



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

**Congregational
Newsletter
April 2020**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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



IMPORTANT UPDATE

***In response to the
COVID-19 outbreak,
Shepherd of the
Prairie is closed for
all events
and worship
until further notice.***

***Join Us Live Stream
Sundays at 9 am
& 10:45 am at
www.sotp.org
or on Facebook***

SOTP at Home



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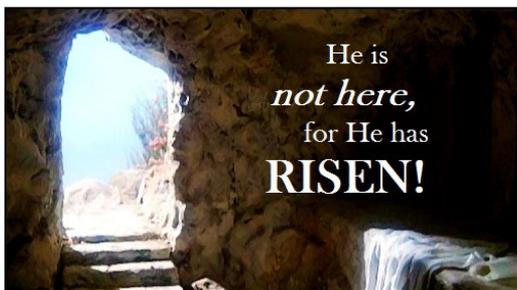
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A Note From Pastor Mark

Pastor's
Corner

Dear Constant Reader,

This Easter we again hear the story of the resurrection and this will be a year unlike any other Easter we have ever faced together. For one, we will not be together in worship corporately. We will be together using the gift and power of technology to link us together as the Body of Christ. The gift of "live streaming" is keeping us connected as God's people worshipping together.



Now we find ourselves once again preparing to hear the earth shattering news from the tomb, "he is not here, he has arisen. We are invited again (be it in a very different atmosphere) to hear the story and be reassured that we, too, will be taken from the grave and given a new life?

This year, maybe we should be doing more than just watching on our screens and listening with our ears into worship. Maybe this year we need to ask ourselves if we need a resurrection of the heart?

Let's use a bit of the extra time we have around the house and dig around in our hearts and throw out anything which hinders us from being better and more faithful servants?

Why not resurrect the spiritual life we once had if it has somehow gotten buried in the ashes of daily living?

Why not surprise our self and others by leaving them wondering about the new attitude in us?

When we get back together from this self isolation, let others come to us expecting our old self only to find us burning with new zeal much like Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them when they learned the true meaning of Jesus' absence.

Remembering the Easter story of the resurrection is one thing, living it is another.

Why be a listener only? Why not be like the women going to the tomb and hearing the two angels tell them that Jesus had risen from the dead as he said he would?

In our present state we cannot be resurrected physically until we have died, but we are in the position to resurrect our dormant feelings of the good news. Isn't that a big step toward a richer life with Christ?

Have you ever run into someone you hadn't seen for a long time, learned

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that someone who meant a lot to you was looking for you, or met someone dear who had been away for a long while? Wasn't that a grand discovery of seeing each other again?

Just imagine how the women at the tomb felt when they learned the meaning of the empty tomb. Just imagine how you're going to feel when you resurrect the longing for a richer life in Christ.

This Easter, don't just listen to the story, but allow it to make a difference in your heart.

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

Adult Education

Given our current situation, which needs no explanation, gathering for weekly Bible study has been shelved for an indeterminate number of weeks. But immersing ourselves in the Scriptures never leaves us! So, beginning this week, and continuing in April, a Bible study will be available through our SOTP website. The study will be taped and shown on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Other times will be offered as well, but you'll need to check the website for further details. We'll start with one of the great psalms for troubled times: Psalm 46, which Martin Luther used for his great Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is our God." So bring your Bible and a cup of coffee, sit down in front of your computer, log onto www.sotp.org, look for "What's New" and join us--in the comfort of your living room!



Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings

As I write this, SOTP is worshipping via livestream, the staff is working from home, store shelves are empty; schools, colleges, restaurants, bars, nursing homes, and many businesses are closed; the stock market has taken a nose dive and most of us are social distancing in our homes. Many are living in fear; fear of health and economic crisis. Who would have thought just two weeks ago that this would be where we are today? The world as we know it has changed drastically, although temporarily. I don't know what it will be like when you read this.

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Ministry Musings (Cont.)

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Today I was reading and studying in the Gospel lesson for this Sunday, John 9:1-14. This is a long story of a man born blind and Jesus' healing of him. But the story is much more than just a "miracle" story.

Once he has been healed, the religious leaders become angry and question first the man and then his parents, wondering if this man was truly born blind. When the man stands his ground and wonders how they miss the signs that Jesus is from God, they throw him out of the Temple. It is at this point that Jesus seeks him out and finds him, and reveals that he is the "Son of Man", Yahweh come to his people. I couldn't help but think of parable Jesus told of the shepherd who leaves the 99 to seek out the lost and alone sheep.

When we look at this story, we often concentrate on the healing of the man's blindness, the miracle. But in the Gospel of John, the things that Jesus does are called signs; actions that point to something beyond the action; to a greater truth that Jesus often talks about and explains after the sign has been accomplished.

Even before he sees Jesus, the man born blind *hears* him. After he makes the mud, Jesus speaks to the man born blind and tells him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man *hears* him, responds to Jesus' voice, and goes and washes and sees.

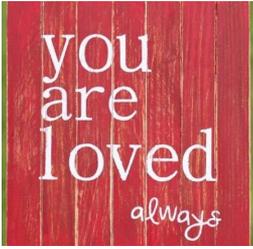
The man healed by Jesus comes gradually through this story to know Jesus, and Jesus knows him and he becomes a part of the fold, a disciple. He goes from hearing and seeing a man called Jesus, to calling Jesus a prophet, to recognizing that he must be from God, to calling him Lord and worshipping him. The words of Jesus that follow this story in 10:1-21, are all about Jesus' sheep; about how he knows them and they *hear his voice* and know him, and follow him. The former blind man has become one of Jesus' own, his flock, one who hears his voice and follows him. This seeing, hearing, knowing and following denoted relationship with Jesus, the Father and the Spirit. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the one who knows us, calls us, cares for us and we know his voice and follow him.

In these trying days and the ones ahead, we can take refuge in knowing that our Shepherd know us, calls us, cares for us and that we know his voice and follow him. While these are unsettling times, I am seeing firsthand how this part of Jesus' flock at Shepherd of the Prairie is caring for one another, is being Jesus to each other. Members are calling, emailing, sending cards and texting with encouragement; checking in on one another, running errands, keeping in touch. Our leadership is providing worship, social media messages, praying every morning at 7 and email messages from Pastor Mark and staff members.



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Ministry Musings (Cont.)



I pray that you will always know how much you are beloved by our God and by your SOTP family. I hope you find ways to keep in touch with family, friends, neighbors, and of course your SOTP family. May you be aware of Jesus' walking with you through every day until we are physically together again and beyond.
Grace & Peace.

Donna Kelly

SUPPER CLUB

CALLING ONE AND ALL to Join the Summer Supper Club!

Starting in May (*hopefully*) come and share food and fellowship with other Shepherd of the Prairie members.

The YELLOW Supper Club SIGN UP SHEETS are on the bulletin board in front of the office when we go back for worship or you can sign up by

contacting Marilyn (see contact info below) or Sharon Stangle. We meet in different groups of 6-8 people 3-4 times from May - August. Singles are welcome. .

May 2, 2020 is the deadline for registration for the Spring SOTP SUPPER CLUB. Sign up online or on the Yellow sign up sheet on the bulletin board in front of the office, which will be posted after we are back at church.



Contact Marilyn Sauerberg at ggmar35@gmail.com

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS



Do You Receive All Our email communications?

- ⇒ Daily Devotionals (Food for the soul)
- ⇒ Weekly Friday Flourish (Church info)
- ⇒ Monthly Newsletter (More detailed information)

To start receiving any of the above, please e-mail your request to: Admin@SOTPmail.com

If you aren't receiving other e-mail blasts from us, please reach out to [Michelle Rankin at Michelle@ sotpmail.com](mailto:Michelle@ sotpmail.com) to be added.

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

In Bishop Jeffrey Clements' letter to members of our church synod (which I commend you read), he speaks about three things we can do to keep the church strong in these difficult days:

- 1) PRAY TOGETHER;
- 2) continuing the FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP to our churches; &
- 3) LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS & ENCOURAGING OTHERS.

This is just a reminder that SOTP Lutheran Church continues to operate in meeting the needs of its members during these difficult times. All staff members and lay leaders are working hard to provide service and care for those in need and to communicate through video messages, live streaming of worship services, and planning ahead for our ministry and mission objectives. We need your continued financial support to meet our program goals.

You have multiple ways to do this.

- You can mail in your weekly or monthly checks in your offering envelopes
- You can make use of our newer donation options online at SOTP.org or by downloading the Giving Plus+ app on your smartphones (directions for this also on our website). You may reference use of either your credit card, debit card, or your bank account.

To maximize your donation amount to our church, we ask you CHECK THE BOX which includes our processing fee to Vanco for this service. Visa, Mastercard, and Discover cards carry a process fee of 2.35% while AMEX is 3.5%.

Should you give from your bank account, our processing fee is 0.2%.

Thank you for your continued support and may God continue to bless you and your family and keep you safe from this terrible virus that permeates our world.

The one thing we can all trust in is God is with us ALWAYS, even as we travel through this difficult valley. HE REMAINS OUR REFUGE & STRENGTH !!!

Your Stewardship Team

Rick Miller (Chair)



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NORTHERN IL FOOD BANK

Please hold the date and mark your calendars accordingly for **Saturday, May 16, 2020** so you can

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

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WWW.SOLVEHUNGERTODAY.ORG

help do **God's Work with Your Hands** at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Mission Team has committed our church to provide 60 volunteers to help put together food items to feed our hungry neighbors. If needed, there are also sit-down jobs that contribute to the projects. Simply let us know. Whether you have been there or not in the past, you will discover how great it feels to assist.

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

The Northern Illinois Food Bank's address is: 273 Dearborn Ct., Geneva, IL, Plan to arrive by 8:45 in time to confirm registration, gather together for a prayer, and begin working at 9:00. The project will end by 12:00. Participants are welcome to carpool together. If you need assistance in organizing a carpool, we are happy to assist.

As the Bible tells us:

ISAIAH 58:10

Feed the hungry and help those in trouble, then your light will rise and the darkness around you will be as bright as day."

EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

It is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Contact: Sharon Stangle stangle.ds@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN



To directly distribute an e-mail to the prayer chain, please e-mail:

sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email

To start receiving distribution and pray with us, please send request to admin@sotpmail.com

FOOD PANTRY

PANTRY STILL NEEDS HELP

Would appreciate the following:

- ◆ checks made out to Grafton Food Pantry

The address is: GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY
11481 ALLISON CT.
HUNTLEY, IL 60142

No bags of food should be dropped off.

Volunteers still needed. Call Harriet Ford at the Grafton Food Pantry at 847-254-8351.



YOUTH COLLECTING DONATIONS, NEW DATES

We know many members of the congregation have started purging closets, etc. to help with this vital fundraiser for our Youth. If possible, please hold onto these items as we're postponing the collection period until June due to current events. We will have a place to drop them off once the church is open again.

Thank you for your support!



Your Donations = \$

As you're cleaning closets, save donations until:
JUNE 19 - 28
Youth are collecting for Mission Trip.
Contact: *Melissa Juergensen*
Youth@sotpmail.com

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING/TOWELS
- ASSESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS

FINANCIAL RECORDS

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church only keeps financial records on members and non-members that have envelopes assigned. If you are not a member and want envelopes, contact Michelle Rankin in the Church office at 847/669-9448.



FINDING CURRENT INFO ON SOTP WEBSITE

Recently a few of our members have complained about not finding new content on our website www.sotp.org. For instance, Pastor Bill's new Adult Education Video or the latest Sunday Worship bulletin.

Sometimes when a website is updated, the changes are not seen right away because the browser is still using an older version of the page which the browser can load faster.

If you go to our website and you don't see the new content that you're looking for, the solution is to do a **HARD REFRESH** on your browser. A hard refresh clears the browser's cache for a specific page, forcing it to load the most recent version that includes changes to the page.

Now, how do you do a hard refresh on your browser (Google Chrome, Firefox and Internet Explorer/Microsoft Edge)? Simple—

- (1) make sure you are viewing the website and
- (2) hold down Ctrl and then press F5 on your keyboard.

The browser now will be displaying the page with all the latest changes.

We look forward to “seeing” you on-line as we go through these times of social distancing.

New Content

This Week

Dealing with the Corona Virus

Adult Education
March 26
Pastor Bill's Adult Ed Video

March 29 Worship Guides PDF

Children's Bulletins
4-7 yrs old 8-12 yrs old

Worship Bulletin
Life Group Study

New!
March 29 Sunday School

Sunday's Cool Video
Sunday's Cool
March PDF

CALLERS NEEDED

Thanks for all you are doing to care for yourselves and others. As you may know, we have several people calling members of SOTP to check in with them. We can still use a few more people to make calls to be sure everyone knows they are cared for and loved. We also are checking to see if they need anything. We have a team of people ready and willing to run errands. So if you would be willing to make a few phone calls each week until we are back together in person again please contact me. Thank you for caring.



Contact: Donna Kelly. Donna@sotpmail.com
or 214-686-1788.

SOTP DURING COVID-19 (CONT.)

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

ONLINE

- ⇒ **Palm Sunday**
 - ⇒ 9:00 am
 - ⇒ 10:45 am
- ⇒ **Maundy Thursday**
 - ⇒ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **Good Friday**
 - ⇒ 10:00 am
(Children's Service)
 - ⇒ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **Easter Sunday**
 - ⇒ 6:00 am (Sunrise with Pastor Bill)
 - ⇒ 9:00 am
 - ⇒ 10:45 am

We look forward to worshipping with you (although in separate locations, together as a church) live on-line at www.sotp.org or on our Facebook page.



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SOTP DURING COVID-19

Dear Valued and Loved Congregation Members,

In the past several weeks, families and individuals, in our community and worldwide, have encountered challenges, to our daily ways, of living, working, socializing, caring for family members and attending worship services in church. Pastor Mark and all of Shepherd of the Prairie's staff thank you, for your patience and understanding, as we aligned our daily activities and priorities to enable us, to continue providing ongoing services, care and support, to you, and other Congregation members.

Finding innovative ways, of applying our technological resources, we collaborated, amongst our staff, Council leaders, ministry leads, congregation members and volunteers, to define new ways, to continue providing worship, music, youth, Bible studies, Barnabas, children and family and other ministry connections during this time. Below is a highlight, of some, of the things, we've been doing, at Shepherd of the Prairie Church, in each area, of operation and ministry, as we manage changing circumstances.



BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

We reviewed and streamlined several processes to ensure continuation, of all Accounting and business operations, including electronic approval and payment, of invoices and check requests, payroll processing and continued accurate financial recordkeeping and reporting for the Finance team and Council.

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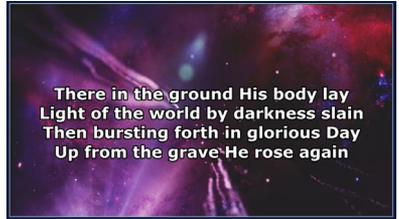
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To facilitate communications, Pastor Mark now conducts two weekly staff meetings, using Zoom, in which all staff members can participate. SOTP is carrying on the same and additional activities while staff are working off-site and we're doing so in a safe, healthy manner.

AUDIO/VISUAL

Mike Yndestad, our A/V Coordinator and his A/V Ministry Team, have been expanding SOTP's live streaming capabilities to enhance the on-line worship service experience for members. Mike explained, "In this new environment, we have a greater need for virtual communications.



The A/V ministry is focused on helping SOTP communicate as effectively as possible with the present circumstances." Collaborating, with Pastor Mark, Dennis Lilla, Jane McMullen and other staff members, Mike has produced videos that can be posted to

SOTP's website and Facebook page. Using video conferencing services, such as Zoom, Mike's excellent production and editing skills, have enhanced presentations, with additional graphics and music, all of which helped to achieve very polished, professional presentations.

Adding, to SOTP's use of video conferencing capabilities, Mike, Dennis and Daryl are, in the process, of defining ways, of establishing an electronic library, of ongoing Boxcast, Vimeo and Facebook videos. Some of the videos, for example, Pastor Bill Waxenberg's recording, of a Bible Study teaching video, will remain available on-line for future use. Designated or seasonal worship services will also be archived and kept in the library.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Tessa DeLong, in Children & Family Ministry, is working creatively to minister, to families and young children, in our congregation. Recently, Tessa and the Sunday School team changed the name, of Sunday School, to "Sunday's Cool." They are providing weekly lessons along,

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with encouraging, greeting videos, from teachers, so children and their families can still see their teacher's faces. These materials are being sent out, as well as, offered, on SOTP's website, for easy access, by congregation and



community members. Tessa explained, "We are also looking, into creative ways, to interact, with our families, by providing challenges that families can participate in together. One of the challenges was writing a letter to those who cannot interact with people face-to-face at this time.

Another challenge we have provided is a make a meal challenge where we encourage families to learn a new skill and make a meal together. Families are then encouraged to send in a picture of them participating in their challenges. We will continue to do this and encourage our families to interact in fun ways as they stay at home!"

New!
March 29 Sunday School

Sunday's Cool Video
Sunday's Cool March PDF

Tessa and her Sunday School and Children and Family Ministry teams have continued to meet virtually to identify additional ways to connect with SOTP families and children. Activities involve being, in constant communication, joining in on virtual birthday parties and more. Tessa explained, "It has and continues to be, a fun time, of feeling closer, than ever even though we are not together. We are still continuing to love and care for each other like Jesus, during this time, and we are continuing to find more creative ways to interact."

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Donna Kelly and the Connections Ministry Team have been busy concentrating on keeping in touch, with members, of SOTP, to help keep our feeling of community and bonding, in a common goal, continuing. Donna explained, "It has been a challenge to find ways to keep in touch and to remain in Communication, Collaboration, Caring and Community. We have had to think outside the box. While it is very hard to not see all of you in person, this situation has pushed me to find new ways to share the love of God with you. One of those ways is to learn how to set up groups in Messenger, Group Facetime and to continue to use ZOOM." Donna's Errand and other Team members have been making wellness check phone calls to check how members

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are feeling and/or if they need assistance, with errands, as are allowed under Shelter in Place guidelines.

Additionally, Donna also explained how “Barnabas Caregiving Ministry has been busy contacting all of our shut ins by phone. Some who are in care facilities do not have access to a phone, so all of our shut ins are receiving cards from Barnabas Ministry. We are also contacting those who have experienced a death in their families. Our Caring Caller and Caring Card Teams continue to express care to those who are ill or have experienced a death of a loved one. Our Life Groups are continuing to stay in contact with each other during this time via phone calls and emails and/or texts.”



As you can see, Donna and the Connections Ministry Team have been extremely busy. If you would like to help, with making calls, running errands, making medical masks, sending cards, to shut ins, or, any other way, please contact Donna at donna@sotpmail.com, or, on her cell phone, at 214-676-1788. Donna extends her “Thanks for all you are doing during this time to make the love of Jesus known and may God keep you happy, healthy and safe in his love.”

YOUTH MINISTRY

Bob McDuffee and the Youth Ministry Team have been continually assessing how to navigate the challenges being experienced by Shelter in Place guidelines, i.e., how to remain in contact, with SOTP youth, even though on-site group meetings are not currently possible. Using Zoom meeting capabilities, Bob and the Youth Team meet, on an ongoing basis, and discuss adjusted dates for when Trivia Night, the

Start Getting Your Teams Together!

NEW DATE

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sunday, June 28, 2020

5:00 pm

Contact: Bob McDuffee Youth@sotpmail.com

2020 Mission Trip and other youth activities will occur as well as how to connect, with the re:Fresh youth group. Please stay tuned, for ongoing updates, from Bob and the Youth Ministry Team, in the near future.

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MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Jane McMullen, Tyler Greene and Erik Boehmke have been busy creatively rehearsing and providing prerecorded videos as well as live music and singing, for ongoing Worship services, the latter which are livestreamed each week. Collaborating, with Pastor Mark and Mike and the A/V Team, Jane has continued to select inspiring, uplifting music selections that afford everyone a sense, of peace and comfort, in these challenging times. Tyler and Erik continue to offer their extraordinary musical talents and abilities that further enhance enjoyment of worship.



Keeping with Huntley, IL's guidelines pertaining, to keeping small gatherings, to five, or, less individuals, at a time, along with proper social distancing, Jane and several Music and Worship Ministry team members will be decorating the church, for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Wearing gloves and properly sanitizing surfaces, they will decorate the altar and

sanctuary to ensure that services are celebrated in traditional ways. Please make sure and join us, via livestreaming, on these and other days of worship.

During this time, Jane expressed that her greatest challenge, to providing Music and Worship services, has been "not being able to conduct rehearsals." To ensure that rehearsals could still be conducted, Jane delivered choir chimes and music, to approximately forty-five homes, so rehearsals could be conducted, via Facebook meetings. Being careful to deliver packages, with the music, on doorsteps, Jane also cleaned and packaged the materials before dropping them off. The Music and Worship Team continue to identify new, creative ways to provide excellent services for the congregation.



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BIBLE STUDIES

In addition to conducting worship services, on certain Sundays, Pastor Bill Waxenberg has also recorded Bible Study educational, teaching videos which will be made available, for all congregation members, to view and access for future learning and reflection.



PASTOR MARK BOSTER



Pastor Mark has spent countless hours keeping lines of communication open, with congregation members, staff, ministry leads, Council and volunteers. Continuing to deliver weekly worship services, Pastor Mark has also created inspirational messages to reach out to congregation members. Inviting prayer partners, arranging Facebook watch parties, to view worship sessions, encouraging members to submit their photos, for posting, in the sanctuary pews, engaging members to submit their videos and information, on their family Easter

celebration traditions, encouraging and checking on staff and members, finding new ways to present Daily Devotions, and supporting Music and Worship and other ministry planning, Pastor Mark has continued to provide full pastoral care and support to all. Additionally, Pastor Mark has partnered, with community government leaders, to ensure SOTP's adherence, to Shelter in Place directives, and to be an ongoing support to community leaders and citizens.

OFFICE AND WEBSITE MANAGEMENT



I'd also like to add a mention regarding Dennis Lilla and Michelle Rankin, who have been working diligently, behind the scenes, throughout these past weeks, to maintain website and Facebook updates, support posting, of Pastor Mark and staff video communications, and assist with defining new and creative ways to support members and staff.



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CHURCH COUNCIL

Recently, Shepherd of the Prairie's Church Council President, Bud Hansen, and the Council members successfully conducted their first monthly, Council meeting using Zoom technology.

STAY TUNED...

It's been a challenging yet rewarding time these past several weeks during Shelter in Place restrictions. With continued team effort and the talent and skills, of Pastor Mark, congregation, staff and Council members, Shepherd of the Prairie Church continues to provide all pastoral care, worship and other ministry and operational services to others.

We welcome hearing your thoughts and feedback and are always open to improving all areas, of ministry and operations, to better serve you. Thank you again, for your continued support, and for being a valued congregation member. Shepherd of the Prairie Church is here for you and your Family!



Wishing You and Your Loved Ones the Very Best of Health

Daryl Laird

Business, Human Resources & Operations Administrator

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Our preschool has programs for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2020).

Children do not need to be potty trained.

Our class sizes are small (not more than 10-12 per class). 1, 2 or 3 day classes are available to both members and non-members. For more information please contact our Preschool Director, Jill Gillming or go to our website and look under FORMS for CLASS REGISTRATION.



Contact: Jill Gillming
LittleLambs@sotpmail.com

FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2020

Operating Income and Expenses for the month are within the 2020 Budget. Total expenses were \$4,427 under the budgeted amount leaving a positive balance of \$15,885.

General Fund Report The General Fund Balance is \$210,538. Income for the month was \$51,699 and Expenses for the month were \$60,328. For the month our expenses were \$2,697 under the budget.

Mortgage Service Fund Report The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$101,487. Income for the month was \$26,138. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>This Month</u>		<u>Difference</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Income:	\$ 51,699	\$ 63,141	\$ 11,442
Expenses:	\$ 60,328	\$ 63,025	(\$ 2,697)

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>		<u>Difference</u>
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
Income:	\$ 137,740	\$ 126,282	\$ 11,458
Expenses:	\$ 121,623	\$ 126,050	(\$ 4,427)

<u>Mortgage Service Fund</u>	
Income for month:	\$ 26,138
Fund Balance:	\$ 101,487

Respectfully Submitted,

Cliff Dungey
Congregation Council Treasurer



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We have received **\$1,250.48** so far.

Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Bud Hansen, President **Matt Greene, Vice President**
Cliff Dungey, Treasurer **Sarah Wolf, Secretary**
Marlene Boehler, Carla Elam, Mike Luecht,
Ellen Nissen, Christa Serpe

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2.....Summer Riley, Nicole Stoica, Mary Tabatt
- 3.....Robin Anderson, Kristen Bala, Dave Frederickson
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