



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

**Congregational  
Newsletter  
March 2016**

**Statement of Purpose**

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

# **BUILDING TEAM NEWS**

*It's with much excitement that the  
Building Team invites you to the*

**March 9th, 2016**

## **Lenten midweek service and Reveal.**

Our architect, Paul Barribeau, along with our construction manager, Bill Wilson, will be joining us to *reveal* the latest NEW church designs, including elevation!

The service will start at 7:00 pm. If your schedule allows, please plan to join us for the Soup Supper at 6:00 pm at the church, prior to the service. We would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who has participated in our "Forward in Faith" campaign. To date, \$1.56 million has been received in 3 year commitments!!

We are very excited about the new plans Paul and his team have created, based on all of the feedback he heard from our congregation! We hope that you will be able to join us on March 9th as we continue to move "*Forward in Faith*"!

**Details: Lenten Midweek Service and Reveal**

**Wednesday, March 9th, 2016**

**Soup Supper at 6:00pm**

**Service at 7:00pm**

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before reaching adulthood most of us had either seen or at least driven by a local dump. A small fire consumed most of once was, now thrown away.



Stricter rules regarding our ecology system apply today so bulldozers cover up the castoff items of our households with dirt. While living in Washington, IL we would often drive by a huge hill that is the garbage facility in and around the Peoria area. The bulldozers ran non-stop covering up and turning over the refuse. It was interesting watching over the years. the hill gradually going upward. One day, when they are finished with the dump, the large hill may become a ski resort.

To be sure, back when we were young, about the only thing rising from the dump was a putrid odor, scraps of paper dancing in the breeze, and wisps of smoke that seemed to linger in your car as you drove by.

Today some municipalities, including East Peoria, draw methane gas from the dumps to provide energy and power to corporations to manufacture products that will eventually end up, in one form or another, in the next dump.

Next, do you remember seeing vapor rising from the road surface or hot metal when the sun came out after a rain?

And remember foggy days? Fog can be dangerous, especially if it covers a highway or airport or it is the type of fog mixed with pollutants. A fog-filled scene is something to behold; filled with a quiet beauty and mystery.

Now, God created the earth, right? Then doesn't that make the earth Holy Ground?

Consider, too, that our body is considered a temple and that, too, is holy.

Temples are temporary in earthly time.

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Do you ever wonder that upon your death if your soul will rise silently toward the heavens like a wisp of vapor or a fog as it departs your (temple) body?

How do you picture rising from this Holy Ground that God created?

Death, to be sure, is just another event that occurs in everyone's life.

But how many of us really prepare for our destination to follow?

In the Easter Gospel from John this year, Peter finds Jesus' tomb empty except for the burial cloths.

God breathed life and spirit into our bodies. Let's take this opportunity to truly celebrate the miracle of Jesus' rising. Let's remember that we are known. We are loved. We are redeemed.

We, being created by the One who created all, are Holy Ground. Let's dig deep in the dirt of our faith and rejoice in the hope that comes from knowing that this life is not all there is as we look forward to celebrating the certainty of our Easter resurrection. Because he lives, we shall live also and nothing will separate us from that love.

*Pastor Mark*

## *Pastor Bill's Adult Education News*



During the month of March, we'll conclude our series "Death and Dying with Hope." Our presenters will include a physician and a funeral home director. The last class will focus on our Christian understanding of death and hope as we explore our funeral service in our worship book, a wonderful prelude to Easter. We hope you will join us mornings on Sundays at 10:20 or on Wednesdays at 11:00.

*Pastor Bill*

## *Ministry Musings*

It's March and that means spring is not far behind! Spring brings to my mind rebirth, re-creation and the new life. Watching the trees move into buds and the flowers begin to push up through the still cold ground reminds me of the new life Jesus brought us at Easter!

At our January Ministry Leadership retreat, we talked about finding a way to feature all of the many ministry opportunities we have here at SOTP. Starting with March, each month we are going to be featuring one of our Ministry Teams in a new item we're calling Ministry of the Month. We will be highlighting the many things our Ministry Teams do in the newsletter, in the Friday Flourishes, and on the screens before services. We hope that this will give all an appreciation for the service our Ministry Teams give and an inspiration to become part of one of our teams to bring the Kingdom of God here on earth.

We invite you to become aware of the occasions we have to serve our God and bring his kingdom to life here in our world. As I have mentioned before, it takes all of us contributing our one piece of the puzzle to make the complete picture visible. I encourage you over the next several months to find the piece that most speaks to you and add it to the picture.

*Donna Kelly*

—Lay Ministry/New Member Coordinator

### MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

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## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH ~ MISSION TEAM

**The Mission Team** here at SOTP works toward accomplishing the goals of our mission statement which is, “**Caring for God’s children of all ages by growing disciples who make disciples**”. The goal is to identify mission opportunities which encourage and equip SOTP members to be involved in places outside our walls where His work is needed and we can serve.

We have taken to heart the ELCA’s mission, “**GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS**” and through the Mission Team and your participation, you have touched the following ministries:

- \* ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Relief Funds
- \* Stubbs family in Tanzania
- \* Heifer Project
- \* Exodus Welcome to America Packs
- \* Feed my Starving Children
- \* Grafton Food Pantry
- \* Northern IL Food Bank
- \* PADS
- \* LSSI
- \* Green Trees Subsidized Housing
- \* Habitat For Humanity
- \* Home of the Sparrow
- \* Local Giving Tree
- \* Senior Care Volunteers
- \* and more

Under the “umbrella” of the ministry team we also provide quilts and prayer shawls to those in need.

**The Mission Team leader is Sandy Hupert**, and the team members include: Mark Bittinger, Jill Brown, Marlene Boehler, Becky Hennessey, Carl Hupert, Steve Legel, Corrine Neukirch, Nancy Ottinger, Jules Pelka, Sid Sorenson, Sharon Stangle, and Mary Trodahl.

**To learn more or to serve with one of the ministries please contact Sandy Hupert 224-569-6041; [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com).**

*One percent of the overall SOTP budget is set aside for mission as well as the special offerings for Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. That 1% and the special offerings are designated to several local and/or national and global ministries.*

### Trends

#### *Condom Challenge*

The presence of social media in today's teenage world facilitates the viral nature of adolescent fads, making them spread like wildfire through youth culture. The latest online teen fad that's sweeping the Internet is called the Condom Challenge. Here's how it works. A condom is filled with water and tied-off like a balloon. Then, the water-filled condom is dropped on a person's head, where it wraps around the person's face, forming a huge water bubble around their head. A video of the stunt is then posted online. A post on the Condom Challenge Twitter account explains that the stunt is intended to show how strong condoms are, thereby encouraging kids to use condoms during intercourse. Experts are now warning that there is a very real risk of suffocation and/or drowning. Late last year, the Condom Challenge claimed its first reported teen victim. Parents, our teens feel invulnerable, will take risks, and desire to fit in. Warn your kids about this dangerous fad.



### Latest Research

Do you know what the text acronym F-O-M-O stands for? When our kids use it it means "fear of missing out." A recent study by the Australian Psychological Society looked at stress and well-being among teenagers as it relates to social media use. Not surprisingly, the study found that teens who are heavy users of social media are more likely to experience FOMO, or fear of missing out. 90% said they are afraid they will miss something if they don't stay connected. 78% said they feel worried or uncomfortable if they can't access their social media accounts. And 71% said they feel left out when they see a picture of an event they weren't invited to. Fear of missing out also plays a big part in why kids are sleeping with their phones and not getting enough sleep. Parents, we need to be sure that our kids have healthy social media borders and boundaries so that they don't miss out on the real flesh and blood relationships that matter most.

### QUICK STATS

- Automobile crashes remain the leading cause of death for teenagers in the United States. During 2013, over 2,500 teenagers between the ages of 13-19 lost their lives in car crashes. (*The American Automobile Association*)
- 7 in 10 adults believe that technology has improved our overall quality of life. However, 7 in 10 adults also believe that technology is creating a lazy society, has facilitated way too much distraction, and is corrupting our ability to communicate interpersonally. (*Harris Poll*)

### FROM THE WORD...

The Bible tells us that one of the evidences of the fact that we have been born again and are in Christ is love. Followers of Jesus are consistently called to love each other because we've been loved by God. The great evidence of God's love for us is that he sent his son as a sacrifice for our sin. In other words, God demonstrated his love for us with the death of his son Jesus on the cross. God's love is faithful, giving, self-sacrificing, and consistent love. In 1 John 4:7 we are called to "love one another," a statement which is not a suggestion, but a command. The word used here for "love" indicates the distinct and particular kind of love God has shown to us. . . a love that is giving love. It does not seek its own good, its own reward, or anything in return. It contains the thought of loving by caring for others, showing loyalty to others, and seeking their good. Sadly, in today's world the way we understand, live, and give "love" has become self-serving and self-seeking. Parents, is it the latter or former kind of

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God."  
1 John 4:7 (ESV)*

love that you are living out in your home with your spouse and children? If our "love" is a "love" that seeks to satisfy itself, it is nothing but selfishness. Instead, love your children and spouse in a truly biblical manner, thereby fulfilling your calling to be faithful, giving, self-sacrificing, and consistent in love.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

Creation Restoration 6.0

**Trivia Night is Coming  
April 17th!!!**



## FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY

FRIENDS BIBLE STUDY will resume on **Monday, March 21st** at our regular time, 12:30-2:00 pm at Shepherd of the Prairie. All women are invited to join us.

We will be using this time to reconnect with old friends and hopefully we will be welcoming new friends. Joyce Thompson and Carol Gerhardt will be leading this session and if you have any Questions,

please feel free to contact either one of them. Looking forward to seeing each one of you!!!



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Thank you to all who helped!

Set Up: Sandy Scalise

Hosts for The 2016 Lenten Soup Suppers are:

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| Feb. 17  | Crafters, Prayer Shawls & Fun for All Ages     |
| Feb. 24  | Worship Team of Bells and Senior Choir         |
| March 2  | Prairie Pointe Quilters                        |
| March 9  | Church Council, Stewardship, Finance & Inreach |
| March 16 | Property, Outreach & Mission                   |



Parents of confirmands made sandwiches & kid friendly soups each week.

Clean Up-Confirmand small groups and their leaders

*If you would like to bring a soup one night, please contact Michelle Rankin in the office (847)669-948 or michelle@sotpmail.com) for a date.*

## YOUTH CULTURE NEWS

### NEW FOR 2016!!!

### PARENTING CHRISTIAN KIDS NEWSLETTER

If you find it a struggle to raise strong Christian kids in a troubled world, then this newsletter is for you. Each Parenting Christian Kids Newsletter is packed with: Articles, parenting principles, pointers and more—all focused on a relevant, monthly theme. You'll find: Scripture



*The Parenting Christian Kids Newsletter is available online at [www.sotpyouth.com](http://www.sotpyouth.com)*

*We will also provide printed copies available in the Crossroads area at SOTP.*



## LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Date	Worship	Message
March 2	<b>6:00 pm Soup Supper &amp; 7:00 pm Worship</b>	“The Good Samaritan”
March 9		“The Workers in the Vineyard” & Building Team Reveal
March 16		“The Prodigal Son”
March 24 ( <i>Maundy Thursday</i> )	<b>7:00 pm Worship</b>	Maundy Thursday Service
March 25 ( <i>Good Friday</i> )	<b>Children’s Service 10:00 am Regular Service 7:00 pm</b>	Good Friday Services
March 27 ( <i>Easter</i> )	<b>9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am</b>	Easter Services

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of March 5 & 6 Is Food Pantry Collection Weekend

NEEDS THIS MONTH:

Ketchup      Toothpaste      Deodorant  
 Female needs      Salad Dressings  
 Kitchen Basics (*flour, sugar, salt, pepper, etc.*)



AND AS ALWAYS, CHECKS MADE OUT TO SOTP THAT STATE “FOOD PANTRY”  
 IN THE MEMO WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FOOD PANTRY.

*The Mission of Grafton Food Pantry: “... to strive to improve the lives of our friends and neighbors in need by providing food items and education on nutrition and smart shopping. We treat every individual with respect, privacy and dignity on their journey to becoming independent of our services. We are committed to educate and bring our community together in the fight to end hunger.”*

SOTP is committed to the Grafton Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

## STEWARDSHIP TALES

There was a farm boy that had a fear of the dark. One night the boy's father told him to go to the barn and feed the horses. The boy turned pale. The father stepped onto the porch and lit a lantern, and held it up. "Son," he said, "how far can you see?" "I can see halfway to the barn," the boy said. The father gave his son the lantern and said, "Walk halfway to the barn." When the boy reached the halfway point, the father called out "how far can you see now?" The boy said, "I can see the barn." "Good," said the father, "walk to the barn door." When the boy called back that he had reached the barn door, the father said, "open it and tell me what you see." The boy opened the door and shouted back, "I can see the horses!" "Good," said the father, "now feed them." This story makes an excellent point. The lantern didn't light up the whole barnyard. It lit up only a part of the path leading to the barn. But that was enough to get the boy started down the path. And as the boy walked down the path, he found the rest of the way himself. Like the boy, all of us should get started down the path of accepting the challenge Jesus offers to those who follow him: to become partners in God's work on earth. Worship, prayer, and some mature Christian thought are the paths that will eventually lead you into accepting this challenge. And this in turn will lead you further down the path of taking responsibility to see that God's work gets done through your generous offerings. Let these offerings be truly a sacrificial portion of what you have received. Help meet the needs of your church and all God's people.



## WHAT IS THIS EXODUS WELCOME "STUFF" ALL ABOUT?

**Come & join us Friday night April, 15, 2016  
to find out.**



The Mission team is hosting a table at Exodus World Service's "Celebration of Hope." **PLEASE** be our guest and learn how this ministry changes lives by mobilizing volunteers of all ages to welcome refugee families. (You've already been part of this if you donated any items to the Welcome to America Packs.) **THIS FREE DINNER EVENT** (cash Bar) will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace IL. .

Call Sandy Hupert 224-569-6041 or E mail to [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com) so we can reserve a seat for you all at our table (s).

## 2016 LENTEN & EASTER OFFERINGS

Lenten Offerings will be divided between the following charities:

- \* Feed My Starving Children:  
Volunteers (like our SOTP youth) pack fortified meals which are sent to 70 countries around the world to feed malnourished children.
- \* Community Crisis Center:  
Located in Elgin, this Center provides emergency shelter, no-cost counseling, food and other help for women and children in Kane County.
- \* Senior Care Volunteer Network:  
Formerly Faith in Action, they assist our senior neighbors in McHenry County and Sun City to live independently in their own homes. Some of the no-cost services provided are transportation, companionship, home and yard maintenance, and respite for caregivers.
- \* Lutheran Social Services of Illinois:  
LSSI is the largest statewide provider of social services to those in need in communities across the state. These include children's services, behavioral health services, family and prison ministry, senior services. Our contribution will go where it is most needed at this time.

The Easter Offering will be given to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois: LSSI, the largest statewide provider of social services, has found it necessary to drastically cut services to 4,700 people and eliminate 750 staff positions. This is because the state has not paid LSSI for services provided due to the state's inability to pass a budget.

### HUNTLEY EXPO

**Needed:** Hosts For our SOTP booth at Huntley Home & Business Expo on **March 5th**

Ways to sign up:

- ⇒ Sign up sheet in Crossroads
- ⇒ Online <http://goo.gl/4KCglu>

Contact Outreach chairman  
Mike Yndestad at 630-291-5364  
with questions or for more details.

### TUTORING

**Needed:** Students looking for another perspective or encouragement and tutors.  
**(All ages & levels)**

How to sign up:

- ⇒ Online <http://goo.gl/3VIEpu>

Contact:  
Kasandra Graf at 847/669-5039 or  
[kgraf9112@gmail.com](mailto:kgraf9112@gmail.com)

## ACTION TEAMS AT SOTP

# In January, Thrivent gave \$250 toward batting and fabric for our quilters.

Quilters are supported with Thrivent Financial donations when they make Action Teams to serve neighbors in need.



Quilters meet 2 times a month on the first and third Tuesday mornings from 9-11:30 am.

Last year they made over 180 quilts for:

- Lutheran World Relief
- Exodus Refugees
- two local women's shelters

You are always welcome to join us. There are jobs for all (men & women of all ages), cutting sewing, ironing or tying.

We break for fellowship with coffee and refreshments.



**Have you used an Action Team to have money donated? If so, please share pictures & your story with Michelle in the office ([michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:michelle@sotpmail.com)). We would love to share your story!**

## EASTER FLOWERS

For those of you that ordered Easter flowers, thank you for glorifying our Sanctuary for our Easter celebration.

You may collect your plant(s) following the 11 am Easter service on March 27th.



## MARCH MUSIC REHEARSALS

- \* **NO REHEARSALS FOR ANYONE Wednesday, March 30**
- \* Adult Choir: During soup suppers, 6:15 - 6:55 pm  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, SPECIAL REHEARSAL TIME 6:30**
- \* Prairie Ringers: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - **NO REHEARSAL MARCH 29**
- \* Youth Band, one rehearsals March 13 at noon, playing at 10:45 am worship Palm Sunday, March 20

### Children's Choir & Bell Rehearsals ~ Wednesdays



- 4:30 - 5:00 pm, Jubilate Ringers (*grades 3-5*)
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm, Praize Jamz Rehearsal (*see below*)
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm, Joy Ringers (*grades 1&2*)
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm, Cherub Choir (*2½-5 year olds*)
- 5:15 - 6:00 pm Blessings Choir (*grades 3-5*)
- 5:15 - 6:00 pm, Jubellation Ringers (*middle school*)

## ATTENTION PARENTS

**First graders through seniors in high school** are joyfully invited to perform in Praize Jamz, a concert of high-energy praise & worship songs.



**WHO:** First graders through seniors in high school

**WHAT:** Praize Jamz

**WHEN:** **Concert April 23, 2016 during 5:00 pm worship**

For flexibility, we are offering **Wednesday or Sunday rehearsals**. You are welcome to flip flop between the two with your schedule ~ please try your best to attend one each week... or both.

Final Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, April 23 10:00 am—Noon.

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:15 pm	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	4/6	4/13	4/20
Sundays, 2:00 - 3:00 pm	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27	4/10	4/17	

Praize Jamz promises to be an uplifting time of worship for all. What a fun way to raise up the next generation of worship leaders and instill in them a love and passion to lead others into the presence of the Lord through song, as they lift their hearts and voices in worship.

*Please contact Annette Boster with any questions.*

## POSTCARDS FOR CHILDREN

As you travel (*or just go to Chicago*) or if you have family or friends that live outside of the area, please buy some 4 x 6 postcards.

Our Mission Team will have a project to send postcards to children with life-threatening illnesses.

**Try to select postcards that are eye appealing to children.**



As you know, children enjoy receiving mail, even the old fashioned way. Look

how happy this young girl was made from receiving postcards.

Soon GEMS will provide a postbox in the hall by the restrooms where postcards can be placed, or give them to Sandy Hupert or any member of the Mission Team. They can also be put into Mission Team's mailbox inside the office.

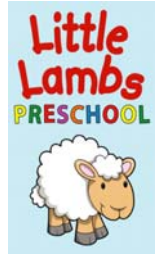
The project will be "Send Kids the World". Feel free to go online to learn more about this program, <http://www.sendkidstheworld.com>.

As Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another."

GEMS

## LITTLE LAMBS

We are now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year.



Our program is Bible-story-based and includes developmentally appropriate structured time (*craft, music, calendar, learning activities, etc.*), as well as free play. We have programs for children ages 2 - 4 by September 1, 2016.

Children do not need to be potty-trained. Our class sizes are small (*not more than 10 children in the 1 day classes on Wednesdays or 12 in the 2 day classes on Tuesday and Thursday*). Classes meet from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Our classes are open to members and non-members of SOTP.

For more information, availability, and tuition/registration fees, see our "Registration" page on our website [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) or contact Jill Gillming at [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com).

## GEMS GIRLS CLUB

GEMS will be meeting March 2, 9, & 23 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

(*Eat with your family first then come to GEMS when done eating.*)

**NOTE MARCH 16th is canceled.**

## PADS ~ HELP NEEDED

What is PADS? Public Action to Deliver Shelter (McHenry County founded 1988). This program is not government supported. Since 2009, PADS reports a 51% increase in people needing help (33% increase in homeless individuals diagnosed with mental illness 54% increase in chronically homeless and 46% increase in transitional youth).



How does SOTP help? We make lunches & serve dinner. Preferably 5 volunteers are needed. Youth volunteers are welcome (depending on maturity level & if they able to sit still for 1 hour & follow directions w/

out adult supervision) Meet at SOTP Sunday evenings at 5:45 pm to make lunches for the shelter. Transport lunches (including donations) to Bethany. Serve dinner from 7 to 8 pm about 2 hours. Jill Brown shops for supplies & this is a ministry that is allocated in our church budget.

When & How? **The 4th Sunday of the Month, help still needed for March & April.** To sign up contact Becky Hennessy 847/961 6050 or Jill Brown 847 683 5027 or email us: [k.b.hennessy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.b.hennessy@sbcglobal.net) or

## SPRING CRAFT BAZAAR & BAKE SALE



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for the weekend of March 12 & 13. Our crafters will have all their springs handmade goods for sale in the Crossroads before and after all services.

### BAKERS NEEDED

Please sign up in the Crossroads letting us know that you will help provide baked goods for the Spring Craft Bazaar Bake Sale. Donations may be dropped off Friday, March 11, 12 or 13. (Friday 9am - Noon, Saturday, 3 - 5 pm & Sunday before church services)

Thank you to all SOTP's talented bakers that always make this a huge success!



## MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

		March 5 & 6	March 12 & 13	March 19 & 20	March 26 & 27 (EASTER)
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster			
Altar Guild	SAT	Becky Tuzik, Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00 Su	Adele Wogstad & Joanne Klinger			
	10:45 Su	Sandy Hupert & Merrily Burkland	Jan & Don Koener	Pam & Darren Walloch	<b>11am</b> Marlene Boehler & Barb Beaudette
Assisting Minister	9:00 Su	Joyce Shotick	Kathy Dowell		
	10:45 Su	John Boehler			11am
Bulletin Assemblers	WEEK-END	June Kobler & Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink & Marlene Tresp	Gordon & Jan Burseth & Deanna Moore	Elaine Neukirch & Barb Krmpotich
Coffee Hr Hosts	SUN				
Coffee Hr Treats	SUN				
Com-munion Bread	SAT & HOLY WEEK	Lanita Palerno & Renae Greene			
	SUN	Jill Brown	Joan Rice	Jeanne Henley	Pam Perrott & P.J. Knudson
Com-munion Stew-ards	5:00 SAT	Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Judie Symbal, Randi Dawson June Kobler, Carol Waxenberg	Alice Hallett, Barb Pagano, Sharon Neubauer		
	10:45 AM	Jodi Dowell, Sandi Hupert Mike Yndestad			11am
Counters	Monday	Warren Brody, Donna Turner, Cal Myers			
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik	Karen Eckert	Stevie Massei	Dolly Cardascio
	9:00 AM	Terry Halpin & Barb Niemec	Terry Halpin & Carolyn Cuttle	Terry Halpin & Ed Cuttle	Terry Halpin & Chris and Mary Trodahl
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			



## MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES *(cont)*

		March 5 & 6	March 12 & 13	March 19 & 20	March 26 & 27
Nursery	9:00 Su	Jamie Patel	Judie Symbol	Jen Powe	Jen Powe
	10:45 Su	Mary Lee Rishel	Blue Geller	Jocelyn Doden	11am Sandy Hupert
	Clean Up	Mary Lee Rishel	Blue Geller	Judie Symbol	Sandy Hupert
Readers	9:00 Su	Randi Dawson Mel Long	Marilyn Sauerberg Barb Pagano		
	10:45 Su	Carl Hupert			11am
Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 Su	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Jim Rhode, Sheri Ott, Dawn Bach, Kim Szkely DRUMS: Brian Buesing GUITAR: Dennis Caravello	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Dana Turk and Ron Mudge DRUMS: Brian Buesing GUITAR: Dennis Caravello	VOCALS: Baily Greene, Grace Boster, Sophie Dowell and Casey Rhode DRUMS: Lauren Black GUITAR: Dennis Caravello & Trevor Dowell	11am VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Jim Rhode, Sheri Ott, Dawn Bach, Kim Szkely DRUMS: Brian Buesing GUITAR: Dennis Caravello
Sound- board	5:00 Sa	Dan Willis	Dan Willis	Dick Brush	Dick Brush
	9:00 Su	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin
	10:45 Sa	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson	Brian Ott	11am Tim Torkelson
Ushers	5:00 Sa	Denis & Carol Minutillo	Ron Mudge & Becky Tuzik	Dan & Cheryl Mandro	Becky Tuzik Doreen Drinan
	9:00 Su	WAYNE SCHMIDT Jerry & Marty Bergman Waren Brody John Jensen Walter Lemke	JACK CONTI James Blanchard, Chris Hinde, Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp	ROY RANKIN John Arneson, Chris Solem Walter & Carol Roth Darrel Thompson Dan Wentzloff Carol Engstrom	SID SORENSEN Jim Malczewski, Mike & Michelle Saletta Jeff & Karen Stipes Ed & Carolyn Cuttle Jim Malczewski
	10:45 Su	BOB MCDUFFEE, John Richardson, Paul Ross, Michelle Saletta Chris Swanson	MARK FRENDRIS Patrick Fleener, Charlie Powe, Andrew Szkely	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner, Adam Walloch & Darren Walloch	11am BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris, Dick Gerhardt, John Richardson
Visual	9:00 Su	Ferdie Kimminau	Tim Reincke	Ferdie Kimminau	Tim Reincke
	10:45 Su	Jack Ott	Alan Torkelson	Jack Ott	11am Alan Torkelson
Wel- come Center	9:00 Su	Sara & Chris Solom	Nancy Ottinger Cheryl Adams	Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson	Joanne Klinger
	10:45 Su	Helen Fenzan & Marty Jacobsen	Carl & Sandy Hubert	Elaine Neukirk & Judy Petropolis	11am Joanne By- chowsky

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report

Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of January 31, 2016:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
General Fund Income:	\$ 55,827.55	\$ 47,879.00
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 42,055.74	\$ 47,882.00
Net Income:	\$ 13,771.81	\$ (3.00)

**General Fund Notes:** Through January operating income was more than expenses by \$13,771.81. Member contributions are over budget by \$8,177.30. Expenses are under budget \$5,826.26. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$13,774.81 primarily due to unfunded Provision Accounts, controlled staff costs and increased member contributions. We continue to encourage the restraint of staff and mission teams in their spending in the various expense categories.

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

Building Fund Begin Balance 01/01/2016:	\$ 192,880.21
Debt Reduction Donations	\$ 405.00
Building Fund Donations:	\$ 0.00
Forward in Faith	\$ 63,694.40
Mission Plus Interest Income	\$ 119.79
Memorial Donations Building Fund	\$ 0.00

Building Fund Income/Donations: \$ 64,219.19

Loan Principal Payments:	\$ 4,137.73
Loan Interest Payments:	\$ 1,365.27
Principal Only Payments:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Expenses	\$ 0.00
Architectural Expenses	\$ 0.00
Building Fund Expenses:	\$ 5,503.00
Net Income(Loss):	\$ 58,716.19
Ending Fund Balance:	\$ 251,596.40

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

The January month end building loan balance is \$527,071.01. Thank you for your faithful tithing as we continue to cover our mission operational costs, funding our building loan obligation, and our future building expansion.

Jim Henley  
SOTP Treasurer

## THANK YOU

*Janice Shuff (a long time member that has moved) wanted to thank those of you that have called, sent cards and kept her in your prayers. Things are finally starting to look up for her.*

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Annette Carlson, Joe Jones, Darren Walloch, Zachary Ott
- 2 Ronnie Bretsen, Taylor Ramey
- 3 Jill Hoffman, Ryan Miller
- 4 David Bishop
- 5 Michelle Nielsen, Matthew Behm, Jamie Lukes
- 6 Hollie Lindgren, Marty Jacobsen, Tamara Uteg
- 7 Carol Roth, Tamara Polzin-Netsel, Timothy Ramirez, Madison Black
- 8 Carol Bletz, Taylor Dean
- 10 Richard Dahl, Meryn Thompson, Richard Gerhardt, Pamela Perrott, Vivian Kasal, Jaime DeBlick, Emily Rossman, Alyson Johnson, Kendall Wolf
- 11 Denise Gartzke
- 12 Alice Hallett, Jaxson Thomas Domenz
- 13 Chris Hinde
- 14 Lisa Pskule, Bentley Jacobs
- 15 Lauren Flanagan
- 16 Ferdie Kimminau, Grant Jahr, Hannah Dobrolinsky, Daniella Berti, Ashlyn Grabs, Brooke Grabs
- 17 Mark Wilkerson, Colt Luedtke, Alexis Kowalski
- 19 Dee Jones, Phyllis Thomson, Seth Conroy, Annabel Johnson, John Robinson
- 20 Cheryl Konie
- 21 Neal Doden, James Rice, Jeff Bala, Braden Turk, Alex Steen
- 22 John Fuellgraff, Ed Richard, Devan Turk, Payton Marx, Derek Reindcke
- 23 Mary McCullough, Michael Hoch, Annika Yndestad, Zachary Ethan Powe, Cecelia DeBolt, Lillian DeBolt
- 24 Karen Ankerberg, Sara Solem, Chad Juergensen
- 25 Gerd Rankin, Brandon Wade, Trevor Dowell
- 26 Paula Meyer, Jim Milford, Noreta Walker, Sandi Stewart, Al Guttenburg, Charlie Burian
- 27 Ruth Quam, Jennifer Trevino, Kylie Golenbeck
- 28 Renae Greene, Rachel Miller, Christopher Stopka
- 29 Wayne Schmidt, Amie Didricksen, Kay OShanna, Amy Johnson, Jennifer Powe
- 31 Orion Samuelson, Aloxandria Rhode, Amanda Juergensen

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### **Michael Waal**

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### **Michael Parmele**

Sunday School Director

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

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