



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

**Congregational  
Newsletter  
September 2020**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

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

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

Back to the Basics  
Saturday Night Worship  
Just In a New Setting  
Come and ...

**Worship**  
With Us.  
on the parking lot

*EVERY OTHER  
SATURDAY*  
**CONTINUING  
SEPT 12th**

- Print bulletin at home ( [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) )
- Arrive and park before 5pm & follow guidelines for parking (parking attendants will be directing you)
- Sit in your car or in a chair by it (maintaining 6 foot distance from others)
- Must wear mask if not sitting in your car
- Listen in the parking lot on your radio at 100.7 FM

**Public Worship Resuming  
Sunday, September 6, 9 am & 10:45 am**

**JOIN US FOR  
WORSHIP**

**Reservations: [www.bit.ly/RSVPSOTP](http://www.bit.ly/RSVPSOTP)**

Contact: Michelle Rankin  
[michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto:michelle@sotpmail.com)

Sunday services also continue to stream live on-line at [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) and on our Facebook page at 9 am & 10:45 am

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## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with great joy that we welcome you back to public worship at Shepherd of the Prairie on Sunday, September 6. For the months of September and October we will continue our every other week Saturday parking lot worship. Those dates being Saturday, September 12 and 26 and October 10 and 24.

This has been a long time coming and we are so thankful that we can now reenter the building and around the altar of God to receive the gifts of God's grace. I also want to publicly thank all those who have helped to create an online presence for our church related to worship. God has richly blessed us with wonderfully gifted people and want to assure you that we will continue to enhance what we do with our online ministry going forward.

With these thoughts in mind I want to share with you some things to be mindful of should you choose to resume worshiping with us publicly at this time.

Of course, if you or anyone in your household are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 (shortness of breath, fever, cough, new loss of taste or smell) you must not attend. Also, people with compromised health issues/pre-existing conditions which may put you at higher risk may choose to stay home. We will continue to live-stream the Sunday morning worship services.

We have been carefully preparing new procedures with the guidance of the ELCA, the Northern IL Synod, and the state to ensure the safety of all of our parishioners. With that being said, there is always some risk involved when attending public functions. You will notice some changes as you return to SOTP, and we ask you respectfully follow those changes while here. Below are the new procedures and protocols you will see.

Please read them completely and carefully. (You will also find a copy of these procedures on our church website.)

During our initial opening we will be able to accommodate 70 people per service. Initially, we will begin small to be sure we are caring faithfully and well for all who are with us. This will also give us some room in case we have first time worshipers or guests.

Please go on to our web site, [www.bit.ly/RSVPSOTP](http://www.bit.ly/RSVPSOTP) or our website [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org) to sign up to register to attend one of our worship services on Sundays. You may also call the office no later than Thursday of each week.

Pastor's  
Corner

# *A Note From Pastor Mark (Cont.)*

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## **Entry, Arrival and Seating for Worship**

- Worshippers attending the 9:00 am service enter through the East doors of the new building. Worshippers at 10:45 am service enter through the South side doors of the new building. All other doors will remain locked.
- Please arrive no earlier than 20 minutes prior to the start of worship, and put on your face mask as you exit your vehicle. You will keep your mask on the entire time until you return to your vehicle, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion.
- You will be welcomed by a greeter.
- Please maintain six-foot social distancing at all times with people not from your own household, and use the provided hand sanitizer before entering the sanctuary.
- When it is time to enter the sanctuary, an usher will show you to your seat. We will begin seating from the front of the church moving to the back. (it is a very unLutheran thing but know you probably will not be seated in your “normal” pew. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please do not congregate in the Sanctuary prior to worship. We encourage you to use the time for personal prayer and meditation.
- Every other pew will be closed, and the available pews will have markers every six feet to assist you. Household members, of course, do not have to observe that distancing with one another in the pew.

## **Temporary Changes for Weekend Worship**

- The “sign of peace” will be limited to non-contact gestures.
- We will not pass collection baskets. They will be located at the doors as you exit the building.
- Singing will be limited in order to minimize the spread of germs. As song leaders sing you are invited to mouth the words quietly or speak the words in your heart.
- Initially we will receive Holy Communion using only one element. The usher will dismiss you from the pew for communion. Please maintain proper social distancing in the Communion line with people outside of your household.
- For now we can only give Communion by you extending your hand open into which the wafer of bread will be placed. We ask you to consume the wafer after you return to the pew.

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# *A Note From Pastor Mark (Cont.)*

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- Also note that we ask you not wear any gloves when you receive Communion.
- At the end of service please wait for an usher to dismiss you.
- Please do not congregate in the sanctuary or welcome center following worship. Our cleaning team needs to be able to as quickly as possible be sure all areas of use are sanitized. If you do wish to speak to others please do so outside on the parking lot and continue social distancing.
- All hymnals, Bibles and attendance pads have been temporarily removed due to the virus remaining on surfaces for a period of time after being touched.
- Pastor Mark will do his best to be out on the parking lot before and after worship.
- Please exit from the same door you entered.

## **Sanitation and Safety Precautions**

- Only the restrooms in the new building will be opened. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent to make sure they properly wash their hands.
- Please do not bring any sanitizing supplies or wipes with you that contain bleach, as they will damage the wood of the pews and other items.
- Parents, please note – We will not be able to open the nursery. All children should remain with their families while in the building. We will be blessed by their voices in the worship.

We know these changes will take some time to get used to, and will require adjustments and flexibility from all of us. And we understand that some people may prefer to continue worshipping at home due to the new procedures and protocols, and that is okay too. I hope you know that we are being very conscious of your safety in the midst of this pandemic. Our hope is that many of these changes will no longer be necessary when we move into the State's fifth and final phase for reopening.

In the meantime, we deeply appreciate your patience and cooperation as we all try to do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy in worship at SOTP. We can't wait to see you and celebrate with you in person!

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and your loved ones. Let us all continue to redouble our efforts in prayer for this pandemic coming to a speedy end and that we all continue to remain safe!

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

## Adult Education

Throughout the month of September, we'll continue our study of 1 John, begun in mid-August. Even though a short letter, it's packed with both affirmations of the Christian faith and challenges to how we live out that faith. There are warnings against those who would lead us astray; reminders that we are, indeed, children of God; a call to continue to love one another; a strong statement about testing the world's spirits; and a declaration that faith conquers that world.



Each Wednesday the Bible study is available on our church's website, [www.sotp.org](http://www.sotp.org), or you can go to our Facebook page, or you can wait for the weekly email blast.

If you do watch, it would be great if you would respond with insights or questions! Please mail them to me at [bwaxenberg@gmail.com](mailto:bwaxenberg@gmail.com). Looking forward to being together!

*Pastor Bill*

## Ministry Musings



Change. For some change is a “dirty” word. “We’ve never done it that way”, “if it isn’t broken, don’t fix it”, “we’ve always done this way”, “don’t rock the boat”, are clichés we often hear. The idea of stepping out and venturing into new ideas and territory can be challenging. But with all that’s going on in our world, change is inevitable.

Covid-19 has brought a whole new way of life to our world and forced us to make changes. Many continue to work from home, shoppers in stores need to stand in line to enter and wear masks and stores ask us to use a credit or debit card instead of cash. If we go to a restaurant, we need to wear masks until we are at our tables, menus are limited, even at the drive through and some places no longer accept cash. Schools are starting with either some form of hybrid learning (some in person and some on line) or all eLearning. At church, we worship in the parking lot or on line, many of our ministries are revised in how we do them, and even when we do come back to public worship it will look very different.

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## Ministry Musings (Cont.)

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We also are trying to find our way through a new awareness of racial and social injustice. We look for ways to treat each other with honesty and acceptance for who we each are. If we are honest, we realize we all have biases; racial bias, ethnic bias, gender bias, economic bias, social bias, educational bias, religious bias, political bias... It's basically impossible to be human and not have some type of bias. We may need to change how we see those around us, be willing to acknowledge our biases and figure out how to live together in harmony.

We have a presidential election coming up soon and that too will bring change no matter who "wins".

An ancient Greek philosopher, Heraclitus (I looked it up), said, "Change is the only constant in life." And right now, our lives bear that out.

Many dream of "the good old days" and "the way things used to be". "If it was good enough for us then, it ought to be good enough for us now." Change is very difficult for many and we often remember the pleasant parts of the past and think of them fondly. We long for the day we can be back to "normal" and back together.

For others, change is a not only a good thing, it's the best thing. For them the old ways don't matter anymore, and the only thing that is worthwhile is what's new. They look back at "what used to be" and see only the bad that existed during that time.

Wherever you find yourself with the idea of change, back to normal will most likely look different than it did before this pandemic. Some changes will be difficult and some changes will be good. But whatever changes come our way in this world, we can take hold of what we are told in James 1: 17, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from the Father who does not change like shifting shadows."

*Donna Kelly*



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Prairie Lutheran  
Church  
@ShepherdofthePrairie

## PROPERTY TEAM—CONTRACTOR NEEDED

The Property is looking into upgrading our outside storage. We are looking for a couple of contractors to give us a cost estimate to put in the concrete foundation/floor and to erect the building.

The proposed building will be the size of a two-car garage and will have a 16 foot roll up garage door.

All the building materials will be supplied. We just need a contractor for the work. The proposed building site will be in the back of the church property behind the original building.

If your company can help, please contact the property team.

*Contact: Rich Paeth SOTPproperty@gmail.com*



## CHURCH OFFICE & BUILDING OPENING



We are excited to open the church office and building to all again as of **Tuesday, September 8th!** Office hours will be from 9am—2pm, Monday—Friday. Masks need to be worn while in the church building.

This is how it is meant to be and brings us all such joy! What a blessing it will be to many—maybe even you.

Please know that our church sanctuary will be open during office hours for you to come in, sit and have quiet time with God. Although we know He is with us wherever we are, many find solace sitting in the comforting walls of our sanctuary. Please be respectful of others sitting quietly and keep physical distance.

SOTP is open for meetings again as well. Please note, there are guidelines for meeting safely—including maximum capacity per room. There are cleaning supplies in each room along with specific

directions to follow each time the rooms are used. Please make sure to follow these guidelines for everyone's safety. **You still need to reserve a room with Michelle Rankin**, just as in the past.



**As a reminder, masks need to be worn.**

*Contact: Michelle Rankin michelle@sotpmail.com*

# YOUTH UPDATES

Greetings from the Youth Team,

We wanted to share with you plans for Fall Confirmation and Affirmation of Baptism Service at SOTP. As you know, it seems each day and week things are apt to change due to COVID-19. So please understand whatever we plan now may need adjustments when we get into late September. We want to let you know however what we are planning at present.

## CONFIRMATION:

In order to ensure proper social distancing, we are planning to have 2 parent/student nights at the church. This will take place in the sanctuary and will include plans for the year, introductions of students to their small group leaders, Q&A w/ parents, etc. Please plan to attend the respective sessions for your student.

- **September 16:** 7th and 8th Grade parent/student night @ 6:30 PM
- **September 23:** 6th Grade parent/student night @ 6:30 PM
- Our first night of Full confirmation class will be on **September 30 beginning at 6:30 PM**. We will plan to meet for 1 hour, finishing at 7:30 PM.



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

The Affirmation of Baptism Service, for last year's 8th Graders, will take place on Reformation Sunday, **October 25, 2020 during the 10:45 am service**. In order to prepare for this service, we are planning an evening event on Saturday, **October 10 from 5:00 - 11:00 pm** which will enable the students to prepare their Faith Statements under the direction of Pastor Mark and several youth



leaders. We are going to have a special blessing for the students at the Parking Lot service and then they will be dismissed at the beginning of the service to begin their work. Should be a great event.

Further information regarding Confirmation, Affirmation of Baptism and the Faith Statement weekend will be communicated via email from our Youth team ([youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:youth@sotpmail.com)). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Bob McDuffee (Youth Team Leader) or Pastor Mark.

*Contact: Bob McDuffee & Youth Team [Youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:Youth@sotpmail.com)*

## STEWARDSHIP

Here we are in September and our preparations begin for our 2021 Stewardship Financial Campaign. Our first temple talk will take place for our Sept 26/27 worship services, followed by three more temple talks over the next three weekends and ending in Oct 17/18. Our goal is to have all of our Estimate of Giving cards returned by Friday, November 6 so our church council may make final

decisions for our proposed CY 2021 budget. A dedication of our EOG cards will be done at a later date in November. Stay tuned to our September Friday Flourish Stewardship articles with updated information on our financial campaign.

The theme for our CY2021 fiscal year financial drive comes from Psalm 116 verse 12:

WHAT SHALL I RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS TO ME? (NIV)

I pray that each one of you read that verse over again, and reflect on what it means to you. We know that everything we have comes from God. We know that through the good times AND bad times He is with us always, lightning our burdens and providing means to comfort us. All He asks is that we love Him and love our neighbors as we do ourselves. Not only the neighbors in close proximity to where we live, but our brothers and sisters in our local communities and all those who cross our path in life. To do that means extending our benevolence to those who are less fortunate than how we live our lives, to those in serious need of food, shelter, and clothing.

When we provide financial support to our church, we are doing just that...extending a helping hand to those who need our love, assistance, and help. So, we ask you, has the Lord been good and faithful to you in providing for your needs?? Has His grace protected you and your family from harm and evil?? Respond with a thankful heart, and give of your first fruits so that others may be blessed by your gifts to Him to care for ALL of God's creation. Don't give from your leftovers, but give from the top of your monthly financial plans. Please prayerfully consider your financial gifts to SOTP's mission and ministry needs next year and make a commitment to increase your giving as a step forward in your faith journey with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



## STEWARDSHIP (CONT.)

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And please, for those who have not continued their consistent financial gifts because we have not been able to assemble for our regular worship service due to the pandemic, we are in need for you to catch up to your EOG commitments. Giving has been lighter than expected and we all need to redouble our efforts to live up to our financial commitments made for CY 2020. We are grateful for those who have continued with their generous offerings and pray for everyone's continued financial support for the remainder of the year. Thank you all for your generosity and God's blessing to each and every one for your support!

Rick Miller & Your Stewardship Team

*Contact: Rick Miller [rmiller3k@gmail.com](mailto:rmiller3k@gmail.com) .*

## LET THERE BE FLOWERS



With live streaming the worship services at SOTP, your Worship Committee would like to brighten up the sanctuary with flowers for the sanctuary. We would place the bouquet on the pedestal behind the Pastor. As normal each arrangement is \$50.

We would pick up the bouquet from the florist for the Sunday worship services and then we

would deliver the flowers to your home on Sunday or Monday after the service (practicing social distancing of course).

If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact Diane Mollis at [dem910@outlook.com](mailto:dem910@outlook.com). Provide your name, address, phone number, for whom the flowers are dedicated to or in memory of, and which Sunday you are interested in displaying the bouquet. We would only need one bouquet per week. If you have any questions, who may call Diane at 224-654-6677.

Thank you for saying yes to flowers for the sanctuary!

### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED FLOWERS IN AUGUST

August 1st & 2nd, Richard and Inge Heidorn  
in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

*Contact: Dianne Mollis [dem910@outlook.com](mailto:dem910@outlook.com)*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

# WELCOME

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Becky Wright

Richard & Judy Blaige

Dan & Megan Palombit (Caiden, Ellie, Benjamin)

Jordan & Alisha Wildermut (Emory, Crosby)

The next new member gathering will take place on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm. Considering becoming a member? Just want to find out more about the life and ministry at SOTP? Join us!

Please RSVP to Donna Kelly.

*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 in person, socially distanced, every Tuesday evening from 6 to 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, please contact Donna Kelly at [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) or 214-676-1788.

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

## CROP WALK

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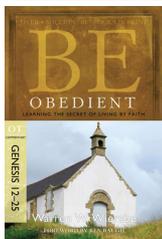
Sunday,  
September 27  
2 - 4 pm

Walk around SOTP  
property  
all or part of the time.  
Sign up or donate at  
[www.bit.ly/Crop2020](http://www.bit.ly/Crop2020)  
Contact: Pat Buesing  
[patters001@yahoo.com](mailto:patters001@yahoo.com)

Benefiting McHenry County  
Food Pantries



## FRIENDS (WOMEN'S) BIBLE STUDY



Are you looking for additional ways to participate in devotions or study God's word? Friends Bible Study is a wonderful way to assist you in that journey.

Participants are currently meeting every Monday from 9:30-11:00 am. We are using the covered pavilion at O'Timers Park, 10700 N. Church Street in Huntley. The pavilion is spacious and has numerous picnic tables allowing everyone to wear masks and be socially distanced.

The study is now focused on the book of Genesis and utilizes the Bible and the Be Obedient guide written by Warren Wiersbe. An upcoming lesson is "Here Comes the Bride!" which leads us into the study of Rebekah and Isaac.

Contact: Linda Dungey (847)346-9267 or [lindaajsd88@gmail.com](mailto:lindaajsd88@gmail.com)

## MISSIONARY NEWS

Our sponsored missionaries, Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich are teaching at Tumaini University, Tanzania online now. They are also making video and audio presentations for churches here in the U.S. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they do God's work from home.



## HUNGER/COVID-19 VIRTUAL EVENT

Rick Steves, guidebook author and travel TV host, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and the Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee,

bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, invite you to a virtual benefit – the first of its kind – for ELCA World Hunger.

This Zoom virtual event will take place **Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m.** central time. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19.

We are called by God to share hope in this time of challenge. Join us to face this global hunger crisis head-on, and continue to move toward a just world where all are fed.

If interested register at: [www.bit.ly/COVIDhunger](http://www.bit.ly/COVIDhunger)  
**Registration Closes September 22, 2020**

Contact: *Becky Wright rawright48@gmail.com*

## ONLINE GIVING



*Remember: your offerings are a blessing.  
And blessings keep on giving.  
Online Giving Available at:*

**<https://bit.ly/SOTPgiving>**

*Questions? Contact: Michelle Rankin Michelle@sotpmail.com*

## THANK YOU—FROM SOTP YOUTH

### Youth SAVER'S FUNDrive



THANK YOU very much for your support of the SOTP Youth during this Fundraiser. We donated almost 7,500 Pounds of clothing, accessories and household goods! These donations resulted in almost \$1,100 of incremental funds to support Youth programs at SOTP!

## BUTTON BRIGADE

A big thank you to Alice Hallett who came up with the wonderful idea of crocheting extenders for masks to help make more comfortable the masks those in the health care arena must wear for extend periods.

We now have three ladies crocheting masks and 20 sewing on buttons.

So far over 10,000 extenders have been created and delivered to many health care agencies, nursing homes, care facilities and hospitals in Huntley, Algonquin, Crystal Lake, Woodstock, Arlington Heights and several other suburbs.

Everyone we deliver them too is very thankful for the relief

If you have any questions, or would like to help please contact Donna

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



## DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DRIVE—OCTOBER

**DRIVE THROUGH  
FOOD DRIVE  
OCTOBER 3  
9AM - 1PM  
Shepherd of the  
Prairie  
10805 Main St,  
Huntley**

*Collecting non-perishables, cash &  
checks made out to*

**GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY**



## GIVING TREE 2020

This year, after much thought, Barb Hoppensteadt has decided to have “only gift cards” for the The Giving Tree this Christmas. Because of the virus and not knowing what will happen during the holiday season, she felt this was the safest way. Harriett Ford, Grafton Food Pantry, already called in June to see if SOTP was going to have the Giving Tree. Barb told Harriet her idea of gift cards and she is very in favor of the gift card idea. Barb then called Lynn Broederdorf, Turning Point -Woodstock, and she also was in favor of giving gift cards.

### As of now, this is the plan for The Giving Tree 2020:

For the most part, it will be handled just like the ornaments. Barb will get the list of families from both agencies and instead of making out an ornament, she will make out an envelope marking it:

- with either “G” for Grafton, “TP” for Turning Point
- the family number
- male, female or child/infant
- age
- which gift card they would like to have

This will be done for each family. The envelopes will be placed on the table outside the church offices, there will be a box for dropping off the envelope. The gift card is to be placed inside the envelope and sealed. **Noting that you must use the envelope that you picked.** A return date will be posted.



*Contact: Barb Hoppensteadt [hoppen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hoppen@sbcglobal.net)*

# MEMORY BRICKS

The Memory Garden Committee is looking into selling memory bricks that will be part of a walkway from the West door of the all-purpose room to the Columbarium/ Memory Garden. The bricks will be part of the overall plan presented to the church council for their approval. When approval is received, the plans will be presented to the Village of Huntley to secure a special use permit. Once approved, the entire plan complete with costs will be presented to the congregation for approval. (Sizes 8"x8" or 4" x 8")



Contact: *Ralph Wehnes*  
[ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net)



# MEMORY GARDEN UPDATE

The Memory Garden Committee thought you might like more information on our planned first columbarium for the Memory Garden. Ed Cuttle was kind enough to build the model for us pictured here. The model will be on display once we get back to meeting inside the church. The Columbarium will contain 72 niches that will each hold two urns. It's a little over 6' 11" high and 6' 6" wide. As you can see each niche will have last name, first names, date of birth, and date of death. The final cost for each niche will be determined after approvals from council, Village of Huntley, and congregation.



Contact: *Ralph Wehnes*,  
Chairman  
[ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net)

## HELP NEEDED 1 MEETING MONTHLY



The Finance Team is looking for additional team members to join the group. The time commitment is only 90 minutes per month for our regular second Monday of the month meeting. You do not need to understand spreadsheets or bookkeeping. We are looking for team members with interest in monitoring church income, church expenses, contract obligations and keeping church financial policies and procedures current. If you wish to utilize your talents to serve SOTP, we would appreciate you joining our team. Please contact Bob Mollis. Thank you for your consideration and Christ's blessings to you.

Contact: Bob Mollis [bobmollis@outlook.com](mailto:bobmollis@outlook.com)

## PROPERTY CONCERNS?

Our property team has a new way for the congregation to communicate directly with them. If you have any building related issues, problems or needs please contact our team at the e-mail below. Once received one of our team members will address your need and/or contact you.

Contact: Mark Frendreis & The Property Team  
[SOTPPROPERTY@gmail.com](mailto:SOTPPROPERTY@gmail.com)



## PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS



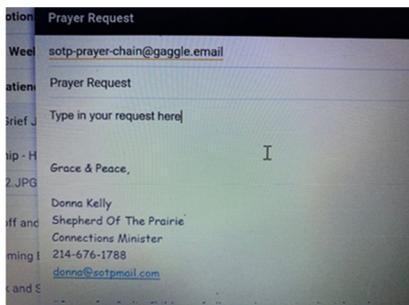
## PRAIRIE POINT QUILTERS

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays Monthly  
9 – 11:30 am

Contact:  
Nancy Morbeck  
[jmorbeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmorbeck@sbcglobal.net)

## PRAYER CHAIN

Several months ago, we changed the address to be used for email prayer requests. We have contracted with a service that automatically forwards your prayer request to the members of our prayer chain. We did this so that requests would go out immediately and there is no need to wait for someone to see your request before it goes out. You need no special equipment or program to do this. It is just like sending any other email. All you need to do is address the email to [sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email](mailto:sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email); in the subject write prayer request; in the body write your prayer request; add your name at the bottom and then hit send like you would with any other email you would send. See the example below:



Just as when you send any other email, you won't get a copy of it. If you have any other questions, please contact Donna Kelly. [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com) Of course, if you do not have a computer or need special help, please continue to send your prayer requests to my email or via the website.

*Email prayer requests: [sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email](mailto:sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email)*

## TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S COFFEE



**Men's Tuesday  
Morning Coffee  
Meeting On Zoom  
8:00 – 9:30 am**

*Sign in when you can ... sign out when you must.*

**E-mail Curt Gerald at [curtgerald61@gmail.com](mailto:curtgerald61@gmail.com)  
for login information**

## LIFE GROUPS

Get Connected  
With  
Life Groups

YOU ARE  
INVITED

Join  
the  
fun!



MEETING  
ON-LINE &  
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NEW  
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## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

**DUE TO COVID-19, LITTLE LAMBS WILL HAVE A DELAYED START THIS YEAR. AS OF NOW THAT PLAN IS TO START IN NOVEMBER.**

**We are 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.

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## 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*** to be added.

## SUPPER CLUB

CALLING ONE AND ALL to join the Fall Supper Club once church services resume, which is 9/6/2020. It's time for us to gather in supper groups to share food and fellowship with other Shepherd of the Prairie members. The fun part is that



the group members can choose to entertain in their home, or go out for the meal, or order in. It is up to the group members to decide which way they would prefer their group to work. The host rotates among the participants in the group. Once all have had the opportunity to host, then it's time for another session of Supper Groups and Sharon and I will assign you to a different group. The YELLOW Supper Club SIGN UP SHEETS will be on the bulletin board in front of the office or you can sign up online at [www.bit.ly/SOTPsuperclub](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPsuperclub) . We meet in groups of 6-8 people 3-4 times during the session depending on the number of people in your group. Singles are welcome. Any questions? Contact Marilyn Sauerberg at [ggmar35@gmail.com](mailto:ggmar35@gmail.com) or call 847-544-6454 or Sharon Stangle at [stangle.ds@gmail.com](mailto:stangle.ds@gmail.com) or call 224-628-2107. Sign up online or on the Yellow sign up sheet on the bulletin board in front of the office.

If your current Supper Group has a few dinner(s) to complete, plan on scheduling and look forward to being a part of a new group starting sometime in October.

The **deadline for sign-up is tentatively September 30, 2020**. When that occurs, we're planning that the groups can start in October ending in December/January.

*Contact: Marilyn Sauerberg [ggmar35@gmail.com](mailto:ggmar35@gmail.com)*



**Pastor Mark's  
Friday Podcast**  
Included in  
Friday Flourish  
Email distribution

Want to start receiving  
Friday Flourish?  
E-mail [admin@sotpmail.com](mailto:admin@sotpmail.com)

Our SOTP Community  
Ways to Be Together Even Though We are Apart

## SEPTEMBER USHERS

### ADDITIONAL USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are able to help usher, we would appreciate the help.  
Contact Andrew Szekely at [aszekely01@outlook.com](mailto:aszekely01@outlook.com)

|   | SEP 5-6  | SEP 12-13  | SEP 19-20   | SEP 26-27  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
|   | FIRST  | SECOND   | THIRD   | FOURTH   |
| Saturday<br>5pm<br>[Parking<br>Lot Service<br>Only] |  | BARB<br>HOPPENSTEADT<br>Karen Eckert<br>Greeter Sub #2   |   | Steve Murphy<br>Carol Hartman<br>Sue Mattiucci   |
| Sunday<br>9am                                       | WALTER LEMKE<br>Warren Brody<br>Carol Engstrom<br>Greeter Sub #1<br>Greeter Sub #2<br>Greeter Sub #3 | JACK CONTI<br>Pete Thompson<br>Harriet<br>Thompson<br>Greeter Sub #1<br>Greeter Sub #2<br>Greeter Sub #3 | VIK BEKERIS<br>Pete Thompson<br>Harriet<br>Thompson<br>Dave Stangle<br>Sharon Stangle<br>Carol Engstrom<br>Sandy Seibel | ED CUTTLE<br>Carolyn Cuttle<br>Jerry Darow<br>Pat Darow<br>Ralph Wehnes<br>Sue Wehnes<br>Dennis Houghton |
| Sunday<br>1045<br>am                                | BOB MCDUFFEE<br>Vik Bekeris<br>Chuck Peterson<br>Jacob Fiandalo<br>Greeter Sub #1<br>Greeter Sub #2  | MARK<br>FRENDREIS<br>Vik Bekeris<br>Greeter Sub #1<br>Greeter Sub #2<br>Greeter Sub #3<br>Greeter Sub #4 | VIK BEKERIS<br>Don Koerner<br>Ron Mudge<br>Jeff Ottens<br>Judy Petropulos<br>Greeter Sub #1                             | ANDREW<br>SZEKELY<br>Bob Mollis<br>Vik Bekeris<br>Greeter Sub #1<br>Greeter Sub #2<br>Greeter Sub #3     |

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2020

Assets include \$95,000 from the SBA Paycheck Protection Program received on April 24, 2020. These funds are expected to be forgiven at end of the program. This does not affect the year to date Operating Fund.

**General Fund Report** The General Fund Balance is \$240,137. Income for the month was \$46,175 and Expenses for the month were \$57,875.

**Mortgage Service Fund Report** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$97,618. Income for the month was \$20,818. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536.

### This Month

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Income:             | \$ 46,175     | \$ 63,141     | \$ (16,965)       |
| Expenses:           | \$ 57,875     | \$ 63,084     | \$ 5,208          |

### Year-to-Date

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income:             | \$ 465,759        | \$ 441,987        | \$ 23,772         |
| Expenses:           | \$ 411,731        | \$ 440,076        | \$ 28,345         |

### Mortgage Service Fund

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Income for month: | \$ 20,818 |
| Fund Balance:     | \$ 97,618 |

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cliff Dungey*

Congregation Treasurer

*faith and*  
**finances**

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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.

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We have received **\$1,406.52** as of August 2020.

Contact: Michelle Rankin [michelle@sotpmail.com](mailto: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**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ..... Natalie Dobrolinsky, Susan Krewer, Bayleigh Masters, Liam Nagel, Beverly Noffz
- 2 ..... Abby Fiandalo, Phillip Jacobs, Steve Sparks
- 3 ..... Nancy Eberly, Kristina Harvat, Lois Long, Alice Miller
- 4 ..... Brett DePorter, Kira Frendreis
- 5 ..... Adrienne Araoz, Colleen Bender, Jake Harding, Harold Henkle, Mason Murray, Alice Schroeder, Teri Wilson
- 6 ..... Kelly Hibbeler, Olivia Krewer, Adam Walloch
- 7 ..... Stephen Browne, Jean Clausen, Jeremy Hollow, Joan Riffner, Daniel Stallbaum
- 8 ..... Samantha Grady, Gerhardt Neukirch
- 9 ..... Riley Petersen, Gail Quam
- 10 ..... Nicole Grabs, Sue Kamphausen, Beth Mudge, Samantha Szekely, Jordan Wills
- 11 ..... Sally Schuett, Gloria Scimeca, Donna Sorensen
- 12 ..... Leah Anderson, Robert Falbo, Emma Konie, Bryce Prather
- 14 ..... Adam Luedtke, Gladys Meese, Marilyn Sauerberg
- 15 ..... Tyler Allegretti, Deb Case, Nora Frake, Eric Lindgren, Clara Seibert
- 16 ..... Andrew Fulcer, Luther Yndestad
- 17 ..... Lori Paeth
- 18 ..... Morgan Bach, Joseph Case, Chris Nack, Victor Pizarro, Marty Schnepff
- 19 ..... Linda Christopherson, Kristi Cordle, Donna Newbanks, Joyce Shotick, Rob Womac
- 20 ..... Gordon Burseth, Janet Fry, Joshua Miley, Meredith Parmele, Rob Schuett
- 21 ..... Autumn Kasal
- 22 ..... James Blanchard
- 23 ..... Teagan Papka, Sandy Scalise, David Stangle, Adele Wogstad
- 24 ..... Tyler Greene, Ruby Haerle, Wendy Papka
- 25 ..... Rick Miller, David Henry O'Neill, Cameryn Piskule
- 26 ..... Lois Kosmen, Nanette Wade
- 28 ..... John Shepard, John Arneson, Haley Sabie, Lori Wysk
- 30 ..... Abby Clifford, Tessa DeLong, Bill Harding, Mike Huston, Michael Luecht, Nathan Ulmer, Gianna Young

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