

# Newsletter



February 2022

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*Picture: SOTP Sunshine Choir*

## A Note From Pastor Mark

Dear Friends at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church:

You recall the words that led us into the season of Epiphany? “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” In the Jordan River, Jesus is baptized and a voice from heaven spoke these words as a reminder to those listening of who was standing in their midst.

Now we are moving to another moment at the end of Epiphany, on the weekend of February 26-27 (Luke 9:28-43). The Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John onto the mountain to pray. In the quietness of their surroundings, the disciples dozed. They awakened to see Jesus gloriously transfigured, talking with Moses and Elijah. At such a powerful sight, Peter said, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what he was saying! While he spoke, a cloud enveloped them all and the voice of God said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, the disciples found that Jesus was alone. They told no one at that time what they had seen.

Can you remember a mountaintop experience? A time when you knew the reality of God’s presence?

When does God’s power appear in our lives? Is it when we especially need the assurance of his love?



Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He needed the assurance that the path he was taking would

accomplish

God’s will. The disciples would soon experience the rejection of Jesus by the Jews and the crucifixion. Wouldn’t having witnessed the transfigured Christ and hearing the voice of the Lord give them strength in those future days?

Did we have a mountaintop experience to reinforce our decision to follow God’s leading? Were we like Peter, who wanted to stay on the mountain to bask in God’s radiance? Did we ever respond naively as he did in wanting to build shelters for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus?

Do you remember being a young person at Bible camp, not wanting to go back to your community at week’s end because you knew your friends at home would not understand your new relationship with Christ? Or were you on a life-changing mission trip where you knew your serving during that time was truly extending God’s love and a bond was forged between those who were serving with you and those whom you served, a bond that might not be understood by others not having had the experience? Or was it a time during your own illness or the illness of a loved one when you

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suddenly felt totally lifted up by the many prayers or friends, allowing you to rest in the power of God's promise in spite of your despair?

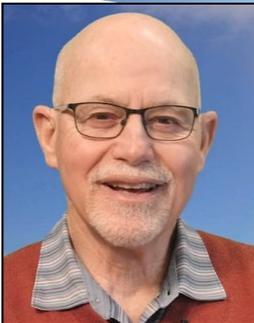
As the disciples found, we can't remain in the brilliance of such an experience; however, the remembrance of it continues to support us.

Jesus came down from the mountain with the disciples and he comes down with us. As we walk through these final weeks of Epiphany and hear

stories of how Jesus fulfilled his destiny. May we be reminded that God in Jesus Christ by the Spirit's power helps us do the same. Ask to receive the reality of God's presence as you pray— "Be still and know that I AM GOD (Psalm 46:10). May you feel the strong presence of the Spirit guiding you to reveal God's glory. Grace, mercy and peace to you.

*Pastor Mark*

Contact Pastor Mark at



The month of February brings with it a continuation of our study of "**Covenants in the Bible**". There are so many, and thus far we've

explored God's covenants or promises to Adam and Eve and to Noah. In February we'll consider the **covenants with Abraham and Sarah, Moses, David, and God's new covenant to**

**the world in Jesus.** Even if you haven't joined us yet, it's never too late to do so! We meet on **Sundays at 10:20** and on **Wednesdays at 11:00**. Feel free to move from one to the other as your schedule allows. We hope to see YOU!

*Pastor Bill*

Contact Pastor Bill at  
[pastorbill@sotpmail.com](mailto:pastorbill@sotpmail.com)

## SPRING CLEANING? Collection

We are still collecting used: **books, DVDs, CDs, video tapes, video games, board games & cell phones.**

The money raised from this goes toward paying down our mortgage. Please drop off items in storage room 223 across the hall from the offices—

there is a black bin for the collections. Thank you for your partnership!

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

## Ministry Musings With Donna

### Bones and Flowers

Recently I saw a video on TikTok by a young pastor. He told the story when he picked up his 7-year-old girl from school. As she got into the truck, she was excited to tell him about what she had learned that day. She said, “Dad did you know that everyone has 206 bones?” He said, “yeah that’s pretty cool right?”. She then said, “You know, I think it’s cool how God made us all the same on the inside, and all different on the outside so he can enjoy our beauty like flowers.”

That really got me thinking about how amazingly created we are. Each and every one of us is uniquely physically fashioned by God. We are different combinations of hair type and color, eye shape and color, body style, height, weight, and skin color. Some of us are tan, some pink, some brown, some black, and each in varying shades of all those colors. Yet no matter what combination our genetics put together, we are all “fearfully and wonderfully made” by God. (Psalm 139:14)

I really loved the little girl’s awareness that, “God made us all different on the outside so he could enjoy our beauty, like flowers”. If my flower garden only had white daisies with yellow centers, it would still be beautiful, but it might be boring and one-dimensional. So, my flower bed has the white daisies

with yellow centers; hostas with purple flowers; purple and yellow irises; gold, orange, brown and yellow day lilies; moss roses in shades of white, orange, yellow, fuchsia and red; red, yellow and pink lantana; mums in all of the fall shades. Each flower is unique in size, configuration, shape, blooming season and color. Together they form a kaleidoscope of rich hues and texture that is pleasing to my eye and heart. After hearing the little girl’s comment, I wonder if God feels the same joy in his heart when he sees his human creation in all of its rich variety of shape, color, and texture.

The video continues with the dad saying, “We minimize the beauty and heritage of someone’s culture by say things like, “Oh, I don’t see color”. You know what my 7-year-old realized today? God gave us all the same foundation because we were created in his image, but he made us beautiful and different and we should celebrate that.”

To which I can only say, “Amen”.

*Donna Kelly*

Contact Donna Kelly  
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## THE BARNABAS CAREGIVING PROGRAM

**The First Duty of Love is to Listen -**  
Paul Tillich

We are sponsoring a day of training for new and existing Barnabas Ministers on **Saturday, March 26 from 9 – 1**, with lunch provided.

### **What is the Barnabas Caregiving Program?**

It is a simple, effective program for training volunteers to give care by having conversations with those who are homebound, in care facilities or facing some of life's most difficult seasons to provide a listening ear and encouragement to those who need to be heard and cared for.

The ministry is named after Barnabas, the apostle first mentioned in the book of Acts (4:36-37) who encouraged the twelve by selling a piece of property and laying a gift of the money at their feet. In

their gratitude the renamed him "Bar- Nabas" – "Son of Encouragement". Barnabas later traveled with Paul in bringing care and continued encouragement, along with the gospel, to the gentile world.

### **What is a Barnabas Minister and what do they do?**

A Barnabas Minister is a skilled listener who encourages others by that listening. They are trained in how to listen effectively, how to build relational skills, and in how to encourage others. They will also be trained to bring Communion from the Assembly to the special person they visit.

### **Training:**

**Saturday, March 26, 9am to 1pm** (lunch and all materials will be provided).

Come and see if this is where God is calling you to serve.

To make a reservation for training or for more information contact Donna Kelly.

*Contact: Donna Kelly  
donna@sotpmail.com*

## Online Giving



**Remember: your offerings are a blessing.  
And blessings keep on giving.**

**Online Giving Available at:**

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

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

## Social Media Follow Us



Follow us on  
**Instagram**

**@shepherdoftheprairie**

## Grief Journey

GRIEF JOURNEY  
GROUP  
TUESDAY MORNINGS  
10AM TO 11 AM  
SOTP LIBRARY

CONTACT: DONNA KELLY, [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com)

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2022

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT ON CY 2022 FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Your Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all who have submitted their CY 2022 Estimate of Giving cards with their giving intentions for next year. This helps our finance team to provide input to your Council members for next year's budgeting process for mission and ministry programs at SOTP Lutheran Church-Huntley. We asked for your prayerful response as we highlighted four key areas requiring additional funding next year: Calling a second pastor in 2022; Additional resources for our Audio/Visual programs; Additional resources for our youth and family ministries; and addition resources for our Small Group Ministries.

We are encouraged by your responses as we continue to face this evolving pandemic which tears at not only our nations fabric, but the entire world as well. We give thanks to our Lord for your continued support for our mission and ministry programs at SOTP that have a positive influence for our faith journeys going forward as the Body of Christ not only within our congregation but to our surrounding communities as well. We continue to look for ways to impact the lives of those who have greater needs than our own.

Results of our CY 2022 financial campaign versus last year's totals are as follows:

Grand Totals--Pledges		
Fund	Amt	Count
General	\$682,884.40	220
Mortgage Service	\$223,496.12	190
	\$906,380.52	

110.5% of 2021 total

2021 GEN FUND	\$571,719.48	240
2021 MS FUND	\$248,277.00	207
	\$819,996.48	

The Count represent family giving units. This also does not include additional specific funding for other ministries outside of our General Fund and Mortgage Service Funds.

As you can see, we were 10.5% ahead of last year's General Fund and Mortgage Service Fund totals.

Thanks be to God for His continued blessings to us as we jointly continue building a culture of generosity at Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church!

Going forward, we pray that you seek to involve yourself in service to Him by using your Time & Talent gifts for which you have been blessed to enrich our congregation and reflect Christ's love for us all.

Respectfully submitted,

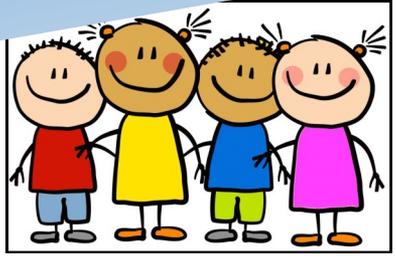
Mike McCann

Stewardship Chairman

Contact: Mike McCann  
michealmccann71@gmail.com

# CHILDREN & FAMILY

## New Year Updates!



This new year has already started off with a bang for the Children & Family Ministry! There is so much planning going on for this new year, and so much potential for how God is going to work through this ministry in this new year.

We began our Winter Session for **Adventure Club**, and it has been so exciting to see the same kiddos from the fall, and some new ones, come join together and learn more about their faith. During the Fall Session we focused on Who God is such as “God is Powerful”, “God is All-Knowing”, “God is Three-In-One”, and so on. For this session, we are focusing on the Bible and what it encompasses. We started off learning about the Books of History and Wisdom, and we are going onto the Books of Prophecy and then all the way through the rest of the bible for the rest of our time. There have already been so many fruitful questions from our 4th and 5th grade students, and it has been so exciting to see these kids desire to learn and engage with the foundations of their faith. Please continue to keep this awesome group in prayer as we continue on this Adventure!

**Kids Connect** is also taken off, and every week we are inching our way closer to doing the bible in a year. Our kids are engaging in text that is so rich in history and God’s promises that outlast time. It has been a joy to see how God is speaking to these kids through the bible, and it makes me

eager to see how God will continue to work with them through our time together. We have also utilized our time together on Sunday’s to try to find ways we can serve in our community. For the month of January, families dropped off donations each week for our local Grafton Food Pantry. Some of the donations ranged from dry and hot cereals to brushes and combs. We plan to carry this spirit of generosity into February as we plan to use our Kids Connect time on February 13th to create Valentine’s Day Cards for one of our local nursing homes. During this time of Covid cases rising, we wanted to spread some love and joy to those in our community and remind them that we love them, pray for them, and are continuously thinking of them.

We will continue to create fun spaces throughout this year that we know the Lord will actively engage us in, so please continue to pray for our ministry as we go on this journey of 2022! Stay tuned for updates as we continue to grow, learn, have fun, and seek to further our relationships with God!

Tessa DeLong

*Tessa DeLong*  
*Director of Children & Family Ministry*  
*tessa@sotpmail.com*

## Offering envelopes 2022



church. If you see a friend, neighbor, or relative's envelope box, you could deliver the envelopes to them as well.

Please pick up your 2022 offering envelopes in the gathering area at

Contact: *Ralph Wehnes*  
*ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net*

## Lent offerings



With humble thanks for Jesus Christ giving up his life during this Lenten period, SOTP will give up

- ⇒ Doctors Without Borders
- ⇒ Home of the Sparrow
- ⇒ Turning Point

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

to be divided among;

## NEW MEMBER GATHERING

**NEW** | **MEMBER**  
**GATHERING**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

**Sunday, February 20, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

Contact: *Donna Kelly* *donna@sotpmail.com*

## FOOD PANTRY

**DRIVE THROUGH  
COLLECTION**  
**SUN, FEB. 6**  
**8:30-9AM &  
10:15-10:45am**  
**at Shepherd  
of the Prairie**  
**10805 Main St, Huntley**



## **COLLECTING**

FOR GRAFTON FOOD PANTRY:

- ✓ **Personal Care Items**
- ✓ **Cleaning Supplies**

Also collecting cash  
& checks made out to  
**GRAFTON FOOD  
PANTRY**

Grafton Food Pantry is desperately in need of personal care items and cleaning supplies.

*Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body soap, hand soap, etc.*

*Disinfecting wipes, disinfecting sprays,*

*window cleaning spray, etc.*

Help us to stock their shelves.

Contact: *Jeff Ottens*  
*wendyottens@outlook.com*

## **SUPPERS WITH LUTHER** *Wednesdays*

Are you new to the Lutheran tradition or has it been a while since confirmation?

Come join us for Suppers With Luther where we will explore the basics of who Luther was and who we are as Lutherans.

We will meet from **5:30 to 6:45 pm** on **Wednesday Evenings, March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 and 13.**

So, come and join us for learning, fun and fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly through the church office or via email, [donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com).

Contact: *Donna Kelly*



## USHERS NEEDED



Calling all  
SOTP  
Members!!!! Here  
is your opportunity  
to enjoy a fun  
filled, rewarding

and (all at the same time!) serving  
our great SOTP family at either the  
Saturday 5pm or Sunday 9am or  
10:45am Worship services. Looking  
for some members that would like to  
be part of our Usher Team Ministry  
here at SOTP. This a wonderful way  
to give back to your church family,  
and only requires you to participate  
just once each month (what a  
deal!!)

Over the last couple of years, we all  
have seen our sanctuary closed for in-  
church service and had to follow  
various COVID restrictions. But now  
as we look toward better times, and  
we have returned to worshiping back  
in our sanctuary (and those pews are  
filling up), the need for more ushers

is greater  
than before. And if we have enough  
folks on our usher teams, it may only  
be every other month to serve as an  
usher.

I can promise you that you will enjoy  
your time as an usher, meet many  
more members than you have in the  
past, and feel good as you meet, and  
greet our church goers.

So, please send an email to me (Ed  
Cuttle) at [edschn28@comcast.net](mailto:edschn28@comcast.net) or  
call at 847-975-5209 and let's talk  
about how you can help our  
congregation out by just dedicating a  
little extra efforts at a Sunday service  
(heck, you will be here anyway!).

Blessings, hope to hear from you  
soon!!

*Ed Cuttle*

*SOTP Saturday/Sunday Worship  
Ministry Usher Coordinator.  
[edschn28@comcast.net](mailto:edschn28@comcast.net)*

## ASH WEDNESDAY



**MARCH 2, 2022**  
**ASH**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**SERVICES**  
**NOON & 7:00 PM**

# Regularly Scheduled At SOTP



## SUNDAYS

- 9:00 am **Traditional Worship**
- 9:00 am **Kids Connect**
- 10:00 am **Frosted Fellowship**
- 10:10 am **Sonshine Choir**
- 10:20 am **Adult Education**
- 10:45 am **Contemporary Worship**
- 10:45 am **Kids Connect**
- 1:00 pm **FBW**
- 4:00 pm **7s Group**  
(Mike & Judie Dahlin)

## MONDAYS

- 10:00 am **Staff Meeting**
- 10:30 am **FBW**
- 12:30 pm **Friends (Women's) Bible Study**
- 1:00 pm **7s Group**  
(Annette Petersen)
- 6:00 pm **7s Group**  
(Doreen Brangenberg's house)
- 7:00 pm **7s Group**  
(Alison Womac's house)
- 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 **Grief Journey Meeting**
- 10:00 am (4th Tues), **Barnabas**
- 6:00 pm **Cub Scouts, Tigers Meeting**

- 6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Scout Troop 200 Committee**
- 6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Boy Scouts Patrol Leader's Council**
- 7:00 pm **7s Group**  
(Rachael Yndestad)
- 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**
- 5:00 pm **Adventure Club**
- 5:20 pm **Joy Ringers**
- 7:00 pm **Confirmation**
- 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**
- 3pm **7s Group** (Carol Bletz)
- 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

Join Us!

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6** Drive Through Collection for Food Pantry, 8:30-11am

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
New Member Gathering, 3pm  
Contact: donna@sotpmail.com

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**  
Ash Wednesday Services  
Noon & 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9** Weekly Wednesday Lenten Services Begin, 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9** Suppers with Luther Begin, 5:30 pm  
Contact: donna@sotpmail.com

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**  
Pre-Teen Retreat, 9am  
Contact: tessa@sotpmail.com

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19** First Communion Class (1 of 3), 3pm  
Contact: tessa@sotpmail.com

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**  
Barnabas Training, 9am  
Contact: donna@sotpmail.com

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26** First Communion Class (2 of 3), 3pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2** First Communion Class (3 of 3), 3pm

**WEEKEND OF APRIL 9 & 10**  
First Communion Weekend

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
Easter Egg Hunt, 10am  
Contact: tessa@sotpmail.com

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10,** Palm Sunday Services, 9am & 10:45 am

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14** Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15** Good Friday, Church Office Closed  
Children's Service, 10am  
Evening Service, 7pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**  
Easter Sunday  
Traditional Service, 9am  
Contemporary Service, 11am

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**  
Adventure Club New Session Starts 5pm  
Contact: tessa@sotpmail.com

**SUNDAY, MAY 8** Muffins with Mom, 10am  
Contact: tessa@sotpmail.com

**SUNDAY, MAY 15** New Member Gathering, 3pm  
Contact: donna@sotpmail.com

**SUNDAY, MAY 22** Last Day of Kids Connect Before Summer Break, 9am & 10:45 am

**SUNDAY, MAY 22** End of School Year Celebration, Noon

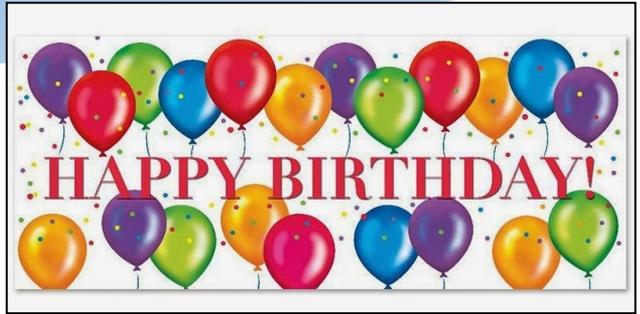
**SUNDAY, JUNE 19** Donuts with Dad, 10am

**JUNE 20—23** Vacation Bible School, 9am—Noon

**SATURDAY, JULY 23** Kite Day, 10am

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13,** Parent's Night Out 5:30—8pm

# Birthdays February



## Date Name

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|---|--|---|
| 1 ..... Barbara Hoch  |  |   |
| 2 ..... William Kamphausen,<br>Noel Lemke, Ivan<br>Suski                                    |  |   |
| 3 ..... Steve Barnard, Jody<br>Linton   | 12 ... Grace Boster,<br>Addison Buesing,<br>Aileen Zei   | 20 .... Halie Gartzke, Carol<br>Kalbas  |
| 4 ..... Ryan Gartzke, Bradley<br>Linton, Brigitte Pelka,<br>Dorothy Scrocco,<br>Emma Stegge | 13 ... Zoe Dowell, Zachary<br>Zeimen   | 21 .... Patty Driscoll-Shaw,<br>Patty Opfer   |
| 5 ..... Pat Darow, Abby<br>Gillming, Judith<br>Petropulos                                   | 14 ... Susan Barta, Colin<br>Glosson, Logan<br>Glosson, Donald<br>Kruto  | 22 .... Heidi Dunfrund, Jerry<br>Frank, Julia Hoving  |
| 6 ..... Don Kramlich, Judy<br>Luecht, Sydney Patel,<br>William Trudeau                      | 15 ... Silvia Forsythe,<br>Sande Keane,<br>Elizabeth Raines  | 23 .... Nikki Bach  |
| 7 ..... Brian Harvat, Arlene<br>Kraaz   | 16 ... Alexa Piskule   | 24 .... Laura Attaway, Rich<br>Douglas  |
| 8 ..... Eileen Gerald, Amy<br>Koegel, Susan Leshar  | 17 ... Gail Barnard,<br>Ingeborg Heidorn,<br>Donna Kelly, Maggie<br>Kemblowski, Chuck<br>Petersen, Karen<br>Schimmel | 25 .... Justin Anderson,<br>Raquel Lemke  |
| 9 ..... Susan Blotch, Jordan<br>DeBolt, Elaine Gillam,<br>Conner Gillming, Jack<br>Voss     | 18 ... Karin Arndt, Robert<br>Buesing, Kim<br>Kowalski   | 26 .... Tim Papka, Hazel<br>Peckels   |
| 10 ... Judith Corole, Carol<br>Fiandalo, Mark<br>Kowalski, Joshua<br>Symbal, Betty Tazbier  | 19 ... Carter Dean, Gregory<br>Gillming, Linda Jahr,<br>Nanette Ridgway,<br>Ralph Scalise, Dave<br>Shotick           | 27 .... Alan Busch, Nicole<br>Flanagan, Charlie<br>Powe   |
| 11 Annika McNeal,<br>Zachary Serpe  |  | 28 .... Jason Bloomfield,<br>Linda Campbell,<br>Jacob Elam, Joshua<br>Elam, Lauren Hoster,<br>Lois Jensen, Matt<br>Konie, Orville<br>McElfresh, Joan Rice,<br>Mary Trodah |

*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](http://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 with: Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
- **COMMUNION SET UP & TAKE DOWN**—Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net

## *Involvement Ways to Serve*

- **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](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPFolders)
- **PROPERTY TEAM**—Mark Frenndreis, SOTPPROPERTY@gmail.com
- **PRAIRIE QUILTERS**—Bev Kenny krkbjk@comcast.net
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**—Mike Yndestad mike@sotpmail.com
- **READERS**—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com  
Sign up at:  
[www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam)
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**—Tessa DeLong, tessa@sotpmail.com
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# Involvement Schedules

## February 2022



		Feb 5 & 6	Feb 12 & 13	Feb 19 & 20	Feb 26 & 27
Assisting Minister	SUN 9:00 AM	<b>Help Needed</b> Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>			
Communion Assistants <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Contact Judie Symbal <a href="mailto:judie.symbal@att.net">judie.symbal@att.net</a>	SAT 5:00 PM	Mary Holbrook	Ron Mudge	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert
	SUN 9:00 AM	<b>Help Needed</b> Contact Judie Symbal <a href="mailto:judie.symbal@att.net">judie.symbal@att.net</a>			
	SUN 10:45 AM				
Counters	Mon	Cheryl Adams, Diana Murphy & Marilyn Wilhelm			
Greeters <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Contact: Elaine Gillam <a href="mailto:suggillam@aol.com">suggillam@aol.com</a>	SAT 5:00 PM		Bob & Diane Peterson		
	SUN 9:00 AM	Elaine Gillam PJ Knudsen	Eileen Gerald Sue Wehnes	Dottie Bobzin Elaine Gillam	Laura Attaway Elaine Gillam
	SUN 10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm			Tom & Amy Koegel
Newsletter Mailing Prep		<b>Help Needed Sign Up at: <a href="http://bit.ly/SOTPfolders">bit.ly/SOTPfolders</a></b>			
Readers <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Sign Up at: <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipteam</a>	SUN 9:00 AM	Joan Riffner		Dottie Bobzin Donna Allen	

“... do it all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31



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	SUN 9:00 AM	<b>WALTER LEMKE</b> Art Rydan Mike McCann	<b>JACK CONTI</b> Pete Thompson Vik Bekeris	<b>WAYNE SCHMIDT</b> Vik Bekeris Dan Wentzloff	<b>RALPH WEHNES</b> Dennis Houghton George Attaway
	SUN 10:45 AM	<b>BOB MCDUFFEE</b> Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Annika Yndestad	<b>MARK FRENDEIS</b> Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella	<b>VIK BEKERIS</b> Don Koerner Jeff Ottens Judy Petropulos	<b>VIK BEKERIS</b> Bob Mollis Diane Mollis
Welcome Center <b>HELP NEEDED</b> Contact: Rachael Yndestad r.yndestad@icloud.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Rachael Yndestad	<b>Help Needed Sign Up at: <a href="https://bit.ly/SOTPwelcome">bit.ly/SOTPwelcome</a></b>		
	SUN 10:45 AM	Marty Jacobson			



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### 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](mailto:Michelle@sotpmail.com) to be added.

# Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2021

**General Fund Report:** The Unrestricted General Fund Balance is \$297,439. Total income for the month was \$83,234 and total expenses for the month was \$74,652. Approximately 4.6 months of General Fund reserves.

**Mortgage Service Fund Report:** The Mortgage Service Fund Balance is \$67,440. Income for the month was \$19,423. 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:	\$83,234	\$65,104	\$18,130	27.8%
Expenses:	\$74,652	\$65,351	\$ 9,301	14.2%

		<u>Year-to-Date</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Income:	\$767,562	\$781,370	(\$13,808)	-1.8%
Expense:	\$763,257	\$781,370	(\$18,113)	-2.3%

### Mortgage Service Fund

Income for Month:	\$19,423
Income YTD:	\$238,564
Payments YTD:	\$234,432
Fund Balance:	\$67,440

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert C. Mollis, Congregation  
Treasurer

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**finances**

## 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 many not seem like much,

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

but we  
have already received  
**\$2,043.73** as of November 2021.

Contact: Michelle Rankin  
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## Prayer Requests Submit &/or Receive

To submit a prayer request, please go to [www.bit.ly/SOTPrayers](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPrayers) and fill out the form.

To join us & pray for those who need prayers, e-mail



your request to:  
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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Saturday 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 9:00 am Traditional**  
**& 10:45 am Contemporary**

*Worship with us in person  
or online at [sotp.org](http://sotp.org)  
and Facebook Live*

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