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A Note From Pastor Mark



Dear Friends at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church:
Remember last year as the world was shutting down, there were serious concerns about what effect that would have on the church? Take a look now as we re-emerge from the pandemic. Many of us feared a scarcity world would take over, but that is not what happened. God has been abundantly present.

It is in times of difficulty that the world sees the importance of the church and our message of grace more clearly. God is up to something at Shepherd of the Prairie and it is exciting to be part of it.

Last week, the artist series had another one of their concerts. It was a celebration of a music icon, Fred Rogers (aka "Mr. Rogers".) One of the songs lifted up the importance of looking and listening for what is good. There is so much good, if we just "take the time to look and listen." We are going to do that over the next few weeks.

So first, let me say thank you for the ways in which you stepped up to continue to worship, to care for one another, and to look for opportunities

to share the Gospel when our community so clearly needed the Gospel during the pandemic.

You also demonstrated significant generosity to make certain that this ministry remains strong.

Now, let me encourage you that I believe what God has shown us through this crisis is our need to walk together, continue to innovate, and step up the ways in which we share God's love to a world that still so desperately needs to recognize God's presence.

We are looking forward. God is calling us to great new adventures and your generosity will help us accomplish so much.

As we enter into our stewardship drive this year, let's think about all the ways we see generosity and abundance. Let's take time to "look and listen."

In Christ,

Pastor Mark

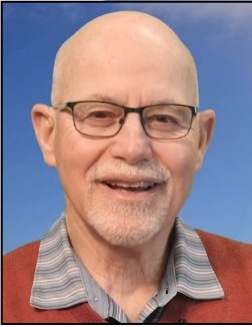
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Follow us on
Instagram

[@shepherdoftheprairie](https://www.instagram.com/shepherdoftheprairie)

Adult Education With Pastor Bill



During the month of October we'll continue our study of **Paul's letter to the Ephesians**, his manifesto on

what the church is, what we as the people of God are--both Jews and Gentiles in Paul's day, everyone else in our day regardless of race, ethnicity, economics or sexuality. Come and join us each week either on **Sunday**

morning at 10:20 or on **Wednesday morning at 11:00**. Feel free to move back and forth as your schedule allows. We meet in the adult education classroom on the far west end of our building. We'd love to have you join us!

Questions?

Contact Pastor Bill at
bwaxenberg@gmail.com.

Pastor Bill

Ministry Musings With Donna

Pass It On

*"It only takes a spark
to get a fire going*

*And soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing*

*That's how it is with God's love
once you experience it*

*You spread his love to everyone you
want to pass it on."* Kurt Kaiser

Many of you may remember this song; it was a staple in the congregation where I worshipped during the 70s and 80s and even into the 90s. The song goes on to talk about how once we know God's love we are inspired to "shout it from the mountain tops". We are compelled to share the Good News, not because it's what we are "supposed" to do, but because we can't help but want to share that God has come to us and claimed us as

God's own.

I was reading today about the early Christians and how they banded together in small groups of home churches where they worshipped, ate meals, told their life stories, prayed and shared the Eucharist. They built communities of passing God's love on, to each other and to those they invited in.

I suddenly had a picture in my head of a dark church on Christmas Eve; the only light coming from one candle at the front of the church. Then the pastor walks to the Christ candle and lights theirs; now there are two lights burning. The ushers move to the light and now there are 4, now 6, now 8. AS they move down the aisles, the

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Ministry Musings With Donna

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candles are lit and the light spreads from person to person until all candles are lit and the church is aglow with candlelight.

“That’s how it is with God’s love, one you’ve experienced it.” You want others to be part of the light, the glow of God’s love; and you and I pass it on. We can pass it on through words, through acts of love and compassion, through inviting others and by joining together to learn, share and build community.

You have been chosen and invited by God. God has told you how much God loves you and how much God wants you for God’s own. Sometime we forget, and need to be reminded of how precious we are to God. Those around us need to be reminded too;

those who are part of our fellowship here at SOTP and those in our neighborhoods, families and circles of friends.

One of the best ways to build a community of God’s love is through Small Groups. Maybe you are part of one of SOTP’s existing Small Groups, maybe not. Maybe you want a place where you can band together with others who have been called and claimed by God. Our Discipleship Groups, the **7s**, is a place to begin. Sign up for one, try it out for 7 weeks (**7s**) and invite someone else to come along with you. Pass it on.

Donna Kelly



Small Groups

The **Heartbeat** of
Shepherd of the Prairie

MINISTRY GROUPS

- Community Outreach Team
- Children & Family Team
- Worship & Music Team
- Youth & Family Team
- Stewardship Team
- Church Council
- Property Team
- Mission Team
- Finance Team
- SOTP Staff

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

- Bowling League
- Coffee Fellowship
- Fun For All Ages
- Men's Coffee
- Men's Breakfast
- SOTP Supper Club
- Wednesday Night Dinners

CARE GROUPS

- Barnabas Caregiving
- Grief Support
- Caring Callers
- Communion From the Assembly
- Helping Hands
- Prayer Ministry
- AA
- Al-Anon

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

The **7s** (7 week groups)

STUDY GROUPS

- Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Bill
- Friends Bible Study
- Suppers With Luther
- God's Girls
- Sunshine Boys

"A GROWING CHURCH FOR GROWING PEOPLE"

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Columbarium & Memory Brick Update



Church or on line at www.bit.ly/SOTPbricks

The columbarium is scheduled to be delivered on the morning of **Friday, October 22nd**. We will need to have several people to help unload the crating and put the plywood down over the sidewalk. Please contact Ralph for more information.

*Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net*

The Memory Brick Walkway is finished. We will be able to order additional Memory Bricks to be inserted into the walkway. Order forms are available on the Church web site or at Church. All Memory Bricks will be red. Order forms are available at



“Cast a New Vision”

Women’s Retreat

October 2nd

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

SOTP Fellowship Hall



Women’s Retreat

The day is sponsored by Barnabas Caregiving Ministry and Thrivent. The cost for the

day is \$15.

You can sign up:

- Online at www.bit.ly/SOTPretreat21
- through the office, or at the kiosks that will be set up in September

*Contact: Donna Sorensen,
sorensensid@comcat.net*

Have the past couple of years been as difficult for you as it has been for most of us? Do you need to see life through new lenses? Then come join us as we explore where we have been, where we are now, and where we are headed. Our day will include time for study, discussion, meditation, fun, food and worship!

Sonshine Choir & Parent Coffee



Sonshine Choir

Age 3 – 1st Grade

Contact:

Jane McMullen

jane@setpmail.com

Starting
September
19th at
10:10 am

Children's Music

Because we were
made to praise!

PARENT COFFEE CONNECT
During rehearsals - Sundays 10:10 am
Join Us!



BODIES & DRIVERS

We have an OCCASIONAL NEED for people and drivers to deliver and set up donations given for refugee families.

The Mission Team is looking for a list OF POSSIBLE DRIVERS & people to help deliver and set up the gathered items for a Welcome Pack collected for refugees. (Usually apartments are in Evanston, Rogers Park area, sometime Naperville.

We need a list of people we could call on somewhat at the last minute. When a refugee family has a definite arrival date, flight number and apartment, then Exodus notifies us. Notice can be a day to a couple of weeks. We would love you to sign



up. Then we can contact people to see who might be willing and able to help for that particular day and time.

Contact

Sandy, sandyhupert@gmail.com or 224-569-6041. ALSO, A SIGN-UP LIST IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!

Read online refugee stories at www.bit.ly/RefugeStories

Contact: *Sandy Hupert*
sandyhupert@gmail.com

The Heartbeat of SOTP



SMALL GROUPS, THE HEARTBEAT OF SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

Small Group Ministry really is the heartbeat of SOTP. We have many types of Small Groups; Ministry Teams, Fellowship Groups, Study Groups, Care Groups...and we wouldn't be SOTP or able to care for each other and our neighbor if we didn't. Thanks to all of you who are currently involved in our Small Group Ministry in any way.

We are working to also offer Discipleship Groups called The 7s because they are groups that will be offered in 7-week blocks, three times a year. One block will be in the fall, one in January, and one after Easter. You can attend on block or two or all three. These groups include some

learning, fellowship, ministry and care.

These groups will strive to bring us closer to Jesus so that we can be what Luther called, "little Christs" to each other. We will apprentice to him to build community and relationships as we journey to grow as

Jesus' disciples.

We are hosting a celebration of our existing Small Groups and a kick-off for our new Discipleship Groups on Oct 10th at noon. We will enjoy lunch, fun, celebration and may even learn a little bit. Please join us if you are in an existing group or would like to find out more about our new groups. To RSVP for the Celebration and Kick-off contact Donna Kelly.

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com

FOOD DRIVE

**DRIVE THROUGH
FOOD DRIVE
SAT, NOVEMBER 13
9AM - 1PM
Shepherd
of the Prairie
10805 Main St
Huntley**

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



Small Groups Kickoff

Join Us for Lunch!

Small Groups,
the **Heartbeat** of
SOTP!

“COME AND SEE”

JOHN 1:46



Sunday, October 10th @ Noon

Kick-Off Event!



Lunch
Pastor Mark is
Cooking!

Celebrate & find
out more about
our Small Groups
Ministry



Fun &
Fellowship

RSVP to Donna Kelly: donna@sotpmail.com

Men's Coffee Tuesdays

All men are welcome to join us at
McDonald's in front of Walmart in
Huntley for coffee at **8 am** on
Tuesday mornings weekly.



Children & Family Ministry

Children & Family Ministry

HELP NEEDED

BECOME A HELPER

- Kids Connect Sunday School
- Adventure Club (4th & 5th Grade)
- Nursery

Contact: Tessa DeLong
tessa@sotpmail.com

Register:
www.sotp.org
Helper Signup





Your Stewardship committee has been at work

preparing for our annual financial campaign for CY 2022. It's been an unusually long period of pandemic news which has curtailed our ability to physically meet together as the Body of Christ, but thank goodness for our ability to stream our worship services that brought Pastor Mark's message to you, regardless of where you physically were!

Our campaign theme focuses on Creating a Culture of Generosity, working on the premise of giving back to Him for all his many blessings showered upon us so that we might touch the lives and proclaim the Gospel to not only our church members but to all in our surrounding communities. God's presence in our lives calls for us to proclaim that message and to be active as a member of the Body of Christ here at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church.

During the next six weeks, you will hear from church members by video

about three significant ministry goals that we will focus on expanding next year requiring your financial support. You will receive communications by blast emails, through articles in our Friday Flourish publications, and links on our SOTP.org website, all done to motivate you to prayerfully search your heart in putting God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit first in your planning priorities for next year. First Fruits Giving is the pillar to Creating a Culture of Generosity. As we all plan forward to meet our budgetary needs for next year, the first line on your budget spreadsheet should be your offering to the Church, fulfilling the loving mission and ministry needs commanded by Christ for us and our neighbors. And the resulting experience of so many who have subscribed to First Fruits Giving have found their blessings in life to increase exponentially! His Grace and Goodness will overflow!!

LOOK.....and.....LISTEN to what lies ahead and prayerfully & generously RESPOND!!

Your Stewardship chair – Mike McCann

How can I contribute to worship?
Have you asked yourself this question? SOTP has an answer!

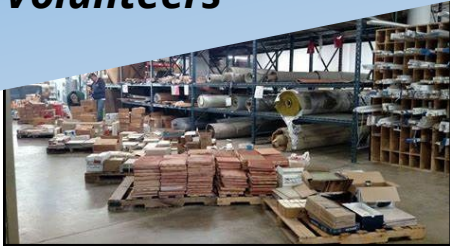
If you attend one of our services, consider serving communion or reading. No prior experience necessary—we will train.

Communion & Reading Help Needed

Sign up at
www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
Thank you for helping and saying yes!
Worship Committee

Contact: Jane McMullen

Elgin ReStore Volunteers



The Elgin Restore is now accepting volunteers. The Mission Team plans to serve **monthly on the third Thursday from 9 AM -Noon**. There are usually four different volunteers when we go if interested.

Contact: Carl Hupert
carlhupert@gmail .com

Habitat for Humanity 9/16 Update



As summer becomes fall, we are quickly wrapping up on framing work at Elm and adding color to our build with tan and white siding and a purple Fire Separation Wall. The Fire Separation Wall has been completed. The remaining walls enclosing the Fire Wall have been completed and last Saturday, the second stair case was installed. Siding for the first floor is complete on 3 walls. Soffits have been completed for the garage walls and gables. And most importantly, AT&T finally moved the guy wire blocking the driveway and planned route for the water and sewer connections.

This Saturday planned work:

- Install 2nd floor windows
- Install attic insulation baffles
- Complete drywall framing nailers

This Saturday, we have a group scheduled from Village Bank & Trust. The group has reserved 15 spots, but currently only 2 have signed up. If possible, it would be helpful to have 2 or 3 of our regular Joyful Hands/New Hope members for Saturday to help supervise the large group or help with work if the group size remains small. Thank you for your continued partnership with our Elm project.”

Contact: Sandy Hupert



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE **\$25 PER STUDENT**

ADVENTURE CLUB

Calling ALL 4th & 5th Graders!

FALL TRIMESTER STARTS
WEDNESDAYS
OCTOBER 6TH - NOVEMBER 17TH, 2021
5:00 - 6:30 PM
SIGN UP NOW!
[BIT.LY/ADVENTURECLUB21](http://bit.ly/adventureclub21)

CONTACT: TESSA DELONG
TESSA@SOTPMAIL.COM



Adventure Club 4th & 5th Grade

will begin again for the Spring trimester after Easter. This new program is filled with action packed learning and fun in a large group and small group format! It is \$25 per

Calling all 4th and 5th grade students! Come sign up for our new program, Adventure Club! Our first trimester will begin **on Wednesday, October 6th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM**. This will run for 7 weeks every Wednesday and end right before Thanksgiving on November 17th. Winter trimester will then begin on January 12th and run another 7 weeks until Lent and then

student which will help us cover your materials for the year! We hope to see you there for this new Adventure!

Contact Tessa DeLong at tessa@sotpmail.com if you have any questions.

Contact: Tessa DeLong
tessa@sotpmail.com

Trunk or Treat

TRUNK OR TREAT

CONTACT: TESSA DELONG
TESSA@SOTPMAIL.COM



Saturday, October 30th, 2021
3:00pm - 5:00pm

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

10805 MAIN ST HUNTLEY, IL

SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK
[BIT.LY/TRUNKORTREAT21](http://bit.ly/trunkortreat21)

Come out with your kids and have some fun and candy on Saturday October, 30th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

TRUNKS NEEDED! Please sign up your trunks at bit.ly/trunkortreat21

We will be voting on the best decorated trunk and will be

distributing prizes to the winners for 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place!

Contact Tessa DeLong at tessa@sotpmail.com if you have any questions.

Contact: Tessa DeLong
tessa@sotpmail.com

Blood Drive

**BLOOD
DRIVE**
at
SOTP



October 31

**8am
to
Noon**

Schedule a time at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPB1021

Contact:
Marty Jacobsen
martyjimjake@aol.com

BLOOD DRIVE at SOTP! Did you know? Local blood banks are in need of donors, especially for Type O. We have a critical need to keep the local supply at a health level. *Sign up for an appointment:* www.bit.ly/SOTPB1021

Hope for the Holidays Christmas Cards

**PLEASE SAVE
ANY CHRISTMAS CARDS
NOT WRITTEN ON!**

There will be a drop box on one of the blue tables by the office.

On Sunday Nov. 28th the first Sunday of Advent, when the "Hope Candle" is lit, there will be a drop in activity for ALL ages, before and after all services.

We will be preparing Special Christmas greetings to Detained refugees in the United States.

Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services (LIRS) has been the only none profit allowed to actually visit these detainees during the Christmas



Holidays.

The cards will be added with greetings in other languages (provided).

Making your own from Scratch would be an especially fun family activity.

KEEP SUNDAY NOV. 28TH OPEN for just a short time! More Info and directions to follow.

Contact: sandyhupert@gmail.com

Storage Garage Expense Update

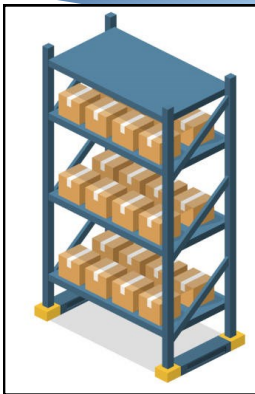


The newly constructed Storage Garage is a welcome addition to our Building and Ground resources. This facility will ease our storage needs and save SOTP both off-sight storage fees and insurance coverage over the long run. Thank you to the Facilities Team for steering this project to completion. As we all know, the cost of labor and materials has increased since the pandemic has affected our economy. The final project cost are exceeding our initial budgeted amount. About 70% of this project cost has been covered by the Facilities Team ability to save SOTP cost over

the previous years. That has left 30% of the cost to be covered by the General Operating Fund, slightly more than what has been planned for. The Finance Team is comfortable with covering these expenditures with our General Operating Fund reserves. However, if you had intended to donate to the Storage Garage Fund, now would be an appropriate time to help SOTP defray the final construction cost of this project. We will be adding the Storage Garage Fund to the online electronic giving link for your convenience.

Thank you for sharing your blessings to build the body of Christ here in Huntley!

Respectfully, SOTP Finance Team



The property team has finally completed the long awaited storage garage. Along with the property teams building materials and lawn

maintenance equipment we will be storing some of the Christmas decorations and all the “outside use” items in the garage. The easy up

Storage Garage Storage

canopies, the children’s and youth groups outdoor games, snow shovels, and any other outdoor items that can withstand the heat or cold of being stored in a garage will soon be found in the garage. Once we move the known items into place I will put out a list of what exactly is stored in the garage to avoid any confusion. Thanks for your patience with our construction mess.

Mark Frendreis, Property team

Northern IL Food Bank Sign Up!

If that makes you feel comfortable about volunteering with us, please hold the date and mark your calendars accordingly for **Thursday, October 28, 2021** so you can help do God's Work with Your Hands at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The Mission Team has committed our church to provide 50 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.

If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please call Sharon Stangle at 224-628-2107 or email stangle.ds@gmail.com

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.

Also, all participants are invited to gather together for lunch. If you are interested, let Sharon know. More information will be sent to those of you that are willing to get together socially.

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



High School Youth Invitation

High School Youth get together on **Thursday nights from 7 –9pm** also.

All high schoolers welcome!

Contact: The Youth Team
youth@sotpmail.com

All High School Students Welcome!



This Sunday!
10:00am - 10:40am

Meet in the Youth Lounge for Donuts & Community before we worship at 10:45!

Online Giving

Link



**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

Welcome Pack Collection



COMING SOON---a new Exodus
WELCOME PACK SIGN UP SHEET....
(Listen carefully as our menu
has recently changed)

They now
require only new
items (maybe we can sneak in a few
that look brand new). Also there are
a few different and additional items
that will be on the list.

Contact: Sandy Hupert
sandyhupert@gmail.com

Prairie Point Quilters Donations



Thank you!
We
appreciate

all the donations of top sheets and
cotton fabric that have been dropped
off at church for our quilts!

Please continue dropping
them off at church for our quilters to
use to make quilts that are truly a
blessing to others.

Contact: Nancy Morbeck
jmorbeck@sbcglobal.net

Collecting Used Items Youth FUNdraiser



Your
Donations = \$

Collecting:
September 11 – October 16

At Shepherd of the Prairie

Contact: Youth Team youth@sotpmail.com

CLOTHES men's, women's & children's: coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts, backpacks, etc

HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES: bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Funeral Pre-Planning Packet

Now available, "A Guide for Pre-Planning Your Funeral Service". Available online at www.bit.ly/SOTPfuneral

Or you can pick up a copy in the church office.

Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com



Grief Journey Tuesdays

GRIEF JOURNEY GROUP

If you are living with the death of a loved one, come join a group that strives to provide comfort and support for those on this journey.

**Meeting
every Tuesday
at 6:00 pm**

Contact: Donna Kelly
Donna@sotpmail.com





Altar Flowers Special Occasion

Let There Be Flowers

Please consider signing up to donate flowers to brighten up

the sanctuary. Each arrangement is \$50. The bouquets are delivered from the florist for weekend worship services. You can pick up your flowers after the Sunday services or on the Monday following. The church is open from 9am-2pm. If you are interested in donating flowers, please contact

Diane Mollis or use the sign up sheets located on the bulletin board in the church lobby. 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.

Thank you for saying yes to flowers for the sanctuary

Contact: Diane Mollis
dem910@outlook.com

Little Lambs Preschool Tues & Thurs Openings

Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

PRESCHOOL

Registration

**LITTLE LAMBS
PRESCHOOL**

NOW ENROLLING

**FOR 2020 – 2021
SCHOOL YEAR**

More Info: www.bit.ly/LLambsInfo

Contact: Jill Gillming LittleLambs@sotpmail.com



Books, DVDs,
VHS tapes, CDs, Games,

Puzzles, & Cell Phones can be dropped off in the closet across from the new offices. They are turned in for cash which will go directly toward reducing

Collecting Used Items

the mortgage
on our building

Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

Giving Tree 2021

2021 Christmas Giving Tree envelopes for Grafton Food Pantry and Turning Point, will be available the weekend of **November 6th and 7th** at all services. Again, it will only be gift cards. The envelopes will be marked for you to purchase the gift card at that store. No gift card over \$25.00. All gift cards MUST be returned by the weekend of December 4th and 5th. The distribution, of gift cards, go out on Monday, December 6th. Please use

the envelope you have taken as each envelope is coded for either Grafton or Turning Point. A drop off box, for



returned envelopes, is available on the table for you. Please return your gift cards on time. Thank you for your generous gifts for the needy and they are so appreciated. Year after year, the needs are growing and let's bring some happiness to them. I received a letter, from a client, stating if it wasn't for her gift card, her children would have had nothing for Christmas.

*Contact: Barb Hoppensteadt
hoppen@sbcglobal.net*

Blankets For Homeless

Thank you to all who have donated bits & pieces of yarn for homeless blankets!

Alice Hallett, Dorothy Scrocco & Tammie Dunkel have been working on them—and are always looking for new people to help.

Last year they made just over 100 blankets and this year they hope to make over 150.

Contributions of odds & end pieces



of yarn still being appreciated. One person's scraps is another person's treasure.

*Contact: Alice Hallett
agrndmom3@gmail.com*

Feed My Starving Children



THANK YOU! To our SOTP family who went to Feed My Starving Children September 18th.

NEXT DATE: TO BE DETERMINED. WE HOPE YOU JOIN US NEXT TIME!

New Member Gathering

NEW

You are invited to attend our:

**MEMBER
GATHERING**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

Sunday, November 2-3:30 pm

RSVP: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Regularly Scheduled At SOTP



SUNDAYS

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Kids Connect (Sunday School)
- 10:00 am Frosted Fellowship (High School Youth)
- 10:00 am (1st Sun) Coffee Connect (*Online*)
- 10:10 am Sunshine Choir (Age 3— 1st grade)
- 10:10 am Parent Coffee Connect
- 10:20 am Adult Education
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:45 am Kids Connect (Sunday School)
- 1:00 pm FBW

MONDAYS

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am FBW
- 12:30 pm Friends (Women's) Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 200
- 7:00 pm (2nd Mon) Ministry Night
- 7:00 pm (3rd Mon) Council Meeting

TUESDAYS

- 8:00 am Men's Coffee at McD's
- 9:00 am (1st & 3rd Tues), PrairiePointe Quilters
- 9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool
- 9:15 am AL-ANON Meeting
- 10:00 am (4th Tues), Barnabas
- 6:00 pm Grief Journey Meeting
- 6:30 pm (1st Tues), Scout Troop 200 Committee
- 6:30 pm (1st Tues), Boy Scouts Patrol Leader's Council

- 7:00 pm Heartland Voices
- 7:00 pm Adult Bells
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Tigers Meeting
- 7:00 pm FBW

WEDNESDAYS

- 9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool
- 10:00 am God's Girls
- 10:30 am Women's FBW
- 11:00 am Adult Education
- 4:30 pm Spirit Ringers
- 5:20 pm Joy Ringers
- 5:00 pm Adventure Club 5:00 pm (*starting 10/6*)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation (*Parent Student night Sept 22 & classes start Sept 29*)
- 7:15 pm Adult Choir

THURSDAYS

- 9:00 am (2nd Thurs), Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 9:00 am (3rd Thurs) Volunteers from SOTP at ReStore
- 9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool
- 5:30 pm (1st Thurs), Girl Scouts
- 7:00 pm High School Youth
- 7:00 pm Cub Scouts (AOLs, Bears, Webelos & Wolves)

FRIDAYS

- 9:30 am Sunshine Boys
- 10:30 am FBW

SATURDAYS

- 5:00 pm Worship
- Times Vary Habitat for Humanity



Upcoming Events Join Us!

Now through October 16th

FUNDrive Collections for Youth

Saturday, October 2 **Women's Retreat**, 9:30 am - 4pm *Register:* www.bit.ly/SOTPrettreat21
Contact: donna@sotpmail.com

Sunday, October 10 **The 7s Discipleship Small Groups Kickoff**, Noon *Register:* www.bit.ly/SOTPgroups
Contact: donna@sotpmail.com

Thursday, October 28 **Northern IL Food Bank**, 9am - Noon
Contact: stangle.ds@gmail.com

Thursday, October 28 **First Responders Day Event**, 5pm
Contact: mike@sotpmail.com

Saturday, October 30, **Trunk-or-Treat**, 2 - 4pm *Sign Up Your Trunk:* www.bit.ly/trunkortreat21
Contact: tessa@sotpmail.com

Sunday, October 31 **Blood Drive**
Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPBD1021 *Contact:* martyjimjake@aol.com

Sunday, November 7 **New Member Gathering**, 2:00 pm
Contact: donna@sotpmail.com

Sunday, November 7 **Ecumenical**

All Saints Service, 4pm

Saturday, November 13
Drive Through Food Drive, 9am—1pm *Contact:* c.r.malm@att.net

Wednesday, November 24
Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm

November 25—26 **Thanksgiving Break**, Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 4 **Artist Series Christmas Concert**, 7pm

Tuesday, December 7 **Blue Christmas Service**, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 11 **Heartland Voices Concert**, 7pm

Sunday, December 12 **Heartland Voices Concert**, 2pm

Friday, December 24 **Christmas Eve *Family Service**, 3:00 pm

***Contemporary Service**, 5pm

***Caroling Around the Tree**, 6pm

***Traditional Service**, 11pm

December 24—27, **Christmas Break**, Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 26 **ONE SERVICE ONLY**, 10am

December 31—January 3, **New Years Break**, Church Office Closed

Birthdays October



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

Our amazing heavenly Father knew you before you were born. May His precious love and care warm your heart as you celebrate another year.





GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Are you looking for ways to use your talents and participate in our church family?

Here are some ideas and who to contact for more information for each one:

- **ADVENTURE CLUB**—Tessa DeLong, tessa@sotpmail.com
- **ADULT CHOIR**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **ASSISTING MINISTER (9AM)** - Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
Sign up at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
- **A/V TEAM (ALL SERVICES)** - Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **BARNABAS MINISTRY**—Donna Sorensen, sorensensid@comcast.net
- **BELL CHOIR (ADULT)** —Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **BELL CHOIR (KIDS & YOUTH)** - Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
Sign up at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
- **COMMUNION SET UP & TAKE DOWN**—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**—Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **COUNTERS**—Ralph Wehnes, ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net
- **CRAFTING GIFTS FOR SR. CITIZENS & HOMELESS BLANKETS**—Alice Hallett, agrndmom3@gmail.com
- **GREETERS**—Elaine Gillam, suggillam@aol.com
- **NEWSLETTER MAILING PREP**—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com
Sign up at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders
- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frendreis, SOTPProperty@gmail.com
- **PRAIRIE QUILTERS**—Nancy Morbeck, jmorbeck@sbcglobal.net
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Mike Yndestad, mike@sotpmail.com
- **READERS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
Sign up at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam
- **SANITIZING CREW**—Tom Polzin, Tapolzin@aol.com
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**—Tessa DeLong, tessa@sotpmail.com
- **USHERS**—Andrew Szekely, Adrew.Szekely@outlook.com
- **WELCOME CENTER**—Rachael Yndestad, r.yndestad@icloud.com
Sign up at:
www.bit.ly/SOTPwelcome
- **WORSHIP BAND (SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL)**—Brian Buesing, brian@sotpmail.com

Involvement Schedules

October 2021



		October 2 & 3	October 9 & 10	October 16 & 17	October 23 & 24	October 30 & 31
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam		Wayne Schmidt	Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam	
Communion Assistants HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam	SAT 5:00 PM	Mary Holbrook	Joy Nesta	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert	Barb Hoppensteadt
	SUN 9:00 AM	Carol Engstrom Elaine Gillam Cheryl Adams		Audrey Schmidt	Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Donna Schnepff Annika Yndestad	Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam			
Counters	Mon	Cheryl Adams, Marilyn Wilhelm & Warren Brody				
Greeters HELP NEEDED Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SAT 5:00 PM		Bob & Diane Peterson	Sign Up: Contact Elaine suggillam@aol.com		
	SUN 9:00 AM	Cheryl Adams Elaine Gillam	Eileen Gerald Sue Wehnes	Pat Bour Carol Engstrom	Elaine Gillam PJ Knudsen	Pat Bour Carol Engstrom
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm				
Newsletter Mailing Prep		SIGN UP AT: www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders				
Readers HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam	SUN 9:00 AM	Ed & Carolyn Cuttle		Dottie Bobzin		

“... do it all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

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Ushers HELP NEEDED Contact: Andrew Szekely Andrew. Sze- kely@out- look.com	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Steve Murphy Peggy Loiselle	Arnie & Carol Didricksen
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Rydan Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky	JACK CONTI Pete & Harriet Thompson Carol Engstrom	VIK BEKERIS Pete & Harriet Thompson	ED CUTTLE Carolyn Cuttle Ralph Wehnes Jerry & Pat Darrow Dennis Houghton	Volunteers Needed
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson	MARK FRENDREIS Vik Bekeris Sandy Stewart	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Jeff Ottens Judy Petropulos	ANDREW SZEKELY Bob & Diane Mollis Vik Bekeris	Volunteers Needed
Welcome Center HELP NEEDED Contact: Rachael Yn- destad r.yndestad@ icloud.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Sign Up at: bit.ly/SOTPwelcome		Wendy Ottens	Sign Up at: bit.ly/SOTPwelcome	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Wendy Ottens		Sandy & Carl Hupert		Wendy Ottens



Stay Connected emails

**Do you receive 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.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2021

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$299,776. Total income for the month was \$67,058 and total expenses for the month was \$63,268. Approximately 4.6 months of General Fund reserves.

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$72,344. Income for the month was \$18,573. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536. Approximately 3.7 months of Mortgage Service Fund reserves.

		<u>This Month</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$67,058	\$65,115	\$1,943	3%
Expenses:	\$63,268	\$63,297	(\$29)	0%

		<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$508,423	\$520,920	(\$12,497)	-2.4%
Expense:	\$499,503	\$520,973	(\$21,470)	-4.1%

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month: \$18,573

Fund Balance: \$72,344

Respectfully Submitted
Robert C. Mollis
Congregation Treasurer

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Amazon Fundraising

Do you shop Amazon? If so, you can shop AmazonSmile and select SOTP as your nonprofit. Amazon then donates 0.5% of your eligible purchase to SOTP.



It may not seem like much, but **we have already received \$1,922.51** as of August 2021.

Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotppmail.com

Prayer Requests Submit &/or Receive



Send your prayer requests directly to the Prayer Chain at:

sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email

To join us & pray for those who need prayers, e-mail your request to: admin@sotpmail.com

Contact: Donna Kelly
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