



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

## Congregational Newsletter November 2016

### Statement of Purpose

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

## COMMITMENT WEEKEND NOVEMBER 5 & 6

Recognizing the grace we experience in our daily lives, responding with the practice of gratitude, and sharing what we have so that God's grace might grow lies at the heart of our Christian journey. At Shepherd of the Prairie, we invite you to enter more deeply into the practice of gratitude by making a pledge of financial support to our common life and ministries. Your commitment in response to God's blessings makes a tangible impact on our worship, community life, and outreach to our neighbors.

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**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23  
7:00 PM**

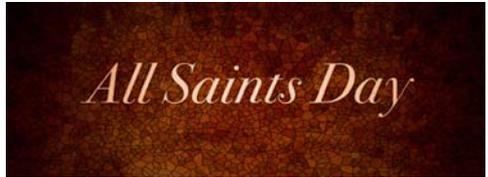
Join our Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church family as we gather together to give thanks to God for all that we have.

*After the service, enjoy fellowship with family and friends over coffee and pie. To help make this a success, please consider bringing a pie to share.*

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## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
We begin the month of November remembering all the blessed Saints. People in our lives who have been examples of Christ like living for us.



Those who have helped us become what and who we are today. All Saints weekend is a time of remembrance, but it is also a reminder of the work yet to be accomplished. We are called to bring the message of Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords to the world.

In chapter 20 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is faced with a number of questions, all of which he answers in the language and frame of reference of those questioning him.

The questions are asked by the Sadducees, a group of wealthy, non-political Jews who followed only the teachings of Moses as listed in the first five chapters of the Hebrew Scriptures. Because Moses had never mentioned the resurrection, they did not believe in it. Further, they asked their question wanting to discredit Jesus, fearing that the number of people following Jesus would upset their Roman rulers and consequently the status quo and their affluent lifestyle.

Jesus answered their question, meeting them in the same manner as they questioned, in such a way that even the scribes were amazed at his ability. He went on to refute their belief that Moses did not believe in the resurrection by quoting Moses' reference to God being the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, all who must be living, as God is the God of the living and not the dead. Here the Sadducees had the opportunity to listen to what Jesus was saying; instead they remained in their box, missing that opportunity to follow him. We wonder at their contrived and seemingly ridiculous question, yet, do we sometimes find ourselves asking and answering questions about death from our frame of reference?

Aren't many of our concerns about death and eternity only concerns because we see death and eternity from our perspective without trusting in God's power and wisdom and love? Is heaven going to be only an extension of our lives here on earth, or is it going to be entirely different, something far beyond our present understanding?

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Do these concerns form a stumbling block in our relationships with God— “Yes, God, I know that Jesus conquered death for me, BUT...”? We who follow Jesus know that the resurrection is real. We have evidence of that in Jesus’ resurrection (*Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:6-7, and John 20:9*) and as Paul’s faith declaration in 1 Corinthians 15:113-118. We want to live our lives in that confidence.

I pray you will join us to remember and give thanks for all the blessed saints as well as make commitments of God’s work yet to be accomplished through your hands and mine.

*Pastor Mark*

## *Pastor Mark Out of the Country*

As many of you are aware, Pastor Mark will be leaving for Africa following worship on **NOVEMBER 6**. He will be gone through **NOVEMBER 21**. While away, Pastor Bill will be leading our worship services and tending to the pastoral needs of the congregation. Our thanks to Pastor Bill for his faithful serving. Please call him or the church office with any pastoral emergencies during this time.



## *Pastor Bill's Adult Education News*



So many factors shaped the life and faith of Martin Luther. Certainly he was a man of his time, influenced by the culture and ethos of his day. He was a product of the 16th century and all that went along with being a man of the Middle Ages. Many of his thoughts and ideas seem so foreign to us today. He believed the earth to be the center of God's creation and opposed the ideas of Copernicus who thought the earth revolved around the sun. He believed, at least initially, that God was an angry judge, taking great pleasure in Luther's misery as a sinner and great delight in condemning Luther to death and hell. So much so, in fact, that Luther could say when told all he needed to do was love God, "Love God? I hate him!"

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## *Pastor Bill's Adult Education News Cont.*

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But then Luther's life took a giant turn. And as he went through his own personal reformation, he came to realize the immense love of God, even for one such as Brother Martin. Such insight into God's "proper work" as Luther called it, came from the Gospel of John and the letters of the apostle Paul. It's these letters, especially Paul's letters to the Romans and Galatians that made such a huge impact on Luther. And as a part of our Reformation 500 series, how these two letters influenced Luther will be our focus for adult education in November. You're invited to join us as we meet on **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:20, ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 11:00 AND ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00**. We'll gather weekly up to Thanksgiving and then take a hiatus until after the first of the year. We look forward to seeing YOU!

*Pastor Bill*

## *Ministry Musings*

Recently my daughter in law's grandmother, Nadia, died at the age of 97. Later that same evening my son filled me in on her story and I thought I would share it with you. She grew up as a young woman in a small town in Nazi Germany. My daughter in law's father was a boy during the war years and when the war ended he was a 14-year-old boy coming out of a Hitler youth camp, trying to make his way home across a war torn and divided Germany. One night, as he was trying to find something to eat, a young woman (Nadia) and her husband John found him on the streets of their town and asked him where he was going. When he told them he was heading for home clear across the country, they informed him that his portion of Germany was occupied by the Russians and he would most likely not be able to reach his home, but if he would like he could come home with them for a meal. All Heinz heard was "eat" so he gladly followed them home.



He stayed with them throughout his teen age years first working on a nearby farm and then at the paper company where John worked. In

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1950 Nadia and her husband emigrated to the United States. Heinz tried to come as well but since he was of draftable age in the US, he was not granted travel papers. (The Germans and the Chinese had a strong hatred for one another and since the Korean War had just broken out, Germany would not let any of their young men come to America for fear they would end up in Korea and in the hands of the Chinese.) In 1957, after the end of the Korean War, Heinz and his young wife and little daughter came to the United States to start their new life.

Last year when my son and daughter in law took Nadia to a funeral they were astonished to hear that John (who died in 1995) and Nadia had been responsible for bring hundreds of people from Germany to the United States to start new lives. Those refugees from war torn Germany were woven into the fabric of American life and now have children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren who are thankful for the life they have here and are contributing in mighty ways to make this country great.

At this funeral these children, grandchildren and great grandchildren came up to "Patin Nadia" (Godmother Nadia) and thanked her for what she and John had done and for the opportunity they had given to their families.

Sometimes we think that the little things we do are so unimportant and that as one or two people we cannot make a difference. Nadia's story can serve to illustrate how wrong that idea can be. An act of kindness can make a huge difference in the life of a person and for generations to come

*Donna Kelly*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



On Oct 30th we welcomed our newest SOTP family members. Please look for their names and faces on the screens before worship and on the board in the Crossroads and make them feel at home:

ORLO & CHERYL AUSTIN \* MIKE & ANNE BOHO  
BARBARA DAVIS \* RUTH GLENNON \* ALICE MILLER  
RUSS & MADGE MOTYKA \* RONDA SHOEMAKER  
VAL TOMANICA

New Member directories that include the information on our newest members are available on the Ushers' table.

## FORWARD IN FAITH... BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

Shepherd of the Prairie continues to move Forward in Faith:



- Our new Renderings have just been released from Groth Design Group!
- Exterior Detailed Design is 95% complete.
- Sub-Committees have been formed with over a dozen additional SOTP members who will advise and give input to the Building Team on: Acoustics, Sound, Video, Security, Colors & Materials, Furniture, Storage, Phone & Internet, and Maintenance.
- The Village of Huntley Development Application has been formally submitted to the Village along with our \$1,250 Application fee and our \$5,000 Escrow fee.
- Craig Knoche & Associates have been hired as our Civil Engineers.
- Scott Riedel & Associates have been hired as our Acoustical Engineers.
- David McCallum Associates have been hired as our Landscape Architects.

Your Building Team is moving at a firm pace in order to begin the Bidding Process in December/January with the Congregational Vote end of January. We hope to Break Ground on our New Mission Center in April, 2017. These dates are goals, and are fluid.

Please pray for your Building Team and our congregation through this monumental and historic time here at Shepherd of the Prairie.

**AND YES, THE FUTURE IS NOW!!!!!!!**



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Hope Filled Holiday - 1,000,000 Meal Packing Event

**Looking for a great way to give back this Christmas?** Looking



**MOBILEPACK**

for a way to serve as a family, with friends and even make some new friends? Feed My Starving Children is doing a Christmas challenge to pack 1,000,000 meals in a weekend. We were hoping SOTP could offer a little help. We have volunteered 30 people to participate in this MOBILE packing event.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH, 12:00 - 2:00 PM** at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. We will meet there and help pack the meals.

If you have packed with us before, you know this is always a fun event. If you are new, please consider giving this fun way to volunteer a try. What a great way to get in the Christmas spirit!

Please contact Jill Brown 847-683-5027, [jillbrown14@yahoo.com](mailto:jillbrown14@yahoo.com), or

## POINSETTIA PLANT ORDERS

As we approach the Advent Season, your Worship Committee is busy making plans for the season. This year as in the past, you will have the opportunity to purchase POINSETTIA PLANTS to grace the sanctuary. The red poinsettia plants are 7" diameter and may be purchased for \$25.00 each. You will find an order form coming to you in an email blast and available by the



POINSETTIA BOX in the Crossroads beginning November 11 – 27, 2016. Fill out the order form, attach a check or cash. Place your order in an envelope marked POINSETTIA. The orders may be placed in the offering plate or the in the POINSETTIA BOX.

**The last date to take orders is December 2** so the timing may seem short to you. You will be able to take your poinsettia home after church on Sunday, December 25th.

Thank you for helping us decorate the sanctuary and make it beautiful for Christmas.

## SOTP 13th ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

⇒ **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 5 - 8 PM**

⇒ **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9 AM - 2 PM**

This is a perfect time to start your holiday shopping. The SOTP Crafters have been busy all year creating magical gifts. ALL proceeds will help build the new building!!! Every item sold has been donated.

Not only will you find wonderful gifts, but there is also a Bake Sale with delicious goodies to eat while you shop and to take home for dinner!!!!

What will you be able to find? Christmas ornaments, decorations, stockings, quilts, advent wreaths, 18" doll clothes...just to name a few of the endless variety of items....

### Our Holiday Bazaar needs your delicious home baked goodies

to sell at our bake sale ~ and SOTP is known to have some of the best bakers around! Sign up in the Crossroads.

*Smaller servings sell better than whole cakes.*

Please drop off during these times:

- Thursday, November 10 (9:00 am - Noon)
- Friday, November 11 (9:00 am - Noon *or* 4:30 - 5:00 pm)
- Saturday, November 12 (8:00 am - 9:00 am)

*If you have any questions or concerns, contact Judie Symal.*



## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thanks you to all who participated in making our new pictorial directory a success. A special thank you to everyone who helped by making phone calls or sitting at the welcome table during photo sessions.

We received a \$1 donation from Lifetouch for Grafton Food Pantry for each family photo taken during August. We are pleased to report that we received a check for \$176 which has been passed on to Grafton Food Pantry. Thank you to all who helped out with that along with all of the food gathered during the photo shoot times.

The new directory should be available in the **beginning of January**. Everyone who either had their photo taken by Lifetouch or submitted a photo will receive a free copy of the directory and we will let you know when they arrive. Thanks again to all who participated.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK



Thank you tremendously for signing up and participating by using your hands to do God's work at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. It was an awesome experience sharing your fellowship and work with you!!! We also thank Sid Sorensen for starting this project and inspiring us to continue with it.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Some of the hymns we sang in church recently seemed to link with my emotions of thankfulness. Hymn number 774:

*"What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms."*

Of course, it is referencing God's arms. Since we all were created in God's image, I believe God won't mind if I also include your arms in my thoughts. Your arms, your hands, your hearts, and your wonderful fellowship are all included in my emotions.

Without your participation, we would not have been able to help the Northern Illinois Food Bank's ability to feed so many of our hungry neighbors. Your accomplishments were amazing: 14,973 pounds of produce (potatoes and squash) were packed to contribute to 12,477 meals for hungry neighbors in northern Illinois; 1,657 pounds of creamed corn (cans labeled) will be added to 1,381 meals, also 5,558 pounds of cookies will be added to 4,631 meals. In addition, 4,300 bags were labeled and will be used for turkey gravy distribution to our hungry neighbors. Wow, you folks have been a true blessing from God.

Since it was so successful, we will arrange another event in spring, 2017. We sure hope you can help again. May God bless you with a wonderful day, and a wonderful life, Sharon and Dave Stangle

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of November 5 & 6

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

- Canned Tomatoes  
(Diced, Paste, Stewed)
- Deodorant
- Ketchup & Condiments
- Dish Soap & Bleach
- Cookies



AND AS ALWAYS,  
CHECKS MADE OUT  
TO SOTP WITH  
"FOOD PANTRY" IN  
THE MEMO WILL BE  
FORWARDED

## STEWARDSHIP TALES



The Thanksgiving holiday is a time to contemplate that Gratitude is the beginning of Christian faith. Before we gain understanding of Christ, before we sense the presence of the Holy Spirit, we can become conscious of God's blessings and give thanks for them. At that time, we might also begin to realize that God has a firm hand on our lives, to realize how much we have been guided by him.

With partial understanding we develop further gratitude and further faith. Eventually, we reach a complete belief in Christ. Then is when we learn the Gratitude of having been chosen to believe. We learn to be grateful for the gift of life, of health and the gifts of talents and abilities. Gratitude, rather than duty, prompts our giving to God our time, our talents, and our treasure. Perhaps the ultimate Gratitude is reached the day we find a way to serve our Lord by befriending our fellow man. Gratitude is the beginning of Faith; Faith leads us to the ultimate Gratitude.

## COMMITMENT WEEKEND ~ NOVEMBER 5 & 6

The weekend of November 5th & 6th has been chosen for our 2017 commitment weekend. On that weekend, you will receive two "estimate of giving" cards:

- 1) One for the General Fund *which pays all expenses other than mortgage and future building expenses*. This will be a one-year pledge of what you plan to contribute for 2017.
- 2) The second "estimate of giving" card will be for the second and third years of our "Forward in Faith" (*building fund*) that was initiated last year.

You will have two options:

- 1) To keep your second and third year pledge the same.
- 2) To make a two-year pledge if you haven't already done so or to change the second and third year of your original pledge.

If you are unable to make a commitment at this time on either or both cards, please indicate that on the estimate of giving card. This will eliminate a follow up call. We hope you will prayerfully consider your commitment to the church.

*For your convenience both cards are available on [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org)*

NOVEMBER 5/6  
**COMMITMENT**  
weekend

## THE GIVING TREE 2016



The Giving Trees will be up on Saturday/Sunday, November 5th and 6th. *I have been asked to put Tree's up a week early. They will be taken down the weekend of the Church Bazaar and put back out the following week.*

We will again sponsor 26 families, 15 from Grafton Food Pantry and 11 from Turning Point, Woodstock, who give help and support for abuse in families.

**Gifts MUST be back by Sunday, December 11 for distribution.**

All gifts are to be NEW items. **DO NOT GIFT WRAP** the gifts, as wrapping paper is given to each family. Please secure the tag to either the bag or box. A separate box will be available for gift cards only and large boxes will be available for packages.

These two organizations are so thankful for all we do for them and in our hearts, we know we are bringing joy to very needy families. If you have any questions, call **Barb Hoppensteadt** 847-669-0016.

## FROM THE FAMILY OF SID SORENSEN

Dear Shepherd of the Prairie Family,

The family of Sid Sorensen can not express enough gratitude for your compassion and all you did to help Sid make his final journey home on September 24th. Your outpouring of concern, prayers, kindness and hugs carried us on that final day. A few months ago Sid expressed how thankful he was to have you by his side during his long illness and now I express the very same. A very special thank you goes to Pastor's Mark and Bill who were always near and truly have been our spiritual companions. In addition, thank you to the following: Pastor Ken Pohlman whose guidance long ago led us to prepare for Sid's service; Jane McMullen who combined the beautiful choirs of SOTP and St. Barnabas, Soloists Donna Allen and Annette Boster, Michael Waal, Dennis Lilla, Michelle Rankin, Donna Kelly, Greg Dowell, the luncheon leaders of Deb Hansen and Donna Newbanks and a large team of volunteers who provided a most delicious luncheon. Everything was just as Sid had wished, a celebration for the survivors with his song of triumph, "Lift High The Cross".



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



There's still time to be part of Operation Christmas Child! Just fill a shoebox with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. We'll make sure it gets on its way to a child living in a country devastated by war, natural disaster or poverty.

Or if you prefer, we also welcome donations of individual items (toys, crayons, pencils, etc.) that our youth will combine with other donations to fill more

boxes. Or if you'd like our church youth to do the shopping for you, cash donations are welcome through Friday, November 4 th .

You can pick up a ready-to- fill red and green box at the OCC table, along with a How to Pack Your Shoebox brochure.

Please bring all filled boxes and other donations to SOTP by Sunday, November 6 th . Our youth will have a packing party after second service that day to get the boxes ready to start their journey around the world.

A big thank you to all of you who are supporting this project with shoeboxes, donations and prayers. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many children.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our 2016 SOTP Thanksgiving offering will be divided equally between these four charities all of which are connected to food:

- 1) Feed My Starving Children: *Volunteers pack fortified meals which are sent to 70 countries around the world to feed malnourished children.*
- 2) Grafton Food Pantry: *Meets the needs of families and individuals who do not have the means to purchase food and other essential items.*
- 3) Northern Illinois Food Bank: *Many SOTP members volunteer at the facility in Geneva packing food which is then distributed to food pantries and other agencies.*
- 4) ELCA World Hunger: *Working with and through congregations to reach communities in need with meals and finding solutions that get at the causes of hunger and poverty.*



# Too much, too wrong, too soon

WALT MUELLER, CPYU President

Last year, an article in the Washington Post used a bold-faced headline to pose this question: “Are parents ruining youth sports?” But the article’s headline didn’t end there. It continued by answering its own question: “Fewer kids play amid pressure.”



Let’s be honest with ourselves. We live in a parenting world that’s shifted from creating a home where kids can find sanctuary and solace from the pressures of growing up in the world, to a parenting world where all-too-often the greatest source of pressure is coming from the parents who set the climate in the home. Sadly, it’s not until we step back out of the fast-moving stream of our own parenting peer culture that our eyes may be opened to the fact that yes, we’ve gotten caught up in the rat race ourselves. In an effort to keep up with everyone else, we too put way too much pressure on our kids.

Over our years of listening to kids and tracking the research, it appears that there are three “hot-points” where we are expected and encouraged by our culture to put way too much pressure on our kids.

**FIRST, THERE’S THE ACADEMIC PRESSURE.** Nobody wants to have an average kid anymore. Consequently, the home, the school, and even kids themselves put tremendous pressure on kids to achieve high grades, climb the class-rank ladder, and get into “the right college.” Resume-building begins at the moment a child emerges from the womb, with parents pushing kids not to do their best, but to achieve above-and-beyond what’s reasonable based on their gifts and abilities. Sadly, we hear kids lamenting an “A” or a 97% as less than perfect, and disappointing to dad and mom.

**SECOND, THERE’S THE APPEARANCE PRESSURE.** We spend inordinate amounts of time, money, and anxiety in an effort to measure up to the unreasonable and not-even-remotely-realistic digitally-altered standards of beauty we’re being fed 24/7. There’s the clothing, the make-up, the hair care, the diet and exercise, and the plastic surgery. Yes, we’re called to care for and steward our God-given bodies. But we worship and idolize our physical selves. And when mom and dad fall prey to these temptations in their own lives, kids

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will learn what's most important. Sadly, many parents send verbal messages that combine with society's pressure to reach standards that will never be attained.

**FINALLY, THERE'S THE ATHLETIC PRESSURE.** Have you ever stepped back from the sidelines to watch what's happening *outside* the white lines?!? Do your kids play on fields bordered by sidelines made up of screaming and yelling parents? Are those parents spewing pressures onto the field that push away the fun element that should be central to play? Are we teaching our kids that winning trumps character development? Are we, in fact, undermining the healthy growth and development of our kids on the altar of skills, scholarships, and victory? Are we living vicariously through our kids?

Thirty years ago developmental expert Dr. David Elkind sounded a warning that what kids need is a time to grow. They need to be kids who are buffered from pressure. Instead, what we give them is way too much pressure. Then, Elkind says, what results is stress and its aftermath. In the thirty years since, Elkind's words have played out way too many times.

Are you setting the table for your child to face pressures that could cause them to buckle under, fall apart, and even pursue idolatrous ends? Or are you nurturing them with love, mercy, and grace into a lifetime of pursuing God, His will, and His way, and His Way.

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### Why Youth Groups Matter

Teenagers need models and mentors. They need additional adults in their lives reinforcing the spiritual habits they're learning from you.

Teenagers need community. They benefit from friends who challenge them in all the right ways.

Teenagers need mission. The "activist" wiring of this generation makes them great Gospelsharers.

Teenagers need theology. Learning about their faith helps kids own it in a personal way.

Teenagers need a safe place to confess and confide. Accountability with friends often gives young people the courage to confess at home.



## YOUTH CULTURE NEWS

### QUOTED

“Bro. Bro! Tonight we here to have fun. I’m standing in front of my idol, Puff Daddy, I’m standing in front of my wife, Kim Kardashian West. I’m standing in front of the future: Chance the Rapper, 2 Chainz, Jaden Smith. Bro, we are undeniably the influence, the thought leaders.”—*Kanye West speaking at the MTV VMAs on 8/28/16*



### VALUE YOUR KIDS



Chicago White Sox player Adam LaRoche recently retired from baseball following a disagreement with management about his son. Fourteen year old Drake had been attending games in the dugout and hanging out with his dad in the clubhouse. Prior to joining the White Sox, LaRoche had stipulated that his

son’s presence be allowed, but this year management asked him to dial that back. Rather than curtailing the time with Drake, LaRoche retired, walking away from \$13 million this season alone. “Of one thing I am certain,” LaRoche said in a statement. “We will regret not spending enough time with our kids, not the other way around. At every level of my career, the game of baseball has reinforced the importance of family to me. Being at my father’s side when he coached. Playing alongside my brothers as a kid and as an adult in the big leagues. Likewise, it has been great to have my son by my side to share in this experience as I played. In each and every instance, baseball has given me some of my life’s greatest memories. This was likely to be the last year of my career, and there’s no way I was going to spend it without my son.” Adults face many distractions that seem like necessities. Yet the only necessity is raising kids who know they’re loved and who love Jesus and others. Having the courage to make that your top priority is a sign of strong parenting.

### QUICK STATS

- More than three-quarters of rear-end collisions involving a teenage driver happened when the teen was paying attention to their cellphone, to a passenger, to self-grooming, or to something else other than the road. (*Journal of Safety Research*)
- When given the choice between only being able to text or call on their mobile phones, a surprising 75 percent of millennials would rather lose the ability to talk versus text. (*OpenMarket Survey*)

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

|                    |          | November 5 & 6                                       | November 12 & 13            | November 19 & 20   | November 26 & 27               |
|--------------------|----------|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Presiding Minister |          | Pastor Mark Boster                                   | Pastor Bill Waxenberg       |  | Pastor Mark Boster             |
| Altar Guild        | 5:00 SAT | Becky Tuzik & Sue Mattiucci and Tom & Darlene Polzin |                             |  |                                |
|                    | 9:00 AM  | Adele Wogstad & Judie Symbal                         |                             |  |                                |
|                    | 10:45 AM | Merrily Burkland & Marlene Boehler                   | Jan and Don Koerner         | Linda Jahr & Donna Schneff                                   | Darren & Pam Walloch           |
| Altar Flowers      | Weekend  |  |                             | Barb & Jim Auwerda, In memory of Betty Schule, Barb's mother |                                |
| Assisting Minister | 9:00 AM  |  |                             |  |                                |
|                    | 10:45 AM |  |                             |  |                                |
| Coffee Hour Hosts  | SUNDAY   |  | Meryllyn Schnell            | Meryllyn Schnell   |                                |
| Coffee Hour Treats | SUNDAY   |  | Conway Family               |  |                                |
| Communion Bread    | 5:00 SAT | Lanita Palermo                                       |                             |  | Tom Noesen & Bev Pinnelli      |
|                    | SUNDAY   | Barb Kmpotich  | Sandy Martin                | Nancy Zunkier  | Joann Klinger                  |
| Communion Stewards | 5:00 SAT |  |                             |  |                                |
|                    | 9:00 AM  |  |                             |  |                                |
|                    | 10:45 AM |  |                             |  |                                |
| Counters           | Weekend  | Warren Brody, Donna Turner & Ralph Bergstrom         |                             |  |                                |
| Greeters           | 5:00 SAT | Wilma Lyding   | Becky Tuzik                 | Sue Blotch   | Karen Eckert                   |
|                    | 9:00 AM  | Joan Doege & Terry Halpin                            | Jackie Elkin & Terry Halpin | Elaine Brody & Terry Halpin                                  | Dolly Cardascio & Terry Halpin |
|                    | 10:45 AM | Bob & Tracy McDuffee                                 | Len & Dolly Cardascio       | Jim & Barb Auwerda   | Bob & Carolyn Malm             |
| Nursery            | 9:00 AM  | Jen Kolcz  | Judie Symbal                | Jen Powe   | Jamie Patel                    |
|                    | 10:45 AM | Jen Powe   | Blue Geller                 | Jocelyn Doden  | Mary Lee Rishel                |
|                    | Clean Up | Jen Powe   | Blue Geller                 | Jocelyn Doden  | Mary Lee Rishel                |



## NOVEMBER SCHEDULES (Cont.)

|                            |          | November 5 & 6   | November 12 & 13  | November 19 & 20   | November 26 & 27  |
|----------------------------|----------|--|---|--|---|
| Readers                    | 9:00 AM  |  |   |  |   |
|                            | 10:45 AM |  |   |  |   |
| Rejoice<br>Worship<br>Band | 10:45 AM |  |   |  |   |
| Sound-<br>board            | 5:00 SAT |  |   |  |   |
|                            | 9:00 AM  | Jim Rice   | Tom Polzin  | Jim Rice   | Tom Polzin  |
|                            | 10:45 AM | Brian Ott  | Tim Torkelson   |  |   |
| Ushers                     | 5:00 SAT | Denis & Carol Minutillo  | Sue Mattuicci & Becky Tuzik   | Randi Dawson & Becky Tuzik   | Steve Murphy & Doreen Drinan                                      |
|                            | 9:00 AM  | WAYNE SCHMIDT<br>Jerry & Marty Bergman<br>Waren Brody<br>John Jensen<br>Walter Lemke | JACK CONTI<br>James Blanchard,<br>Chris Hinde,<br>Merlyn & Harriet<br>Thompson<br>Marlene Tresp | ROY RANKIN<br>John Arneson, Chris Solem<br>Walter & Carol Roth<br>Carol Engstrom | ED & CAROLYN CUTTLE<br>Jeff Stipes<br>Harold & Joan Doege         |
|                            | 10:45 AM | BOB MCDUFFEE,<br>John Richardson,<br>Paul Ross,<br>Chris Swanson                     | MARK FRENDEIS<br>Patrick Fleener,<br>Charlie Powe,<br>Andrew Szekely                            | JOHN BOEHLER<br>Don Koerner,<br>Darren Walloch<br>Vik Bekeris                    | BOB MCDUFFEE<br>Vik Bekeris,<br>Dick Gerhardt,<br>John Richardson |
| Visuals                    | 9:00 AM  | Josh Harding   | Josh Harding  | Josh Harding   | Josh Harding  |
|                            | 10:45 AM | Jack Ott   | Alan Torkelson  |  |   |
| Welcome<br>Center          | 9:00 AM  |  |   |  |   |
|                            | 10:45 AM |  |   |  |   |
| Worship<br>Leader          | Sat      | Michael Waal   |   |  |   |
|                            | Sunday   |  |   |  |   |

If you aren't currently involved in ministry at Shepherd of the Prairie and would like to find your niche, please contact Donna Kelly at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) or the church office at 847/669-9448.

There are so many different ways to get involved, you may be our missing piece!



## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report - Operating Budget Year-to-Date as of September 30, 2016:

|                        | YTD Actual    | YTD Budget    |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund Income:   | \$ 450,067.17 | \$ 430,911.00 |
| General Fund Expenses: | \$ 414,863.32 | \$ 430,938.00 |
| Net Income:            | \$ 35,203.85  | \$ (27.00)    |

**General Fund Notes:** Through September operating income was more than expenses by \$35,203.85. Member contributions are over budget by \$24,274.97. Expenses are under budget \$16,074.68. Overall General Fund Income is more than Expenses to Budget YTD \$35,230.85 primarily due to unfunded Provision Accounts, prepaid pledges, 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 September 30, 2016:

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Building Fund Begin Balance 09/01/2016: | \$ 192,880.21        |
| Debt Reduction Donations                | \$ 3,667.00          |
| Building Fund Donations                 | \$ 0.00              |
| Forward in Faith                        | \$ 430,373.52        |
| <b>FORWARD</b>                          | <b>\$ 99,030.00</b>  |
| Mission Plus Interest Income            | \$ 2,387.97          |
| Memorial Donations Building Fund        | \$ 0.00              |
| <b>Building Fund Income/Donations:</b>  | <b>\$ 535,458.49</b> |

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Loan Principal Payments      | \$ 34,597.21  |
| Loan Interest Payments       | \$ 13,549.79  |
| Principal Only Payments      | \$ 3,177.00   |
| Capital Campaign Expenses    | \$ 730.95     |
| Architectural Expenses       | \$ 24,874.43  |
| Construction Manager Exp     | \$ 000.00     |
| Other Phase II Expense       | \$ (213.50)   |
| Building Fund Total Expenses | \$ 76,715.88  |
| Net Income(Loss):            | \$ 458,742.61 |
| Ending Fund Balance:         | \$ 651,622.82 |

We continue to accumulate funds in the Forward in Faith (Building Fund) and FORWARD accounts per Council direction and Congregation approval.

The September month end building loan balance is \$493,434.53. 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

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ..... Tracy McDuffee, Kylie Rankin,  
Faith Geller, Lee Gollhardt,  
Dolores Cardascio
- 2 ..... Bevely Pinnelli, Elaine Brody
- 3 ..... Sherry Roberts, Samantha Johnson,  
Diana Reincke
- 4 ..... Jonathan Black
- 5 ..... Emily Ernst
- 6 ..... Maggie Rojas, Joseph Trevino,  
Autumn Maraviglia, Michael Yndestad
- 7 ..... Katie Parker, Carol Gerhardt,  
Nancy Morbeck, Dylan Schorsch,  
Jenny Hollabaugh
- 9 ..... Sarah Frederickson, Brock Riebock,  
Patricia Bour, Breanna Huston
- 10.... Mike Kasal, David Johnson,  
Nathaniel Reincke, Zoe Bishop
- 11 .... Jocelyn Doden, Merrily Burkland,  
Jake Scalise, Carol Legel, Jeffrey Case
- 12.... Dylan Miley, Randi Dawson,  
Thor Forsythe, Paul Marx,  
Norris Bretsen, Megan Prather
- 13.... Rebecca Tuzik, Don Koerner,  
Melissa Juergensen, Paul Lemke,  
Joe Lindquist, Alexander Stenson
- 14.... Elise Dean, Don Schneider,  
Richard Himebaugh, Mark Boster, Mike  
Parmele, Jill Brown, Brennen Clementi
- 15.... Jake Luedtke, Richard Hoffman
- 16.... Gavin Lee
- 17.... Cindy Hollow, Patti Schmitendorf,  
Gina Debolt, Rylen Jacobs
- 18.... Kristine DeBolt, Barbara Pagano,  
Ronald Petersen
- 19.... Pattie Young, Cassidy Serpe, Kim  
Szekely
- 20.... Dick Maiman, Brittany James
- 21 .... Jen Raines, David Kann
- 22.... Joyce Thompson, Elizabeth Johnson
- 23.... Laura Miley, Drew Anderson
- 25.... Janet Thunholm, Barb Krmpotich
- 26.... Barbara Hoppensteadt, Jill Bohrnell
- 27.... Ted Anderson, Geryllynn Schlichting,  
Ellie Conway
- 28.... Bailey Greene, Scott Wintersteen
- 29.... Terry Halpin, Albert Collingbourne,  
Richard Juergensen, Robert Vitner,  
Jim Rhode, Venessa Lorenzo
- 30.... Madely Brittain

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### **Annette Boster, Cherub Choir**

### **Michael Waal,**

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### **Denise James, Joy Ringers**

### **Michael Parmele**

*Sunday School Director*

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

*Contributions Secretaries*

### **Congregation Council**

**Mike McCann, President**

**Matt Greene, Vice President**

**Amy Brittain, Secretary**

**Jim Henley, Treasurer**

**Adam Adams**

**Marlene Boehler**

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**Bud Hansen**

**Bob McDuffee**