



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

Congregational Newsletter February 2017

Statement of Purpose

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

ARE YOU READY?



- **January:** Shales McNutt Construction Began the Bidding Process
- **February:** Shales McNutt Construction Concludes the Bidding Process
- **March:** Decisions to be made from the Building Team and Congregation
- **April 23rd, 2017 Groundbreaking!!!!**

Visit your Building Team Corner to view the Display Boards showcasing the materials to be used to adorn our New Sanctuary, Narthex, Office Space, and the Music & Education wing.

And YES, The Future is NOW!

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A Note From Pastor Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Life can consume us and overwhelm us. Maybe you woke up today and found it difficult to find the words to pray?

Do you have those times when you sit down to pray; your heart is full, but the words just won't come? It's for those times that God provides us with the words as God invites us to pray the scriptures.

As I am writing this message I am spending a few days away doing some planning for the Lenten season. I am excited that we are going to use the Reformation 500 to spend some time during Lent digging into Luther's Small Catechism.

When I awake and the awesomeness of God fills my heart, I'm often at a loss for words. There are other days when I am full with the concerns of this world and don't seem to know what to pray. It is on those days that I find the Psalm helpful. The Psalmist has already put what is in my heart into words and by repeating his words my heart is opened. The Psalmist prayer and my prayer combine to personalize my praise and need.

Such a Psalm is Psalm 19 and this is a brief reflection on how using the Psalms for prayer might be helpful.

The Psalm begins "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge."

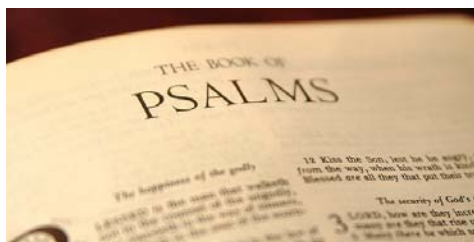
What God has created evidences all that God is; moreover, it proves the constancy of God's relationship with us. As morning follows morning, God continues with God's creation as eagerly and as enthusiastically as when God first created. Nothing is hidden from God; yet, God remains. For this, I give my heartfelt praise!

The Psalmist goes on to say that "the law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul."

To enable us to remain with God, God has given us rules to live by – rules that make our life easier or, as the Psalmist says, "giving joy to the heart and light to the eyes."

Thank you, Lord, for giving me purpose and direction for my life. Oh that I would live my life

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A Note From Pastor Mark Cont.

according to your purpose! And with the Psalmist, I pray, "Forgive my hidden faults and keep me from willful sins; may they not rule over me."

I confess that I often put my will before God's. But, oh, how joyfully I echo the psalm's closing verse -- "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."

For you, O Lord, who are my strength have also redeemed me through your Son, Jesus!

I invite you to consider using the Psalms to give you words to pray? Be surprised how the Psalmist words become your words to inspire and help you serve through the day.

Try taking one verse at a time, praying it over and over and listening, as the words begin to speak to you. I know you will find peace in your heart; open to the Spirit's urging and knowing that your praise, your confession, your thanksgiving, and your requests have touched the heart of God.

Pastor Mark

Adult Education News

As we continue our Reformation 500 journey, it's time to consider those key principles that help define who we are as Lutherans. Why is this even important? Because it's vital to know who we are if we're to be faithful followers of Jesus who serve our neighbor in need. So during the month of February, we'll consider what it means to live by these Lutheran principles:

Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone. Come join us! We meet on Sunday mornings at 10:20, and on Wednesdays at 11 am and 7 pm. Questions? Feel free to contact Pastor Bill at bwaxenberg@gmail.com. We hope to see YOU there!



Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings

The second word in our journey of a life with God in simple words is THANKS. Thanks is more than being grateful for what we have, especially at Thanksgiving time or when we say grace at meals.

Thankfulness, or gratitude can be a way of life. It's seeing what we have, or don't have, and being appreciative for being exactly where we are. It's knowing that

God cares for us just as he did for Israel in the wilderness with daily manna. What we have may not always be what we want, but it is what we need.



The world around us certainly doesn't send that message. Our society perpetuates a never-enough system. We are bombarded nearly every moment by internet ads, billboards, store displays, and TV commercials and the shows themselves, that tell us the lie that if we have a newer car, a bigger or more up to date home, an overabundance of shoes or clothes, the newest phone or app, another fancy vacation, the most delectable foods or any of hundreds of other things that we will be happier, smarter or more "with it"; then we will have arrived, we will be happy and satisfied. And so often we fall for it; and we work more and more to get more and more - more food, more clothing, more drink, more "stuff", always more, more, more.

But THANKS, realizing our dependence upon God and being thankful for what we have and who we are at this moment can free us from the addition of never-enough. It liberates us to see ourselves as God's cherished creatures and as part of his creation rather than self-made consumers in a never-enough economic system.

We are called and challenged to live in a relationship of gratitude with our God saying, "THANKS for this breath, THANKS for this tear, for this memory, for this moment, this meal, this music or whatever we are living HERE and now.

When we turn toward God and his wonders with appreciation instead of longing (or coveting), then what we have can become enough.

There is a Jewish song that has been a significant part of the

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Ministry Musings Cont.

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Passover celebration for over a thousand years. That song features the word dayenu which means, "It would have been enough". Part of that song goes like this:

If God had brought us out of Egypt, dayenu-it would have been enough.

If God had fed us manna, dayenu-it would have been enough.

If God had given us the Torah, dayenu-it would have been enough.

And we can add:

If God had sent Jesus to die and rise, dayenu-it would have been enough.

If God had sent his Spirit, dayenu-it would have been enough.

If God have given us our family, dayenu-it would have been enough.

If God had brought us to our church home, dayenu-it would have been enough.

May you and I be able to say in our lives, "What you have given Lord, dayenu".

Donna Kelly

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT NEEDS YOUR VOICES

Planning is underway for our 22nd Annual multi-congregational Palm Sunday ecumenical choral concert and prayer service. Rehearsals begin on Monday, February 27th and will continue each Monday. There will also be some additional Saturday rehearsals to accommodate our busy singers and directors. This year's concert will be held at St. Catherine of Siena in West Dundee on Sunday, April 9 at 3 PM.



All Christian singers (members and non-members) are invited to join, we can always use more good voices! Please RSVP to Jane McMullen at Jane@sotpmail.com if you will be singing with us.

VALENTINES BAKE SALE FEBRUARY 11 & 12



The weekend of **February 11 & 12** our crafters are hosting a bake sale before & after all services. All proceeds will go toward purchasing craft supplies for our Crafters.

Please help bake for our bake sale. Drop off baked goods at church beginning Thursday, February 10 from 9:00 am - Noon.

Please call Alice Hallett at 815-388-8817 if you can help price items.

*Did you know.... Everything made for the craft shows is donated. This allows all of the proceeds to go directly toward the new building addition.
Thank you for your support!*

GIVING TREE ~ THANK YOU!

Hugs and smiles from Grafton Food Pantry and Turning Point. They both wanted to make sure to send **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all of you for the gifts! They so appreciate all that Shepherd of the Prairie does for them.

We had **11 families from Turning Point**, in Woodstock, **15 families from Grafton Food Pantry** for a total of 122 gifts and gift cards.

We also received six children quilts, made by Liss Kundick, and they were given to six young girls from Turning Point. Our quilters gave 11 quilts, and 11 families from Turning Point received those. A big big thank you to my 8 helpers: Frances, Sue, Mary, Janet, Elaine, Carol, Judie and Beverly who sorted all the gifts. Thank you to the two drivers, Don and Judie who helped deliver the gifts.

If it wasn't for these helpers, nothing would have gone smooth, even though we lost family #2 in sorting. Delivering these gifts we get to see how each agency helps people in need.

And THANK YOU again to our wonderful congregation who bought gifts/gift cards for these families. If you ever get a chance to visit Grafton Food Pantry or Turning Point, please do so as you will be amazed to see how each agency works and what their needs are.

Many blessings to all, Barb Hoppensteadt



LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. We have programs for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2017). **Children do not need to be potty trained.** Our class sizes are small (not more than 10-12 per class). 1, 2 or 3 day classes available to both members and non-members. For more information please contact Jill Gillming at LittleLambs@sotpmail.com or go to our website and look under FORMS for CLASS REGISTRATION.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

If you have been worshipping with us for a while here at SOTP and would like to know more about us as a worshipping community, we would love to have you join us at our New Member Gathering. We will be offering the gathering on **Sunday, February 12th from 3:00 - 5:30 pm.** This will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the life and ministry of SOTP and for you to consider prayerfully whether or not you want to formally become a member of the SOTP family.



We will welcome new members on the following weekend, **February 18th & 19th.** If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Mark or Donna Kelly through the church office.

NEW DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED!

***The directories have arrived,
the directories have arrived!!***

Our new SOTP family albums have are here at last! If you had your photo taken by Lifetouch or your photo was submitted, there is a free directory with your name on it in the Crossroads for you to pick up. If you did not have your photo taken or submitted for this directory, you can purchase one for \$10 through the office. The \$10 will be used to purchase additional directories as needed for when new members join SOTP in the future.



If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly through the church office or via email at donna@sotpmail.com.

QUILTING NEWS

The quilters have had a very productive year. Our second dedication, even through we are in 2017, was seventy eight quilts making that a total of **178 quilts in 2016**. We have been blessed with **18 to 22 faithful women** cutting squares, laying the squares in quilt patterns for the tops, sewing those squares in strips, then adding the batting and backers, tying them to hold everything in place, and finally sewing the edges to make a complete quilt.

While talking and laughing we enjoy our work that sends these quilts out through Lutheran World Relief to bring warmth and joy to those who receive them. Some of these quilts are donated to Turning Point Women and Children Shelter, Exodus Refugees, a Crystal Lake girl suffering from cancer, and some for the African trip.



We are so very grateful to those who continue to help with quarters for quilts, and to Thrivent for their donations each year for batting. Recently Thrivent gave us seed money to but some 55 yards of new material. This means we can make stronger and more beautiful quilts from their generous gift.

PADS

We are happy to say we are only **looking for volunteers for March and April!** Thank you to all who have volunteered so far!



If you can help for either or these two months, please either:

- Sign up on the church website
- Email Jill Brown jillbrown14@yahoo.com
- Email Becky Hennessey k.b.hennessey@sbcglobal.net

Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

February 4 & 5
**Cereal &
Soup**



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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



First Communion classes for 5th graders are coming soon. They will be held on Saturdays:

- *Saturday, March 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am*
- *Saturday, March 11, 10:00 - 11:00 am*
- *Saturday, March 18, 10:00 - 11:00 am*
- *Saturday, April 1, 9:30 - 11:00 am*

Students will receive their First Communion the weekend of April 1 & 2 at the worship service of each family's choosing.

Please call the church office at (847) 669-9448 or e-mail Michelle@sotpmail.com to register your child.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Once again, we are looking forward to the fellowship shared with our Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm followed by our Lenten services at



7:00 pm. Here is a schedule of the groups that will be providing dinners for those nights:

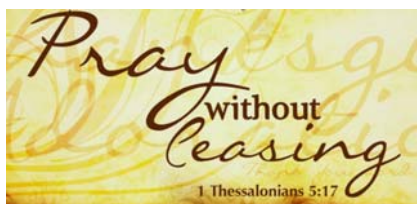
- ⇒ **MARCH 8**, Shepherd's Voices (Adult Choir)
- ⇒ **MARCH 15**, Greeters
- ⇒ **MARCH 22**, Ushers
- ⇒ **MARCH 29**, Quilters & Fun for All Ages
- ⇒ **APRIL 5**, Welcome Center & Mission Team

COMING SOON..... COFFEE HOUSE.....

Coming soon..... Coffee House Evenings with the Youth Band! Watch for details to come.....

NEW PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

New E-Mail for Prayer Chain: **SOTPPRAYERS@GMAIL.COM**

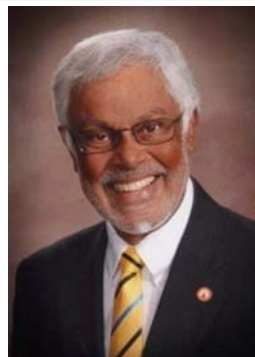


Please use this e-mail address for:

- ⇒ All prayer requests
- ⇒ If you would like to pray with us and start receiving these requests as they come in to the church e-mail

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.....

The annual CRE is scheduled for Saturday, **MARCH 11, 2017** at Kishwaukee College in Malta, IL. The theme for this gathering is, "Freed & Renewed in Christ, 500 Years of God's Grace in Action". This year's gathering will focus on the 500th anniversary of the reformation and the keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud, Wartburg Theological Seminary Professor.



This event is a wonderful time to get together with leaders and members of other congregations in our Northern Illinois Synod to exchange ideas and to learn about ideas and concerns in the ELCA as a whole and our Synod in particular.

There will be time for gathering as a large group and for worship as well as the opportunity to attend three workshops of your choice on topics ranging from "My Muslim Neighbor" to "Start Seeing Refugees" to workshops for Church Council Leaders. There are also workshops on personal faith and growth. The leaders of these workshops are clergy and lay persons with expertise in these areas. There is also an opportunity for lunch.

Several members from here at SOTP went last year and found

it a valuable asset to their continued ministry. We invite members to attend again this year. We should have the formal list of workshops, costs and times shortly and I will pass that info on to all.



Congregational
Resourcing Event
2017

Freed
& RENEWED
in **Christ**
500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

*IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
BEING PART OF THIS GREAT
DAY OR HAVE QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT DONNA
KELLY AT THE CHURCH
OFFICE AT 847-669- 9448 OR
AT DONNA@SOTPMAIL.COM.*

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Knot a Problem!

Together, read 2 Timothy 3:16 once or twice. Have everyone try writing (or saying) the verse in their own words.



Next, take a one-foot length of rope or clothesline. Say: I'm going to hold one end of the rope in each hand and tie a knot without letting go of the ends. It seems impossible, right?

Let family members try to come up with a solution. After a few minutes, lay the rope out straight on a table. Cross your arms over your chest, lean over, and pick up the ends of the rope with your arms still crossed. Then unfold your arms to reveal the tied knot.

Say: Without God's guidance in the Bible, it's impossible to make good decisions. The Bible teaches us to do what's right and how to love as God loves us. Without the Bible, it's impossible to know how to live a life of love that pleases God.

Close in prayer: Thank you, God, for communicating with us through your Word, the Bible. Help us read it often to learn about you. Amen.

YOUTH CULTURE & TRENDS

Activity and Activism With the UNICEF Kid Power Band, children can change the world while getting exercise. The Fitbit-like bracelet has a mobile app that encourages physical activity with videos from stars. When kids earn points by meeting their step goals, UNICEF sends food packets to hungry children around the world. (unicefkidpower.org)



Built for Play While working at Lego's experimental lab in Denmark, Carlos Arturo Torres designed Iko, a prosthetic arm that accommodates a variety of toy-like attachments. The arm, which encourages play with friends, is expected to be cheaper than regular prostheses. (designawards.core77.com)

SHARE GOD'S LOVE LETTER WITH CHILDREN

Today we equate communication with texts, posts, emails, and other digital methods. But God uses his Word, the Bible, to communicate truths about his Son Jesus, who's also called the Word (see John 1:1).

It's never too early to help children dive in to the Bible—God's ultimate love letter. Best of all, you don't need a theology degree or teaching credentials to help your kids love Scripture. Take these simple steps to spark a passion for God's Word.

Find age-appropriate resources. Look for books and materials that build spiritual development at your child's interest and reading levels.

Take advantage of local and church libraries, online resources, and experts at Christian bookstores.

Read the Bible to children and let them see you reading it. Use your one-on-one reading time to read from God's Word. Also model a love for Scripture by letting kids see you read, discuss, and live it regularly.

Partner with your church. Parents and churches can work together to help children discover Jesus' message of love and salvation. Talk to your pastor and Sunday school teachers for ideas about nurturing your children's growing relationship with Jesus.

Adapt as your children grow. Watch for cues that children have outgrown Bible storybooks. Preteens might prefer using a Bible app on their phones. After reading with older kids, ask questions that encourage them to dig deeper into God's Word.

POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To give your children a deep hunger for his Word.
2. To help your family members apply the Bible to daily life.
3. To guide your children as they "hide" God's Word in their hearts (see Psalm 119:11).

INSTILL A DEEP LOVE FOR THE BIBLE

These age-appropriate guidelines from *Children's Ministry Magazine* will help you tailor the Bible's message to your children as they grow. Ages 2 to 5 Preschoolers' attention span is only two to 10 minutes. They learn by touching objects and through repetition. Paraphrase Bible accounts and highlight only main points.

Ages 6 to 9 By this age, children's attention span is 10 to 20 minutes. They think concretely and focus on people's actions. Provide more details, and then let kids share a Bible passage in their own words.

Ages 10 to 12 Most preteens have heard many Bible accounts often. They need to know, "So what?" Offer modern-day applications, because kids learn more when they see how God's Word applies to them personally.

ACT IT OUT If your children enjoy playing pretend and dress up, encourage them to act out various Bible accounts. Read directly from the Bible and then help kids search for fun props (a stuffed whale for Jonah, building blocks for the wall of Jericho, a doll for baby Jesus, and so on).

"THE B-I-B-L-E" Many children absorb new information quickly through music. Plus, it's fun! At home or in the car, sing songs about Bible people and events. Many praise songs come directly from Scripture verses.

THE ULTIMATE GROUP PROJECT More than 40 people wrote the Bible throughout 1,500 years in three different languages. Yet the book fits together perfectly! What if your family decided to write a book and each person was responsible for a chapter or two? What would you each write about? The book might be interesting, but it wouldn't fit together. Ask family members to each write (or tell) a description of the same movie. Compare to see how similar or different the descriptions are. Next, read how different Bible writers present the same event; for example, see Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; and Luke 3:21-22.

HIDE GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART If you want your kids to learn Bible verses, keep it simple and fun. For longer passages, family members can each read a different section and retell it in their own words.

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW Have family members each try drawing two self-portraits—one while blindfolded and one while they can see. Then compare the results. Ask: "What was the difference in the outcome when you could see?" Say: "The Bible helps us see ourselves clearly. It tells us how God sees us, too. God loves each of us!" Read aloud James 1:22-25. Ask: "What do these verses tell us about the Bible?" Say: "The Bible comes to us straight from God. We can follow its directions and clearly see the way to go in life."

BREATHE EASY Take turns seeing how far you can read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 in one breath. (Younger kids can blow out their breath while someone reads.) After several tries, read the verses normally. Ask: "What do these verses say about the Bible? Why is the Bible important? How does Jesus speak to us through the Bible?" Say: "One thing Jesus shares in the Bible is his love. To hear more about that, keep reading the Bible!"

2016 TREASURERS REPORT

Thanks to the faithful and generous support of this congregation, 2016 has been a very successful year financially for Shepherd of the Prairie.

GENERAL FUND:

We finished 2016 with Operating Income exceeding our budget by \$32,639.89 and though Expenses were slightly over budget by \$5,439.29 the result was a Surplus of \$27,600.60.

The General Fund now has \$86,433.18 in Unrestricted Funds, \$28,736.81 in Temporary Restricted Funds, \$119,353.95 in Reserves and \$10,872.00 in Endowment Funds. The Unrestricted Funds balance represents approximately two times our monthly expenses.

You will notice that though several individual categories of expense were over budget, the combination of increased income and reduced expenses in other categories resulted in this positive result. One notable area of savings was Payroll Processing Expense. The addition of Dave Shotick as our Accounting Administrator allowed us to process payroll and taxes in house and saved us over \$4,000.00. Thanks to our Staff, Ministry Team Leaders, and Pastor Mark for faithfully managing their expenses throughout the year.

Another significant accomplishment for 2016 was the ability to add a total of \$33,942.92 to our Reserves and to define our reserve needs for future years more accurately. We've also added a onetime reserve of \$6,000 to provide for the possibility that we may have a liability for prior year's taxes because of potentially underpaid taxes for a few 1099 contractors/employees. This is currently under review by the IRS and we are cautiously optimistic that there will be no such charges. Yet, it is our fiduciary responsibility to provide for this possibility.



BUILDING FUND:

We began the year with a Building Fund balance of \$192,880.21. During the year we have received

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Income of \$762,672.81. Our Expenses of \$261,633.09 consisted of mortgage principal and interest, capital campaign expenses and \$192,170.47 of expenses associated with the design of our new building. We ended the year with a Building Fund Balance of \$693,919.93.

Early in 2016 we renegotiated our loan with MIF to allow us to reduce the mortgage payment and thus enable us to accumulate funds for the building expansion.

Our current Loan Balance has been reduced from \$531,208.74 at the beginning of the year to \$480,860.93 at year end.

2017 BUDGET:

We are presenting a Balanced Budget for 2017 based on estimated revenues of \$608,650 and of like expenses. The Finance Team and Church Council believe that this is a supportable budget with sufficient contingencies available if giving doesn't reach our goal. This budget was developed through extensive interviews and follow-up meetings with all Staff and Ministry Team Leaders. Income estimates are based on the results of our 2017 pledge results and are estimated to be consistent with what we experienced in 2016.

While we are presenting a balanced budget for 2017 we must remember that this is a best estimate that is dependent on pledges being met, the control of expenses and the possibility of unforeseen needs or events. All Leadership and Staff are encouraged to adhere to this budget. The Finance Team will carefully monitor income and expenses throughout the year.

Please see the footnotes to the attached 2017 budget for further information and explanation.

From your Treasurer and your Finance Team we thank the entire Congregation for your faithful and generous support of the mission of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

Jim Henley, Treasurer

Don Schneider, Finance Team Chair

FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

		February 4 & 5	February 11 & 12	February 18 & 19	February 25 & 26
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster			
Altar Guild	5:00 SAT	Becky Tuzik and Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Adele Wogstad & Judie Symbal			
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Merrily Burkland	Sandy Petersen Marlene Boehler	Jan & Don Koerner	Pam & Darren Walloch
Altar Flowers	Weekend	Gail Quam, Celebrating Nel & Ruth Quam's Anniversary			
Assisting Minister	9:00 AM	Sharon Neubauer			
	10:45 AM	Keith Steen			
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	Friday	June Kobler & Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink Annette Carlson	Barb Krmptotich Jill Hoffman	Alice Hallett, Jill Hoffman, Elaine Neukirch & Donna Turner
Coffee Hour Hosts	SUNDAY	Morgan & Cody Ross			Ralph Wehnes
Coffee Hour Treats	SUNDAY		Beverly Pinnelli & Carole Cesario (<i>remembering their mothers</i>)		Sue Wehnes Dolly Cardascio
Communion Bread	Weekend	Lanita Palermo	Renae Greene	Nancy Ottinger	Jacque Stashwick
Communion Stewards	5:00 SAT	Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Judie Symbal Ralph Wehnes Ron & PJ Knudsen			
	10:45 AM	Jodi & Trevor Dowell Sandi Hupert Linda Jahr			
Counters	Weekend	Warren Brody, Gloria Samuelson & Cal Meyer			
Greeters	5:00 SAT	Stevie Massei	Wilma Lyding	Betty Knawa	Karen Eckert
	9:00 AM	John Ameson Terry Halpin	Carol Roth Terry Halpin	Mary Trodahl Terry Halpin	Ann Lehman Terry Halpin
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			
Nursery	9:00 AM	Jen Powe	Judie Symbal	Jen Powe	Jen Kolcz
	10:45 AM	Jocelyn Doden	Blue Geller	Sandy Hupert	Mary Lee Rischel
	Clean Up	Jocelyn Doden	Blue Geller	Sandy Hupert	Mary Lee Rischel
Readers	9:00 AM	Ralph & Sue Wehnes			
	10:45 AM	Jodi Dowell			



FEBRUARY SCHEDULES (Cont.)

Rejoice Worship Band	10:45 AM	VOCAL: Chris Brittain, Dawn Bach, Jim Rhode, Kim Szekely, Sheri Ott GUITAR: Dennis Caravello & Jon Boster DRUMS: Brian Buesing PIANO: Tyler Greene	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Dana Turk, Ron Mudge GUITAR: Dennis Caravello, Grant Jahr & Jon Boster DRUMS: Brian Buesing PIANO: Tyler Greene		
Sound-board	5:00 SAT				
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin		
	10:45 AM	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson		
Ushers	5:00 SAT	Denis & Carol Minutillo	Doreen Drinan Becky Tuzik	Carol Hartman Becky Tuzik	Steve Murphy Becky Tuzik
	9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Warren Brody John Jensen Walter Lempke	JACK CONTI James Blanchard Chris Hinde Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp	ROY RANKIN John Arneson Chris Solem Walter Roth Carol Roth Dan Wentzloff	JEFF STIPES Harold Doege Joan Doege Ralph Wehnes
	10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Paul Ross Chris Swanson	MARK FRENDEIS Patrick Fleener Charlie Powe Andrew Szekely	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner Darren Walloch Vik Bekeris	BOB MCDUFFEE John Richardson Paul Ross Chris Swanson
Visuals	9:00 AM	Josh Harding	Josh Harding		
	10:45 AM	Jack Ott	Alan Torkelson		
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Donna Allen	Nancy Ottinger & Cheryl Adams	Jan Suski & Joyce Thompson	Chuck & Bonnie Bayser
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen	Victor & Kathy Pizzaro	Elaine Neukirch & Judy Petropolis	Chris & Mary Trodahl
Worship 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 or the
 church office at 847/669-9448.

There are so many different ways to
 get involved, you are one of our
 missing pieces!



FINANCIAL NEWS

Shepherd of the Prairie - Huntley IL Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2016

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Period Activity	Previous Year Balance
Assets				
Current Assets				
1.100.000	Heartland Bank Checking	245,093.58	10,242.34	199,267.06
1.200.000	Mission Plus Building Fund Checking	693,919.93	34,465.61	192,880.21
1.250.000	HBT/LPL Investment Account	302.36	(5,022.78)	2.36
	Total Current Assets	\$939,315.87	\$39,685.17	\$392,149.63
Fixed Assets				
1.300.000	Building & Grounds	1,980,000.00	0.00	1,980,000.00
	Total Fixed Assets	\$1,980,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,980,000.00
	Total Assets	\$2,919,315.87	\$39,685.17	\$2,372,149.63
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
2.000.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	0.00	0.00	180.93
2.100.000	Prepaid Pledges	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,180.93
Long Term Liabilities				
2.200.200	MIF Commercial Loan Payable	480,860.93	(4,142.91)	531,208.74
	Total Long Term Liabilities	\$480,860.93	(\$4,142.91)	\$531,208.74
	Total Liabilities	\$480,860.93	(\$4,142.91)	\$534,389.67
Fund Balances & Equity				
Unrestricted Fund Balances				
3.100.000	General Fund Balance	86,433.18	(21,137.15)	59,232.58
	Total Unrestricted Fund Balances	\$86,433.18	(\$21,137.15)	\$59,232.58
Temporary Restricted Fund Balances				
3.170.000	Special Services Fund Balance	7,082.52	2,501.00	1,443.00
3.175.000	Memorial Fund Balance	1,425.00	0.00	3,125.00
3.180.000	Grafton Food Pantry Fund Balance	320.00	(5.00)	190.00
3.200.000	Heifer Fund Balance	0.00	(728.32)	1,216.45
3.220.000	AV Ministry Fund Balance	0.00	253.71	(253.71)
3.225.000	Reformation 500 Balance	0.16	(853.90)	N/A
3.250.000	Good Samaritan Fund Balance	1,469.04	0.00	2,757.04
3.260.000	Evangelism/Outreach Fund Balance	377.01	100.00	1,300.01
3.300.000	Music Ministry Fund Balance			
3.330.000	Adult Music Ministry Fund Balance	3,271.41	(297.50)	3,694.63

2016 GIVING STATEMENTS



Giving Statements for 2016 were available for pick-up at the church January 21-29. We hope you were able to pick up your statement but if not they will be mailed to your home. *If we have winter address for you it will mailed direct.*

Questions or concerns about your statement? Please contact Sue Wehnes 224-569-2808 or susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1.....Gavin Falbisaner, Barbara Hoch,
Oneida Wheeler
- 2.....Noel Lemke, Ivan Suski
- 3.....Steve Barnard, Jody Linton
- 4.....Emma Stegge, Ryan Gartzke, Brigitte Pelka
- 5.....Abby Gillming, Judith Petropoulos
- 6.....Sydney Patel, Albert Guerrieri,
William Trudeau
- 7.....Brian Harvat
- 8.....Eileen Gerald
- 9.....Susan Blotch, Conner Gillming,
Jordan DeBolt, Michelle Saletta, Jack Voss
- 10.....Betty Tazbier, Joshua Symbal, Mark Kowalski,
Carol Fiandalo
- 11.....Annika McNeal, Zachery Serpe,
Philip Forsythe
- 12.....Addison Buesing, Pat Schmidt, Grace Boster
- 13.....Zoe Dowell
- 14.....Donald Kruto, Colin Glosson,
Logan Glosson
- 15.....Marshall Kolcz, Elizabeth Raines,
Ginny Pulver, Sandee Keane, Silvia Forsythe
- 16.....Alexa Piskule
- 17.....Chuck Petersen, Donna Kelly,
Vernon Hansen, Karen Schimmel,
Gail Barnard
- 18.....Karin Arndt, Kim Kowalski
- 19.....Dave Shotick, Gregory Gillming,
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- 20.....Carol Kalbas, Halie Gartzke
- 21.....Patty Driscoll-Shaw
- 22.....Heidi Dunfrund, Mary Arneson, Julia Hoving,
Jerry Frank, Shannon Ross
- 23.....Nikki Bach
- 24.....Rebecca DiVenere, Rich Douglas
- 25.....Bernie Shafer, Raquel Lemke,
Justin Anderson
- 26.....Don Petelle, Tim Papka, Kaitlyn Guttenberg
- 27.....Charlie Powe, Alan Busch, Nicole Flanagan
- 28.....Matt Konie, Mary Trodahl, Joan Rice,
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