



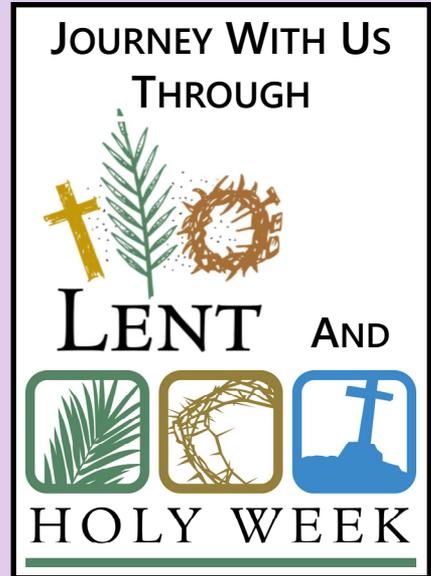
*Shepherd*  
OF THE PRAIRIE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Caring For All God's Children*

## Congregational Newsletter March 2019

### Statement of Purpose

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

- ⇒ **ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6,**
  - ⇒ Service, 12:00 Noon
  - ⇒ Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**
  - ⇒ Traditional Service, 9:00 am
  - ⇒ Contemporary Service, 10:45 am
  - ⇒ 22nd Annual Ecumenical Palm Sunday Concert, 3:00 pm
- ⇒ **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**
  - ⇒ Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**
  - ⇒ Children's Service, all are invited, 10:00 am
  - ⇒ Evening Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20**
  - ⇒ Service, 5:00 pm
- ⇒ **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 21**
  - ⇒ Traditional Service, 9:00 am
  - ⇒ Contemporary Service, 11:00 am



## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Christian community, baptism is known as the Sacrament of Belonging. It is a ritual that acts as an initiation. Through baptism, we belong to the community of faith. To be baptized is to belong to something larger than yourself.

Before Christianity, baptism was a ritual in Judaism performed by priests. They baptized people who were deemed unclean. This could refer to anyone who touched an unclean person. It also may have involved people who were in contact with the deceased.

Baptism was the means by which one could return to good standing in the community.

We know from archeology today that there was a group of devout Jews out in the wilderness around the Dead Sea who had rejected the city life. They practiced an annual ritual of baptism that was different from other Jewish baptisms. They emphasized the idea that one must be properly pious and repentant in order for the external ritual baptism action to be effective.

John's baptisms were strikingly similar. There was much anxiety in the air, with people wondering what God would do next. How could they prepare for "the wrath to come"?

John offered a way to start over in life and in relationship with God. He offered a baptism of repentance. He called everyone in the small towns and cities, the tax collectors and soldiers, those who lived ordinary lives, back to repentance.

Luke tells us that Jesus also came to John to be baptized. He was baptized along with many others. And, as Luke tells us, Jesus was in earnest prayer, with his heart turned to God, when "the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'" (Luke 3:21b-22.) Jesus' baptism begins his public ministry as the beloved son of God.

Do you have a story about how your life began in the Christian faith? Did you experience bumps in the road of faith? Maybe you wandered away and returned again and again? What events or influences mark the beginnings of your life as a Christian?

As we begin our Lenten Journey next week, you are encouraged to ponder your personal walk with Christ. Consider the people, places events that have impacted who you are as a baptized, beloved Child of God. Not only think about these things, but write them down. Pass these stories on to your children and grandchildren as treasured gifts of grace.

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## *Adult Education News*



"I am the Lord your God." This isn't just a statement. It's a promise! God promises to always be our god. And God's promises never fail. What's interesting--and important--is that God makes this promise right before he gives what we call the Ten Commandments. Even before God asks anything of us, God promises to be there for us and with us. Which is our jumping off point as we begin a **new series**

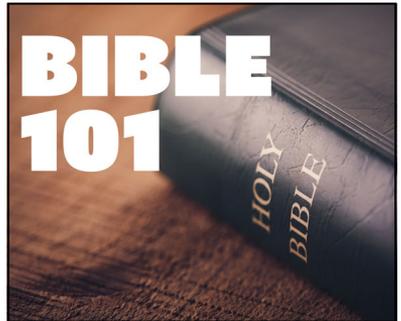
**during Lent: A New Look at the Old Commandments.**

**We start on the First Sunday in Lent, March 10, at 10:20 in the new Music/Education room, and on Wednesday, March 13, at 11:00 in the old education room.** We've all heard these Ten Words from God before, the words God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai. But we'll approach these Ten Commandments with a twist. No need to sign up. Just come join us!

*Pastor Bill*

## *Bible 101*

Here it is once again! This is the third time in the past year that we've offered a four-hour course on the basics of the Bible. 130 folks signed up in the first two classes, and we already have over 30 signed up for this session. We'll meet on **Saturday, March 16, 10am - 2pm**. Bring a sack lunch. Water and coffee will be provided. Hesitant to open a Bible? This is for you! Gotten



frustrated trying to read the Bible and given up? This is for you! Are you a regular reader of Scripture? This is still for you! **We're plunging into the basics:** where the Bible comes from, how it got put together, the history in which the stories happen, the different kinds of literature in the Bible, how we Lutherans read the Bible, and more. So don't delay! **Sign up is a must** which can be done on the bulletin board across from the new offices, or by sending an email [bwaxenbergmail.com](mailto:bwaxenbergmail.com) OR [pastorbill@sotpmail.com](mailto:pastorbill@sotpmail.com). We hope to see you! Yes, you!

*Pastor Bill*



## God's story – my story

I think we all have a Bible story or two that catches our imagination and that we can really identify with. I have two, but one of them was our Gospel lesson a couple of weeks ago. It's the story of Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. I've always identified with Peter, not just his eventual strong faith and service we hear about in Acts, but with his tendency to open mouth and insert foot! In the Gospels, Peter is bold and eager and jumps in sometimes without thinking his actions or words through. I find I must really work hard to curtail that tendency in my own life. It's easy for me to get excited about something and rush in without thinking things through all the way.

The story of Peter's calling by Jesus that captures my attention takes place in Luke 5:1-11. Simon, his brother Andrew and the other fishermen have come in from a night of fishing and are washing and mending their nets. Jesus is standing by watching them, and the people of the area are gathering, waiting to hear from Jesus. As the crowd closes in, Jesus gets into one of the boats (the one that belongs to Simon) and tells Simon to go out a little way so that he can talk to the people. Simon does and Jesus begins to teach.

When he is done teaching, he tells Simon to go out to the deep water and let down the nets for a catch. Can you imagine Peter's thoughts? "Is this guy kidding? We've been fishing all night and didn't catch a thing. We just finished cleaning and mending the nets, and now this guy, who's not even a fisherman, wants us to go out during the day to catch fish? Who does he think he is telling me, a seasoned fisherman, to fish now?" Simon says to Jesus, "Come on Jesus, I'm beat! We've been at this all night and caught nothing!" This was probably followed by a heavy pause, and a sigh. "But because you say so, I will let down the nets". And the rest, as they say, is history.

This is the part of the story that is so much a part of my life. I can't count the number of times I have figured out what I want to do only to start getting those little nudges by the Spirit that I need to go a different way. I hear that push from the Spirit (usually a thought that keeps coming back over and over and racing around my brain) urging me to go a different way than I want or plan to. Often my first response to try to ignore it; then comes the heavy pause and the big sigh, "OK Lord, because you say so I will let down the nets. I become a reluctant disciple, just like Simon, but still Jesus calls us out into the deep water when all we want is to stay on the shore.

I've learned over the years that just like with Peter, Jesus routinely

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## Ministry Musings (Cont.)

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inconveniences his followers. Just like with Peter he asks us to give our time, and sometimes borrows our stuff (like he did Peter's boat) in order to accomplish his work. Sometimes his call is in the form of an announcement in the weekend bulletin, or something we hear in a sermon, or a nudge while we're reading the Bible or praying. Many times, the opportunity comes when we see or hear of someone in need and feel Christ tugging at our heart.

Eventually, Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter which means the rock. I've often wondered why Jesus named him "the Rock". When Jesus first gave him that name, Peter was anything but a rock! Was it because Jesus could see beyond who and what he was at that moment to where Peter would one day be? As his faith and experience with Jesus and the church grew, Peter became the strong, immovable, foundational, steady rock that Jesus called him to be. Jesus gave Simon a vision of what he might become, and Peter grew into that vision.

Have you ever wondered what nickname Jesus would give you? Think about it; what word would describe the potential Jesus sees in you? Not the person you are, but the person Jesus is calling you to be. Selfless? Courageous? Bold? Faithful? Servant? Each of us has the potential inside of us to be more than we are right now! Pray for Jesus to show you the person he sees you to be, as he calls you by a new name.

*Donna Kelly*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT

## Being Disciples Comes First

2019 Northern Illinois Synod  
Congregational Resourcing Event

**Saturday, March 9**

9:15 am - 3:15 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Kishwaukee College • Malta, IL

Keynote presenter  
Rev. Dr. Dave Daubert

INFORMATION ON TABLE BY OFFICES

To Register Contact Donna Kelly:  
Donna@sotpmail.com



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jack Ary \* Samantha & Sean Grady (Addilynn)  
Linda Jarvis\* Carrie & Jerry McCabe (Logan & Noah)  
Anne Nagel \* Peggy Lynn Loiselle

WELCOME  
TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jeff & Wendy Ottens (Jeremy)  
Annette Petersen \* Christine Schurhammer (Samantha)  
Phil & Lorraine Soosloff

## 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 6:45 pm (we will be done in time for worship at 7) on **Wed March 13th, 20th , 27th and April 3rd , 10th and 17th** . Our Lenten Soup Suppers will be

available (freewill offering). So come and join us for learning, fun and fellowship (as well as a great dinner)!

*Contact: Donna Kelly through the church office or at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).*



## PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Looking for a shawl to give to a loved one, friend or neighbor?  
Not finding one on the “rack” that fills your need?



Please check out the upper “A” cabinet in the mission hall, we have an abundance of shawls ready for giving.

*Contact: Alice Hallett  
[agrndmom3@gmail.com](mailto:agrndmom3@gmail.com)*

## BARNABAS CAREGIVING MINISTRY



On Saturday, February 9th, a second Basic Barnabas Training Session was held to train Barnabas Ministers. Pastor Chuck Olson led us in discovering skills to create a Heart for Listening and Caring. We video taped the session and will be offering future training to those who expressed an interest but could not attend. Pastor Olson suggested a subgroup of ministers who could be called "Friends of Barnabas".

We are entering our second year of Barnabas Ministry here at the church. We have 25 Ministers who have made over 60 visits since beginning in July. They have visited those in hospitals, care facilities, people who are homebound, persons dealing with a life issue, have given home communion or just lent a listening ear. We have blessed those with our visit but have been greatly blessed as well. If you feel this is where God is calling you to serve, contact Donna Sorensen at 224 828 5855 or Donna Kelly at Donna@dotpmail.com .

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

**Changing to 1st Thursday Monthly Starting in April**



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**  
FAITH, FOOD &  
FELLOWSHIP

Join Us at  
Sammy's in  
Huntley  
**First**  
**Wednesday**  
**Of the Month**  
At 9:00 am

## THRIVENT SUPPORTS QUILTERS

Last fall Ruby Haerle organized a Thrivent Action Team and received \$250 to purchase supplies for the quilters. Pictured are Prairie Points Quilters displaying fabric Ruby purchased. Our group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 9am—Noon. They sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Home of the Sparrow, Turning Point and Exodus Refugees. "Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love."



## CHILI COOK OFF

CHILI COOK OFF  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3,  
5 - 7 PM

- KARAOKE
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- GAMES



CUPCAKE  
DECORATING  
CONTEST FOR KIDS  
5<sup>th</sup> GRADE & UNDER

Register, Volunteer, Donate at  
[www.bit.ly/2VWS0AI](http://www.bit.ly/2VWS0AI)  
Or the sign up sheet on  
the board in hallway  
by the offices

## LOVE IN A GLOVEBOX

*How to make*

### Blessing Bags



**What is it:** Bags premade to give to the homeless people you might encounter.

**What is needed:** Right now we need gloves, hats, socks, chap stick, small Kleenex packs and beef jerky.

**Where can I drop items off:** In the closet across from the office. There is a bin marked for these items.

**Where can I pick up a Love In A Glovebox Bag:** On the table outside of the church office and as long as we have supplies to make them, they will also be in the closet across from the office in a bin also

Contact: Jill Brown

847-683-5027 [jillbrown14@yahoo.com](mailto:jillbrown14@yahoo.com)

## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

**We started accepting registration for the 2019-2020 school year on February 1st.** Our preschool has programs for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2019).

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](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com) or go to our website and look under FORMS for CLASS REGISTRATION.



## FOOD PANTRY

**Weekend of March 2 & 3**  
is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP  
before all services



### NEEDS THIS WEEKEND:

PAPER TOWELS, CANNED FRUIT, JAM, CEREAL, CRACKERS, JUICE  
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

## SPRING CRAFT SALE



Our annual Spring Sale is coming soon. It  
will be before and after all services on  
**March 30 and 31** and the first weekend in  
**April 6th and 7th.**

Keep in mind that every penny from our  
sales goes toward paying off our new  
sanctuary. Our sales will take place in the  
crossroads. See you there, Shepherd of the  
Prairie Crafters

*Have hand-made items to donate?*

Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com

## DONATIONS NEEDED

**EXODUS WORLD  
SERVICE**

Many new & gently used  
items needed.

*See Table By Offices.*



For More Info & To Help:  
Contact: Sandy Hupert  
sandyhupert@gmail.com

**Welcome to  
America  
Refugee Pack.**

## LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS



Starting  
Wednesday  
March 13



6 pm Soup Supper  
7 pm Lenten Service

Join us for Soup Suppers, Stay for Lenten Services.  
All Are Invited \* Free Will Offering

Want to help? Contact: Nick Wolf [Wolf11036@gmail.com](mailto:Wolf11036@gmail.com)

## GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

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, a parent, a sibling, a child, a grandchild, a friend or any other relational loss. We will meet every other Tuesday evening, **beginning March 5 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.*

## FEMALE FRIDAYS



All women of SOTP are invited to join us for dinner at Jameson's in Huntley on **Friday, March 8th at 6pm.** It's a fun night of dinner and fellowship. We get together once a month. Join us once—or monthly!

Contact & RSVP to Joanne Schwartz

847-659-1740 [joanneschwartz@comcast.net](mailto:joanneschwartz@comcast.net)

# FAMILIES & FAITH

My father prayed fervently for me when I was growing up. There were two prayers for me in particular that were at the top of his list. No, they weren't that I would grow up to make lots of money and be a success in the eyes of the world. Rather, his first prayer was that I would grow up to love, serve, and honor Jesus Christ. And second, he prayed that I would marry a girl who would do the same.

God has been gracious to me and has honored the prayers of my father. Now, as a father and grandfather myself, I continue to pray my father's prayers for my own children and grandchildren. If our lives are first and foremost meant to be lived in a relationship with God, it makes sense that Christian parents desire above all else that their children grow up to love and serve Jesus Christ. And beyond our prayers, what are some other ways that we can pass on our faith?

For almost four decades, researcher Vern Bengston and his team have been studying more than 350 families to discover how faith is and is not passed from one generation to another. His fascinating book, *Families and Faith: How Religion is Passed Down Across Generations* offers several helpful insights to people like you and me who desire more than anything else to see our children embrace and grow in their faith. Here are five of the elements of effective faith-legacy that Bengston identifies.

First, parents must realize that they have more influence on their kids than they think. In fact, the single most important factor in the spiritual development of a child is their parents. While your children cannot inherit what is not yours, the opposite is true. A vibrant parental faith is necessary in order to leave a strong spiritual legacy. Second, fathers must not only be actively growing in their own faith, but they must be present and active in their child's life. Dad, you need to be fostering a close, positive, and affirming relationship with your kids.

Third, children need room to ask questions and even doubt their faith. Not only are they beginning to think for themselves as they move through adolescence, but the process of engaging with questions and doubts is an important step in allowing them to make the faith their own.

Fourth, grandparents who are followers of Christ play a powerful

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## YOUTH CULTURE NEWS CONT.

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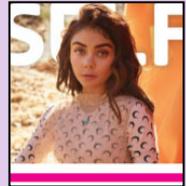
role when they seek to be present, active, and engaged in their grandchildren's lives.

And finally, remaining hopeful and longsuffering when your child wanders from the faith is a key element in seeing your prodigal son or daughter return home. Keep praying for them. Keep living out your faith. Keep loving them. Trust God to bring them home in His time.

Parents, our calling is to pursue our relationship with God, endeavoring to be faithful and obedient in our relationship with Him. Your kids are watching. . . and learning. **Walt Mueller, CPYU**

### YOUTH CULTURE HOT QUOTE

It's not shameful. For anybody that wants to reach out to somebody but doesn't really know how because they're too proud or they think that they'll be looked upon as weak, it's not a shameful thing to say. It's not a shameful thing to share. - Sarah Hyland, speaking about her failed kidney transplant, suicidal thoughts, and the importance of reaching out to others, *SELF*, December 10, 2018



## From The News

### BEHAVIOR, DISCIPLINE, and CONSEQUENCES

Late last year, a news story out of Ohio went viral. The story centered on a video posted by the father of a ten-year-old girl who made her daughter walk five miles to school. Following slowly in his car, the father narrated his video, explaining why he was making his daughter walk to school. It seems that she had been taken off the bus by school officials because she had been bullying a classmate. Rather than driving his daughter to school, dad determined that she needed to be disciplined. In the video, he explained that he would not tolerate his daughter bullying anyone, and that she needed to learn that her behavior was wrong. We applaud this dad for loving his daughter enough to discipline her in this way. We live in a day and age where way too many parents coddle their kids by covering for them when they have done something wrong. Parents, we are given responsibility by God to nurture and discipline our children towards Godliness. Are you preparing your kids for a lifetime of Godliness?

[www.greggornation.com](http://www.greggornation.com)

## Trends

### *Vaping*

With the advent and spread of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices over the last few years, some people laud the technology as a safer alternative to conventional tobacco-filled cigarettes.

That's turned out to not be the case. Now, the FDA is sounding the alarm about a youth vaping epidemic. Last year, the FDA announced that manufacturers of vaping devices were required to submit significant and robust plans to prevent youth vaping. Nearly 12% of high school students and 3% of middle students report using the battery operated devices to inhale liquid-based and flavored nicotine vapors in the past 30 days. The devices and vaping liquids are easy to obtain, and their brightly-colored packaging makes them especially attractive to kids. Parents, educate yourselves on the dangers of these devices. Set borders and boundaries for your kids. Monitor their behavior. And most of all, teach them to steward their God-given bodies and health.



## Latest Research

### *Teen Spending & Credit Cards*

When shopping was typically done in a brick and mortar store, it wasn't unusual to see a child or teen asking or even begging their parent to get out their wallet and purchase some item. Now that we are shopping more and more online, our teens are doing the same. But because online shopping transactions can't be completed

with cash, kids are turning to their parents and asking for the credit card. Research is telling us that 52% of parents let their kids under the age of 18 use their credit cards to make online purchases. In addition, one-third of parents are reporting that their children have used their credit card to make an online purchase without their parents' permission. Parents need to monitor their children's spending so that decisions which reflect good stewardship are being made. And, we should never put a credit card in an unsupervised child's hands. We need to teach our children how to glorify God with their spending, because, after all, we all are just stewards of God's resources.

- 62% of tweens and 70.5% of teens experienced cyberbullying (as a bully, victim or witness).
- 31.9% of tweens and 45.6% of teens engaged in online conversations about depression and/or anxiety.
- 59.6% of tweens and 75.8% of teens engaged in online conversations surrounding illegal drugs/alcohol.

### **QUICK STATS**

*(Bark's 2018 Children & Teen Cyber Fact Sheet)*

# FIRST Communion



**Saturdays:**  
March 9, March 23 & April 6  
9:30 – 11:00 am

Register on  
Sign Up Genius at:  
[www.bit.ly/2TSUQX2](http://www.bit.ly/2TSUQX2)

**ATTENTION  
FIFTH GRADE  
STUDENTS,  
You are invited to SOTP's  
First Communion Classes.**

## EASTER EGG HUNT ~ SAVE THE DATE!

This year, we are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on **Palm Sunday, April 14th following the 10:45 am service.**

Coming Soon: More information on candy donations & volunteer sign ups. Watch the Announcements & Friday Flourish for updates.

Contact: Mike Parmele  
[Mike\\_parmele@yahoo.com](mailto:Mike_parmele@yahoo.com)



# EASTER MUSICAL FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH

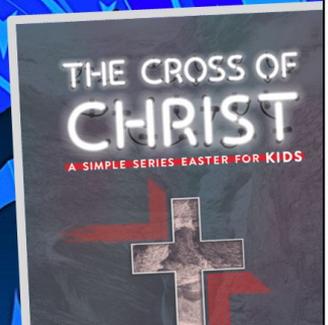
Participant & Volunteer

Info & Sign Up at:

[www.bit.ly/2DT9iYM](http://www.bit.ly/2DT9iYM)

Rehearsals Start March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Contact: Annette Boster [zsfg@comcast.net](mailto:zsfg@comcast.net)



## Young Mom's Bible Study Group

Monday mornings 9am to 11am  
Weekly, Starting February 11<sup>th</sup>  
Child care provided

Come and join with other young moms to share God's word, fun and fellowship.

Contact: Kerry Zimmerman  
kzimmerman317@gmail.com



## ADULT MUCH A BUNCH CHALLENGE

More information coming in the April Newsletter.

Contact: Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com

COMING  
SOON

## Do You SHOP AMAZON?

Shop AmazonSmile, when you select SOTP as your nonprofit, Amazon donates 0.5% of your

eligible SOTP.

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

Shepherd of the Prairie is Excited to Host the

## 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ECUMENICAL PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

Sunday, April 14, 3:00 pm

Come for an amazing and powerful  
start to Holy Week!!

## FINANCIAL NEWS

### Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2019

General Fund Report The General Fund Balance is \$204,481. Income for the month was \$80,582 (About \$30,000 is pre-pay for the year) and Expenses for the month were \$58,577.

Mortgage Service Fund Report The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is approximately \$50,747 pending some final adjustments and return of funds from the City of Huntley.

For Month

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Income:             | \$ 80,582     | \$ 66,658     | \$ 13,924         |
| Expenses:           | \$ 58,577     | \$ 66,663     | \$ (8,086)        |

As of January 31, 2019 Fund Balances are as shown in the following table.

| <u>General Fund</u>        | <u>2019 Amt.</u> | <u>2018 Amt.</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General Fund               | \$ 204,481       | \$ 182,436       |
| Restricted Reserves        | \$ 136,343       | \$ 132,335       |
| Temporary Restricted Funds | \$ 150,731       | \$ 261,156       |
| Endowment Fund             | \$ 12,002        | \$ 11,422        |

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Wentzloff

*faith and*  
**finances**

## PRAYER CHAIN



To add a prayer request or to start receiving prayer requests to pray for those in need of prayer, please e-mail: [SOTPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:SOTPrayers@gmail.com)

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Bud Hansen, President   Matt Greene, Vice President**

**Amy Brittain, Secretary:   Dan Wentzloff, Treasurer**

**Adam Adams   Nancy Ottinger**

**Marlene Boehler   Cliff Dungey   Sheri Ott**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 .....Annette Carlson, Joe Jones, Zachary Ott, Darren Walloch
- 2 .....Ronnie Bretsen, William Glennon, Brendan Hollow, Taylor Ramey
- 3 .....Jill Hoffman
- 4 .....David Bishop
- 5 .....Matthew Behm, Michele Marx
- 6 .....Marty Jacobson, Hollie Lindgren, Tamara Uteg
- 7 .....Madison Black, Tamara Polzin, Timothy Ramirez, Carol Roth, Christine Tinney
- 8 .....Carol Bletz, Taylor Dean
- 9 .....Brad Model
- 10 .....Richard Dahl, Jaime DeBlicke, Skyla Geller, Richard Gerhardt, Alyson Johnson, Vivian Kasal, John Olson, Pamela Perrott, Emily Rossman, Merlyn Thompson, Kendall Wolf
- 11 .....Jaina Farnam, Denise Gartzke, Sandy Werner
- 12 .....Jaxson Thomas Domenz, Alice Hallett, Joanne Schwartz
- 13 .....Chris Hinde, Ronda Shoemaker
- 14 .....Bentley Jacobs, Lisa Piskule
- 15 .....Scott Fiandalo, Lauren Flanagan
- 16 .....Daniella Berti, Hannah Dobrolinsky, Ashlyn Grabs, Brooke Grabs, Grant Jahr
- 17 .....Debbie Cook, Colt Luedtke, Mark Wilkerson
- 18 .....Alexis Kowalski, Kathy Strang, Skylar Wondriska
- 19 .....Seth Conroy, Jim Hunt, Annabel Johnson, Dee Jones, John Robinson, Phyllis Thomson
- 20 .....Cheryl Konie, Richard Paeth
- 21 .....Jeff Bala, Neal Doden, Jason Farnam, James Rice, Alex Steen, Braden Turk
- 22 .....Bennett Buesing, John Fuellgraff, Thomas Hollabaugh, Payton Marx, Derek Reincke, Ed Richard, Devan Turk
- 23 .....Cecelia DeBolt, Lillian DeBolt, Michael Hoch, Mary McCullough, Zachary Ethan Powe, Annika Yndestad
- 24 .....Karen Ankerberg, Chad Juergensen, Sara Solem
- 25 .....Marcia Cahill, Trevor Dowell, Courtney Hoster, Gavin Lehmann, Gerd Rankin, Brandon Wade
- 26 .....Charlie Burian, Jim Milford, Sandi Stewart, Noretta Walker
- 27 .....Kylie Golembeck, Jennifer Trevino
- 28 .....Renaee Greene, Rachel Miller, Christopher Stopka
- 29 .....Arnie Didricksen, Curt Gerald, Bob Peterson, Wayne Schmidt
- 30 .....Amy Johnson, Kay O'Shanna, Jennifer Powe
- 31 .....Lois Grayczyk, Thomas Jones, Amanda Juergensen, Alixandria Rhode, Orion Samuelson

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# MARCH SCHEDULES

|                                |          | March 2 & 3   | March 9 & 10                                      | March 16 & 17                                   | March 23 & 24                                    | March 30 & 31  |
|--------------------------------|----------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Presiding Minister             |          | Pastor Mark Boster  |   |   |  |  |
| Bulletin & Newsletter Folders  | FRI      | June Kobler<br>Annette Carlson  | Marian Mesenbrink<br>Marilyn Wilhelm              | Barb Krmptoch<br>Jill Hoffman                   | Elaine Neukirch<br>Donna Turner                  | Jody Linton<br>Marilyn Wilhelm<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> |
| Coffee Hour Host               |          | <b>HELP NEEDED, SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BOARD IN THE HALL ACROSS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE</b> |   |   |  |  |
| Coffee Hour Treats             |          |   |   |   | GEMS Girls' Club                                 |  |
| Communion Assistants           | 9:00 AM  | Donna Sorensen  |   | Jill Hoffman                                    | Jill Hoffman                                     |  |
|                                | 10:45 AM |   |   |   |  |  |
| Communion Bread                | SUN      | Jacque Stashwick<br>PJ Knudsen  | Jen Powe<br>Rob Lindsey                           | JoAnn Ward<br>Jeanne Henley                     | Nancy Ottinger                                   | JoAnn Ward   |
| Communion Set Up & Take Down   | 5:00 SAT | Sue Mattiucci, Barb Hoppensteadt, Tom & Tamara Polzin                                       |   |   |  |  |
|                                | 9:00 AM  | Judy Lindsey<br>Sandy Schuessler  | Adele Wogstad<br>Judie Symbal                     | Barb Davis<br>Alice Miller                      | Jill Hoffman<br>Sue Wehnes                       | Adele Wogstad<br>Judie Symbal                        |
|                                | 10:45 AM | Sandy Hupert<br>Linda Jahr  | Kara Burg<br>Jenny Hollanbaugh                    | Sandy Petersen<br>Marlene Boehler               | Jan & Don<br>Koerner                             | Pam & Darren<br>Walloch                              |
| Counters                       | MON      | Warren Brody, Marilyn Wilhelm, Donna Turner   |   |   |  |  |
| Greeters<br><b>HELP NEEDED</b> | 5:00 SAT | Stevie Massei   | Linda & Steve<br>Murphy                           | Karen Eckert                                    | Vik Bekeris                                      | Vik Bekeris  |
|                                | 9:00 AM  | Betty Davis<br>Elaine Gillam<br>Terry Halpin  | Donna Reynolds<br>Dolly Cardascio<br>Terry Halpin | Dave & Joyce<br>Shotick<br>Terry Halpin         | Elaine Gillam<br>Dolly Cardascio<br>Terry Halpin | Harold & Joan<br>Doege<br>Terry Halpin               |
|                                | 10:45 AM | Harry Reynolds<br>Bob & Carolyn<br>Malm   | Harry Reynolds<br>Bob & Carolyn<br>Malm           | Vic & Kathy<br>Pizarro<br>Bob & Carolyn<br>Malm | Wayne Warner<br>Bob & Carolyn<br>Malm            | Wayne Warner<br>Bob & Carolyn<br>Malm                |
| Nursery                        | 9:00 AM  | Jen Powe  | Jen Nagel   | Jen Powe  | Judie Symbal                                     | Jen Nagel  |
|                                | 10:45 AM |   | Jeni McCann                                       | Jen Powe  | Sandy Hupert                                     | Blue Geller<br>Judie Symbal                          |
| 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                                    |  |

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|                    |                    | March 2 & 3   | March 9 & 10  | March 16 & 17   | March 23 & 24  | March 30 & 31   |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| Ushers             | SAT<br>5:00 PM     | DENNIS<br>MINUTILLO<br>Carol Minutillo<br>Karen Eckert                                | JIM MURPHY<br>Diana Murphy  | SUE<br>MATTIUCCI<br>Carol Hartman   | STEVE<br>MURPHY<br>Randi Dawson  | ARNIE<br>DIDRICKSEN<br>Carol Didricksen   |
|                    | SUN<br>9:00 AM     | WAYNE<br>SCHMIDT<br>Walter Lemke<br>Warren Brody<br>Joanne<br>Bychowsky               | JACK CONTI<br>Merlyn<br>Thompson<br>Harriet<br>Thompson<br>Dick Gerhart           | VIK BEKERIS<br>Ralph & Sue<br>Wehnes<br>Merlyn & Harriet<br>Thompson<br>Sandy Seibel<br>Dave & Sharon<br>Stangle [A]<br>Carol Engstrom<br>[A] | RALPH<br>WEHNES<br>Sue Wehnes<br>Dennis<br>Houghton<br>Len Cardascio<br>ED & Carolyn<br>Cuttie [A]<br>Jerry & Pat<br>Darow [A] | WAYNE<br>SCHMIDT<br>Walter Lemke<br>Warren Brody<br>Joanne<br>Bychowsky               |
|                    | SUN<br>10:45<br>AM | BOB<br>MCDUFFEE<br>Vik Bekeris<br>Chuck Peterson<br>Jacob Fiandalo<br>Jeff Ottens [N] | MARK<br>FRENDREIS<br>Charlie Powe<br>Vik Bekeris<br>Sandi Stewart<br>Todd Johnson | JOHN<br>BOEHLER<br>Darren Walloch<br>Don Koerner<br>Jessica Panella<br>Ron Mudge  | ANDREW<br>SZEKELY<br>Jim & Marina<br>Rhode<br>Kim Szekely<br>Bob Mollis<br>Vik Bekeris<br>Ronda<br>Shoemaker<br>Casey Rhode[S] | BOB<br>MCDUFFEE<br>Vik Bekeris<br>Chuck Petersen<br>Jacob Fiandalo<br>Jeff Ottens [N] |
| Visuals            | 9:00 AM            |   | Josh Harding  | Josh Harding  | Josh Harding   |   |
|                    | 10:45<br>AM        | Jack Ott  | Alan Torkelson  |   | Alan Torkelson   |   |
| Welcome<br>Center  | 9:00 AM            | Alice Miller<br>Barb Davis  | Cheryl Adams<br>Joanne<br>Schwartz  | Jan Suski<br>Joyce<br>Thompson  | Chris & Sara<br>Solem  | Warren & Elaine<br>Brody  |
|                    | 10:45<br>AM        | Marty Jacobsen<br>Jan Curtiss   | Sandy Werner<br>Noreta Walker   | Elaine Neukirch<br>Judy Petropolis  | Fred & Lori<br>Wysk  | Marge Malone<br>Joanne<br>Bychowsky   |
| Worship<br>Band    | 10:45<br>AM        | VOCALS:<br>Annette Boster,<br>Dana Turk,<br>Pam Walloch<br>GUITAR:<br>Grant Jahr      | VOCALS:<br>Jim Rhode,<br>Kim Szekely<br>GUITAR:<br>Grant Jahr                     | GUITAR:<br>Grant Jahr   | VOCALS:<br>Casey Rhode   | PIANO:<br>Christina<br>Cummins  |
| Worship<br>Flowers |                    | Chris Solem,<br>celebrating Sara<br>Solem's<br>Birthday                               | <b>LENT</b>   |   |  |   |

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