



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

**Congregational  
Newsletter  
July 2019**

**Statement of Purpose**

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

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 29 - August 1, 9:00 am - Noon**

Participants (*preschool-4th grade*) &  
Volunteers (*5th grade-adults*)

Register on-line at:

[www.bit.ly/SOTPVBS2019](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPVBS2019)

**WE NEED YOU!**

**65 volunteers needed (at least half  
adults)**



for AV,  
group leaders,  
crew leaders,  
game leaders,  
snack help,  
assistants & more  
*Contact:*

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2pm, Mon-Fri

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past month we have spent a number of our weekends speaking of the Holy Spirit. Pastor David Langseth, who preached at SOTP on the weekend of June 15 and 16 asked us where might we find the Holy Spirit. He proclaimed to us that the best place to find the Spirit is in each one of us.

The beginning of Acts tells of the disciples waiting around in Jerusalem, after their last moments with their master teacher, for the gift of Holy Spirit baptism to come from God, just as Jesus told them (Acts 1:4). It has been seven weeks since Easter morning. Jesus has returned from the dead and assured them of his promises, and then left mysteriously by ascending into heaven in a cloud.

With all these events the disciples are probably perplexed about what they should do and where they should be. As God's great timing and staging unveils, this week just happens to be the same week as several Jewish festivals: Pentecost, which Jews celebrate 50 days after Passover; Shavuot; and Feast of Weeks. According to the dictionary, these holidays commemorate as well, the revelation of the Law on Mount Sinai and the celebration of the wheat festival in ancient times. Thus, a multitude of Jews from all over the known world have gathered in the holy city of Jerusalem for celebration and worship.

Onto this stage comes the small group (120 according to Acts 1:15) of disciples of Jesus, perhaps the latest "new" religion to rise up in Jerusalem.

As they are gathered, sitting together in one house, God sends a gift. And they are overwhelmed with the power, the wisdom, the knowledge God gives. They are filled upon seeing the fire and hearing the strong wind. They pour into the streets, using languages they had not known before, telling the wonders of God. Peter is empowered to explain the happenings culminating in thousands of converts, and the Christian Church, the Body of Christ, is launched.

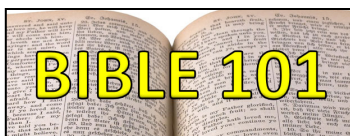
So what happens to the Holy Spirit today? Where have you seen the Spirit active? Any miracles? What action does the Holy Spirit cause within you? Do you believe the power of God's gift? Will it make a difference in your life?

I encourage you to share a story with someone close to you about how the Spirit was revealed to you in your life. For it is in each one of us that the Spirit is best found.

*Pastor's  
Corner*

## Adult Education

It's only July but it's not too early to start planning for what we'll be offering for Adult Education this fall! Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 8, and on Wednesday, September 11**. We'll begin with those biblical writings known as "**Wisdom Literature**": some of the Psalms; Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. The Wisdom writers have an approach to God and to life that is almost totally opposite the other biblical books.



And then on **Saturday, September 28, we'll be offering Bible 101, the fourth edition!** This is when we explore the basics of the Bible--the who, what, where, why, and how--this Holy Book came

together. Watch for further information coming soon, including how to sign up. Adult education: an opportunity to grow in faith!

*Pastor Bill*

## Ministry Musings

This past weekend, I attended the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly. What a joy! I caught up with old friends, met some new ones, got to know my fellow SOTP delegates better, shared fellowship and worship, found out much about our synod and the "churchwide" ELCA and where it is going and what it is doing, and learned much about faith.



Our keynote speaker was Anna Madsen, an ELCA pastor who calls herself a "theologian-at-large". Anna lost her husband in an accident about 13 years ago and her son, Karl, who was three at the time, suffered a traumatic brain injury in the accident. She also had an 8-month-old baby girl. Anna and her children have built a new life for themselves. They live in northern Minnesota and Anna operates the OMG: Center for Theological Conversation and The Spent Dandelion Theological Retreat Center.

To say Anna was an engaging and thought-provoking speaker would

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be an understatement. She challenged all of us to think outside of our well-defined theological boxes and to strive to see our lives and the lives of those around us in a new way.

One of the themes that she spoke about was “God’s plan”. I was brought up hearing that God had a plan for my life and I just needed to follow it. For quite a while now, especially since my husband died so suddenly, I’ve questioned the notion that God has a specific plan for my life. I believe he has a purpose for my life, to glorify him; but that he has a precise and detailed plan that he moves me through as if he were a puppeteer just doesn’t fit the God I know. If that were true, where does my free choice come in? And what do I do about things like school shootings, child pornography, 911, the Holocaust, and so many other terrible things that take place in this broken world? Is it really “God’s plan” that a child is kidnapped and tortured, or that a person walks into a place of worship and kills those worshipping him there? Was the devastation of 911, or the weather-related events, or the horrors of the Holocaust part of God’s plan for the people involved?

I don’t believe it is! I believe those things are the result of either bad choices made by people or simply the results of living in a broken world. In her address, Anna suggested anything that we have to say about God must be said in Auschwitz! That really caught my attention and challenged me to think! I can’t say that God caused Auschwitz because it was part of God’s plan! But I can say that God loved those prisoners and felt their pain; God cried their tears; God walked alongside them to the gas chambers; God was just as outraged as we in America were when we saw it.

But because God doesn’t have a “specific plan” doesn’t mean he isn’t involved in our lives. Anna used the analogy of God as a fisherman. He casts his line into our lives and uses it to catch our attention and “lure” us in a certain direction. And sometimes we follow it and we go where he leads, and he “catches” us into his will and way. Other times we begin to follow the lure and something else catches our attention... “squirrel!” ... and off we swim after the distraction. Other times we may not even see the lure and swim in a way that isn’t God’s intention. But the good news is...God NEVER gives up. He follows where we go and casts his line again and again, trying to catch our attention and leading us in his direction from wherever we are; and we again have the option to follow, get distracted, or swim away. He NEVER stops working to catch our attention and lure us into his intentions.

*Donna Kelly*

## 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, a parent, a sibling, a child, a grandchild, a friend or any other relational loss. We meet **every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**. Our next meeting is July 2.

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

## DIAKONIA



- Are you looking for a deeper faith life?
- Want to be better equipped for Christian Service?
- Curious about what God has planned for you?

**“Come and See”**

**You're invited to a diakonia™ informational fair happening this summer near you...**

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

## FAMILY PARK TOUR 2019

Come One Come All!

Bring Your Own Lunch and Join Us from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm!

**July 9:** Woods creek Park & Splash Pad,  
Crystal Lake

**July 16:** Ol' Timers Park, Huntley

**July 23:** Lions Park, East Dundee

**July 30:** Ken Carpenter Park, Lk in the Hills

**August 6:** Sting Ray Bay, Huntley



Contact Kerry Zimmerman  
zimmerman317@gmail.com

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



**30 VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED Sat. July 13!**

FMSC is an organization that feed the hungry all over the world. SOTP is happy to help in the packing of these meals. Please consider

volunteering. Many people consider volunteering as a family or group, but individuals are happily welcome. Children 5 or older are welcome with an accompanying adult.

There are sitting and standing jobs. Sign up through the Sign Up Genius at: [www.bit.ly/SOTP2019FMSC](http://www.bit.ly/SOTP2019FMSC)

Note, the Schaumburg location has moved, the new address is: 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, Illinois

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

## FEMALE FRIDAYS

SOTP women are invited to join us for dinner at Jameson's in Huntley on **Friday, July 12th at 6pm** for a fun night of dinner & fellowship. Join us once—or monthly!

Contact: Joanne Schwartz 847-659-1740  
[schwartz@comcast.net](mailto:schwartz@comcast.net)



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST ~ NEW DAY!



All men are invited to meet on the **first Thursday monthly at 9:00 am** at Sammy's Restaurant in Huntley to share breakfast and fellowship.

Contact: John Shepard [fennvilleduo@comcast.net](mailto:fennvilleduo@comcast.net)

## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of July 6 & 7

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services  
(Volunteers needed Sunday mornings, sign up on Sign Up Genius at

#### NEEDS THIS WEEKEND:

TOILET PAPER (DESPARATE NEED)

PAPER TOWELS, JUICE, INDIVIDUAL SNACKS



*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)

## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



**We started accepting registration for the 2019-2020 school year.** 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 day classes are available to both members and non-members. For more information go to [www.bit.ly/SOTPLittleLambs](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPLittleLambs)

Contact: Jill Gillming [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com)

## ADDITIONAL SAVE THE DATES

- **"Being the Church Today", Dr. Martin E. Marty** at SOTP, Sunday, August 18, 2:00 pm
- **Annual Church Picnic**, Sunday, August 25, *following 2nd service at Deicke Park*
  - Contact: Sharon Little, [skl55little@mac.com](mailto:skl55little@mac.com)
- **God's Work Our Hands Celebration**, September 8, Noon - 4pm
  - Contact: Sandy Hupert, [sandyhupert@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhupert@gmail.com)
- **Bible 101**, September 28, 10am - 2pm
  - Contact: Pastor Bill Waxenberg, [PastorBill@sotpmail.com](mailto:PastorBill@sotpmail.com)



# FINANCIAL NEWS

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

General Fund Report The General Fund Balance is \$205,995. Income for the month was \$59,127 and Expenses for the month were \$61,981.

Mortgage Service Fund Report The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$67,958. Income for month was \$20,616. The required monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536.

### For Month

General Fund	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income:	\$ 59,127	\$ 66,658	\$ (7,531)
Expenses:	\$ 61,981	\$ 66,127	\$ (4,146)

### ForYear-to-Date

General Fund	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income:	\$ 327,504	\$ 333,290	\$ (5,786)
Expenses:	\$ 304,133	\$ 334,935	\$ (30,802)

### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for month:	\$ 20,616
Fund Balance:	\$ 67,958

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**finances**

Respectfully Submitted,

## DO YOU SHOP AMAZON?

Shop AmazonSmile, when you select SOTP as your nonprofit. Same Amazon you know & love, but Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchase to SOTP.



We have received **\$914.66** so far toward the new addition.  
Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpmail.com

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Bud Hansen, President**   **Matt Greene, Vice President**  
**Dan Wentzloff, Treasurer**   **Cliff Dungey, Secretary**  
**Carla Elam**   **Jacob Fiandalo**   **Sarah Wolf**  
**Marlene Boehler**   **Sheri Ott**



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 .....Allyson Berens, Bethany Bower, Elease Chapman, Mel Long, Michele Miller, Brian Ott
- 2 .....Greg Dowell, Barry Farnam, Jacob Fiandalo, Kyle Lemke, Sharon Neubauer, Pamela Richard
- 3 .....Joseph Debolt, Cooper Krewer, Olivia Ostrem, Tammy Sabie
- 4 .....Jerry Bergman, Jennifer Nagel
- 5 .....Cynthia Schoenfeld, Libby Weston, Mike Zimmerman
- 6 .....Barbara Davis, Kristen Fleener, Nicholas Zimmerman
- 7 .....Harvey Feustel, Julie Wills
- 8 .....Mary Ann Busch, Rob Deblieck, Fred Schimmel, Kim Stegge, Karlana Zimmerman
- 9 .....Krista Glosson, Les Lawrence, Katie Masters, Elizabeth Rapach
- 10 .....Jerome Darow, Nicole Scalise
- 11 .....Arthur Uteg
- 12 .....Jadon Conroy, Elaina Hibbeler, Howard Larson
- 13 .....Barb Doty, Lori Malczewski, Tricia Miller, Drew Szekely, Phil Turk
- 14 .....Julie Dahlin, Jason Hunt, Andy Patel, Jamie Patel, Donna Turner
- 15 .....Zachary Berti, Matt Greene, McKenna Hess, June Kobler, Maria Michalak, Ian Walloch
- 16 .....Donna Brown, Harold Doege, Kaia Huston, Evelyn Kolcz, Jane McMullen
- 17 .....Jose Araoz, Karen Eckert, Sean Grady
- 18 .....Tom Miller, Lukas Nagel, CaSandra Reicher, Nicholas Wolf
- 19 .....George Walker
- 20 .....Nicholas Brown, Tom Luedtke, Roy Rankin, Ella Schoenberg
- 21 .....Jerry Christopherson, Deb Hansen, Sue Reid, Marina Rhode, Brian Rojas, Kim Satalino
- 22 .....Casey Bozza, Avery Michalak, Ralph Wehnes
- 23 .....Dolores Barry, Breanne DePorter, Rich Wille, Fred Wysk
- 24 .....Denise James, Logan McCabe, Dick Tabatt
- 25 .....Kathy Ary
- 26 .....Michelle Conroy, Delaney Krewer, Ava Ullrich, Aiden Wintersteen
- 27 .....Ryan Flanagan, Jeneane Zeimen
- 28 .....Destry Arndt, Steve Brown
- 29 .....Megan Moretti
- 30 .....Adrianna Crespo, Justin DeBolt, Anthony Lorenzo, Dylan Mejdrich, Gavin Schlachta
- 31 .....Robin Bishop, Rick Hess

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# JULY SCHEDULES

		July 6 & 7	July 13 & 14	July 20 & 21	July 27 & 28
Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster		Pastor Bill Waxenberg	
Assisting Minister <b>SIGN UP AT</b> <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	9:00 AM			Wayne Schmidt	Doug Sandberg
	10:45 AM		Luke Palermo	Tammy Uteg	
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	June Kobler Annette Carlson	Marian Mesenbrink Anita Bull	Barb Krmpotich Jody Linton	Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner Alice Hallett Sharon Stangle
Coffee Hour Host		HELP NEEDED SIGN UP ON BOARD BY OFFICE SUITE CONTACT: ELAINE MUCIBABICH E MUCI60142@GMAIL.COM			
Coffee Hour Treats					
Communion Assistants <b>SIGN UP AT</b> <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	9:00 AM	Cheryl Adams Jill Hoffman	Judie Symbal Carol Engstrom Carolyn & Ed Cuttle	Audrey Schmidt Judie Symbal Cheryl Adams Jill Hoffman Barb Pagano	Cheryl Adams Carol Waxenberg
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert	Marge Marlowe Lanita & Seth Palermo	Art Uteg Linda Jahr	Marge Marlowe
Communion Bread	SAT	Lori Paeth			
	SUN	Sharon Mundt	Bethany Bower Nancy Stopka	Marilyn Schnell Marilyn Wilhelm	Sharon Stangle
Communion Set Up & Take Down	5:00 SAT	Barb Hoppensteadt, Sue Mattiucci, Tom & Tamara Polzin			
	9:00 AM	Judie Symbal Adele Wogstad	Judy Lindsey Sandy Schussler	Alice Miller Barb Davis	Jill Hoffman Judie Symbal
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Merily Burkland	Sandy Petersen Marlene Boehler	Linda Jahr Donna Schnepff	Pam & Darren Walloch
Counters	MON				
Greeters  <b>HELP NEEDED CONTACT DOLLY CARDASCIO</b>	5:00 SAT	Stevie Massei	Steve & Linda Murphy	Gail Quam Sue Blotch	Karen Eckert
	9:00 AM	Don Schneider Carol Bletz Terry Halpin	Carol Engstrom Susie Wehnes Terry Halpin	Rick & Kathy Miller Terry Halpin	Dolly Cardascio Art Ryden Terry Halpin
	10:45 AM	Wayne Warner Bob & Carolyn Malm	Dolly Cardascio Bob & Carolyn Malm	Bob & Carolyn Malm	Dolly Cardascio Tracy McDuffee Bob & Carolyn Malm
Nursery <b>HELP NEEDED CONTACT JEN POWE</b>	9:00 AM	Blue Geller	Jen Powe	Judie Symbal	Jen Nagel
	10:45 AM	Judie Symbal	Jen Powe	Blue Geller	Sandy Hupert
Readers <b>SIGN UP AT</b> <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	9:00 AM	Doug Sandberg	Marian Mesenbrink	Ed & Pam Richard	Carol Waxenberg
	10:45 AM	Carl Hupert			

# JULY SCHEDULES (CONT.)

		July 6 & 7	July 13 & 14	July 20 & 21	July 27 & 28
Sound	SAT	Dan Wills	Dan Wills	Dan Wills	Dan Wills
	9:00 AM	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin	Jim Rice	Tom Polzin
	10:45	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson	Brian Ott	Tim Torkelson
Ushers <small>HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Andrew.Szekely@outlook.com</small>	SAT 5:00 PM	Barb Hoppensteadt Sue Mattiucci	DIANA MURPHY Jim Murphy	CAROL HARTMAN Sue Mattiucci	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky Carol Engstrom	JACK CONTI Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Dick Gerhart	VIK BEKERIS Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Sandy Seibel Dave Stangle Sharon Stangle Carol Engstrom [T]	RALPH WEHNES Sue Wehnes Len Cardascio Dennis & Sally Houghton Jerry & Pat Darow (A)
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo Jeff Ottens Melissa Bala	MARK FRENDEIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart Todd Johnson	DARREN WALLOCH Don Koerner Jessica Panella John Boehler [A]	ANDREW SZEKELY Jim Rhode Marina Rhode Kim Szekely Bob Mollis Vik Bekeris Ronda Shoemaker Casey Rhode [S]
Visuals	9:00 AM	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding	Josh Harding
	10:45 AM	Jack Ott	Alan Torkelson		Alan Torkelson
Welcome Center	9:00 AM	Cliff & Linda Dungey	Cheryl Adams Carol Engstrom	Jan Suski Joyce Thompson	Dennis & Sherry Perkey
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen Jan Curtiss	Dick & Mary Tabatt	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Joanne Bychowsky
Worship Flowers				Mary & Chris Trodahl, Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary	

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@sotpmail.com](mailto:Donna@sotpmail.com)

