



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

Congregational
Newsletter
April 2013

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

If you have been worshipping with us, and you would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to consider attending our upcoming New Member Gathering on **Sunday, April 7 from 3—5:30 p.m.** This is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and to give prayerful consideration to whether you want to enter into membership. Those who desire to become members will be welcomed during the worship services the following Sunday, April 13. Please call the church office at (847)669-9448 to let us know if you will be participating with us and if you will need child care for the afternoon.



New Member
Gathering

Important Dates in April

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| Apr. 2..... Prairie Points Quilters | Apr. 13WELCA Spring Retreat |
| Apr. 3..... Men's Fellowship Breakfast | Apr. 14New Member Reception |
| Apr. 4..... Prairie Crafters | Apr. 15 Council Meeting |
| Apr. 6..... Feed My Starving Children | Apr. 16Prairie Points Quilters |
| Apr. 7..... Grafton Food Pantry Collection, New Member Gathering | Apr. 17Book Chatters |
| Apr. 8..... Ministry Meeting Night | Apr. 18Mary/Martha Bible Study |
| Apr. 10 GEMS | Apr. 19SOTP Bowling League |
| Apr. 11 Prayer Shawls | Apr. 24GEMS |
| | Apr. 27Acolyte Training |
| | Apr. 28Merry Widows, PADS |

A Note From Pastor Mark

Dear Christian Friends,

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” From this profound statement in *John 1:1*, the apostle John continues in his letter to the Gentile congregations and to all who have read it thereafter, including us today, to emphatically witness to Jesus being the Son of God who, through his love for us, came from heaven to live as a man, suffer, die and rise again, so that we might have transformed lives now and throughout eternity!

I invite you to read *1 John 5:9-13*. The emphasizes in this text is not just our witness that we’ve been given, but that God, the Father, identified Jesus as his Son who came to reconcile us to himself after we used the free will which he had bestowed in us to distance ourselves from him. Do we fully realize what a gift of love and grace we have been given?

And yet from the time Jesus came to earth, humans have questioned his validity and the finality and completion of his dying in our place. We along with the rest of humanity in our times of doubt, have asked, “Is Jesus really God?” or “What must ‘I’ do to inherit eternal life?”

To these questions, John answers, “God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son” (*1 John 5:11*).

There’s nothing that we can do to inherit this life; it has been given to us. But as with any gift given, it must be received. And that’s where we can either step aside to continue in our life of “I” or be transformed to live the life of God. For that’s what eternal life is; it’s God’s life—a life of truth and love.

Can you remember times when your life felt shallow, narrow, at a dead end? Is it when we move from God’s life to the “I” life that we diminish the possibilities of what our life could be in Jesus’ name? Or is it because we think of eternal life as being sometime in the future when we go to live with God and forget that it began when Jesus died for us and through our baptism can be lived by us in the here and now?

We can live that abundant life spoken of in *Romans 5:17* today! We can live in confidence, with hope.

God bless you and your family as each day is an opportunity for witness to our resurrected lives in relationship to Jesus Christ.

Easter Blessings!!! Blessings

Pastor Mark

BISHOP MARK HANSON TO VISIT SOTP!

On **Sunday, May 12**, Bishop Mark Hanson will be visiting Shepherd of the Prairie. Bishop Hanson is the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are honored and blessed for his visit.

Our services times for that morning will be 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

This will allow extra time for fellowship in between services. Mark your calendars!

ACOLYTE TRAINING FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADERS



You ask “what is an acolyte?” The word “acolyte” comes from the Greek work “acolytos” which means helper or server. Under the direction of the ushers, the student will light the altar candles at the beginning of the worship service and extinguish them as the last song is being sung. At times, Pastor may ask for their assistance during the children’s ministry or actual worship service.

A training session will be held at SOTP on Saturday, **April 27 from 10 to 11 a.m.** This is for any 4th or 5th graders who are currently serving as acolytes or would like to become involved in this ministry. If your child would like to serve, please email Pastor Mark at pastormark@sotp.org or by calling the church office at (847)669-9448.

A schedule will be forwarded following the training session. Thanks so much for all you and your family are doing to make Christ known throughout the community.

The Worship Ministry Team

2013 SOTP ANNUAL GOALS

At the annual Leadership Retreat in January attended by Council members, staff and key ministry group leaders, we completed a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) exercise to identify areas of focus for Shepherd of the Prairie in 2013. The following three goals are based on SOTP’s Statement of Purpose, Guiding Principles and results of the SWOT Analysis.

A recurring theme that was discussed several times during the retreat was that of Member Care. SOTP has a history of caring deeply for our members and the community around us and we need to ensure we continue this area of focus throughout 2013.

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FROM THE NEWS:

Athletics VS. *Education*

Here's a headline that might make your head spin – “Division One schools spend more on athletes than education.” That was the featured story in a January issue of *USA Today*. It seems that between 2005 and 2010, spending by university athletic departments rose more than twice as fast as academic spending on a per-student basis. Median per-athlete spending by 97 public institutions that compete in the top tier football subdivision increased the most – a whopping 51% to \$92,000 a year over that five year span. During that same time, median spending on education increased 23%, to just under \$14,000 per full-time student. While athletic income does supplement academics, these numbers increasingly reflect what's seen and worshipped as most important in our culture. We not only value athletics over education, but we are teaching our kids to displace God with the idol of sport.

QUICK STATS

26% of teens in a romantic relationship said their partners had digitally abused them during the previous year. (*Journal of Youth and Adolescence*)

Parents will spend an average of \$235,000 to raise a child born in 2011 to the age of 17. (*U.S. Department of Agriculture*)

1. Marijuana/Hashish
2. Synthetic Marijuana
3. Adderall
4. Vicodin
5. Cough Medicine
6. Tranquilizers
7. Hallucinogens
8. Sedatives
9. Salvia
10. OxyContin

Top Ten

Illicit Drugs and Pharmaceuticals
Used Among 12th Graders

TRENDS

Pre-Drinking

A dangerous new practice that's becoming more and more prevalent among kids is worth our attention. It goes by names like "pre-drinking," "pre-partying," and "pre-funking." It's the practice of chugging cheap alcoholic drinks before heading out to drink somewhere else, such as at a party or sporting event. Those who pre-drink do so to save money on more expensive drinks, to get in the mood for the party they plan to attend, to get drunk in order to be better able to socialize with friends, and to facilitate contacts with potential sexual partners. While the practice is most common among college students, pre-drinking is sneaking down into the underage population. Experts estimate that 65-75% of college-aged young people engage in pre-partying. Not only is the practice wrong, but one study concludes that pre-loaded evenings are more likely to end with blackouts, sex, unplanned drug use, and injury. Once again, we urge parents to issue behavioral guidelines and warnings.



Latest Research

Obesity and Food Marketing

With childhood obesity being one of the most significant health problems facing families in the United States, it's important for parents to help their children learn how to steward the gift of their physical bodies to the glory of God. A new study from the *Journal of Pediatrics* drives this need home in a big way. Rates of childhood obesity have tripled over the past 30 years.

Now, experts are saying that since food marketing has contributed to this trend, we must be increasingly diligent about teaching our kids how to be wise when it comes to these ads. Food and beverage marketing to children costs a whopping 10 billion dollars a year! Sadly, 98% of the food products advertised to children on television are high in fat, sugar, or sodium. Take the time to talk about healthy eating and stewardship of the body with your kids. Process ads as you are watching television together. Help your kids see how marketers attempt to reel them in by making promises that in the end, might be very, very unhealthy and damaging to their bodies.

Youth Culture Hot Quote: "Middle school was what programmed me to be semi-insecure, like, all of the time. I didn't fit in... I'd stand on the outside of the circle but I was never really in. That's when I started to realize there's this thing called rejection." Taylor Swift, *Elle Magazine*, March 2013

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking forward to a late "Spring Fling" event? Here's your chance! On **Friday, May 3, from 1 to 3 p.m.**, you will again have the opportunity of volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. For those who participated the two times before, I think they have found it to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. There are only 19 places available, so sign up as soon as possible with Renae at the church or call Sid Sorensen at (224)858-4168 or email sorensensid@comcast.net. We need to have everyone registered by April 26. I will send directions for registering later. I apologize to those who are unable to help because of work, but we will set another event on a Saturday afternoon in September. More about that later.

ADULT EDUCATION

"From a book to a letter." On **Sunday, April 7**, we'll begin a new adult study, using our new hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. These hymnals were given to our congregation as a memorial gift a couple of years ago, and they're a wonderful resource--both for worship and for private devotions. More than just a hymnal, however, this book is filled with prayers, suggested Bible readings, devotional guides--and even Luther's Small Catechism! For two to three weeks, we'll look at this book in the deep hope that it will open the doors of our journey with God in a new way. The focus of **Sunday morning (at both 9:00 and 10:30)** is repeated the following **Tuesday evening at 7:00** and the following **Wednesday morning at 11:00**. Come join us--you might find yourself surprised by what's hidden between the book's cover!

After reflecting on this great spiritual resource, we'll then be reading, studying, and reflecting on Paul's letter to the Colossians. This is an especially important letter during the Easter season as it glorifies the risen Christ who, even now, dwells among us. The words of an ancient hymn are reflected throughout the entire letter: "*Christ is the visible image of the invisible God...He is the firstborn Son, who was raised from death....*" Raised from death! Alive and living among us by the power of his Spirit! These are words that have the power to sustain us in daily living. For we are surrounded by competing gods and lords and spirits who beckon us to follow them. Paul's letter to the Colossians encourages us to remain firm in the faith into which we were baptized--baptized into the risen Christ. So, again, join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 or 10:30, or on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 or on Wednesday mornings at 11:00. First a book, then a letter!

Last month Pastor Mark introduced a new ministry here at Shepherd of the Prairie, Communion from the Assembly. We will be offering training for this new ministry in April. Training will consist of two 90 minute sessions and will be led by Pastor Ken Pohlmann. The first session will be offered on **Saturday, April 20 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and on Monday, April 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** The second session will be offered on **Saturday, April 27 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and on Monday, April 29 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Child care will be offered if needed.

If you have any questions or to sign up for the training and to request childcare please contact Donna Kelly at (214)676-1788 or donnae51@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to this exciting way to serve God and his people!

*Grace & Peace,
InReach Team*

Where is God?



A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that, if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, but asked to see them individually. So the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the

clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!!?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The youngest brother gasped for breath and replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time dude. God is missing and they think WE did it!"

WELCA

WELCA SPA RETREAT – Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00. **Must be signed up by Sunday, April 7.** Come join us for breakfast, chair massage by “Divine Tranquility”, discussion by Dr. Alan Stoughton, Chiropractor and Acupuncturist, cosmetic tips by Carlee Petelle, a choice of ½ chicken salad or ½ ham/chicken/cheese wrap. We will pack spa packets for the Home of the Sparrow clients using the requested donated items (collection box in Crossroads, lists on WELCA section of bulletin board and ladies restroom bulletin board), encouraging the ladies to feel a little special as they view new life opportunities.

For those who are unable to personally sign up with our representative for the retreat, you may sign up by writing your name, phone, sandwich requested, and cash or check for \$10.00, and placing in a WELCA addressed envelope, in the WELCA mailbox in the church office. This **MUST** be done by April 7, if not before, as the food must be ordered by April 8.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY is **Thursday, April 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at the church.

FOOD PANTRY



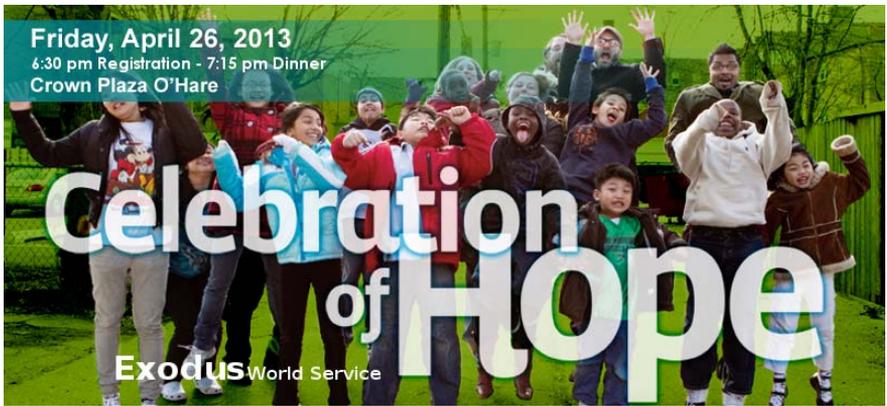
Items needed this month for the Grafton Food Pantry:

paper towels, shampoo, deodorant, dish soap, canned chili

Thank you so very much for your generosity.

BOOK CHATTERS

Book Chatters will meet **Wednesday, April 17, at 1 p.m.** to discuss Jennifer Chiaverini's *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*. This is the true story of a former slave, Elizabeth Keckley, who purchased her own freedom with dressmaking earnings then went on to sew for some of the most powerful women in Washington, D.C. Eventually, she became dressmaker and confidante to Mary Todd Lincoln in a complex relationship that spanned several years. Many SOTP readers are familiar with Chiaverini who also has written the *Elm Creek Quilters* series of books. It was while she was researching one of her quilt books that she ran across the story of Keckley and decided to make her first attempt at historical fiction. The book is a fascinating read, proving that the author has jumped to a new genre with great success. The book is available at local and mail order bookstores and also through e-books. Please join us for a lively discussion.



EXODUS WORLD SERVICE— CELEBRATION OF HOPE

Friday, April 26- 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL

You are invited to celebrate 25 years of transforming the lives of refugees. The keynote speaker is Tom Albinson, Ambassador for Refugees and Displaced People for the World Evangelical Alliance. Tom has spent time with refugees on five continents and reports on refugee experiences and perspectives to the United Nations and to ministry leaders across the globe. The dinner is complimentary, but you will be given an opportunity to give a gift to this ministry. Reservations are required. Contact Sandy Hupert by April 17 at (224)569-6041 or sandyhupert@gmail.com.

For more information on the work of Exodus World Service, check their website www.e-w-s.org.

HEARTLAND VOICES “CELEBRATE AMERICA” CONCERT

Sunday April 7, 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Elgin, IL.

This concert is presented in support of the organization “Food for Greater Elgin” (formerly Feeding Greater Elgin). Come and see what sets this wonderful group apart from the all other similar groups in full client choice food distribution and a full service food pantry. Come and enjoy a sparkling afternoon and help support “Food for Greater Elgin” as Heartland Voices will be donating a portion of the concert proceeds to this wonderful group. SOTP’s own Chris Brittain is a member of this choir.

You can order tickets on our website or by calling the number below. Tickets are also available at the door. www.heartlandvoices.org or call Heartland Voices at (847)429-9486.

ACOLYTES FOR APRIL

| | 9:00 a.m. | 10:45 a.m. |
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| April 7 | Trevor Dowell | Kyle Lemke |
| April 14 | Jack Trevino | Josh Miley |
| April 21 | Annabel Johnson | Bree Huston |
| April 29 | Brittany James | Kaia Huston |

WORSHIP GREETERS FOR APRIL

| | Saturday 5 p.m. | Sunday 9 a.m. | Sunday 10:45 a.m. |
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| Apr. 7 | Stevie Massei | Ron & P.J. Knudsen | Bob & Carolyn Malm |
| Apr. 14 | Kay O'Shanna | Warren & Elaine Brody | Bob & Carolyn Malm |
| Apr. 21 | Lois Kenyon | Chris & Sara Solem | Bob & Carolyn Malm |
| Apr. 28 | Doris Kopp | Janet Larrison, Judy Spencer | Bob & Carolyn Malm |

ALTAR GUILD—APRIL

- * **Saturday:** Volunteers
- * **Sunday 9:00 a.m. Set-up:** Marilyn Schnake, Joanne Klinger
Alternates: Sue Wehnes, Judie Symbal
- * **Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Take-down:** Sandy Hupert,
April 7 & 14—Jan Koerner

Guild members are asked to change place with another member if they cannot serve as scheduled.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On **Wednesday, April 3**, we will meet at **Sammy's Restaurant at 9:00 a.m.** for breakfast. Sammy's is located on Route 47 in Huntley just north of the train tracks. All men of SOTP are welcome to attend.



COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS FOR APRIL

April 7—Elizabeth Wintersteen

April 14—Sue Wehnes

April 21—Kerry Miller

April 28—Joan Rice

Saturdays

April 6—Sandy Martin

April 13, 20, 27—Jill Brown



If you are interested in baking bread for Communion or have any questions about this ministry, please contact Pat Fiorese at (847)687-9164 or email a3ptkicker@sbcglobal.net.

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

In need of items for sale

I am hosting a garage sale in Bellchase to raise money for those in need. This year it's all about the kids! As you start your spring cleaning, or have been collecting items, I am looking for donations of any items you are looking to donate or even dispose of if they are in good condition. EVEN ONE ITEM MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE! 100% of the money raised is being donated to Lurie Children's Hospital and Camp Shout Out, a non-profit camp for children who stutter (which my son attended last year) to give other children an opportunity to attend. If you are able to help, you can drop the items off at my house anytime through April 14. The sale will take place Wednesday April 17 –Saturday April 20. This will be our 3rd year, and I am always so grateful for the support. In the past, we've raised funds for autism research and last year for tornado relief. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you in advance for your help. Together, we can always achieve more.

Kindly,
Klaudia Burian

Please call (847)975-9976 if you have questions or would like me to pick the items up. My address is 310 Steeplechase Way in Lake in the Hills (just east of Tom's Farm in Bellchase) if you'd like to drop the items off. Any items left from the sale will be donated to a local organization. I am considering the Blessings Barn by suggestion, but welcome other suggestions as well.

OUTREACH

Every person attending Shepherd of the Prairie is on the Outreach Team. We encourage you to reach out into the community and invite friends and family to worship with you!

As you leave the church, we ask that you please notice the signs that read, "You are now entering the mission field." We hope they will be a gentle reminder for you to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus love and resurrection.

God's blessings to you!

*From Your Outreach Team
Barbara Hoch, Chairperson*

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

The national Thrivent Financial Member Meeting will be held on **April 18 from 6-9 p.m. at Sears Centre, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates.** This meeting is open to anyone interested in Thrivent Financial and all Thrivent members . The program includes an open house reception and Lou Holtz will be the keynote speaker. For more details and registration information, go to [Thrivent.com/membermeeting](https://www.thrivent.com/membermeeting).



STEWARDSHIP TALES

Ted, a tither, said to Fredrick, a new convert in a little mission church: "Fredrick, if you had a hundred sheep would you give ten for the Lord's work?"

"Yes, I would."

"Would you do the same if you had a hundred cows?"

"Yes, Ted, I would."

"Would you do the same if you had a hundred horses?"

"Yes, of course."

"If you had twenty pigs would you give two to Him?"

"No, I wouldn't and you have no right to ask me, Ted, because you know I **HAVE** twenty pigs."

I. Expand Communication and Programs for Member Care

- a. Initiate Ministry of Communion from the Assembly. (Program to share the Lord's Supper with those unable to participate in Worship)
- b. Expand meaningful connections with our members through our prayer ministry.
- c. Conduct Leadership Training on a Quarterly Basis
- d. Survey Congregation to Identify Educational Needs

Another theme discussed frequently during the retreat was that of member involvement and how we can ensure involvement in any activity at SOTP is more impactful on their lives. Participation at SOTP is at an all-time high with many people active in multiple groups. Our intent is to ensure anyone that has an interest in a committee or group has the opportunity to do so and that ministry groups are reaching out to those members who have indicated a desire to join their group.

II. Facilitate Member Involvement

- a. Revamp Time and Talent sheet to stress ministry interest
- b. Restructure the New Member Gathering and Prairie Guide Program
- c. Identify ministry teams' needs in order to connect people to meaningful service
- d. Technology Capability Meeting - 2nd Monday of June (what SOTP website currently offers and how it can be better utilized)

A key action item of the retreat was that SOTP put in place a Strategic Direction Team for long and short-term planning - not only for SOTP members and our building, but for what we can do for the communities we are a part of. We have established a Strategic Direction Ministry Team who have begun meeting and will be sharing their findings and recommendations with the council later this year. The Council will also be working with our A/V Team to evaluate this ministry and how we can ensure its effectiveness in worship.

III. Strategic Direction and Planning

- a. Examine our ability to assume any long term expansion
- b. Support Strategic Direction Ministry Team
- c. Evaluate Audio/Visual Ministry function and its effectiveness in worship

The council looks forward to an exciting 2013, to accomplishing these goals and will communicate on a regular basis our progress. In order for us to be successful though, we need the help of the ENTIRE CONGREGATION to accomplish these. While these are the stated goals and focus of the council for 2013, we realize that many other important things will be accomplished by many ministries in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob McDuffee
Council President

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

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| Month | <u>March 2013</u> |
| Loan Balance | <u>\$1,145,366.78</u> |
| Estimate Payoff Date | 12-1-2021 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget year to date as of February 28, 2013

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund Income: | \$74,728.28 |
| General Fund Expenses: | <u>\$71,805.89</u> |
| Net Income: | \$ 2,922.39 |

OFFERING COUNTERS FOR APRIL



- ◆ Warren Brody
- ◆ Donna Tuner

FINANCIAL RECORDS

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church only keeps financial records on members and non-members that have envelopes assigned. If you are not a member and would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

THANK YOU!

Special thank you to Gretchen Lane for all she has given to the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Prairie Crafters. We will miss you. God bless you in your new home.

Prayer Shawl Ministry & Prairie Crafters

Thank you to everyone who donated delicious goodies and beautiful craft items to our Spring Craft & Bake Sale. Also a big thank you to all who purchased these items. We were able to donate \$1441 to our building debt from these proceeds.

Prairie Crafters

APRIL

- 1 Jacob Riebock
- 2 Mary Tabatt
- 3 Dave Frederickson, Kristen Bala,
Robin Anderson
- 4 Amy Casablanca
- 5 Darlene Soest, Mary Lee Rishel
- 6 Dorothy Carlborg, Janet Suski
- 7 Larry Scimeca, Lynn Moran,
Rick Bjorklund
- 8 Dale Johnson, Lindsay Debolt
- 9 Mitchell Flanagan, Roger Clausen,
Cole Raines, Addison Raistrick
- 10 Donald Kundich, Debbie Lindquist,
Kerry Miller, Paige Cordle,
Ryder Reed
- 12 Frank Cesario, Ellie Torkelson
- 13 Jack Conti, Suzanne Alpert,
Delainey Black
- 14 Marc Piskule, Catherine Johnson,
Cecilia Ramey
- 15 Joan Kimminau, Kim Frendreis,
Kathleen Bloomfield, Wylder
Weston, Jianna Trevino
- 16 Ernest Hermes, Roberta Seroni,
Linda Dungey, Jill Behm, Jenn
Huston
- 17 Kathy McGuine
- 18 John Boehler, Alan Torkelson
- 20 Troy Fleener, Zachary Ulmer
- 21 Jeffrey Cordle, Juliette Riebock
- 22 Allison McCann, Calle Mejdrich
- 23 Jeff Roberts, Kyle Frendreis,
Matthew Kann
- 24 Dorothea Grate
- 25 Kane Luedtke
- 26 Janice Burseth, Kelvin Walker,
Rebecca Hennessey, Jill Lamb,
Jamison Mathiesen
- 27 Andrew Brown
- 28 Walter Roth, Kristy Warnke
- 29 Jenny Territo
- 30 Ken Lemke

Our Vision:
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By Growing Disciples Who Make
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Carol Waxenberg
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Statement of Purpose: "We care for God's children of all ages by growing disciples who make disciples."

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Worship Schedule

10805 Main Street

Huntley, IL 60142

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning

9:00 a. m. Traditional Service

10:45 a. m. Contemporary Service

Refreshments between Services

Nursery care provided all morning

Sunday School at both services

(September through May)

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