



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

**Congregational  
Newsletter  
October 2018**

### Statement of Purpose

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



**Saturday  
October 6**  
9am – Noon  
Carpooling  
Available



#### Serve with Your SOTP Family.

Sign Up in the New Mission  
& Ministry Hallway

Contact: Sharon Stangle  
stangle.ds@gmail.com



**Friday, October 26**  
6:30 pm

**coffee house**

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-noon, Mon-Fri

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is amazing what a few hours of sleep can do.

A person can be completely physically exhausted after a day of cleaning up the yard, trimming the trees and bushes, and bagging up or binding up the yard waste.

Yet a little food, a nice warm shower, and a night's sleep produces a refreshed body ready for another day. The muscles are relaxed and strong again. The skin and bruises or scrapes are beginning to show healing. The heart and lungs are full of energy and working smoothly.

Only God could have created such a human being that is able to feel like new again with the free gift of rest, of daily renewal.

The plan seems so simple. Balance work and rest. Utilize your time wisely, then take a break. But it is one of the hardest for we humans to follow.

And keeping Sabbath seems even harder for the world.

God created one day out of seven for Sabbath. It is the perfect day to honor and worship God; not that we leave out honor for God other days. But this is an entire "holy day."

There are many ways to keep it holy. We can gather in Christian community and praise God. We can celebrate family and receive the blessing of an activity together, nurturing each other's spirit. We can spend time outside in the very nature that God created for us. We can take time apart from the busyness of our world and be still. We can use our skills or talents to make someone else happy. We can be free from our usual schedule and open to whatever God places in our path.

Sometimes an opportunity comes along to keep a Sabbath on a different day than number seven, perhaps sooner than the end of the week.

Whatever we declare to be our Sabbath day, we must strive to keep it, and not let our spirit, mind, and body be robbed of this holy occasion.

The benefits are numerous, both for us and for God.

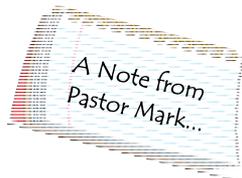
One thing I know is that our schedules can fill up with a lot of things quickly. What stops us from keeping Sabbath?

What are some positive changes that we can effect?

List some ways you and your family can keep Sabbath rest a priority in your life. If after 6 days of labor God rested, it ought to be something we take time for in our lives as well.

Peace,

*Pastor Mark*



## Adult Education News



During October we continue our exploration of Paul's letters to those early Christian communities who knew both the joys and struggles of being God's new people in the world. We begin with Romans, then Ephesians, then Paul's letter to the Philippians, and finally to the Colossians. While each letter shares common themes with the other three, nevertheless each is also unique, addressing individual problems and concerns. And each letter addresses us too, even 2000 years later. They're timely for God's people in today's world. We meet every Sunday at 10:20 and on Wednesdays at 11:00. It's never too late to join us, so come on in!

*Pastor Bill*

## SUPPERS WITH LUTHER

Are you new to the Lutheran tradition or has it been a while since confirmation? Come join us for Suppers With Luther where we will explore the basics of who Luther was and who we are as Lutherans.

We will meet from **5:30 to 7:00 pm on Wed October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and Nov 7th**. Dinner will be available and the cost is \$2 per person. So come and join us for learning, fun and fellowship (*as well as a great dinner!*)



Contact: Donna Kelly, [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).

## BOOK CHATTERS

Book Chatters have been meeting **at 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday September through June** for several years now; we forget just how many. **We would love for you to come and join us!**

October 2018 **HIDDEN FIGURES** by Marget Lee Shetterly. (We read at least one nonfiction, this one about pioneering NASA mathematicians.)



Contact: Gail Barnard, [gbarn217@comcast.net](mailto:gbarn217@comcast.net)

## Ministry Musings

One voice... There have been so many times when I have thought, "I'm just one person, how can I make a difference?". So often we observe something we see or hear to be wrong or unfair, but yet we believe that we will be the only voice, and that one voice won't make a difference.



Jesus was often that one voice. In John 8, the story is told of a woman caught in adultery. The religious leaders bring her to Jesus because the Mosaic law requires that she be stoned to death. Jesus is a clam lone voice that asks for mercy by saying, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her".

In Matthew, when the woman at Bethany anointed him with oil, the others complained about the waste of the oil and money, Jesus alone commended her for her worship and offering.

In the gospels Jesus healed many by touching the leper, the outcast, the Samaritan, the dead, the sinner, the poor, the dirty. His touch was the one voice saying all are welcome, lovable and worthy in the Father's eyes.

Even if we think maybe our one voice could make a difference, we are afraid to be that one voice...at a community meeting, on Facebook or Instagram, or in our group of friends. We see things on social media that are simply wrong, yet we just scroll past it without calling the out the wrong or stating a different opinion. We find ourselves in the company of others making fun of some group or person and we still that one voice that would speak up for them because we fear what the others will think. We listen to gossip and perhaps join in rather than stand against it with our one voice. We don't like to be perceived as different or out of step with others, so we silence our one voice.

But we can be courageous and be that one voice to make change happen. At a local high school, one senior football player noticed that his team never went out onto the field for the National Anthem. He checked into this and found that the team had not come onto the field for the National Anthem for at least 24 years! The team has a new head coach this year, so he asked his coach about the team not participating in the National Anthem, and change happened. This past Friday night, I watched with great pride as the team came out onto the field and lined up on the goal line facing the flag,

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helmets over their hearts, as the National Anthem was played. And as each boy stepped onto the goal line, they high-fived my grandson for making this happen. One voice CAN make a difference!

*Donna Kelly*

### NEW MEMBER GATHERING

“Come and see!” Jn 2:46b. 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, November 11th 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 Sunday, November 18th. If you have any questions, please contact either Pastor Mark or Donna Kelly through the church office.

*Contact: Donna Kelly, [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).*

### GRIEF JOURNEY CONTINUES

If you have lost a loved one and would like to be part of a group that can provide support, comfort and ideas for journeying through this season of grief, we here at Shepherd of the Prairie would like to provide that kind of opportunity for you. There are no requirements, or need to commit to a specific length of time to attend, nor that you must attend every session; you don't even need to speak except to introduce yourself and tell us who you have lost. There is no charge for participation in this group.



This group is for all who have lost a loved one whether it is a spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, friend or any other relational loss. We meet every other Monday evening and our Oct meetings will be Oct 8th and 22nd from 6:30 to 8 pm.

*If you have any questions or to sign up, please contact Donna Kelly at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) or 214-676-1788 or through the church office.*

## BUILDING TEAM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q: What is all of that digging going on between the old sanctuary and the new addition?**

A: Ever since SOTP's first build back in 2008, that area just outside of Little Lambs has been at times wet and swampy. With the addition of the Education/ Music wing and the three RTUs, the problem has escalated. The Building Team voted to fix the problem once and for all. An underground drain has been installed to drain off ALL NINE DOWNSPOTS, from outside the old sanctuary as well as the new building. After a couple of rains to settle the piled up dirt, we will have landscaping done to return the area back to its original and beautiful state.



**Q. What about those metal exit doors at the end of the Ministry Hallway? It looks like there is a gap between the doors?**

A. These doors are being fixed and redesigned by LaForce to have a better seal and hang.

**Q. What about the Coffee Bar? I thought there was supposed to be a dishwasher and refrigerator included in the area?**

A. Our Property Team is working on this. Some of the cabinets will be repositioned for the dishwasher, and the electrical outlet and water line have already been installed in the pantry for the refrigerator with ice maker. Soon these units will be delivered and installed.

**Q. What about adding additional handicapped parking spots?**

A. We have just installed THREE MORE handicap parking spots on the East parking lot by the main sanctuary entrance.

**Q. What else are you working on?**

A. Here are just a few of our many continuing projects:

- Keys and locks corrected for the office suite
- Parking Lot light replacement
- Leak above sanctuary wooden doors
- Shaky picture on the north screen of the sanctuary
- Outside cameras and keyless entry system install

We thank all of our members for their patience while we try to tie all of these loose ends up. We know that This is God's House, and we do want to get it right!

## COMMUNITY OF CARING BOARD



The Community Of Caring board is used to make members and friends of Shepherd of the Prairie aware of various ministries available in the immediate area (within 10 miles of SOTP) who may be going through personal crisis or have a specific need which may be addressed.

The board is on the wall between the bathrooms in the east end of the building. To add something to the board please consult with Pastor Mark.

## PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

The quilters have had a very successful year. We will be dedicating 100 plus quilts on the 17th and 18th of November. What a blessing these are intended to be to those in need. Ten percent of our quilts will be sent to Home of the Sparrow to gift the women and children seeking shelter there. A special thanks to Janet Suski, a member, who has sewed numerous quilt tops at home. We can't thank her enough for her dedicated help each year. We also want to thank all those who have donated gently used sheets for backers, and material donations for quilt squares. It is amid much laughter and joy that about twenty members gather on the first and third Tuesday from 9 AM to 12 PM enjoying fellowship while creating our quilts.



The quilters invite all who have quilted with us to join us at our Christmas potluck on Tuesday December 4th after a shortened quilt session.

We also want to thank Thrivent Financial for their donations for batting and seed money for supplies.

Please look for our donation jar, **Quarters for Quilts**, that is used once a year and will be in a designated area.

Nancy Morbeck

## MISSION & MINISTRY HALLWAY



Our new Mission & Ministry Hallway is conveniently right around the corner from our new Coffee Bar! Take a stroll down and see how you can serve others!

## GIVING STATEMENTS

GIVING STATEMENTS for the third quarter will be e-mailed out the first week of October. Please check your 'spam' folder if you do not receive your statement.

Check your statement for accuracy so that any errors can be corrected before we get to the end of 2018.

Contact Sue Wehnes 224-569-2808 or [susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net)

# GIVING STATEMENTS

## BARNABAS CAREGIVING MINISTRY



Many people are asking: What is it? Why is your name tag orange? What do you do? Can I become a Barnabas Minister?

Our Logo, A white cross superimposed on a colorful heart with two people engaged in conversation, conveys the mission of Barnabas Ministry - Love by Listening and Encouraging. We have

volunteers who attended a workshop in April and since then we have served in the following ways: Visiting congregational members who are homebound, in the hospital or care facility. Cards have been sent and phone calls made. Communion from the assembly has been given. Encouragement is given to those caring for a loved one in their homes or those dealing with a life issue. Prayers from the Prayer Chain are prayed. I am forgetting some, I am sure.

I hope this answers some of your questions. If you have more questions, ask Donna Sorensen, Donna Kelly or Pastor Mark. You too can become a Barnabas Minister!!!

We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at 7 pm to encourage one another with further training and sharing of ideas. Pastor Mark and Donna Kelly lead the trainings. All concerns are held in a confidential manner only shared if needed to with Pastor Mark or Donna Kelly. God consoles, loves, cares and strengthens only as God can. In the meantime extend Grace by listening and loving. Donna Sorensen

## HELPING HANDS NEEDED



There are sign up sheets for all who willing & able to help with upcoming events. Sellers at the Farmers Market, Our Holiday Bazaar, and the Leggee Craft show... Every Penny goes to our building debt.

*Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com*

## ARE YOU CRAFTY?

Would you like to help reduce our mortgage on our beautiful new sanctuary?

Consider donating new, homemade craft items for our Christmas Bazaar. Sewn, wooden, plastic canvas, embroidered, crocheted, knitted or any other medium that can be sold. Since all items sold have been donated, every penny goes toward our debt.

Contact Alice Hallett with any questions.

Please deliver to church by November 1 with your name and suggested price.

Thank you and God bless you for your help. Alice

*Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com*



## NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK



Please hold the date and mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 6, 2018, 8:00AM-12:00** so you can help do God's Work with Your Hands at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. If you would like to sign up early, feel free to do so. Sign up sheets will be available in the Crossroads area.

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."

*Contact Sharon Stangle 224-628-2107, stangle.ds@gmail.com.*

## STEWARDSHIP'S 2019 "ESTIMATE OF GIVING" CAMPAIGN

### GOD'S GRACE ....OUR RESPONSE

As the summer season fades and fall awaits our students return to school, it once again brings us to our Fall Stewardship financial campaign season. Our Stewardship team would like to thank all of our members for your financial gifts to our General Fund and the last year of a three year "Forward in Faith" building capital campaign that payed down our previous mortgage and allowed us to commit to a new ELCA mortgage that enabled us to build a new sanctuary that was dedicated on August 5. We're grateful for your response to our time and talent surveys and participation in building up the Body of Christ here at SOTP. The results are clearly visible in our new worship space and additional rooms to grow our children and adult learning and mission programs.



We have an exciting program planned for you which begins on Oct. 13 & 14 with guest preacher Dr. Reverend Rafael Malpica Padilla-Director of ELCA's Global Mission Division. On consecutive Saturday & Sundays after that (Oct. 20/21 and Oct. 27/28) we will have Temple Talks from congregation members explaining our program, and conclude with a Temple Talk by our own Orion Samuelson on Nov. 3 & 4.

At the conclusion of the 10:45 AM service on **November 4**, all members of SOTP are invited to attend a brief consecration service in our sanctuary for our "Estimate of Giving" cards, then immediately adjourn for a **free luncheon** in our Fellowship Hall (our old sanctuary). A Consecration/Celebration Sunday for Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church!!

Please circle these dates in your calendars and prayerfully consider how you will act to "God's Grace...Our Response"

SOTP Stewardship Committee (*Ralph Wehnes, Warren Brody, Doug Sandberg, Ron Mudge, Jodi Dowell, Chris Brolsma, Matt Green, Rick Miller*)

## BLOOD DRIVE



Thank you to all who participated in our August Blood Drive!  
It was a HUGE success and we are having another one in January.  
(Watch for more details!)

## GEMS INFORMATION



GEMS meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please save the following dates: October 10, 24; November 14, 28; December 5, 19.

Exciting plans are underway for a great year!

## HABITAT RESTORE

The third Thursday monthly 4-6 people from SOTP help at Habitat for Humanity's Restore, Elgin store. We work from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**NOT CONSTRUCTION WORK, HELPING OUT IN THE STORE ONLY.**



Contact: Carl Hupert, [Carlhupert@gmail.com](mailto:Carlhupert@gmail.com)

## GIVING TREE



"The Giving Tree" will be set up in the Mission & Ministry hallway the first weekend in November. SOTP will again provide 25 families with gifts, fifteen families from Grafton Food Pantry and ten families from Turning Point, who provide shelter for abused women and children. All gifts must be new. PLEASE SECURE THE NAME TAG to the bag or box, as each year we receive gifts with NO tags on them. DO NOT GIFT WRAP THE GIFTS. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 9th for sorting and delivery.

Contact Barb Hoppensteadt, 847-669-0016 or [hoppen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hoppen@sbcglobal.net)

## Do You SHOP AMAZON?

Shop AmazonSmile.

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

**amazon**smile

You shop. Amazon gives.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Our GEMS are excited to be leading us in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year. SOTP will once again be collecting shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items and school supplies to be sent to children in countries torn apart by war, poverty and natural disaster.

We hope SOTP members of all ages will help us fill many boxes of joy.

**You can pick up an OCC shoebox at church** (or use any shoebox). For packing tips, pick up a How to Pack a Shoebox brochure or go to [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). **Bring your filled box to SOTP any time before or on November 4th. Or if you'd prefer to donate a little cash before October 21st, our GEMS will do the rest.** They will do the shopping and pack as many shoeboxes as their money will allow at their October 24th meeting. Donations of individual items before the 21st (crayons, toys, washcloths, etc.) are most welcome, too.

Before distributing the boxes, OCC adds a gospel book in the child's native language, so the boxes truly are a way to demonstrate God's love.

Whether you help with a shoebox, a donation, or your prayers, thank you.

*"At the orphanage, we had one toothbrush for 10 girls. My favorite thing in my shoebox was a toothbrush of my very own."*

*—Jaki, Guatemala Shoebox Recipient*

*Contact: Sue Lewis at 630-292-6693*

## ADULT & CHILDREN'S MUSIC REHEARSALS

- ⇒ Adult Bells, **Tuesday**, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Adult choir Rehearsal, **Wednesday**, 7:15 pm
- ⇒ Children's Bell & Choir, **Wednesday**
  - ⇒ Blessings Choir (grd 3-8) 4:30 - 5:10 pm
  - ⇒ Chimers ring & sing (K - 2nd grd) 4:30 - 5:00 pm
  - ⇒ Cherub Choir (toddlers - Kindergarten) 5 - 5:20 pm
  - ⇒ Jubilate Bells (3rd - 5th grd) 5:15 - 5:50 pm
- ⇒ Worship Band, **Thursday**, 6:30 pm



**Come and join the fun!**

*Contact: Jane McMullen [jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:jane@sotpmail.com)*

## PADS

### What is PADS?

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



### How does SOTP help?

We make lunches and serve dinner. Preferably five volunteers are needed. Youth volunteers are welcome (depending on maturity level and if they are able to sit still for one hour following directions without adult supervision). We meet at SOTP Sunday evenings at 5:45 p.m. to make lunches for the shelter, and then transport lunches (including donations) to Bethany. We serve dinner from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Marty Jacobson shops for supplies. This is a ministry that is allocated in our church budget.

### To help out:

Bring in items for SOTP volunteers to take to PADS. Items currently needed: individual/travel size toiletries (especially deodorant), paper towels, napkins, twin blade disposable razors, bleach (any size), \$5 fast food certificates, ear plugs, cereal, new or gently used long johns (especially bottoms).

### Where?

We support Bethany Lutheran Church every 4th Sunday at 76 W Crystal Lake Ave in Crystal Lake IL 60014. This is only a 15 to 20 minute commute from SOTP. Linda is our contact at Bethany--she has been in charge of that facility for over 25 years. There are 7 churches in McHenry County that provide overnight shelters (rotated Monday through Sunday) from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. A transportation bus is used to commute the homeless between the churches.

Contact: Becky Hennessey [k.b.hennessey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.b.hennessey@sbcglobal.net)

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of October 6 & 7

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services



#### THIS WEEKEND ITEMS NEEDED:

**TOILET PAPER, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE  
DEODORANT, KLEENEX, RAZORS**

*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](mailto:agrndmom3@gmail.com)

## MISSION TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP



The Mission Team is working on a collection for two organizations and we need your help!

The first organization is, Partners In Compassion. SOTP is partnering with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Prisoner and Family Ministry This ministry is an outreach to men and

women coming out of prison. They have a great need for hygiene kits. This is a gift from the community of faith to them.

The second is our “Love In A Glove(box)” bags. We will be collecting items and placing them in gallon baggies to be distributed to the homeless. We will make up these baggies and have them available for anyone in the congregation to take and distribute to anyone they see in need. The idea is, to have these available in your car glovebox easily ready to be distributed for people in need.

**There is a box in the closet next to the Mission & Ministry hallway to collect the items.** The Mission Team will be collecting these items **from August until the end of October.** Thank you so much for your help!

### ITEMS NEEDED:

- \* Shaving Cream \* Soap \*
- \* Wipes \* Disposable razors \*
- Chap Stick \* Granola Bars \* Toothpaste – 6oz
- Small Kleenex packages \* Beef Jerky \* Toothbrushes
- \* Gloves \* Hot Hands \* Deodorant \* Mittens \*
- Hat (warm) \* Shampoo \* Mens heavy socks
- Gallon baggies Conditioner \* Lotion (small container)
- Body Wash \* Sanitary Pads (small & large)

*Contact: Jill Brown [jillbrown14@yahoo.com](mailto:jillbrown14@yahoo.com)*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

We are excited to announce that we are having a Children's Christmas Musical this year! It's for **all kids** from kindergarten—age 13! **Sunday rehearsals from 4-6 pm**

**Sept 30 ~ Oct 7, 28 ~ Nov 4, 11, 18 ~ Dec 2**

**Dress Rehearsal Sat, Dec 8 & Musical is Sunday, Dec 9**

*Contact: Jane McMullen [Jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:Jane@sotpmail.com)*



## REQUEST FORMS FOR NEW KEYS

### NEW BUILDING – NEW KEYS FOR ALL ENTRY DOORS!



**As we prepare to move church functions into our new building, we want to make sure the necessary keys are provided to the appropriate people.**

All entry doors locks – both old and new building – will be upgraded to the new high security key.

All locks in the new building will take the new high security keys. Selected locks in our old building – mechanical, electrical, sprinkler, etc. will be upgraded to the new high security locks. The remaining (unchanged) locks in our old building will continue to take the keys now being used.

Installation of the new high security locks in both the old and new buildings should be completed by the 7/28/2018 weekend.

If anyone feels they need a key to the new building please fill out a **KEY REQUEST FORM** - available from Michelle - and return to the Property Team Mail Box in the church office.

## DEDICATION RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS

"Those who can do, do - Those who can do more, volunteer". Unknown author

It was a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with everyone who made time in their busy schedules to make the dedication/reception the memorable, successful event it deserved.

I was in awe of the outstanding response from our volunteer bakers. When we say "Bake," clearly we bake!

I thank you and acknowledge all your time and efforts. This will always remind me of the greater good SOTP people have to offer.

God bless you all now and always,  
Pammie Sandberg



## BRETSEN THANK YOU

Thank You!

Thank everyone for their cards and prayers. Recovery from pneumonia takes time, but I hope to be attending services before long. Again, thanks to all Norris Bretsen

**CORN MAZE SOTP FAMILY OUTING!**



**909 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove, IL 60081**  
**Saturday, October 27th**  
**4:00—8:00 pm**

**(Be there NO LATER THAN 3:45 for your wristband)**

**Reservation and payment due no later than Sunday, Oct. 14th.**  
**Age 13 & up \$17.50 / Age 4-12 \$12.50 / Age 3 & under are free**  
**Parking is free**

A fun evening of spending time with your family and your SOTP family while exploring the world’s largest corn maze, zip lining, picking out pumpkins, and more!

We will have a campfire—Join us for a devotion and s’mores.

*This is a group event. To get special pricing, we need to purchase block of tickets when we get there.*

**Reservation and payment due no later than Sunday, Oct. 14th.**  
**Age 13 & up \$17.50 / Age 4-12 \$12.50 / Age 3 & under are free**  
**Parking is free**

Families are responsible for their own transportation.  
 If a confirmation or high school student needs a ride let Greg Dowell or Jessica Panella know.

**What to bring:**

- **Chairs, Flashlights, Jackets**
- **\$\$ for food and amusements**
- **A stick for roasting marshmallows**

*Contact: Jessica Panella at [hawkeye886@comcast.net](mailto:hawkeye886@comcast.net)*

(Remove this portion and place in the YOUTH EVENTS box in the church office with appropriate payment)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# of Family Members ages 13 & up: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Family Members ages 4-12: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$\$ attached: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: SOTP
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# PRIORITIZING FAITH

School days are upon us and if your family is like most, your kids are involved in all kinds of extra-curricular activities that keep you running from here, to there, to everywhere. If we're not careful, the school year will come and go so fast that we might get to June and realize we've pushed aside or even forgotten that our primary calling as Christian parents is not to serve our kids, but to serve our Lord by making the spiritual nurture of our kids our first priority. With that in mind, here are four reminders that I trust will help you daily fulfill that nurturing responsibility in ways that will yield spiritual growth in your children and teens.

First, keep the main thing the main thing. I've heard it said that a parent's checkbook and calendar are clear indicators of their parenting priorities. Go ahead and conduct an informal audit of both. Then honestly assess what that audit tells you about what you are communicating to your kids about what is and should be most important in life. Are they learning that following Jesus is just one more activity in a long list of things? Or, are they learning that following Jesus is the over-arching quest in life that should dictate everything else, including how we spend our time and money?

Second, engage in idol-smashing. We might not ever set up and worship a literal golden cow, but the reality is that in today's culture, there are more idols than ever before that clamor for our attention and allegiance. Idolatry enters into our lives when we take a good and wonderfully created thing that's been given to us by God, and we turn it into an ultimate thing that becomes an object of our worship. James tells us that "every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). God has given us the goodness of created things not so they will become objects that we worship, but to point to our Creator (the giver of all good things) and spark our ongoing worship of Him. Whether it's your children, your social standing, your online image, your kids' grades and achievements, etc. . . "flee from idolatry" (I Corinthians 10:14).

Third, teach your kids to integrate their faith into all of life. God calls us to follow Him in every nook, cranny, and square inch of life. Paul Tripp writes, "If you're God's child, the gospel isn't an aspect of your life, it is your life; that is, it is the window through which you look at everything." Tripp challenges us to see the Gospel not only as an

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entry point (coming to faith) and an exit point (going to heaven), but as something for the here and now that should shape our identity, pursuits, and struggles. Are you teaching your kids how to integrate their faith into their academics, vocation, relationships, play, and everything else in life?

Finally, force. . . yes force. . . your kids to rest. Research points to the many ways in which over-scheduling and the pressures of life are leading kids into a constant state of anxiety and stress. Perhaps a long-overdue counter-cultural approach that's obedient to the Lord's commands is what's needed. God made us for a rhythm of work and rest. Our bodies, minds, and spirits need to shut down regularly. Your kids need nine hours of uninterrupted sleep each and every night. We need a weekly Sabbath rest. And family vacations and time off are needed for rest and replenishment. As the school year begins, why not seize it as a fresh start for your parenting priorities and practices? - *Walt Mueller, CPYU President*

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## From The News

### PARENTS, GIRLS, BODY IMAGE & THE POWER OF WORDS

A recent study in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* has found that how we talk about weight, especially with young girls, can have really negative effects on the later physical and mental health of those girls. Being called fat by family and friends may contribute to the later development of eating disorders. It's not at all surprising that the source of the most powerful words are family members. Parents, we live in a world that places a premium on beauty and fitness. The same culture that pressures our kids is the culture that pressures us into unhealthy and imbalanced priorities and practices of our own. How we live those out and how we talk to our kids about their own bodies has the potential to do either great good, or great harm. How are you living and talking in front of your kids? Are you helping them to be healthy, but also to be balanced in their view of what they see in the mirror?

#### QUICK STATS

A recent survey of more than 17,000 youth sports officials found that 87% say they've been verbally or physically attacked by a spectator, and 47% have feared for their safety.

*(National Association of Sports Officials)*

Teenagers and young adults, ages 16-34, are spending an average of 6 hours a day glued to their smartphone screens.

*(Riddle and Bloom)*

## Trends

### *Parents Providing Alcohol*

It's mind-boggling to think just how little common-sense some parents have when it comes to raising children and teens. For example, some parents believe that in order to teach their children responsible drinking habits, they should give their teens an occasional taste of alcohol. But well-intentioned actions don't always result in the desired outcome. In fact, research from Australia is showing that there is no rationale for giving alcohol to adolescents younger than the legal purchase age. Richard Mattick of Australia's National Drug and Alcohol Research Center says, "To reduce the risk of alcohol-related harm, parents should avoid supplying alcohol to children." Of course, there are moral and legal issues associated with the practice as well. Parents, your responsibility is to lead your children into a lifestyle that brings honor and glory to God. Teach a biblical view on alcohol. Work to prevent alcohol and drug abuse in your family. Build borders and boundaries around your kids.



## Latest Research

### *Parenting Styles*

Research from Barna identifies three approaches to parenting being utilized today. Parenting by default is what Barna calls the path of least resistance. In this approach, parents do whatever comes naturally as influenced by cultural norms and traditions. The objective is to keep everyone happy without allowing parenting to dominate other aspects of the parent's life. The second approach is trial and error parenting. In this approach, parents see themselves as amateurs, believe that there are no guidelines to follow, and you just set out to do your best. The third and least common approach is revolutionary parenting. These parents take God's word on life and family at face value, and apply those words faithfully and consistently. Barna's research shows that revolutionary parenting results in deep and real faith-based transformation in the lives of children. Parents, how are you parenting your child?

### YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

It wasn't their words, it's that I started to believe worked to ovthem. Their words seemed to confirm what growing up as a woman and a person of color already taught me: that I belonged in margins and spaces, valid only as a minor character in their lives and stories. - *Kelly Marie Tran, on the self-hate she felt and overcome after online harassment over her ethnicity, New York Times, August 21, 2018*



# FINANCIAL NEWS

## Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2018

*Below is a summary of the church's income and expenses for the month of July and Year-to-date. We encourage everyone to give regularly, proportionally, faithfully, and generously to support our church's mission and ministry all year long.*

**General Fund Report** The General Fund balance is \$202,143. Operating Income and Expenses are within the Annual Budget for Income and Expenses, with Income for the month of \$54,196 and Expenses of \$63,058 for the month. Year-to-date expenses totaled \$431,221 which is \$32,331 below the budgeted amount. Year-to-date income totaled \$486,125 which is \$24,597 above the budgeted amount. Cash in the checking account is \$404,000 of which \$202,000 is restricted and reserved for future expenditures.

**Building Fund Report** The Building Fund Balance is \$305,118. Building construction and interest expenses related to the new building were \$29,180 for the month. The final construction contract payment will be finalized and made soon. The first mortgage payment will be made in November. Forward in Faith donations totaled \$18,881 and year-to-date donations totaled \$347,890.

**Building on Faith Donations** The Building on Faith Campaign resulted in donations totaling \$116,867 and these funds are used to purchase furnishings for the new Sanctuary. To date \$108,212 has been used to purchase furnishings.

**Fixed Assets** Construction of the new building has resulted in a major increase in the Fixed Assets for Building and Grounds which is now \$7,512,706.

**Annual Budget 2019** The Finance Team at the September meeting began review of a proposed 2019 Annual Budget for submission to the Church Council for consideration.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Income:	\$ 486,125	\$ 461,528	\$ 24,597
Expenses:	\$ 431,221	\$ 463,552	\$ (32,331)
Net Income:	<u>\$ 54,904</u>		
Fund Balance:	\$ 202,143 (This is \$76,000 higher than last year)		

<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Month Amt.</u>	<u>YTD AMOUNT</u>
Income:	\$ 19,896	\$ 2,900,055
Expenses:	<u>\$ 29,180</u>	\$ 2,769,960
Fund Balance:	\$ 305,118	

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Wentzloff  
Church Treasurer

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1..... Roger Emery, Viveka Forsythe, Karen Klein, Craig Mudge, Gayle Uhlman
- 2..... Elizabeth Harding, John Throckmorton
- 3..... Caden Mathiesen
- 4..... Olivia Burg, Helene Himebaugh, Karen Raistrick, Cody Szpekowski, Chris Trodahl
- 5..... Michelle Clifford
- 6..... Jodi Dowell, Peyton Wade
- 7..... Tracy Allison, Lynn Broederdorf, Colton Hess, Logan Nagel, Casey Rhode, Arlene Wille
- 8..... Sandra Richardson, Mike Stenson, Kimberly Stowell, Lisa Wondriska
- 9..... Jules Pelka, Ralph Scalise
- 10..... Mark Alpert, Gerald Ernst
- 11..... Kara Burg
- 12..... Todd Johnson, Janet Larrison, Bill Nesta, Carol Spiller
- 13..... Gary Bender, Tammy Bitzenhofer, Chris Broisma, Jeanne Henley, Diana Murphy, Tom Polzin
- 14..... Kyle Papka, Ken Raines, Louis Vanaria, Kyle Wolf
- 15..... Kathryn Dahl, Jen Kolcz, Joon Lee, Hannah Mudge
- 16..... Tessa Lehmann, Carolyn Morris, Bonnie Vanaria
- 17..... Ann Lehman, Luke Mejdrich
- 18..... Myra Lawrence, Joy Nesta
- 19..... Connor Broisma, Scott Browne, Sheldon Lewis
- 20..... Mary Conti, Julia Dunfrund, Ginny Manley, Jim McGuine, Dalton Stallbaum
- 21..... Zoe Rosemarie Harvat, Joan Iden, Ray Iden, Andrew Kowalski, Jordan Trevino
- 22..... Kate Broisma, Steve Legel, Mark Mathiesen, Louise Sebastian
- 23..... Melissa Bala
- 24..... Ralph Bergstrom, Chole Bozza, Ryan Michalak, Katelyn Territo
- 25..... Brian Eric Harvat, Sharon Stangle
- 26..... Samantha Crase, Nancy Stopka, Madison Szekely, Tyler Szekely
- 27..... Donna Allen, Carol Minutillo, Janet Walker
- 28..... Allison Territo, Bob Uhlman
- 29..... Jessica Buesing
- 29..... Robert Malm, Diana White, Chuck Zunker
- 30..... Jenni Browne, Gladys Feustel, Henry Martin, Joseph Perrott
- 31..... Lloyd Davis, Kim Domenz, Cliff Dungey, Betty Hansen, Tiffanie Young

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**Marlene Boehler**  
**Cliff Dungey**  
**Sheri Ott**  
**Nancy Ottinger**

# OCTOBER SCHEDULES

		Oct 6 & 7	Oct 13 & 14	Oct 20 & 21	Oct 27 & 28
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster			
Altar Flowers					
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	June Kobler Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink Becky Tuzik	Barb Krmpotich Colleen Bender	Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner Alice Hallett Anita Bull Lisa Bradford
Coffee Hour Host					
Coffee Hour Treats					
Communion Bread	SUN	Sharon Stangle Pam Perrott	Elaine Neukirch	Bev Pinelli Tom Noessen Nancy Stopka	Randi Dawson Marilyn Wilhelm
Communion Set Up & Take Down	5:00 SAT	Barb Hoppensteadt, Sue Mattiucci, Tom & Darlene Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Jill Hoffman Deb Swan	Jackie Elkin Marilyn Schnake	Alice Miller Barb Davis	Judy Lindsey Sandy Schuessler
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Jenny Hollabaugh	Linda Jahr Donna Schnepff	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen	Pam & Darren Walloch
Communion Stewards	9:00 AM	Donna Sorensen Carol Roth		Cheryl Adams Donna Sorensen	Carol Roth Jill Hoffman
	10:45 AM			Keith Steen Elaine Neukirch	
Counters	MON	Donna Turner, Warren Brody, Gail Quam, Sue Blotch			
Greeters  <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">HELP NEEDED</span>	5:00 SAT	Stevie Massei	Steve & Linda Murphy	Sue Blotch Gail Quam	Karen Eckert Vik Bekeris
	9:00 AM	Carol Engstrom Cheryl Adams Terry Halpin	Elaine Gilliam Terry Halpin	Len & Dolly Cardascio Terry Halpin	Elaine & Warren Brody Terry Halpin
	10:45 AM	Vic & Kathy Pizarro Carolyn & Bob Malm	Wayne Werner Carol & Walter Roth Carolyn & Bob Malm	Len & Dolly Cardascio Bob & Carolyn Malm	Bob & Tracy McDuffee Bob & Carolyn Malm

# OCTOBER SCHEDULES (CONT.)

		Oct 6 & 7	Oct 13 & 14	Oct 20 & 21	Oct 27 & 28
Nursery	9:00 am	Jen Kolcz	Jen Powe	Judie Symbal	Jen Nagel
	10:45 am	Blue Geller	Jen Powe	Blue Geller Judie Symbal	Sandy Hupert
Rejoice Worship Band		VOCALS: Annette Boster, Dana Turk, Pam Walloch GUITAR: Grant Jahr	VOCALS: Chris Brittin, Pam Walloch GUITAR: Grant Jahr	VOCALS: Annette Boster GUITAR: Grant Jahr	VOCALS: Aly Johnson, Chelsea Greene, Melissa Bala, Shonna Rankin GUITAR: Harry Choin, Trevor Dowell, DRUMS: Brian Buesing KEYBOARD: Allison McCann
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		Tim Torkelson	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson
Ushers	SAT 5:00 PM	Denis & Carol Minutillo	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke John Jensen Warren Brody Carol Engstrom	JACK CONTI Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Dick Gerhart Carol Gerhart Frank Cesario	VIK BEKERIS Dave Stangle Sharon Stangle Joanne Bychowsky	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Jeff Stipes Harold Doege Joan Doege Ralph Wehnes
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo	MARK FRENDREIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart Todd Johnson	JOHN BOEHLER Darren Walloch Don Koerner Jessica Panella Ron Mudge	ANDREW SZEKELY Jim Rhode Marina Rhode Bob Mollis Ronda Shoemaker Kim Szekely Vik Bekeris [S]
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	Dick & Mary Tabatt	Cheryl Adams Carol Engstrom	Jan Suski Joyce Thompson	Barbara Davis Alice Murphy
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen	Fred & Lori Wysk	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Joanne Bychowsky
Worship Leader	SAT	Michael Waal			
	9:00 AM	Tyler Greene			
	10:45 AM	Tyler Greene			

**If you aren't currently involved in a ministry at Shepherd of the Prairie and would like to find your niche, please contact Donna Kelly through the church office or [Donna@otpmail.com](mailto:Donna@otpmail.com)**

