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November 2021

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Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church
Huntley, IL sotp.org 847/669-9448

Photo of 7s Discipleship Groups kickoff October 10th

A Note From Pastor Mark



Dear Friends at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church:

As you consider your giving to the church next year, please consider how you can grow in your own generosity.

An idea for someone whose income has gone down in the last year:

Everyone can grow in generosity, even if that means the overall dollars given decreases. Perhaps, if before your income decreased you were giving away 2% of your income, now with income being less, can you find a way to grow the percentage of giving to 3 or 4%. There are people in our congregation who will need to decrease the total dollars given because of loss of work or other reasons.



Other ideas:

1. Systematic giving leads to generosity: For most people, we can grow significantly in our giving just by making our gift on a regular basis. Sign up for automatic giving or just add an amount each week or month. Growing giving by \$1 per day equates to significant growth over the course of the year.
2. An extra gift or two during the year: A story was shared from a

congregation that participated in the “Building a Culture of Generosity” program last year was about someone who said, “I’m not sure what the future holds for me, but for now I am doing okay, so I will double my giving in the month of April”. Well, what if we decided

to double our giving one month or even two months next year?

3. Grow by a percentage each year: For some, the idea of a tithe is unachievable in a single year, but

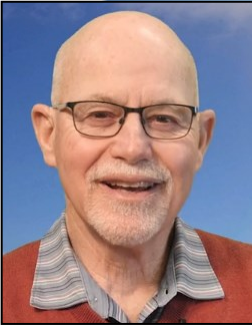
something people would like to reach someday. By growing giving by a percentage each year, it is achievable over the long-term. If you currently give away 2% of income, perhaps you can reach 3% next year and 4% the year after. This takes discipline, but over the long-term is effective for some.

4. You may have your own ideas for growing in generosity. As a church family, as we each grow in our generosity, it will have a tremendous overall impact.

THANKFUL FOR YOU!

Pastor Mark

Adult Education With Pastor Bill



October closes out our journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians. November brings with it a new

opportunity as we get a brief overview of the Gospel according to Luke. Beginning on the **First Sunday in Advent, this year November 28**, Luke will be the primary gospel reading for this next year. And while Luke has much in common with Matthew and Mark, the third evangelist has some unique ways of telling the Jesus story. So, what

should we listen for each Sunday as Luke is read? What nuances shape his gospel? What's important, and at times more important, than the other gospel writers? Come and see! We'll gather on Sundays (November 7 and 14) and on Wednesdays (November 10 and 17) to find out. We meet **on Sundays at 10:20 and on Wednesdays at 11:00**. We'd love to have you join us. Luke, here we come!

Pastor Bill

Contact Pastor Bill at
bwaxenberg@gmail.com.

Ministry Musings With Donna

Last night at our Grief Group, we talked about gratitude. We spent time sharing about our loved ones, remembering things about them that made us smile, and that made us better people because we shared life together. Our evening was filled with memories, tears and a lot of laughter. We talked about what we are grateful for even in the midst of our grief; family, friends, God's love...

As I drove home, I began to think of the many things in my life for which I am grateful. The first things I thought of were the big things: my family and friends, living in a free country, Shepherd of the Prairie, my health, my gifts and talents, my job of service here at SOTP, God's love, Jesus' life, death and resurrection, the Spirit's

guiding and leading...

While I'm always thankful for the big things in life, I'm most often appreciative of the little things that are in my life everyday: my neighbor who walks by and waves every evening, the cool white moon in the night sky, a beautiful sunrise or sunset, the last blooming daisy of the season, the sound of children playing outside my door, the crisp fall air, that first cup of coffee in the morning, my cozy warm bed on a cold night, an engaging book to read, listening to music I enjoy, a favorite movie, starting a new painting, the taste of my favorite cookie...

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Ministry Musings With Donna

And then there are the things I take for granted: the ability to pay my bills each month, my home, being able to use technology to keep in touch with those important to me, being able to do my laundry at home, my dishwasher, the life I shared with my husband and the new life God have given me after Russ' death, living as whom God made me to be...

So, in this month of Thanksgiving, I invite you to take some time to think about the things for which you are

grateful. The big things, the little things, and the things you take for granted. May you discover that you are truly blessed (to be a blessing)!



Donna Kelly

Contact Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com

Drive Through Food Drive For Food Pantry

**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



Social Media Follow Us



Follow us on
Instagram

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

Columbarium Update



The Columbarium was delivered and installed on **Friday October 22nd**. We will be ordering benches later this month. The landscaping will be

planted in November weather permitting.

Contact: *Ralph Wehnes*
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net



We are now accepting orders for the next shipment of Memory Bricks. Order

Memory Brick Orders

forms are available at Church or on line. We plan to send the next order into Polar Engraving at the end of November.

Contact: *Ralph Wehnes*
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

Communion & Reading

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

Sign up at
www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam

Worship Committee

Contact: *Jane McMullen*
jane@sotpmail.com

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.

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

Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 24, 7pm

Pie Fest Following

(Bring a pie or just join us. Always plenty!)

Contact: Sharon Little sk155little@mac.com

Come to worship, stay for the pie & fellowship.

7s Discipleship

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

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

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

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

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
The 7s (7 week groups)

Small Groups
The **Heartbeat** of
Shepherd of the Prairie

"A GROWING CHURCH FOR GROWING PEOPLE"

and learning.
We are already looking forward to our next 7s Session which will begin on **January 16th.**

Our Discipleship Groups are off to a great beginning! We have six groups meeting weekly with over 40 people involved. Our Kick-off was a wonderful day with great food, fun, fellowship

Mark your calendars for that Kickoff date and hope to see many of you there!

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com

Children & Family

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

Holiday Office Closings For SOTP Office

The church office will be closed for the following holiday breaks:

NOVEMBER 25—26

Thanksgiving Break, Church Office Closed

December 24—27, Christmas Break, Church Office Closed

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



Wishing you & your loved ones many blessings throughout these holiday weekends.

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.

Contact: Pastor Bill Waxenberg
pastorbill@sotpmail.com





Stewardship

Does your Gift Represent You?

It happened one time after a pastor had a sermon about estimate of giving cards for the next year. He talked about all the things that needed help in the community. A certain woman came up after the service and handed him her estimate of giving that showed \$500.00 for the coming year, and asked if her giving was satisfactory. The pastor immediately replied, "If it represents you". There was a moment of soul-searching thought and she asked to have the estimate of giving card back. She left with the card and a day or two later returned with her estimate of giving

that showed \$5,000.00 for the coming year and again asking the pastor the same question. "Is this giving satisfactory?" The pastor gave her the same answer, "if it represents you." As before a truth seemed to be driving deeply. After a few moments of hesitation, she took back the estimate of giving card and left. Later that week she came back again with an estimate of giving card. This time it showed \$50,000.00 for the coming year. She placed it in the pastor's hand and said "after earnest, prayerful thought I have come to the conclusion that this gift does represent me and I am happy to give it."

*Contact: Mike McCann
Your Stewardship chair
michealmccann71@gmail.com*

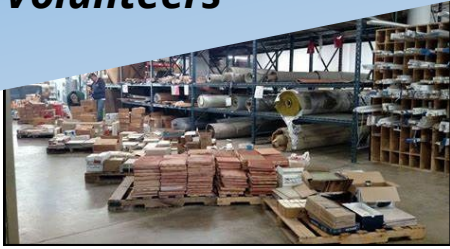
New Member Gathering

You're invited to our
New Member Gathering
Sunday Nov 7th
2 – 3:30 PM

Find out more about SOTP

RSVP: Donna Kelly, donna@sotpmail.com

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 Update

SOTP has not yet had anyone volunteer to work construction at Habitat's site in Carpentersville. We are supporting them financially, but they do sound

desperate for help before winter is setting in. Once they get insulation installed, work inside may be possible. I have included a portion of their last status report, here:

"Unfortunately our scheduled group for Saturday 10/23 has canceled. So we are open for any and all available volunteers.

Next step is insulation. The duplex brings some unique challenges as we need to insulate not only the exterior walls, but we must also insulate both sides of the Separation Wall with Fire/Sound insulation.

We have been waiting on



Nicor for a week now. As soon as Nicor completes their excavation, our contractors for lot Grading and Cement work for garages and walks are ready to go. So hopefully we will be fully closed in very soon.

If you are available this Saturday, 10/30/21, I would greatly appreciate any help"

I am not trying to recruit any of our congregation for this Saturday but did feel if anyone has thought about working with Habitat, you might want to contact me for helping some other time, in the future.

Contact: Carl Hupert
carlhupert@gmail.com

Adventure Club 4th & 5th Grade



A promotional graphic for Adventure Club. At the top, it says 'SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE' in yellow. To the right, a teal box says '\$25 PER STUDENT'. The main title 'ADVENTURE CLUB' is in large, light blue letters. Below that, a yellow box says 'FALL TRIMESTER STARTS' and a black box says 'WEDNESDAYS'. A black box below that says 'OCTOBER 6TH - NOVEMBER 17TH, 2021'. A teal box says '5:00 - 6:30 PM'. A yellow box says 'SIGN UP NOW!' and a black box says 'BIT.LY/ADVENTURECLUB21'. At the bottom right, it says 'CONTACT: TESSA DELONG' and 'TESSA@SOTPMAIL.COM'. On the left, a teal speech bubble says 'Calling ALL 4th & 5th Graders!' with a small yellow stick figure below it.

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 student which will help

Calling all 4th and 5th grade students! Come sign up for our new program, Adventure Club! Our second trimester will begin on **Wednesday, January 12th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.** This will run for 7 weeks every Wednesday and run until Lent and then will begin again for the Spring

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*

Just for Kids



A logo for Kids Connect. It features the text 'New Sunday School!' in black at the top. Below that, 'Kids' is in large white letters, and 'CONNECT' is in smaller white letters. At the bottom is a white cross. The entire logo is set against a blue background with orange circular accents.

**SUNDAYS:
9:00 AM &
10:45 AM SERVICES**

Kids start in service with parents

**Register online
sotp.org**

Under CLASS REGISTRATION

**Contact: Tessa DeLong
tessa@sotpmail.com**

High School Youth

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!

Northern IL Food Bank

Thank you to our SOTP family and friends who

volunteered at the Northern IL Food Bank on October 28th. We look forward to going back again soon and hope others will be able to join us!

Those who went with: Adrienne Araoz, Jose Araoz, Vik Bekeris, Pat Buesing, Bob Buesing, Carolyn Cuttle, Ed Cuttle, Jerry Darow, Pat Darow, Maria Drinkwater, Cielo Geraldo, Sandy

Hupert, Carl Hupert, Steve Legel, Chuck Little, Sharon Little, Marian Mesenbrink, Tom Noesen, Brigitte Pelka, Beverly Pinnelli, Joan Riffner, Marilyn Sauerberg, Ronda Shoemaker, Donna Sorensen, Carol Spiller, Joyce Thompson, Jack Voss, Ralph Wehnes & Susie Wehnes

Contact: *Sharon Stangle*
stangle.ds@gmail.com



Funeral Pre-Planning

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



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



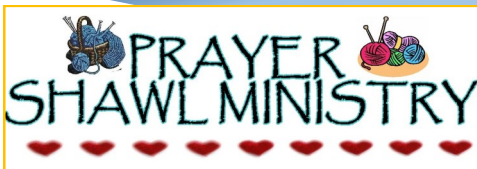
COMING SOON---a new Exodus
WELCOME PACK SIGN UP SHEET....

*(Listen carefully as our menu
has recently changed)*

Welcome Pack Collection

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



If you are interested in knitting or
crocheting shawls, contact Jeanne.
They are such a blessing to so many

Prayer Shawls

(members & non-
members).

Contact: Jeanne Henley
cjhenley2003@yahoo.com

Decorate SOTP For Christmas

Thursday, December 2, 9 am

DECORATE
the Church

RSVP: carolyn cuttle ednca@comcast.net

Enjoy decorating for Christmas?
More hands means less work for all.
Please let us know if you are coming
so we know approximately how much

help we will have.
This is always a fun day!

*RSVP: Carolyn Cuttle
ednca@comcast.net*

Grief Journey Tuesdays

GRIEF JOURNEY
GROUP
TUESDAY NIGHTS
6PM TO 7PM
SOTP LIBRARY

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*

Thanksgiving Offering



As we celebrate with a

grand family meal, we also remember others. SOTP this year remembers those with hunger needs.

The Thanksgiving offerings will be split between:

- Feed My Starving Children
- ELCA World Hunger.

Thank you for your generosity

*Contact: Sandy Hupert
& the Mission Team
sandyhupert@gmail.com*

In the past we have received checks from banks, financial institutions, and annuities that didn't identify the name of the person that should receive credit. If you are one of those people, please make sure the sender has your

Who Sent this

name on the check and how it is to be applied general fund or mortgage service.

*Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net*



Books, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, Games, Puzzles, & Cell

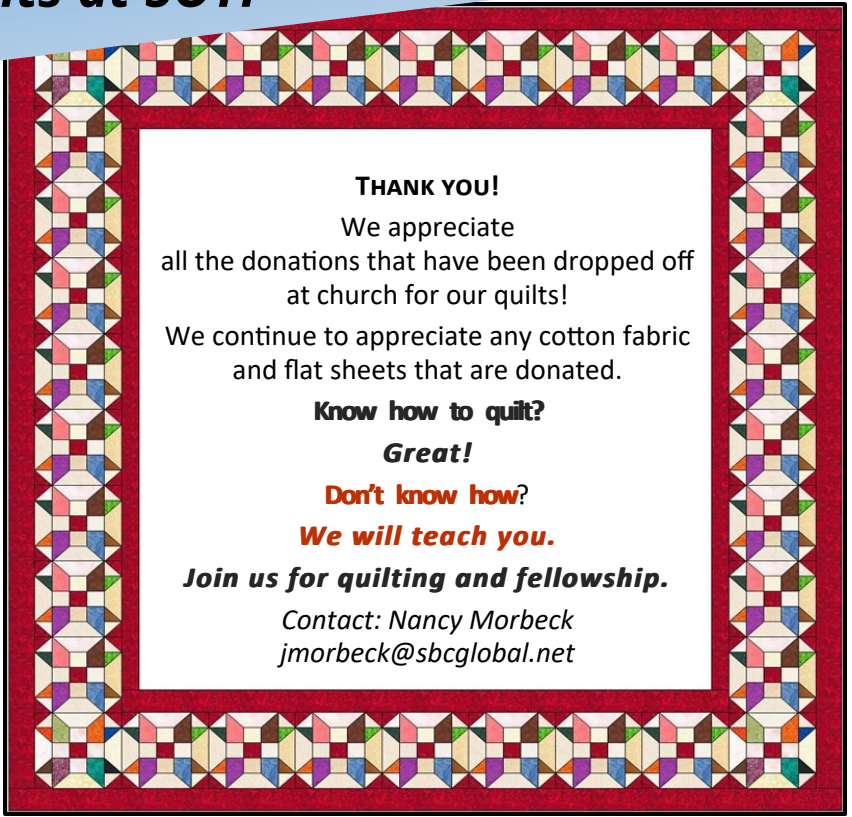
Phones can be dropped off in the closet across from the new offices. They are turned in for cash which will go directly toward reducing the

Collecting Used

mortgage on our building

*Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com*

Quilts at SOTP



Picture Contest For Cover

We are excited to announce a photo contest for SOTP newsletter cover photos! Please take pictures of events, worship or anything of interest at SOTP and submit your pictures to Michelle Rankin.

One photo will be selected to be on the cover of the next newsletter — and other photos may be seen on our website or in slides that are made for SOTP.

We are looking forward to seeing SOTP through your eyes!



Contact: Michelle Rankin
michelle@sotpmail.com

Giving Tree 2021



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.



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

*Contact: Barb Hoppensteadt
hoppen@sbcglobal.net*

Blue Christmas

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Tuesday,
December 7th
7:00 pm

*Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com*

Hope for the Holidays

**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

Heartland Voices Concerts at SOTP

Shepherd of the
Prairie is hosting The Heartland
Voices Christmas concerts

Saturday, December 11 at 7pm &

Sunday, December 12 at 2pm.



Contact: Kristina Aguirre
kristinaaguirre@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Services At SOTP



CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

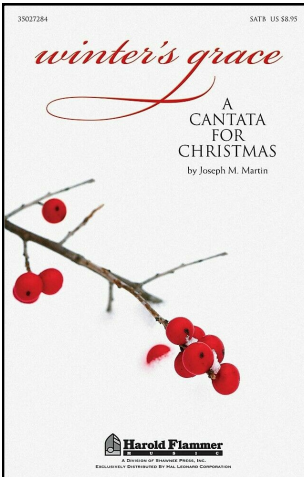
*Children/ Family Service, 3pm

*Carol Service, 5pm

*Caroling Outside Around
the Tree, 6pm

*Festival Communion Service,
11pm

Winter's Grace Cantata



Come and experience the unforgettable presentation of the Christmas story. The combined adult choirs of Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church and Immanuel

Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, accompanied by a full chamber orchestra, will join together to present Winter's Grace -- a Cantata for Christmas. The first performance

will be **Sunday, December 12th at Immanuel Lutheran Church** in Crystal Lake. The second is **Saturday, December 18th, at 5PM in the sanctuary of Shepherd of the Prairie.**

Under the direction of Jane McMullen and Robert Blazek, this forty plus voice choir and full chamber orchestra, will tell us the Christmas story using music. They will flood the sanctuary with messages of hope, peace, joy, and love. What a wonderful message to receive during this most joyous season!

Contact: Jane McMullen
jane@sotpmail.com

Winters Joy Christmas Celebration



a costumed group of eight, singing with joy in celebration of Christmas. Additionally, the Brassworks Quintet will proclaim the joy of Christmas with their brass instruments.

All of this familiar music will be woven together by two storytellers, chronicling the origin of many of our favorite traditional as well as modern Christmas carols.

Contact: The Artist Series
artistseries@sotpmail.com

Saturday, December 4th, at 7PM the SOTP Artist Series presents Winter's Joy – A Celebration of Christmas. Performing will be The Caroling Party,

Regularly Scheduled



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 Sonshine 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), Prairie Pointe 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 Sonshine Boys
- 10:30 am FBW

SATURDAYS

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

Upcoming Events



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints Sunday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 Giving Tree Envelopes Available

Contact:

hoppen@sbcglobal.net

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 New Member Gathering, 2:00 pm

Contact: *donna@sotpmail.com*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Drive Through Food Drive,

9am—1pm Contact:

c.r.malm@att.net

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Pie Fest, Following Service

NOVEMBER 25—26

Thanksgiving Break, Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Decorate for Christmas, 9am

RSVP: *ednca@comcast.net*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 Artist Series Christmas Concert,

7pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 Last day to drop off Giving Tree Gifts

Contact:

hoppen@sbcglobal.net

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 Blue Christmas Service, 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Heartland Voices Concert, 7pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Heartland Voices Concert, 2pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Christmas Cantata "Winter Grace," 5pm

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

No Services, Church Closed
Christmas Blessings to All

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

ONE SERVICE ONLY, 10am

DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 3

New Years Break, Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Adventure Club New Session Starts 5pm

Contact: *tessa@sotpmail.com*

Birthdays November



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| 1 Dolores Cardascio,
Faith Geller, Lee
Gollhardt, Tracy
McDuffee, Kylie
Rankin | 11.... Merrily Burkland,
Jeffrey Case, Jocelyn
Doden, Carol Legel,
Laureen Penev, Jake
Scalise, Dana Ullrich | Szekely, Pattie Young |
| 2 Luke Brockman, Elaine
Brody, Beverly Pinnelli | 12.... Randi Dawson, Thor
Forsythe, Paul Marx,
Dylan Miley, Megan
Prather | 20Brittany James, Dick
Maiman |
| 3Bonnie Domino,
Samantha Johnson,
Diana Reincke, Sherry
Roberts | 13.... Melissa Juergensen,
Don Koerner, Paul
Lemke, Alexander
Stenson, Rebecca
Tuzik | 21David Kann, Mike
McGuigan, Jen Raines,
Art Ryden |
| 4Jonathan Black | 14.... Mark Boster, Jill
Brown, Brennen
Clementi, Elise Dean,
Carol Johnson, Mike
Parmele, Don
Schneider | 22Lesley Beallis,
Elizabeth Johnson,
Joyce Thompson |
| 5Emily Ernst | 15.... Jake Luedtke | 23Drew Anderson, Laura
Miley |
| 6Autumn Maraviglia,
Christine Rider,
Maggie Rojas, Joseph
Trevino, Michael
Yndestad | 17.... Gina Debolt, Cindy
Hollow, Rylen Jacobs,
Patti Schmitendorf | 24Mike Malczewski, June
Ziegler |
| 7Carol Gerhardt, Jenny
Hollabaugh, Nancy
Morbeck, Emory
Wildermuth | 18.... Kristine DeBolt,
Barbara Pagano | 25Pamela Sandberg,
Janet Thunholm |
| 8Linda Jarvis, Fred
Turner | 19.... Diane Peterson,
Cassidy Serpe, Kim | 26Jill Bohrnell, Thomas
DeLong, Barbara
Hoppensteadt |
| 9Patricia Bour, Sarah
Frederickson, Breanna
Huston, Wayne
Wagner | | 27Ruth Mecklenburg,
Geri Lynn Schlichting |
| 10Zoe Bishop, David
Johnson, Mike Kasal,
Nathaniel Reincke | | 28Beth Brockman, Bailey
Greene, Carlene
Moeller |
| | | 29Albert Collingbourne,
Terry Halpin, Richard
Juergensen, Venessa
Lorenzo, Jim Rhode |
| | | 30Madelyn Brittain |

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
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- **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
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- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frendreis, SOTPPROPERTY@gmail.com
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- **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
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- **WORSHIP BAND (SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL)**—Brian Buesing, brian@sotpmail.com

Involvement Schedules

November 2021



		November 6 & 7	November 13 & 14	November 20 & 21	November 27 & 28
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM			Wayne Schmidt	
Communion Assistants HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam	SAT 5:00 PM	Mary Holbrook	Joy Nesta	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM			Audrey Schmidt	
	SUN 10:45 AM	Doreen Brangenberg	Doreen Brangenberg	Doreen Brangenberg	Doreen Brangenberg
Counters	Mon	Donna Turner, Marilyn Wilhelm & Cheryl Adams			
Greeters HELP NEEDED Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SAT 5:00 PM		Bob & Diane Petersen		
	SUN 9:00 AM	Cheryl Adams Elaine Gillam	Eileen Gerald Sue Wehnes	Dottie Bobzin Cheryl Adams	Elaine Gillam
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			
Newsletter Mailing Prep					
Readers HELP NEEDED Sign Up at: www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam	SUN 9:00 AM		Carolyn & Ed Cuttle	Carol Waxenberg	

“... 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	Sue Mattiucci Carol Hartman	Randi Dawson Steve Murphy
	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
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson	MARK FRENDEIS Vik Bekeris Sandy Stewart	VIK BEKERIS Don Koerner Jeff Ottens Judy Petrooulos	ANDREW SZEKELY Bob & Diane Mollis Vik Bekeris
Welcome Center HELP NEEDED Contact: Rachael Yn- destad r.yndestad@ icloud.com	SUN 9:00 AM				
	SUN 10:45 AM	Marty Jacobson	Sandy & Carl Hupert		



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 (or all) 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 September 30, 2021

General Fund Report: The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$292,538. Total income for the month was \$55,095. and total expenses for the month was \$62,776. Approximately 4.6 months of General Fund reserves.

Mortgage Service Fund Report: The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$68,907. Income for the month was \$16,083. The monthly mortgage payment is \$19,536. Approximately 3.5 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:	\$55,095	\$65,115	(\$10,020)	-15%
Expenses:	\$62,776	\$64,098	(\$1,322)	-2%

		<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$563,518	\$586,035	(\$22,517)	-3.8%
Expense:	\$562,279	\$585,071	(\$22,792)	-3.9%

Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month: \$16,083

Fund Balance: \$68,907

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.

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

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

Contact: Michelle Rankin

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:

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