask extenders and sewed buttons onto them for healthcare workers to use to relieve some of the pressure of their required facemasks. Approximately 13,000 mask extenders were made and delivered to Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Hospice Facilities, Home Healthcare Agencies, Doctor's Offices, Clinics etc. Many of these ladies purchased the yarn and buttons necessary themselves. These extenders were delivered all over Northern Illinois from Rochelle to Lake Zurich, from Lombard to Marengo and all points in between.

NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS AND VISITOR AWARENESS

Three New Member Gatherings were held during 2020; February, July, and November and we welcomed 9 new families, some of whom have never worshipped in our building! Some of our newest members have already become actively engaged in the life of SOTP! Welcome to our all of new members and we look forward to worshipping together in person soon and getting to know you better!

We also set up a Visitor Contact link on our website enabling visitors to connect with us by filling out virtual "Welcome Center" information. Many people from all over the country have connected with us in this way. It's a beautiful thing to have people from all over our country and the world worshipping God through SOTP.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD

This year I served on two Northern Illinois Synod Committees; The Nominating Committee as chairperson and on the Ministry Support Committee as the lead for Anti-Sexual Harassment Awareness Training sub-committee. Due to both the Congregational Resourcing Event and the Synod Assembly being cancelled, I helped to prepare and lead an online forum for Anti-Sexual Harassment Awareness Training. I also serve on the Bishop's Advisory Cabinet and the governing board for NIS Diakonia program.

MINISTRY TEAMS

As you read through the ministry reports for this year you will see how even in these difficult days, the SOTP Ministry Teams have continued to serve God, all of you and our communities. Our Ministry teams have been active in working to engage all of us in ways to do kingdom work.

Life has certainly been turned upside down, but here at SOTP we have risen to the occasion to bring God's love to all those we come into contact with. I would like to thank everyone who helped care for God's people during this time of our 'new normal'; whether it was through a ministry here at SOTP, or in your own families or neighborhoods. God has truly blessed us with opportunities to serve him and his people! If you are looking for a way to become engaged with serving God and his people, contact me and I will be happy to help you find the right fit.

It has been very gratifying to serve in partnership with God and this congregation as we work together to bring God's kingdom and will "on earth as it is in heaven". Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity!

Grace & Peace,

—*Donna Kelly*

Connections Minister
donna@sotpmail.com

Community Outreach Ministry

Thank you to all the volunteers that turned out at the church to serve the Huntley Community this past year through food drives and other essential in person offerings to those in need during the pandemic! The Community Outreach Ministry evangelizes for Christ in our community by supporting the church's participation in various Huntley community events. Typically these events are the Huntley Home, Business & Wellness Expo, Memorial Day Parade, Fall Fest, selected Farmer's Markets, SOTP Life Group led food drives, the SOTP Artist Series concerts, as well as, the church's annual chili cook off. Members of this ministry also encourage individuals and families to worship at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

Key members of the SOTP Community Outreach Ministry in 2020:

- Mike Yndestad
- Bob Malm
- Art Reyden
- Rachael Yndestad
- Rob Lindsay
- Patricia M. Szpekowski - Publicist
- Mike Luecht - Church Council Rep

In 2020 we were not able to participate in our normal activities but we were still able to promote the church through social media, press releases, and ads in the paper. We hired a publicist to help us execute these communications quickly and with efficiency. Because of Covid 19 we were not able spend the Budget we were given. If our 2021 Budget allows, we will use the services of a publicist again; however, after discussion, the team determined that a "PR Coordinator" would be a valuable volunteer role to help feed information to the publicist. Also, Mike Luecht will provide both the publicist and Mike Yndestad with a copy of all of the Ministries and Ministry Leads to obtain additional information on church activities for promotional purposes.

Support for food drives was successful. Community Outreach provided support for any life groups that were willing to staff the food drives. Art Ryden and Mike Yndestad helped set up and strike canopies and tables for all the food drives hosted in the church parking lot this year.

This committee also partnered with the Youth and Family, as well as, the Artist Series to help promote and advertise events at the church. We placed several advertisements in local papers along with digital ads on community bulletin boards. The Community Outreach team will continue to work closely with other ministries in 2021. Our goal is to help host more community wide activities at our church and we will also help with table and canopy set up for any community shows that Shepherd of the Prairie is present for in 2021. We will supply SOTP with items promoting the church as well as half sheet advertisements for upcoming events that can be handed out during the shows or community events when possible.

In 2021 we will continue advertising selected SOTP events in local papers. We will once again be utilizing opportunities with papers and digital bulletin boards that provide free listings and announcements for the community. We will to utilize more social media platforms to help create awareness of SOTP activities in the community. New giveaways will be distributed through the Huntley new resident totes as well as other community events that we participate in 2021. The Shepherd of the Prairie Community Outreach ministry will continue participating in Huntley annual events supported by members of the church when it safe to do so.

Once again, the Huntley community has seen what a great church family we have as we work together to tell others about Jesus and continue to invite people to our church. Our mission has been to continue spreading the Love and the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus, while creating more recognizable branding for Shepard of the Prairie. We will continue to feature reflex blue as our primary color for giveaway items that we purchase to help promote the church, as well as, display items for community events that we participate in.

Community Outreach Ministry (*cont*)

The SOTP Community Outreach Team promotes Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church to our growing community and organizes our church's participation in community events, helping the congregation deliver the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. This team also supports the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary. The Community Outreach Team encourages all members to invite friends and family to worship at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. All the members of our team are excited about sharing their love for Jesus and are always looking for new ways to make others feel welcome.

This ministry is currently in need of more planners, event hosts, and volunteers to support events that SOTP participates in with the Huntley community. Please consider joining this important community ministry.

Thank you to all who have supported the SOTP COMMUNITY OUTREACH ministry.

—Mike Yndestad,
Community Outreach Chairman

Children & Family Ministries

Like for many, 2020 has been a year to remember full of changes and adaptations. This is especially true for Children & Family Ministries here at Shepherd of the Prairie. This has been my second year here serving at SOTP, and I would say it was a year full of hardship, humility, grace, strength-finding, teamwork, and most of all, change. We started the year in our “normal” fashion in a pre-COVID world with our typical Sunday School program, plans and events for the year, and regular times of meeting. This came to a halt in mid-March when we started to quarantine. The Sunday School team and the Children & Family team adapted quickly, and began meeting virtually to make plans for our new online world we were in.

For our Sunday School program, we adjusted rather quickly and started distributing materials and videos online for parents and their kids to access easily. We changed the name of our program to “Sunday’s Cool!” and really hit the ground running. We have continued to distribute Sunday School materials this way throughout the year making sure our families consistently receive lessons for their kids each Sunday. We learned about a variety of topics, lessons, books and more throughout the bible, and I must say I learned a lot as well in the process. The Lord was faithful through this process, and He was not only reaching into the homes of these families, but He was impacting my heart as well each week as I prepared the lesson. Even though it was different, the Lord still used this new adaptation in tremendous ways.

As a Children & Family team, we had to figure out quickly what in-person events needed to be canceled, and what events we could create that could be adapted. This first began with Vacation Bible School. We made the decision to make VBS a complete online experience for children and this forced us to push back the week of VBS towards the end of the summer instead of its original set date for mid-June. This allowed me, and others, to have more time to make the adjustments for this new virtual experience. I was able to record my volunteers in preparation for what would have been in-person stations, and we were able to create a combined video of these different stations for the week of VBS for each corresponding day. Lots of work and preparation went into this new way of doing VBS, but it was well worth the work! We had fun along the way and we were still able to provide this great program for our kids in our church and in the community!

Along with Vacation Bible School, we were able to still hold some of the same events like the Kindergarten Blessing and the receiving of first bibles. Both these were able to be done virtually during our church services, and I was able to play the role of an “door dash” worker and leave bibles and blessing bags on the doorsteps of our kids! What a fun way to still keep some normalcy in the lives of our families. We also held some fun, social-distancing events such as outdoor firepits, Fall Drive-Inn and Advent Craft Kits. These events were not only popular amongst our families at SOTP, but they were popular amongst the families in our community. What a blessing from God to still be able to join in community and meet new people along the way.

Though, in a lot of ways, it has been a difficult year, it has also been a year of blessings. God has used rough circumstances to create beautiful moments for His glory, and He will continue to do so. I have hope for this upcoming year, and I know for sure that if we can get through 2020, we can get through 2021. God is still active in our hearts and minds, and He has and continues to be fully active in this ministry! I look forward to seeing His hand in the coming year.

—*Tessa DeLong*

Children & Family Ministries *(cont)*

LITTLE LAMBS

The 2019-2020 school year for Little Lambs was very interesting. We started out strong with full enrollment in both classes in September of '19, unfortunately we had to stop having in person classes in March because of covid19. We were very sad not being able to complete the year together but we did finish the out meeting remotely using Zoom.

We have continued having zoom classes once a week since the beginning of the 2020 school year. It's not the same but being able to see the students each week is a blessing. Registration will start in February for the 2021-2022 school year and we look forward to being able to have in-person class.

—*Jill Gillming, Jeni McCann, Emily Schoenberger*

Mission Ministries

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 MISSION TEAM OF SOTP

The Mission Team is to encourage, enlighten and equip our congregation of mission opportunities beyond the doors of our church. Jesus tells us in Mathew 25:40:

“In as much as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto me”

LORD when were you in PRISON and SOTP visited you?

LSSI Prison & Family Ministries Hygiene Kits
Justice for our 4 Neighbors (Northern IL prevention)

LORD when were you SICK and SOTP cared for you?

Life Source Blood Drives
McHenry County Pioneer Center
Senior Care Volunteers Network

LORD when were you HUNGRY and SOTP fed you?

Crop Walk
Feed My Starving Children
Public Action to Distribute Shelter
ELCA World Hunger
Northern Illinois Food Bank
Grafton Food Pantry

LORD when were you NAKED and SOTP clothed you?

PADS
Giving Tree – (Grafton & Turning Point)
Love in a Glove Box bags

LORD when were you HOMELESS and SOTP gave you shelter?

AARK Gardens – Hebron IL
Elgin Community Crisis Center
Turning Point – Woodstock IL
PADS – Crystal Lake IL
Home of the Sparrow - Woodstock IL
Green Trees Housing, Landscaping - Huntley
Habitat for Humanity Re-Store
Habitat for Humanity New Hope Partnership
Lutheran World Relief
EXODUS – Welcome Packs
ELCA Disaster Relief Funds

LORD, we know it's important to grow disciples so in addition to the above, SOTP helped sponsor through ELCA Missionaries, Cynthia Holden Rich & Mark Rich, Theology Instructors at Makumira, Lutheran University in Tanzania Africa.

The Mission Team (Vik Bekeris, Mark Bidinger, Jill Brown, Becky Hennessey, Carl Hupert, Marty Jacobson, Steve Legel, Nancy Ottinger, Hazel Peckels, Annette Petersen, Jules Pelka, Sharon Stangle, Mary Trodahl, Darren Walloch) all wish to **THANK YOU SOTP, you have been very generous!** Financially with the Mission Team budget and the Holiday Special Offerings we have donated more than \$18,000.00 to those outside our church doors.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT JOINING OUR TEAM, **WE NEED YOU!**

Respectfully submitted,

—*Sandy Hupert*

Mission Team Leader

Mission Ministries (*cont*)

PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

This has been an unusual year to say the least! The quilters got together January and February under the excellent hands of Bev Kenny. The first thing I had to do upon my return from two months in Florida, was to close them down because of Covid 19.

We were lucky enough to be able to start up again in August with a steady group of about 12-13 quilters. Close to 100 quilts were finished and dedicated in church on Sunday, November 22nd. Over 70 were packed and taken to the distribution point for Lutheran World Relief for shipment overseas. Twenty quilts were taken to the Home of the Sparrow.

Our thanks for the donations of fabric and sheets that we received this year. Also I would like to put out an appeal for any good used flat sheets. We use them for the backing of our quilts. They are always greatly appreciated.

—*Nancy Morbeck*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is based on a very old idea...that those experiencing rough times, physically, emotionally or spiritually, are comforted with the presence of a warm shawl.

The shawls are available to all, we also donate them to Northwestern Medicine and Transition Hospice. Even though we weren't able to meet for several months, the knitting needles and crochet hooks didn't stop whirling! By July shawls were coming in by the armloads. In August we were able to start making our deliveries again.

The group also provides the baptism blankets, and Alice also creates blankets for the graduating seniors. We gratefully receive donations for yarn from Thrivent and other donors.

This is a very rewarding ministry and new knitters and/or crocheters are always welcome. If you're a beginner, an experienced needlemeister, or willing to learn, come "Shawl" with us!

—*Alice Hallett and Jeanne Henley*

Worship Ministries

WORSHIP TEAM

Members- Chris Solem, Orv McElfresh, Barb Pagano, Judie Symbal, Loretta Brindell, Carolyn Cuttle, Elaine Gilliam, Andrew Szekely, Diane Mollis, Jane McMullen

The Worship Committee has worked through 2020 to reimagine worship with COVID 19. The beginning of the year was normal until March 15th when Illinois closed. Plans for Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter were refigured for Live Stream worship and some events were cancelled. The church remained closed for many months. In July, the committee worked on a congregation survey to determine “how to return to services”. Once the responses were reviewed, work began on “the how”. There was so much to consider with social distancing, masks, temperature taking, sanitizing, singing, bulletins, etc. The committee presented a comprehensive document and recommendation to the Council and Pastor Mark.

Recommendations were accepted and Sunday services resumed at 9am and 1045am. Saturday services were held “drive in movie style” until the end of October when it just got too cold!!! The Saturday night attendees were also surveyed to determine a return to Saturday services. Currently, the return of Saturday service is on hold. As of November 24, all services have gone back to Livestream only due to big rise in COVID-19 numbers. Christmas Eve Services were live streamed in 2020 due to the COVID crisis. A 3pm service was held for younger families; 5pm service was held for families with candle lighting. The 11pm service was a candlelight service with communion

Resuming church services posed another set of problems with our volunteers. Many of our volunteers are older and therefore cautious about volunteering until a vaccine is available. Worship does understand the concerns and has worked around the problem. The need for greeters, communion stewards and ushers continue for each of the leads. Sanitizing the sanctuary is now headed by Tom Polzin (Property) with members of the Worship Committee working with Tom. The committee relied on research that indicated that the virus dies on surfaces after 72 hours. Sanitizing is done between the 9am and 1045am service on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted

—*Jane McMullen*

Director of Worship

Worship Ministries (cont)

USHER MINISTRY – ANDREW SZEKELY

The usher ministry and its volunteers continue to serve above and beyond while operating during the COVID restriction period. While the number of usher volunteers have been reduced, the ministry continues to provide full support for all scheduled services.

SOTP safety protocols set in place by the church leadership and worship committees have been fully integrated into usher duties to reduce COVID transmission risk and looking ahead will provide a safe atmosphere for church patrons and volunteers alike.

The Usher Ministry will continue to serve and welcome back its members as we slowly return to normal functions.

COMMUNION / ALTAR GUILD – JUDIE SYMBAL

This committee works to organize communion with bread and wine and communion stewards. The year started off well and then March came, and everything stopped. During the discussion of return to service, it was decided to use wafers and individual cups for communion services. Through a generous donation, SOTP received communion tray service with 9 trays. Each tray holds 42 wine/grape juice cups.

Communion process has changed with social distancing consideration. We look forward to the return to live services and serving communion. Marilyn Wilhelm has been a wonderful volunteer working in the background of Altar Guild.

BANNERS AND DECORATING – BARB PAGANO AND CAROLYN CUTTLE

This group works to decorate the church for the liturgical seasons. Banners and displays change with each season. Flowers are also designed for each season as well. Advent and Christmas are a remarkably busy time of the year. Holy Week, Palm Sunday and Easter require special attention to the detail and the message.

GREETERS – ELAINE GILLIAM

2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us. We had to close the church down for a few months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Upon opening the church in September, the Worship Committee called on the greeters to "hold open the outside door" for congregation members to enter and exit the building; and, upon entering to "please use the hand sanitizer". They have done a wonderful job in keeping our congregants healthy and safe. Of course, masks also being mandatory.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we have lost many of our greeters on returning due to previous health issues and concerns, understandably so! So, the few we have are called upon to serve two or more Sundays of each month and doing an outstanding service for our church. If any member who is currently attending the services and would be willing to be a greeter for either the 9 am or 10:45 am Sunday Service, please feel free to contact me. New greeters are always welcome. It is so gratifying to see the pleasure on the faces of members, visitors, and new members when they have been warmly greeted with a smile and welcomed to our church, Shepherd of the Prairie.

Hopefully 2021 will bring back some form of normalcy and healthier days ahead. Thanks to all of you who have been faithful servants of God.

FLOWERS - BARB PAGANO, DIANE MOLLIS, CAROLYN CUTTLE

Due to COVID, this year flower orders were done through email. Diane Mollis took the orders, sent flower donation envelopes with a letter to the individuals ordering and ordered flowers from Town and Country Florist. Also, Diane offered to deliver altar flowers to the people who contributed them since they were not able to pick them up from church. As the church building reopened, the offer still was available for the individuals who were not able to pick the arrangements up themselves. There were 25 arrangements donated by various members to decorate the altar.

The Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias were ordered by Barb Pagano and Carolyn Cuttle from Countryside Florist. Congregants supported the Easter and Christmas with over 40 lilies and/or poinsettias.

Music Ministries

HAND BELLS AND CHOIR – JANE McMULLEN

The handbell choir was rehearsing with masks for a while until COVID-19 numbers increased and a couple members got the virus. Children's choirs unfortunately have had to be put on hold for the safety of our precious children!!

Choir singing is not an option currently as keeping a six-foot distance between singers and providing a 25-foot frontal radius is not an option. These restrictions limit any kind of practice. Many Adult Choir members (limit 2 per Sunday) lead the singing and pinch hit as readers. We have also had a few bell quartets and various instrumentalists as special music on Sundays at 9am services.

NEW SANCTUARY GRAND PIANO

Since the beginning of our time here at Shepherd of the Prairie, our church has been blessed by the generous donations of pianos from faithful members. While these gifts have provided a vital backbone for music and worship at SOTP, we recently decided to explore the possibility of attaining a piano that will allow our programs to flourish and our worship services to stir souls with music's power for years and years to come.

The hard work and due diligence of our Music Ministry Team yielded a wonderful and fortunate find: a completely hand restored 1917 Mason & Hamlin piano at a dealer in Cedar Rapids, IA. The piano was delivered at the end of September.

The Music Ministry is excited to have Shepherd of the Prairie be home to such a wonderful instrument. We know its presence will be an amazing blessing to our congregation as they worship our great and gracious God. With the help of your generous gifts, we will ensure that the life of our congregation "flows on in endless song" for both present and future generations.

ARTIST SERIES

The creation of the Artist Series was a dream fulfilled when we set out to build this wonderful building and serve the community. Community outreach is our foundation and mission here at Shepherd of the Prairie now and going forward. Our focus and guiding principal are to make the arts accessible by presenting a wide variety of events for all ages. We had almost 1 year of amazing programs until COVID-19 hit in the middle of March and we had to put the rest of 2020 season on hold. We are working hard to be able to have live performances. Here are some of our upcoming events to look forward to when we can safely come together again.

- Augustana Choir
- "Beyond the Neighborhood"- featuring a jazz quarter with stylings of songs by Fred Rogers.
- "Spanish Art Songs"- International Guitar Virtuoso Fareed Haque w/ Soprano Andrea James
- Performances from the Metropolis Oboe Quartet and world-renowned Bluegrass band "Monroe Crossing"
- The series will also play host to storytelling, lectures and serve as a frequent host to many of the nation's touring collegiate ensembles.
- And even some events for our youngest (and young at heart) audiences featuring Jason Kollum and Award-Winning children's singer and author, Jim Gill that will get everyone moving and singing together.

On December 12, 2020 the Artist Series sponsored a live stream Christmas Concert called: "Christmas Reflections of Hope, Comfort and Joy" which was heard all over the states and beyond. It was enjoyed by all who tuned in!

We are so excited to present all these great events to you very soon. And of course, a venture such as this would not be possible without the generous support of so many. Thankfully, because of the generosity of our congregation, committee members, church staff, and previous audiences, the cost of-- each event is always Free of charge.

"Soli Deo Gloria" (To God Alone Be the Glory),

Jane McMullen

Director of Worship and Music

Fellowship Ministries

SOTP SUPPER GROUPS

2020 was a difficult year for the SOTP Supper Groups due to the pandemic, and as a result small groups stopping in April and not convening until September. Supper groups enable members to get to know the people they attend service with. What better way to get to know someone than sharing food, drink, and conversation? There were a total of 37 participants for all of 2020, starting in the first quarter: January through April. Then the next group organized was the last quarter, September through December. And this last session worked differently: instead of a meal, the host served dessert in order to encourage participants to wear masks and social distance. Desserts are easily handled in a small group since the participants can eat dessert on a small tray table or coffee table, and can socially distance. Regretfully, due to the pandemic, there were few people who participated in this last session, only fourteen.

Respectfully Submitted,

—*Marilyn Sauerberg and Sharon Stangle*

Barnabas Caregiving Ministry

BARNABAS CAREGIVING MINISTRY

Barnabas Caregiving was hijacked by Covid-19 most of this year. Our usual visits to the hospitals, assisted living or residence ended in March with guidelines from the ELCA and our church council. We met monthly with a Zoom meeting and sent cards or phone calls to those entrusted for a visit. In addition phone calls to members was started under the direction of Donna Kelly our congregational facilitator. Many people volunteered under this umbrella. After group meetings and gatherings were opened then shut down for a second time, group members were invited to participate in zoomed small group Thanksgiving and Advent studies. Beginning in January we will resume our monthly meetings using Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am. The study will be "How to Listen so People will Talk" followed by plans to serve Barnabas Ministry in a new effective way. There is HOPE for 2021.

—*Donna Sorensen*

CARING CARD

This ministry responds quickly to people, families and friends who need comfort from Shepherd of the Prairie with a caring card from the ministry. The team of women include Linda Murphy, Mary Tabatt and Carol Spiller. The ministry also recognizes our military members and their families with cards of recognition for their service to our country, The United States of America. Peace and faith to everyone in our community.

—*Carol Spiller*

HELPING HANDS/FUNERAL LUNCH

The funeral lunch is provided after the memorial service as our way of providing comfort and care to those going through the loss of a loved one.

Even though this has been an unusual year, some events will always be remembered. In early February, our hearts were touched by the outpouring of love and support provided by the Huntley High School football team, coaches and parents for the sweet Forsythe family. Set-up, serving, cleanup – they did it all.

We were able to serve 3 lunches this year before the “shut-down”. Thank you to all who donated a salad, hot dish or dessert; or who volunteered to serve. We couldn't do it without you!

—*Jeanne Henley*

Property Ministries

2020 has kept the property team busy even with the occupancy restrictions. Here are some of the things that our team has been working on this past year.

- We've been planning a 24'x24' garage to be built in 2021 for lawn equipment and that many ministries need for large storage.
- We conducted a complete walk around with our landscaping company owner to plan some much-needed clean-up, trimming, and replanting for both Fall and Spring.
- We took a proactive approach to cutting some costs during the shutdown. Heat and A/C usage was minimized, we cut back on our cleaning companies scheduled days for cleaning, and cut back on lawn maintenance where possible.
- We continued to perform repairs and updates as needed.

We have been working closely with other ministries to come up with a cleaning/sanitizing plan that is being used throughout the building.

This past year our prior team lead, Jerry, stepped down and asked me to step up and fill the lead position. I am thankful to have a diverse group of people on the property team that truly make maintaining the building a team effort. If you have an interest in joining our group please contact Mark Frendreis at 847-902-4741 or E-mail at vettefixer67@sbcglobal.net.

—*Mark Frendreis*

Leader, Property Team

MEMORY GARDEN COMMITTEE

The Memory Committee has completed the following items in 2020.

1. The rules and regulations were finalized
2. Our Architect, Tony Ryan drew the plans to meet the requirements of the Village of Huntley for our Special Use Permit
3. We selected Neal Concrete as our contractor
4. We selected Bill Ruth to arrange the Memory Brick walkway
5. We are planning to use Polar Engraving for the memory bricks
6. We received our Cemetery Exemption from the State of Illinois
7. On December 14th the Village of Huntley Planning Commission approved our plan for the Memory Garden. We will now have to meet with Village Trustee's on January 14th to get the final approval for the Special Use Permit

After we receive the Special Use Permit, the Memory Garden project will be presented at the Congregational meeting in January 2021. Once it is approved, we will finalize the prices for niche's and memory bricks. We plan to start selling both starting in February 2021. If all goes well, we plan to have the Memory Garden open in July 2021.

Memory Garden Committee; Ellen Nissen, Kathy Miller, Gail Quam, Mark Boster, Ron Knudsen, Carol DeFiore, (advisor) and Ralph Wehnes Chairman

Administrative Support Ministries

SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS

The purpose of this committee is to record and acknowledge all gifts received from members and friends of SOTP. Unless otherwise specified all monies received are allocated to the Mortgage Service fund. Family wishes for other purposes will be considered. Gifts may be made to SOTP in memory of loved ones, in celebration of a special occasion, or to honor individuals. Year 2020 memorials were also designed for the Memory Garden*.

In 2021 the church received memorials totaling over \$7500 for the following members/friends of Shepherd of the Prairie:

Ted Anderson	Darlene Polzin
Wally Fuellgraff	Gerd Rankin
Ernest Hermes	Ralph Scalise
Delores Jackson	Richard Schnell
June Kobler*	Daryl Smith
Sheldon Lewis	George Walker*
Lois Long	Jerry Warnke
Charlene Palmer	Barbara Wertman (sister of Jan Koerner)
Don Petelle	Fred Wysk

—*Susan Wehnes*
Special Gifts and Memorials Committee

Congregation Support Ministries

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

With a grateful heart, I appreciate the committee team members (Ralph Wehnes, Chris Broolsma, Mike McCann, and Matt Green) for their efforts in directing our stewardship program in 2020. Stewardship means marshalling members time, talents, and treasures once they proclaim they believe. I look at stewardship as a three-legged stool. Remove one of those legs and the stool can no longer support you. It's like a body that atrophies. We must continue to apply the many blessings that God has given each of us toward service to Him in building up the Body of Christ here at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

In this most difficult pandemic year, we can count our blessings that offerings could be made on-line through the Vanco GivePlus+ app available on our website or from your cell phone. Current donation offerings are for General Fund, Mortgage Services, Memorials, the Artist Series, and the Grand Piano Fund. We encourage all who use this means to donate by credit or debit card to check the box named "Help off set ACH fee". This is basically the charge by card originators to process the Credit/Debit cards payment to the vendors, in this case, SOTP. For Mastercard and Visa, the charge is 2.35% and for AMEX, the charge is 3.5%. If you withdraw from your checking or savings account, the charge is 0.2%.

Our financial stewardship drive for CY 2021 began on September 26/27 with temple talks recorded virtually by Mike Yndestad over a five-week period. We are deeply indebted to Mike for his wonderful efforts in packaging these presentations. We focused on two ministries that we hope to expand next year, our Music Ministries and our Youth & Family Ministries. Ed & Pam Richard, Curtis Arndt, and Chris Broolsma were presenters and did an excellent job in preparing and delivering their temple talks. Our program encouraged all members to submit their Estimate of Giving Cards designed by and offered electronically by our web guru, Dennis Lilla. He also administered the Cognito forms that sent confirming email to participants on how they apportioned their giving for next year. Our program concluded on November 6th and Pastor Mark dedicated these CY 2021 Estimate of Giving Cards on November 22, his first day back after hip surgery. Here are the results of our financial drive:

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| ● General Fund | \$568,978 from 208 family units | 99.52% of 2020 results |
| ● Mort. Services | \$211,352 from 192 family units | 85.13% of 2020 results |
| ● Totals | \$780,330 | 95.16% of 2020 results |

Net gain in Simply Giving participants next year was 13 giving units more than this year!

Thank you for all those who submitted their EOG cards as it helps our church council and finance team members plan for how our offerings will be utilized in the coming year.

—*Rick Miller*

Stewardship Leader

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church 2021 Budget

Acct. No.	Account Name	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Income				
4.100.000	Member Contributions ¹	720,000.00	718,270.89	756,000.00
4.150.000	Loose Plate & Growth ²	35,480.00	10,748.41	23,169.52
4.200.000	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
4.250.000	Flower Income	2,000.00	1,341.00	2,000.00
4.300.000	Interest Income	200.00	146.90	200.00
Total Income		\$ 757,680.00	\$ 730,507.20	\$ 781,369.52

Expenses				
Mission Ministry				
5.100.110	ELCA N. Illinois Synod ³	72,000.00	65,575.97	75,600.00
5.100.112	Local Mission ⁴	7,200.00	7,078.40	7,560.00
5.100.113	Mission Ministry - Other	-	-	-
Total Mission Ministry		\$ 79,200.00	\$ 72,654.37	\$ 83,160.00

Outreach Ministry				
5.150.100	Outreach Team	6,000.00	1,757.10	3,500.00
5.150.150	Advertising	2,500.00	671.50	4,000.00
5.150.250	Miscellaneous Outreach	-	-	-
Total Outreach Ministry		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,428.60	7,500.00

Lay Ministry				
5.150.300	Lay Ministry Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 620.87	\$ 1,000.00

Adult Education Ministry				
5.200.300	Adult Ed Curriculum	500.00	-	500.00
5.200.350	Retreat Expense	-	-	-
5.200.400	Other Adult Education	500.00	-	500.00
5.200.450	Home Devotional Guides	300.00	71.00	300.00
Total Adult Education		\$ 1,300.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 1,300.00

Youth Education Ministry ⁵				
5.250.100	Youth Resources	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
5.250.150	Youth Curriculum	700.00	-	700.00
5.250.200	Mission Trip Expenses	-	-	2,500.00
5.250.250	Youth Events	-	-	1,300.00
5.250.275	Software/ Subscriptions	2,000.00	440.25	1,500.00
5.250.280	Confirmation Expenses	2,000.00	1,054.24	2,000.00
Total Youth Education		\$ 6,700.00	\$ 1,494.49	\$ 10,000.00

Children & Family Services

5.250.285	Sunday School Expenses	1,000.00	535.82	1,000.00
5.250.290	VBS Expenses	2,500.00	657.29	2,500.00
5.250.350	Children & Family Service	1,200.00	940.61	1,200.00
Total Children & Family		\$ 4,700.00	\$ 2,133.72	\$ 4,700.00

Music Ministry				
5.300.100	Choral Expenses	1,000.00	1,260.66	1,000.00
5.300.161	Organ/Piano Supply	400.00	-	400.00
5.300.175	Bells Expenses	1,000.00	103.89	1,000.00
5.300.350	Band Expenses	2,000.00	1,228.41	2,000.00
5.300.400	Piano/Organ Maintenance	900.00	590.00	900.00
5.300.500	Licensing Fees	500.00	887.00	750.00
5.300.550	Music Resources Expense	500.00	65.89	500.00
Total Music Ministry		\$ 6,300.00	\$ 4,135.85	6,550.00

Worship Ministry				
5.350.100	Audio Visual Ministry	2,500.00	1,266.81	2,500.00
5.350.150	Flowers	1,500.00	2,001.89	1,500.00
5.350.200	Altar Guild	700.00	535.87	700.00
5.350.250	Pastoral Assistance	2,000.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
5.350.300	Worship Supplies	500.00	1,599.98	750.00
5.350.350	Misc. Worship Expense	500.00	1,023.36	1,000.00
Total Worship Ministry		\$ 7,700.00	\$ 8,227.91	\$ 8,450.00

Office Expenses				
5.450.100	Office Supplies	3,600.00	3,044.21	3,600.00
5.450.150	Office Equipment	500.00	237.89	1,000.00
5.450.200	Web/Software Expense	4,500.00	7,581.46	8,321.00
5.450.225	High Speed Internet	1,800.00	1,799.40	1,800.00
5.450.250	Telephone	2,400.00	2,230.84	2,400.00
5.450.275	Wireless Phone	1,500.00	1,179.59	1,200.00
5.450.300	Postage	2,500.00	2,079.27	2,500.00
5.450.350	Dues & Subscriptions	200.00	244.00	240.00
5.450.400	Equipment Rental	16,000.00	16,178.72	16,000.00
5.450.450	Misc. Office Expense	250.00	-	-
Total Office Expense		\$ 33,250.00	\$ 34,575.38	\$ 37,061.00

Facilities				
5.400.100	Cleaning Services	14,600.00	10,250.00	15,300.00
5.400.150	Utilities	25,335.00	18,100.14	25,334.00
5.400.200	Waste Removal	1,320.00	1,349.98	1,304.52
5.400.250	Grounds Maintenance	7,200.00	5,625.00	6,150.00
5.400.255	Snow Removal	11,125.00	11,125.00	11,125.00
5.400.300	Maint./Cleaning Supplies	1,200.00	517.48	1,200.00
5.400.350	Contract Services	11,663.00	7,211.88	11,425.00
5.400.400	Misc. Facilities Expens	3,500.00	2,924.00	4,300.00
Total Facilities		\$ 75,943.00	\$ 57,103.48	\$ 76,138.52

	Staffing Ministry ⁶			
5.500.100	Pastor Salary	67,795.00	67,794.96	67,795.00
5.500.150	Pastor Housing allowance	32,000.00	32,012.90	32,000.00
5.500.200	Lay Ministry Coordinator	36,169.00	36,169.20	36,711.00
5.500.225	Dir. of Children & Family Ministry	34,000.00	34,000.08	34,510.00
5.500.250	Youth Ministry Coordinator	25,329.00	3,110.00	12,180.00
5.500.300	Director of Music	42,694.00	42,693.60	43,334.00
5.500.350	Organist	19,555.00	24,004.96	19,848.00
5.500.375	Contemporary Worship Leader	12,978.00	11,220.40	10,962.00
5.500.400	Technical Support Manager	30,051.00	30,043.29	30,502.00
5.500.425	Business Administrator	51,500.00	60,908.60	39,204.00
5.500.450	Office Manager	21,701.00	19,289.60	22,026.00
5.500.460	Custodian	-	-	-
5.500.475	Accounting Administrator	10,400.00	12,808.53	14,616.00
5.500.500	Director of Adult Education	26,643.00	26,643.12	26,643.00
5.500.525	Audio Visual Coordinator	9,600.00	16,116.40	19,488.00
5.500.550	Staff Training/Continuing Ed.	-	1,475.83	500.00
5.500.600	Staff Social Security	24,525.00	23,885.20	23,636.00
5.500.625	SOTP Paid Employee Benefits	-	-	-
5.500.650	Pastor Insurance & Soc. Sec.	61,697.00	58,007.58	60,855.00
5.500.700	Misc. Staff Expense	1,000.00	3,092.32	3,000.00
5.500.725	Staffing for Growth	-	-	-
	Total Staffing Ministry	507,637.00	\$ 503,276.57	497,810.00

	Other Church Expenses			
5.550.110	Kitchen Supplies	1,200.00	484.94	1,200.00
5.550.115	Coffee Service	800.00	234.00	800.00
5.550.125	Church Events Expense	-	34.35	-
5.550.150	Committee Expenses	500.00	324.36	350.00
5.550.175	Synod Assembly Expense	500.00	-	-
5.550.200	Church Insurance	14,000.00	13,994.59	14,000.00
5.550.250	Automobile Expense	5,500.00	2,125.13	5,500.00
5.550.300	Human Resources	500.00	78.99	250.00
5.550.340	Credit Card Fees	-	2,248.91	3,900.00
5.550.350	Bank/Legal Expenses	1,500.00	3,215.94	1,500.00
5.550.351	Stock Sales Costs	-	665.72	-
5.550.400	Misc. Expenses	300.00	-	300.00
5.550.450	Non-Construction New Bldg.	-	-	-
5.550.155	Offering Envelopes	900.00	816.39	900.00
	Total Other Expenses	25,700.00	\$ 24,223.32	28,700.00

	Providing for the Future ⁷			
5.600.100	Provision for Outreach	-	-	-
5.600.150	Provision for Barnabas Ministry	-	-	750.00
5.600.200	Provision for Equipment	-	-	2,000.00
5.600.210	Provision for Roof Repairs	-	-	3,000.00
5.600.220	Provision for Parking Lot	-	-	2,550.00
5.600.230	Provison for Lawn/Landscape	-	-	2,750.00
5.600.250	Provision for Building Maint.	-	-	3,500.00

5.600.260	Provision for Carpeting Crossroads	-	-	-
5.600.270	Provision for Carpeting M/P Room	-	-	3,000.00
6.600.310	Provision for Bells Maint.	-	-	250.00
5.600.350	Provision for Sabbatical	-	-	1,200.00
Total Future Provisions		-	-	\$ 19,000.00

	Total Expenses	\$ 757,680.00	\$ 710,945.56	\$ 781,369.52
	Surplus or (Deficit) ⁸	\$0.00	\$ 19,561.64	\$0.00

Footnotes:

1. CY 2021 Member Contributions are budgeted to be 5% growth over CY 2020 Member Contributions budget.
2. CY 2021 Loose Plate offering are budgeted to be 35% less then CY 2020 Loose Plate offering budget due to planned public worship restrictions.
3. SOTP's contribution to the ELCA Northern Illinois Synod is budgeted at 10% of expected Member Contribution and will be paid at 10% of Actual Member Contributions received during CY 2021.
4. SOTP's contribution to Local Mission is budgeted at 1% of expected Member Contributions and will be paid at 1% of Actual Member Contributions received during CY 2021.
5. Youth Ministry budget has increased by \$3,300 in anticipation that the new Interim Youth Director will drive more programs in CY 2021.
6. Staffing Ministry for CY 2021 will remain flat compared to CY 2020. Payroll expenses for the Pastors will be held at CY 2020 levels. A 1.5% increase has been budgeted for laystaff salary adjustments. Some additional hours have been budgeted for laystaff members affected by the restrictions on public worship.
7. Providing for the Future Reserves has again been budgeted for in CY 2021 at \$19,000. This was not budgeted for in CY 2020. These reserves are used to replace equipment and repair the facility as required.
8. A final CY 2020 ELCA N. Illinois Synod Benevolence payment made in January 2021 for \$6,251. The General Fund surplus for CY 2020 will be adjusted down to \$13,311.