



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

**Congregational
Newsletter
May 2018**

Statement of Purpose

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

BUILDING TEAM NEWS

WHEN CAN WE MOVE IN???????

That is the single most frequently asked question the Building Team gets. Here's what's happening in the next 3 months:

MAY:

- Prepare, sand & clean all concrete floors.
- Finish installing the beams in the sanctuary.
- Install Hearing Induction Loop around all three pew seating sections.
- Install Organ Speakers behind the altar. (all 20 of them!!!)
- Install Acoustical fabric panels in front of the 20 organ speakers located behind the Cross.
- Install our current sanctuary's CROSS behind the New Sanctuary's altar.
- Install Luxury Vinyl Tile throughout the Sanctuary and Gathering Area.
- Install carpet planks through hallways and offices, and the perimeter of Gathering Area.
- Install all of the PEWS, Chairs and Super Chairs in the Sanctuary!



THEN CAN WE MOVE IN?????????????

Sorry....not quite yet.....

JUNE:

- Install tables, chairs, loveseat and comfort chairs in the Gathering Room
- Install new coffee system and instruct personnel how to operate the system
- Install refrigerator and ice maker in Serving Area
- Install three HD TV monitors in the Gathering Area for overflow and Welcome Center

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Building Team News (Cont.)

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- Install video camera in sanctuary and complete Sound Booth install
- Finish installing yards and yards of cable and wiring for the offices and Sanctuary
- Plant shrubs, trees and ground cover from David McCallum Landscaping Architects
- Try to finish installing the NEW PARKING LOT!
- Finish installing storage units and shelving
- Finish setting up offices
- Wash all of the windows!!!!!!

THEN CAN WE MOVE IN?????????????

Sorry....not quite yet.....

JULY:

- Move our current Altar, Ambo, Bell tables, piano and Praise Band to the New Sanctuary!
- Hold practice sessions to coordinate cameras, sound systems, speakers, organ, microphones, lighting, Hearing Induction Loop, HVAC system, ushers, communion assistants, assistant ministers, choirs, bells, and all Gathering Area personnel.

And yes, THEN we can move in!!!!!!

**Remember, The Dedication of our New Sanctuary is:
August 5th, 2018 at 2:00pm**



A Note From Pastor Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When challenges confront us in daily life, we may give in to feelings of fear, anxiety, or defeat. It's at that point that we need to call a friend, a friend who knows God is our refuge.

My morning devotion today was from Psalm 31. The Psalm and devotion was a reminder to me that we can trust God with all things: God is our deliverer. (v.1) God is our rescuer, rock, and fortress. (v.2) God is our leader and guide. (v.3) God is our redeemer. (v.5) God knows us. (v.7) God is filled with light and unfailing love for each of us. (v.16) God has stored up goodness for those who seek God. (v.19) God shelters us by God's presence. (v.20) God hears our cry for mercy. (v.22) God preserves God's faithful followers and gives us hope. (v.23 and 24) Therefore, when struggle arrives in our lives, we must continue to pray and open God's word just as we do in good times. If that is difficult we must lean on a friend who can turn our trust and hope to our merciful God.



A few weeks ago, I was speaking to member of our congregation and he shared a story with me about their youngest son who was suddenly ill and needed to be in the hospital. He told me "I remember the strength that God gave when I turned to God in prayer, scripture, and to others who would listen to my pleas. At that time, I needed to commit not only my spirit to the Lord, but the spirit of our ill son as well. There were times when I trusted God with whatever the outcome would be and knew God would provide strength to sustain us. After several weeks, the outcome was healing for our son and the future was that he would grow up and become a parent who knows the Lord."

Then he said something that really hit home, "I didn't know the answer at the time of the illness but I believed that God would hold our spirits up even if the outcome had not been one of healing."

Think of difficult periods in our life. Who stood by you? Did a church member, pastor, or particular scripture provide you with comfort? Give thanks to God for those sent your way to walk alongside of you during times of hardship or struggle. Who in your life, may be in need of you to come alongside to be the strength God provides.

Peace,

Pastor Mark

Adult Education News

May closes out our weekly adult education classes until September. We'll **have our final sessions on Sunday, May 6, and on Wednesday, May 9.** We've covered a lot of ground since last September: Science and the Reformation; Music and the Reformation; the History of the Lutheran Church in America; the wide variety of ministries in our ELCA, both home and abroad; the prophets of the Old Testament; and then we compared the passion stories of Jesus and the resurrection stories of Jesus in the four gospels. And, on top of all that, we held a one day seminar, titled "Bible 101", where we were graced by 70 people in attendance! It's been a good year. So now it's time to take a break and gear up for fall. Be sure to watch the Friday Flourish and the monthly newsletter to see what's coming in September!



Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings



On April 14th over 30 people gathered here at Shepherd of the Prairie for Barnabas Caregiving Ministry training. Pr. Chuck Olson, founder of Barnabas Ministry, conducted the training session. We learned much about how to listen and respond with love and encouragement and our training will continue.

People came to learn how to minister to family members in their own home, members here at SOTP who are homebound or in a care facility or members who are going through a variety of life issues and simply need a listening ear.

Over the next few weeks, we will be discovering who in our SOTP family would benefit from receiving care from a Barnabas minister and beginning the process of pairing ministers and care receivers.

What a wonderful ministry! The ministers are given a chance to be the presence of Jesus to the care receivers. They aren't there to "fix" a problem, or give advice, or try to "make things better". They are there to simply listen with love and give each person the chance to be heard.

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Ministry Musings (Cont.)

We all desperately want to be listened to and, if possible, understood as well. When others listen to us we perceive that we are loved and seen as important. When someone listens with their heart, we believe that they truly care about us and what we have to say.

So often when people speak to us we are really not listening because we are occupied with our own thoughts, and I am no exception to the rule. Sometimes we have strong opinions about a subject and instead of listening we may be trying to format a defense for our own opinion. Many times, we may be busy figuring out how we are going to respond or listening for information only so we can try to find the solution to the problem. Frequently we are remembering when we experienced the same kind of situation or issue, so we are eager to jump in and give them the answer that worked for us. Much of the time, we are simply so eager to get our own thoughts or opinions into the conversation, we don't leave any space for us to listen.

Christian philosopher Paul Tillich said. "The first duty of love is to listen". That is the "by-law" of Barnabas Caregiving Ministry, to listen with love and encourage. God blessed us with two ears and one mouth! May we all learn to listen with hearts of love and encouragement!

Donna Kelly

BARNABAS CAREGIVING MINISTRY

What a wonderful day we had on Saturday, April 14th, as we were led in training by Pr. Chuck Olson, the originator of Barnabas Caregiving Ministry. He guided us through ways to effectively listen and respond to others with encouragement. We did some listening and some role playing as we learned. Barnabas Ministers will be paired with a care receiver over the next few weeks and ministers will be commissioned on May 20th, Pentecost. We will meet together as a group on the third Tuesday evening of each month to share together and care for each other as well as learn more and practice our skills. Please keep this new ministry in your prayers as we "care for God's children of all ages, by growing disciples who make disciples". Donna Kelly & Donna Sorensen



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On April 15th we formally welcomed several new members into our family at SOTP:



BOB & DIANE MOLLIS
RYAN & AMY EHMEN
JASON HUNT
JIM & MARLENE HUNT
CHRISTINE TINNEY
WAYNE AND LOIS GRAYCZYK
MARY KLATT
DENNIS & SALLY HOUGHTON
SANDRA SCHUESSLER
DAN & DANIELLE, ADRIANNA, CALEB CRESPO

We are blessed to have these brothers and sisters in Christ join us! Please make yourself known to them and invite them to activities here at SOTP.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Please mark your calendars accordingly **SATURDAY, MAY 19, 9:00 - 11:30 AM** so you can help do God's Work with Your Hands at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Mission Team has committed our church to provide 70 volunteers to help put together food items to feed our hungry neighbors. There are also sit-down jobs that contribute to the projects - Simply let us know. Whether you have been there or not in the past, you will discover how great it feels to assist.

A Saturday date was chosen so that families (children minimum age 8) have a better chance of participating together. It is a great learning experience for people of all ages. Please consider signing up. If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please call Dave or Sharon Stangle at 224-628-2107 or email stangle.ds@gmail.com

Participants are invited to meet at church by 8:00 AM and carpool to 273 Dearborn Ct., Geneva, IL, or you can go directly there, arriving by 8:45 in time to confirm registration, gather together for a prayer, and begin working. We will end by 11:30.

*As the Isaiah 58:10 tells us,
"Feed the hungry and help
those in trouble, then your
light will rise and the
darkness around you will be
as bright as day."*

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

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SAVE THE DATE! ~ UPCOMING EVENTS



BUILDING DEDICATION FESTIVAL SERVICE
Sunday, August 5, 2:00 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, **July 23-26**

ANNUAL PICNIC AT DEICKE PARK
Sunday, August 19, 12:00 Noon

BLOOD DRIVE AT SOTP
Sunday, August 26, 8am - 2pm

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
Sunday, September 23

SOTP MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

CHILDREN'S BELLS & CHOIRS WEDNESDAYS

MAY 9TH IS THE LAST REHEARSAL BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

- ⇒ Blessings Choir (3rd - 8th grade)
4:30 - 5:10 pm (K-1 Room)
- ⇒ Cherub Choir (toddlers - 2nd grade)
5:00 - 5:20 pm (Big Sunday School Rm)
- ⇒ Chimers ring & sing (kindergarten -
2nd grade) 5:30 - 5:50pm (Big Sunday
School Room)
- ⇒ Jubilate Bells (3rd grade - 5th grade)
5:15 - 5:50 (Sanctuary)



ADULT HANDBELLS Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm

ADULT CHOIR Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com

WHO WILL RECEIVE BARNABAS CAREGIVING?



SOTP's Barnabas Caregiving Ministry will be beginning soon. Barnabas Ministers have been trained to listen and encourage people in many different situations: recovering from an injury, surgery or illness; living in a care facility; living alone; confined to home; recent loss of a loved one; hospitalized; new parents or any other of life's many twists and turns. If you would like to receive a visit from a Barnabas Minister please contact Donna Kelly 214-676-1788 or Donna Sorenson 224-650-9193.

LITTLE LAMBS REGISTRATION OPEN

We are accepting registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Our preschool has programs for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2018).

CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BE POTTY TRAINED.

Our class sizes are small (not more than 10-12 per class). 1, 2, 3 or 4 day classes are 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.



FOOD PANTRY

Weekend of May 5 & 6

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all



THIS WEEKEND ITEMS NEEDED:

FEMININE NEEDS, TOILET PAPER, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, KLEENEX, SHAMPOO

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

Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com

NAME TAGS

More members are wearing name tags, thank you! It really helps connect everyone ~ especially as we grow! One way to make everyone comfortable is to wear your name tag. If you have misplaced your name tag, you can order a new one at the "Welcome Center" in the Narthex/Crossroads.



PRAYER CHAIN



We are blessed to have a new leader for our prayer chain. Nancy Ramirez has heard God calling her to this opportunity. To add a prayer request or if you would like to start receiving prayer requests to pray for them please e-mail SOTPprayers@gmail.com

NOW HEAR THIS!

We have a lot of exciting things going on with the new building construction going full steam ahead and occupancy in sight. Our **BUILDING ON FAITH** campaign continues and we have so much to be thankful for with the many items being gifted and some members choosing to make their gifts “as needed”. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS.



The **FAITH** list has many more items that are still needed to complete the furnishings and storage requirements. Please take a look at the **BUILDING ON FAITH** board in the Crossroads/narthex. The board and brochure are updated weekly as new items are added.

Another exciting new addition approved recently by the Building committee is a system called “**LOOP-IT**” that will be a great asset for the **hearing impaired**. Information and flyers are available at the **Building on Faith** table. Our council president, Bud Hansen, has already had his hearing aid equipped to take advantage of this new “**LOOP-IT**” system. The cost of this addition to our worship center is \$5218. We have already received a partial gift but anyone interested in adding to this important new **FAITH** item may do so in any amount. Please read the flyer about how it works or ask Bud Hansen if you have any questions.

The **FAITH** team is available to answer questions after services or contact Sue Wehnes, 224 569-2808, susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net

HABITAT RESTORE



The third Thursday monthly a group of 4-6 people from SOTP help at Habitat for Humanity's Restore, Elgin. We work from 9:AM- 12:PM.

NOT CONSTRUCTION WORK, HELPING OUT IN THE STORE ONLY.

*To sign up please contact: Carl Hupert
224-569-6041 or Carlhupert@gmail.com.*

GEMS GIRLS' CLUB

GEMS girls, join us on May 2 for our end of the year pizza party at 6:00 pm!



HELP WANTED! GRANT WRITER

Grant Writer



The Mutual Ministry team is looking for a grant writer. Mutual Ministry is a small group of people who meet regularly with the Pastor Mark to provide a safe and confidential environment for him to share new ideas, blessings and concerns he may have about his ministry. The Council has just approved his taking a sabbatical in 2019 and in order to help pay for the sabbatical and the staff to cover while he is gone, he would like to apply for a grant. If you are someone who can help, please **contact Jessica Panella** at 847-489-2827 or hawkeye886@comcast.net. Thanks so much!

FEMALE FRIDAYS

Join the women of SOTP for a night out! These nights are for all women of SOTP to get together for a night of dinner and fellowship.

**The next Female Friday is
Friday, May 11th at 6:00 pm**

Jameson's Restaurant in Huntley



Please RSVP to Joanne Schwartz at 847/659-1740 or joanneschwartz@comcast.net so we can have a reservation big enough to accommodate everyone. Looking forward to seeing you!

(Reserve every 2nd Friday night!)

MEMORY GARDEN

You should have recently received an email questionnaire regarding the Memory Garden that will be built on the church property. Please take time to read, answer the question(s) and submit.



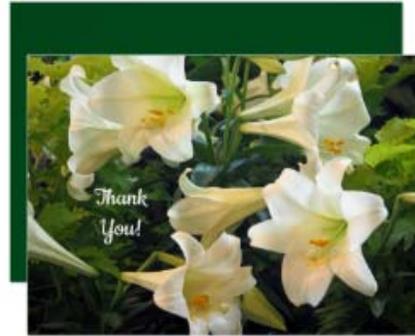
If you didn't get the email there are printed copies available at the church office or you can go on-line to www.goo.gl/FjwP9p to take a survey. We will update you on the results after a significant number have been returned.

(A columbarium is a place for the respectful and usually public storage of urns holding a deceased's cremated remains.)

The committee has been formed with the following people; Ellen Nissen, Evelyn Gniot, Ron Knudsen, Keith Steen, & Ralph Wehnes. Pastor Mark and Carol DeFiore will serve as advisors. Before the committee will make any decisions, we need feedback from the congregation about this project. Please which will help the committee make decisions regarding the Memory Garden.

EASTER FLOWERS & MORE THANK YOU!

Thank you for everyone who bought Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary this past Easter time. With our limited space, your offerings were perfect and made for the celebration! Your flower chairperson, Barb Pagano, thanks you for helping Shepherd of the Prairie look beautiful.



We also want to thank our helpers getting ready for Easter. Thanks to the gentlemen who spent their Saturday morning stripping palm leaves for Palm Sunday. Thanks to the ladies who helped arrange the Easter flowers "just so" to make things beautiful.

OUTREACH ~ MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



SOTP OUTREACH: You are invited to be a part of the Memorial Day Parade 2018. On Monday, May 28 we asking all participants to come to the church at 9 AM to help decorate the float and we will be marching at 11AM for God and Country.

CANDY DONATIONS: Store bought candy donations are also welcome prior to the event and can be dropped off in the donation box in the Crossroads.

BUILDING ON FAITH GIFTS

We encourage you to take a look at the poster and brochures in the Crossroads about this campaign. We need your help to furnish our new worship and gathering areas as well as the soundboard, pantry, coffee bar, sacristy; welcome center, offices, and the needed storage and maintenance requirements. NEW ITEMS are added weekly. Moving and occupancy are getting closer each day and we have many opportunities for you to gift faith items or to contribute "as needed." Questions? Call Sue Wehnes 224 569-2808 or Cliff Dungey 847-515 7863. Thank you to all have who have already made their choices.



GROWING BUILDING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Anticipation is Everywhere!!! Cannot wait to get into the new sanctuary and have all the extra space. The ushers won't need to set up chairs in the gathering area and everyone will fit into the sanctuary. Those of us on the Worship Committee are excited and anxious. The new space is larger and we will need more people to volunteer to help with ushering and most likely communion.



- ⇒ Andrew Szekely has worked out a plan for ushers that you only “volunteer” one Sunday a month for one service. It amounts to about 1.5 hours per month. It requires a smiling face and a “hello”. We certainly could use some volunteers as we move to the new space. *Contact: Andrew at andrew.szekely@outlook.com*
- ⇒ Dolly Cardascio arranges for the greeters who welcome you each service. Again...the requirements are a smile and a handshake. It takes about an extra half an hour probably one service per month. *Contact Dolly at lendolly@aol.com*

TRIVIA NIGHT



Creation Restoration 8.0 Trivia Night

THANK YOU!!!!

THANK YOU! For all those who came to Trivia Night whether it was your first time, or you are a veteran of Trivia Night, we want to thank you, and we hope you had a fun evening. Whether you donated your time, a service, or a product, we want to thank you. The success of the night is directly attributed to all of you! Your financial support is enabling us to take care of those who can't care for themselves, and we are ever grateful!

The Creation Restoration 8.0 Mission Trip Team

THANK YOU!



Noreta Walker would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all who have sent cards, made phone calls and stopped by to visit, including Pastor Bill.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

ELECTRONIC ADDICTION



We live in a culture where addictions are widespread. Not a day goes by without us hearing about and being reminded of lives ravaged and destroyed by addictions to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sex, and pornography. In recent years, the growing catalog of addictions includes things like self-mutilation, tat-

toos, body-piercing, food, shopping, and fame. Now, the advent and rapid expansion of technology is forcing us to look more seriously at addiction to our multitude of electronic screens. Because both we and our kids are immersed in life on the emerging Digital Frontier, we must work to understand, prevent, and respond to the dangers associated with electronic addiction.

Addiction is best understood as the dependency and habitual use of something that we eventually believe we can't live without. An addiction is characterized by an uncontrollable and compulsive use of that thing which eventually (and sometimes very quickly!) has negative health and/or social consequences. My friends Rich Van Pelt and Jim Hancock describe addiction as "a compulsive craving, seeking, and using . . . no matter what" (The Youth Worker's Guide to Helping Teenagers in Crisis, 203). Based on these criteria, many of us know and/or are related to persons (perhaps even ourselves!) who are addicted to technology.

Researchers and counselors are currently debating whether or not there is such a thing as "Internet Addiction." Many are campaigning to have "Internet Addiction" included as a diagnosable disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The latest screen time statistics serve to support that case. Tweens (ages 8-12) spend about six hours a day with media, teens (ages 13 to 18) nine hours a day, and parents/adults 9 hours and 22 minutes a day! Some have called smartphones "electronic heroin."

As parents called by God to nurture our children through childhood and into a spiritually healthy adulthood, we have the responsibility to be keenly aware of and sensitive to electronic addiction in all of its

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ELECTRONIC ADDICTION

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forms. We must understand its threat, presence, and impact. Consequently, we must be diligent in preparing both ourselves and our children to understand, process, and live with electronic media in ways that bring honor and glory to God.

While there are many signs that point to electronic addiction, you can be sure there's a problem if you or your child can't stop using technology. The addict feels uneasy, incomplete, or agitated when digital activity is discontinued or reduced. Addiction occurs when the activity becomes the most important activity in life, dominating one's thinking, feelings and behavior.

If you think your child is struggling with electronic addiction, here are four initial steps to take to deal with the problem. First, confront the problem. Don't ignore it. Second, set limits on technology time and remove the temptations. Third, monitor their electronic use. And finally, get help by enlisting the services of a qualified Christian counselor who has been trained to deal with the underlying spiritual, relational, and emotional issues that have caused and/or resulted from electronic addiction.

From The News

ADOLESCENCE
FROM AGES
10-24

Early this year, developmental experts and scientists announced a change in when the period known as adolescence begins and ends. It wasn't that long ago that an adolescent was someone who was a teenager, meaning between the ages of thirteen to nineteen. Now, it is believed that adolescence begins at the age of ten, and lasts until the age of twenty-four. Numerous factors have contributed to this change. On the low end, children are reaching puberty at younger and younger ages. On the high end, we know that the brain does not stop developing until about the age of twenty-four or twenty-five. Young people are extending their educations more than the traditional four years. And, they are delaying marriage and having children later. While many will debate the wisdom of this change, one thing remains the same. Our children, teens, and young adults need older and wiser parents and other adults spending time with them, guiding them, and pointing them to Christ.

Trends

Digital Self Harm

If you remember anything at all about your own teenage years, it's that gnawing pressure to fit in. Some things never change. And with social media making this pressure an ever-present 24/7 reality for today's kids, the emphasis on fitting in has never been greater. New research is now showing that some teens are going to strange lengths to fit in by actually cyber-bullying themselves online. Called digital-self-harm, the victim of nasty anonymous online messages is also the perpetrator, directing the abuse at themselves. Of course, some kids admit doing this just to be funny. But for others, it's a sign of deep-seated emotional turmoil. Not only is it a cry for attention, but we must interpret this behavior as a cry for help. Mental health professionals call this a maladaptive coping mechanism. With seven percent of our boys and just over five percent of our girls admitting to digital-self-harm, we suggest that you monitor your kids, and lead them to find their identity in Christ.



Latest Research

Sports Specialization

One of the greatest pressures our children and teens feel in today's world is the pressure to excel at athletics. This pressure has led many parents and coaches to push their kids into specializing in just one sport beginning at a very young age. Consequently, there's been much discussion around whether or not

this kind of specialization is a good thing. A recent study looking at sports specialization among professional baseball players found that among those surveyed, 49% of them were specializing in baseball by the age of nine. Those who specialized experienced a significant injury in their career at a higher rate than those who didn't specialize. In addition, over 63% say that their specialization did not help them get to the pro level. Players also said that specialization should not be necessary before the high school level. Parents, pushing your kids can be harmful in many different ways. Pull back on the pressure.

QUICK STATS

- 40% of teens aged 13-19 report adverse effects while ingesting energy drinks. 15% of teens mix alcohol into their energy drinks, while 9% mix the drinks with illegal drugs, including cocaine and methamphetamine. (*Chapman University's School of Pharmacy*)
- In 2007, 31.7% of students ages 12 to 18 reported being bullied. In 2015, that number was down to 20.8%. (*U.S. Department of Education*)

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer’s Report as of March 31, 2018

Operating Income and Expenses are within the Annual Budget for Income and Expenses through the first quarter of this year. Contributions met expectations. The surplus for January included the transfer of \$26,250 of Prepaid Pledges received in December. Income for the first quarter was \$18,278 above the budgeted amount. Expenses were \$20,555 below the budgeted amount.

Building Fund The Building Fund Balance is \$201,564 and we have used the Construction Loan funds to pay construction and interest costs monthly. During the month Forward in Faith donations totaled \$57,941. Building Fund construction and interest expenses related to the new building were \$350,743 for the month.

Fixed Assets As construction progresses on the new building there is a significant increase in the value of the Fixed Asset for Building and Grounds which is now at \$5,195,058. The increase is \$2,980,939 higher than last year.

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>Over/Under</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income: | \$ 191,351 | \$ 173,073 | \$ 18,278 |
| Expenses: | \$ 151,026 | \$ 171,582 | \$ (20,555) |
| Net Income: | \$ 40,325 | | |
| Fund Balance: | \$ 187,563 | | |

Building Fund

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|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Income: | \$ 366,803 | (\$308,797 from Loan proceeds) |
| Expenses: | \$ 350,743 | |
| Fund Balance: | \$ 201,564 | |

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel L. Wentzloff
Church Treasurer**



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When you select SOTP as your nonprofit,
Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible SOTP.

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We have received **\$548.29** so far toward the new building.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carolyn Bergstrom, Donna Cygan, Carl Lang, Rick Miller, Russ Motyka
- 2 Michael Burian, Sheri Ott, Michelle Rankin, Noelle Schlachta
- 3 Jan Koerner, Doris Kopp, Steve Murphy, Alexis Werner
- 4 Brian Buesing, John Dawson, Nelly Rojas, Brandon Young
- 5 John Baumstark, Richard Brush, John Thunholm
- 7 Lori Conway, DeWayne Klein
- 8 George Goodhue
- 9 Marlene Boehler, Elaina Satalino
- 10 Gavin Glosson, Nanette Lang, Joseph Trevino
- 11 Tyler Deblieck, Kathy Kann, Sasha Suski
- 12 Craig Forsythe, Sharon Little, Brayden Patel, Laura Ramey, Judith Sanford
- 13 Harriet Thompson
- 14 Jill Dobek
- 15 John Berti, Caryl Fabian, Grace Moretti, Ashlyn Rankin, Chris Solem
- 16 Dottie Bobzin, Evie Fetzer, Michael Habrat, Dennis Lilla, Tim Reicher
- 17 Lois Brothers, Joe Hansen, Alexandra Stowell
- 18 Mike Allegretti, Anita Bull, Mark Fulcer, Lincoln Kolcz, Ron Mudge
- 19 Luke Brolsma, Keith Steen, Carlie Werner
- 20 Nathan Allison, Brian Bremer, Betty Ferina
- 21 Annette Brolsma, Janet Kling, Emily Ramirez, Jacque Stashwick, Eric Stopka, Carol Waxenberg
- 22 Carl Hupert
- 23 Zachery Boster, Jonathan Crase, Elizabeth McCann, Charlie Tuzik
- 24 Karen Burren, Evelyn Gniot, Ken Gniot, Nicole Schorsch
- 25 Emily Langlo, Ashlyn Palm, Ryan Schoenberg
- 26 Calvin Meyer, Melanie Ressler, JoAnn Ward
- 27 Josha Harding, Jack Schlachta
- 28 Andrew Behm, Sandy Hupert, Jack Ott, Arlene Petrine
- 29 Beth Macaulay, John Richardson, Leo Young
- 30 Carly Grace Domenz, Thomas Domenz, Thomas Larrison, Jeni McCann, Tony Moretti, Robyn Ostrem, Kyle Sabie
- 31 Elizabeth Case, Robert Dunfrund, Alexa Joyce Hoving, Neal Mejdrich, Ken Morgan, Richard Schnell

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MAY SCHEDULES

| | | May 5 & 6 | May 12 & 13 | May 19 & 20 | May 26 & 27 |
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| Presiding Minister | | Pastor Mark Boster | | | |
| Altar Flowers | | | | Harold & Joan Doege, Celebrating their 58th Anniversary | Barb, Joe, Liz & Dev Niemiec, in memory of Barb's dad Russell Faust (would have been 100) |
| Altar Guild | 5:00 SAT | Sue Mattuicci, Barb Hoppensteadt, Tom & Darlene Polzin | | | |
| | 9:00 AM | Marilyn Schnake Jackie Elkin | Adele Wogstad Jill Hoffman | Judie Symbal Joanne Klingler | Donna Newbanks Sue Wehnes |
| | 10:45 AM | Sandy Hupert Merrily Burkland | Jan and Don Koerner | Marlene Boehler and Sandy Petersen | Pam & Darren Walloch |
| Assisting Minister | 9:00 AM | Doug Sandberg | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | Devin Burg | | | |
| Bulletin & Newsletter Folders | FRI | June Kobler Annette Carlson | Marian Mesenbrink Marlene Tresp | Barb Krmpotich Bonnie Bayser | Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner Alice Hallett Anita Bull Colleen Bender |
| Coffee Hour Host | | HELP NEEDED, SIGN UP IN CROSSROADS | | | |
| Coffee Hour Treats | | HELP NEEDED, SIGN UP IN CROSSROADS | | | |
| Communion Assistants | SAT | Tom & Darlene Polzin | | | |
| | 9AM | Judie Symbal Adele Wogstad Barb Pagano Donna Allen | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | Sandy Hupert Barb Pagano Jessica Panella Sandi Stewart | | | |
| Communion Bread | SAT | Barb Krmpotich | | | |
| | SUN | Jen Kolcz | Randi Dawson | Carolyn Bergstrom | Judy Brady |
| Counters | MON | Warren Brody, Donna Turner, Marilyn Wilhelm, Cal Meyer | | | |
| Greeters | 5:00 SAT | Stevie Massei | Steve Murphy | Betty Knawa | Sue Mattiucci |
| | 9:00 AM | Mary Trodahl Terry Halpin | Alice Murphy Terry Halpin | Joan Doege Terry Halpin | P.J. Knudsen Terry Halpin |
| | 10:45 AM | Bob & Carolyn Malm | | | |
| Nursery | 9:00 AM | Jen Nagel | SOTP Youth | Judie Symbal | Jen Kolcz |
| | 10:45 AM | Blue Geller | SOTP Youth | Jen Powe | Sandy Hupert |
| | Clean Up | Blue Geller | Judie Symbal | Jen Powe | Sandy Hupert |

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| Readers | 9:00 AM | Barb Pagano Donna Allen | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | Carl Hupert | | | |
| Rejoice Worship Band | 10:45 AM | VOCALS: Annette Boster, Dana Turk, Jen Huston, Pam Walloch | VOCALS: Kim Szekely, Sheri Ott | VOCALS: Sheri Ott | Youth Band |
| Sound | 5:00 SAT | Dan Wills | Dan Wills | Dick Brush | Dick Brush |
| | 9:00 AM | Jim Rice | Tom Polzin | Jim Rice | Tom Polzin |
| | 10:45 AM | Brian Ott | Tim Torkelson | Brian Ott | Tim Torkelson |
| Ushers | SAT 5:00 PM | Denis Minutillo Carol Minutillo | Jim Murphy Diana Murphy | Carol Hartman Susan Mattiucci | Randi Dawson Steve Murphy |
| | SUN 9:00 AM | Wayne Schmidt Walter Lempke John Jensen Joanne Bychowsky | JACK CONTI Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Marlene Tresp | VIK BEKERIS Dave Stangle Sharon Stangle Carol Engstrom | ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Jeff Stipes Harold Doege Joan Doege |
| | SUN 10:45 AM | BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo | MARK FRENDEIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart Andrew Szekely | JOHN BOEHLER Darren Walloch Don Koerner Jessica Panella | BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Dick Gerhart Chuck Petersen Jodie Dowell |
| Visuals | 9:00 AM | | Josh Harding | Josh Harding | Josh Harding |
| | 10:45 AM | Jack Ott | Alan Torkelson | Jack Ott | Alan Torkelson |
| Welcome Center | 9:00 AM | Joanne Schwarz Joanne Bychowsky | Cheryl Adams Carol Engstrom | Jan Suski Joyce Thompson | Alice Miller Barbara Davie |
| | 10:45 AM | Marty Jacobsen | | Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis | Keith Steen Joanne Bychowsky |
| Worship Leader | SAT | Michael Waal | | | |
| | 9:00 AM | | | | |
| | 10:45 AM | Tyler Greene | | | |

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