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Photo: Vacation Bible School—July 2024

A Note From Pastor Mark



As the writing of this article my morning devotion took me to Luke 10:38-42. The story of Mary and Martha. Mary, taking time to sit down to listen to Jesus, Martha busy around the house getting everything ready.

“Martha, Martha, Martha. Sit down and relax for crying out loud! Leave whatever you’re doing and come join us. Take care of it later.”

We all have been tempted to say something like that to someone who can’t seem to sit still and flits from room to room, upstairs, downstairs, keeping busy with mundane things that other people are content to handle once they have attended to a more pressing need first.

But a Martha-type person has to keep at it.

The house could catch fire, but a Martha will make sure it is clean before the fire department arrives. Let me say as well, where would we be without the “Martha” in our lives. They are blessings beyond measure. I would also say, that each of us have a little “Marth” in us.

In the story told in Luke, Mary simply took time to listen to what Jesus had to say.

Martha wasn’t astute enough to realize the reality of what was going on. She wanted Christ to visit on her terms and no doubt was looking for compliments about her cooking and neat house, but if Christ had something to say to her, well, he

would just have to wait until she was good and ready to sit down and

listen. She perhaps didn’t want word to get out that she didn’t know how to entertain.

But in a way, are we all not like Martha? Haven’t we all, at one time, gone our own way when other things were of a more important nature? Haven’t we sometimes said “no” or “later” to a spouse, friend, co-worker or to a request from the church? Haven’t we passed up an opportunity to serve in order to attend to our own personal needs?

What tends to draw our interest away from those things to which we know we should have attended?

Well, regrets always follow, don’t they?

What do you think Martha did after Jesus rebuked her? Do you suppose she went and pouted or did she sit down and listen?

We need to discern what is not only food for our soul but also on how we “feed” our neighbors and those with whom we come in contact.

What are the people who listen to us hearing? Are we Christ to them or should they listen to another?

Does it make any difference to us?

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If not, why not? In the days ahead, let's take time to reflect on that with which we seem to be busy and on those things to which we say "no." How often does God take a back seat to what we

deem important to us? How might we change?

Thankful for you and your partnership in the Gospel!

Pastor Mark



A Note From Pastor Ryan

The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering – “Created to Be”

I am writing this from a hotel in

Sikeston, MO, halfway home from an incredible trip to New Orleans, LA with three awesome youth and an amazing chaperone. Andrew Padget, Elise Padget, Ashlyn Rankin, Laureen Penev and I got to experience some of the best New Orleans has to offer and shared in an incredible community of youth and adults from all 65 synods of the ELCA.

Every three years, the ELCA hosts thousands of youth in a major U.S. city for five days of worship, service, learning, and community. Each day is spent either fulfilling a service project somewhere in the community, worshipping with others from our synod, or engaging in interactive learning about the work of the ELCA through its organizations such as

Lutheran Disaster Response. Each night includes a mass gathering in an indoor stadium with music, speakers, and more.

This year, our theme was “Created to Be.” Each mass gathering featured a different word to complete that phrase. Night one was Created to be Brave. We heard from speakers who explored ways that we are called step out in faith, even when things seem challenging or impossible. The next night was all about how we are Created to Be Authentic. We heard from speakers who talked about how they didn't always fit in with those around them. They felt they had to contort themselves and conform into the image others thought they should, but by the grace of God, each figured out God loved them exactly the way they are; who God created them to be. Night three we heard how we are Created to Be Free. Each of us is free to love others without

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fear. Because Christ died for us, we need not fear death or judgment. As such, we respond by freely loving God and loving others, for the sake of the Gospel. The fourth theme was Created to Be Disruptive. Speakers told stories of what they did when they realized a system, rule, practice, or situation was broken, unjust, or wrong. They stood up against what was wrong and disrupted the system. We are called, not to sit back and let the unjust things persist, but to be disrupters that rectify the broken things. And our last theme was Created to Be Disciples. It is not enough to take all of this in and sit back on our laurels. Jesus sends us out to spread the word and bring more people into the fold, to be our brave, authentic, free, disruptive selves for the sake of the world that needs hear the Gospel and be lifted up.

We ate our way through the city, enjoying, among other things, chicken cracklins, fried gator, jambalaya, gumbo, oysters, and escargot. We helped clean up a struggling neighborhood. We danced and sang. We applauded. We prayed and communed. We walked...and walked... and walked... and walked.

I asked the youth to sum up their reflections on the trip so I could share their thoughts with you here. They said the best things about the week

were experiencing the rich culture of the city and enjoying the food. They loved the way we were able to build community, making connections with youth from other states and realizing we are all connected through the Holy Spirit and our shared faith. A couple of cool moments they wanted me to share with you were the times we prayed The Lord's Prayer in our preferred translation or language. We prayed it together and it was a beautiful, jumbled collection of sounds and words, yet we were all unified in the meaning of the words and their connection to Jesus.

I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids or a better partner in chaperoning this powerful event. It was a spiritual encounter for each of us. I know it refreshed me and fed my soul, and I'm certain it moved the others in our group as well.

I encourage you to reach out to each of our youth, Laureen, or me to find out more about this meaningful and important event in the life of our church. The next one will be in 2027 in Minneapolis, MN. If you have a youth who will be high school age at that time, start planting the seed! We would love to double or triple our group for 2027!

Peace,

Pastor Ryan

Ministry Musings

With Donna



Recently, in one of his Sunday messages, Pastor Mark reminded us that “our peace is

in Jesus.” I don’t know about you, but the issues of division, violence, anger, hatred and more in our country and the world in general have me feeling very anxious. I am usually a person who “goes with the flow.” I don’t often worry about much of anything and am typically calm and at peace. But lately I have found myself running concerns and fears in my head and thinking about a lot of “what ifs.”

Pastor Mark’s words, “our peace is in Jesus’ was a real wake up call for me. I was reminded of whose I am and that a gift of Jesus is peace. In John 14 Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you: my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be

afraid.” I needed to be reminded again of those words, “my peace I give to you.”

Jesus’ peace doesn’t change the situations or make the issues go away...but it does remind me to ground myself in Jesus; to trust that no matter what goes on around me in our country or our world, Jesus, through the Spirit, is with me every step of the way. And nothing, “neither life nor death, neither angel nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom 8:38-39

May this be true in all our lives in the days ahead.

Donna Kelly

Little Lambs Preschool

Now Enrolling 2024-2025 School Year

AGES 2-5

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPLlambs

SEE Week

Find Your Place at SOTP

SEE Week, Servant Engagement and Equipping week will kick off on Monday, August 12 with our Ministry Night Gathering. This is an opportunity to find out more about Shepherd of the Prairie, our life in Christ and the community, and to find ways to get engaged in ministry. During the week we invite anyone (not only our newest members) who would like to participate in the ministry life of the church to come and see. On Monday our ministry teams meet beginning at 7:00 pm. Come and see how you might get plugged into to helping on one of those teams:

• Community Outreach Team
• Children/Youth and Family Team
• Mission Team

- Property Team
- Fellowship Team
- Stewardship Team
- Worship Planning

During the week other ministry teams will hold SEE gatherings for those currently serving as well as those who might wish to serve. Please consider and pray about where and how God might be calling you to serve.

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpmail.com

“God is doing a new thing... and it begins with YOU!”

Pancakes with Pastor

Kids Connect Kickoff



The graphic features a stack of pancakes on a blue plate with syrup dripping over them. The background is yellow with blue and orange accents. The text 'PANCAKES WITH PASTOR' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. A date tag says 'SEPTEMBER 8TH'. A QR code is in the bottom left, and a circular logo for 'KIDS CONNECT ELEMENTARY & PRE-SCHOOL' is in the bottom right. A sign at the bottom provides the sign-up link.

PANCAKES WITH PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 8TH

KIDS CONNECT ELEMENTARY & PRE-SCHOOL

Sign Up & Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPpan24

Adult Education



ADULT EDUCATION

WITH PASTOR ROY OLSON



FACTFULNESS



Sundays Starting

September 8th at 10:20 am

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPadultED0924

When you contemplate the future are you hopeful?

As Christians, our hope is grounded in our faith in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. But when we encounter all the news the various media present to us, it becomes difficult to view our world's future with a hopeful attitude. Too often we encounter misinformation (unintentional) or disinformation (intentional).

Everything's bad and getting worse. Really? This world was created and continues to be loved by God (John 3:16). What if our view of the future is distorted? What if what we presume to be generally accepted facts aren't facts at all?

First, we will test our basic knowledge of our world and its projected future for accuracy. Then using the book *Factfulness* by Hans Rosling, we will identify 10 instincts for the dramatic

that we all have and that unknowingly can lead us astray as we view our world and its future. Coupling our Christian faith with these 10 fact-finding tools will help us to counter the fear of the future that has taken over much of our discourse.

Join us at 10:20am on Sunday mornings beginning on September 8th to learn the factfulness way of life. No preparation is necessary. Resources will be provided.

NOTE: We will not be having class on 9/22/24

Contact: *Pastor Roy Olson*
olson612sr@sbcglobal.net

Welcome Pack

Items Needed

We need NEW items to give to a refugee family to help set up their apartment.

We will collect, deliver and set up all the items. (hang shower curtain, make beds, shelve dishes etc.)

SPECIAL NOTE: The family will be previously VETTED refugees who cannot return to their country for life threatening reasons, NOT immigrants.

Please sign up at www.bit.ly/SOTPexodus0624, for the specific items you could supply.

After purchasing them (or it), please



place in the container provided near the gathering area outside of the main office at church.

Questions? Please ask!

Contacts: Sandy Hupert
sandyhupert@gmail.com

Rick Miller - rlmiller3k@gmail.com

Next Step Fellowship

For All Seniors



Saturday, August 24, 10am
Mary Kay Cosmetics Demonstration

NEXT STEP FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Group for All Seniors
Registration Required



Info & Register: www.bit.ly/SOTPNnext824org

Church Picnic



2024

CHURCH PICNIC

FOOD FRIENDS FUN

SUNDAY
AUGUST 18TH
NOON

MORE INFORMATION & SIGN UP:
www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic24

Volunteers Needed



SOTP will host our annual Church Picnic on **August 18**, beginning at noon. The picnic will be held on the church grounds with both indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) seating available. SOTP will provide the burgers, hotdogs and drinks.

Last name beginning with:

- I - Q please bring desserts.
- A – H and R – Z please bring side dishes.

Come join us for a great summertime experience of Food, Fun and Fellowship! There will be games for both adults and kids, and this year we will have Live Music!

You can sign up to attend or help with setup and cleanup at

www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic24

Contact: Donna Kelly
donna@sotpsmail.com

Food Drive—August 4



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE HOSTS

GRAFTON PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

10805 MAIN ST. HUNTLEY

MONTHLY
1ST SUNDAY
8:30 - 11AM

Collecting in Car Outside Main Office Entrance



The Artist Series Presents Barber Shop Chorus

The New Tradition] Chorus is an award-winning a cappella chorus singing in the TTBB range with members from Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Chartered in 1982,

this Illinois District chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society has a long-standing reputation for delighting audiences through exciting harmonies and memorable performances of songs spanning

decades and genres.

The chorus rehearses in Glenview, IL

Visit the church website at www.bit.ly/SOTPARTIST for further information on the Artist Series or email



Confirmation For All 6th—8th Graders



Prayer Chain



PRAAYER CHAIN

To submit a request, go to:
www.bit.ly/SOTPpray



Submit prayers to:
www.bit.ly/SOTPpray

Join our prayer chain by emailing
Donna at donna@sotpmail.com

Back to School Blessings Weekend



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

August 10 & 11

- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Kindergarten Blessing

Please register for kindergarten blessing:
www.bit.ly/SOTPschool24



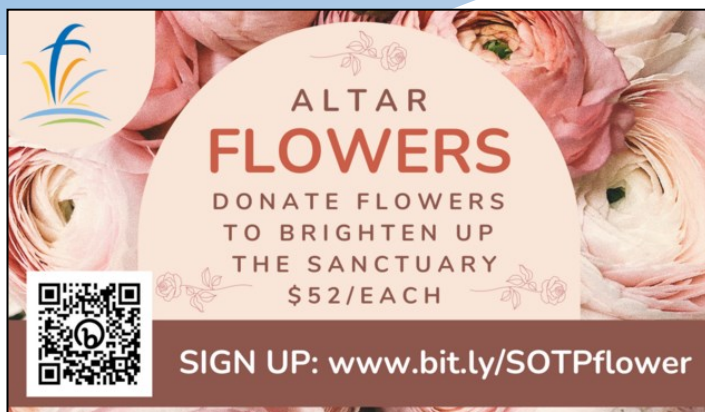
Altar Flowers

Please consider signing up to donate flowers to brighten up the sanctuary. Each arrangement will be \$52.

The bouquets are delivered from the florist for the weekend worship services. The flowers are yours to keep after the Sunday services or you can pick them up on the Monday following. The church is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There are several ways to place an order for altar flowers. You can do so online here, you can also order the flowers on the church website or you can contact Diane on dem910@outlook.com. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or check/cash.

When you order the flowers, you will need to provide your name, the date



you would like them, your phone number, and for whom the flowers are dedicated to or in memory of. You will receive a special offering envelope for the payment in the mail if you choose to pay by check or cash. If you have any questions, please call Diane Mollis 224-654-6677.

Thank you for contributing to beautify the altar during our services at Shepherd of the Prairie.

*Contact: Diane Mollis
dem910@outlook.com*

T-coil Hearing Aid? Use our Loop System


Ask your hearing care professional how. Some hearing aids are set up where they might have an app on your cellphone that says "telecoil mode", and you'll activate that. You might have the ability to adjust the volume up and turn down for the microphone level. But again, talk to your hearing care professional, they

should be able to show you all those options, and then play around with it, when you're in church.

Contact: your hearing aid professional



Grief Journey *Journey Through Loss*

A poster for the Grief Journey Group. It features a background image of a mountain range with snow. In the top left corner, there is a logo consisting of a stylized 'f' with three curved lines above it. The text is centered in a white semi-transparent box. At the bottom left, there is a QR code.

**GRIEF JOURNEY
GROUP**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS
10AM**

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPgrief

Transitions *Journey Through Loss*

A poster for Transitions. It features a background image of a sunset over a body of water. In the top left corner, there is a logo consisting of a stylized 'f' with three curved lines above it in blue, yellow, and green. The text is centered in a white semi-transparent circle. At the bottom left, there is a QR code.

TRANSITIONS

**A JOURNEY
THROUGH LOSS**

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPtrans

Are you going through a deep loss:
death of a loved one; job loss; loss of a
relationship; empty nesting; divorce;
loss of health; loss of purpose?

We have begun a new loss support

group
meeting in the church Library from 7
to 8pm on Tuesdays.

If you would like more information
please contact Donna Kelly.

Bell a bell ooza

Handbells—Learn to Play

BELL A BELL OOZA

SATURDAYS
AUGUST 17 & 24
10AM - NOON

Beginners Welcome

6TH GRADE - ADULT

More info & sign up:
www.bit.ly/SOTPbells24

Join our intergenerational bell choir is inviting you to BELL A BELL OOZA!

Have you ever been curious about trying to play in a bell choir? Now's the time to try it!

You are invited to join us on **Saturdays**

August 17 & 24 from 10am-Noon as we have fun with the original heavy metal music of the church.

Contact: Jane McMullen at jane@sotpmail.com

Northern IL Food Bank

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday September 21 9:00 am
Registration Closes September 6th

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Volunteers Needed
Pack for Neighbors in Need

Register Now:
www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb0924

Serve With Your Church Family

Ministry Night

You Are Invited!



SECOND MONDAY MONTHLY
7:00 pm



MINISTRY NIGHT

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Praying, Knitting & Crocheting



PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY
SECOND THURS MONTHLY
KNITTING & CROCHETING 9AM
TOGETHER



Vegetable Stand

Sundays at SOTP

Enjoy fresh picked produce Sundays after services from the AARRK Gardens stand in the SOTP parking lot.

There are two ways to participate in the program:

- ⇒ You can subscribe for a year and pay a one time \$200 donation to receive produce weekly on Sundays.
- ⇒ You can stop by the stand and pick up produce any Sunday after services and purchase produce for a free will



More Info or Sign Up for Subscription:
www.bit.ly/SOTPAARK24

offering.

Please make checks payable to: The AARRK Gardens

Contact: Vik Bekeris
at vikbek66@yahoo.com

Friends Bible Study

For Women

Friends Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the summer months. Our next study will include the books of Ezra, Haggai, and Zechariah. These prophets from the Old Testament spoke words of encouragement and motivation.

The group meets every Monday from 12:30-2:30 in the Willow Room at Shepherd of the Prairie. Join us as you are able; no sign-up is necessary.



More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPfriends

Contact: Linda Dungey
lindaids88@gmail.com

Men's Coffee

Tuesdays



MEN'S COFFEE
McDonald's by Huntley Walmart



Tuesdays at 7:30 am
INFO: www.bit.ly/SOTPMen

Women's Coffee

Fridays



Women's Coffee Gathering
Fridays 10am



MCDONALD'S BY HUNTLEY WALMART

Collecting Plastic Bags

Build-

UPDATE!!!

After we reached our goal of 1000 lbs, we (SOTP) will have to wait until **January 14, 2025** until we can start collecting towards another bench.

HOWEVER, the Huntley Lions Club spoke with our Community Outreach team and they would like SOTP to continue to be a drop off site for plastic. They will be doing

Recycling
PLASTIC BAGS
Creating a
BENCH
With **NexTrex**
MORE INFO:
www.bit.ly/SOTPbench

Donations Needed

QR code

Recycling symbol

White plastic bench

Plastic bags

the collections still. If you have any questions about the plastic program, please feel free to contact Tara Mackey

Contact: Tara Mackey
rtmackey10@yahoo.com

Memory Garden

Brick Orders

We are now taking orders for memory bricks for the Memory Garden walkway. We now have 3 orders and need at least 5 of each size to order and get "free freight" from Florida.

- ⇒ 4"X8" brick with 3 lines is \$80.00
- ⇒ 8"X8" brick with 6 lines is \$150.

Memory Bricks

Lining the walkway to the Memory Garden

Taking orders now

- 4x8 \$80
- 8x8 \$150

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPmembricks

Order forms in church office

QR code

Memory Garden walkway

Order forms are in the Church office.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

New Member Gathering



NEW MEMBER GATHERING
FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT OUR CHURCH
SUNDAY
AUGUST 11
3:00 PM
www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0824

Helping Released Prisoners Through our Mission Team

PLEASE HELP NEWLY RELEASED PRISONERS REHABILITATE!
“LORD WHEN WERE YOU IN PRISON AND I VISITED YOU?” (Mathew 25:39)

YOU & I CAN HELP PRISONERS (Thru LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) who meet prisoners the day they are released and try to help them rehabilitate. They need hygiene kits.

BY SUPPLYING THEM WITH ANY OF THE ITEMS BELOW.

- Shaving Cream
- Men’s Deodorant
- Tooth paste (minimum 6 OZ.)
- Toothbrush

- Shampoo & Conditioner (or all in one)

- Soap

DROP ITEMS OFF IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE WINDOWS

WE ARE COLLECTING AUGUST THROUGH MID SEPT.

THESE ITEMS WILL BE PLACED IN GALLON SIZED ZIP LOCK BAGS then Delivered to LSSI who then meet with the released prisoners giving them guidance etc. including the needed hygiene kits.

All are located in Illinois.

Questions? Contact Peggy or Valerie Ulmer or any mission team member.

Special Request ***From Congregation's Treasurer***

As monetary donations are given to Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church, it is important that our counters and contributions secretary are informed of the following:

- a. the donor's name, and
- b. the breakdown of the amount of the donation or the per cent of the donation that should be credited to the General Fund, the Mortgage Service Fund or any other fund.

For those donors who are using the pre-printed envelopes provided by SOTP, the blanks on the envelopes need to be filled out so that the donation is credited to the proper account. For those donors who are submitting donations by check but without an envelope, please make sure that the donor's name is on the check and the breakdown of the donation is indicated on the "memo" line of the check.

Over time, we have experienced some problems with being able to credit members' accounts when checks are received directly from banks or other financial institutions without any identifying information about the donor. Many of these donations are qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from retirement accounts.

To help alleviate this situation, I ask that each member who has a financial institution directly submitting checks to SOTP to please notify

that institution that your name needs to be provided either on or along with your check. This will be very helpful in making sure that your donation gets properly credited to your account.

Thank you for your assistance in helping address this matter, and thank you for your continued support of SOTP.

Blessings to you all.
George Attaway, Treasurer
galaonthelake@yahoo.com





Involvement Schedule

August 2024

		Aug 3 & 4	Aug 10 & 11	Aug 17 & 18	Aug 24 & 25
Communion Bread	SAT & EXTRA	Sandy Scalise & Lori Paeth			
	SUN	Marilyn Wilhelm	Laura Attaway	Ann Malandrucile	Chris Nack
Counters	MON	Doug Nagel, Lori Malczewski & Dottie Bobzin			
Greeters Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam@aol.com	SUN 9:00 AM	Ken & Linda Rotter	Eileen Gerald & Terry Halpin	Dottie Bobzin & Candace Beck	Laura Attaway & Cyndi Monson
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm			Elaine Gillam
Ushers Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net	SAT 5:00 PM	Lynn Meyer Karen Eckert	Tom & Therese Cox	Carol Hartman Peggy Lynn Loiselle	8/24: Steve Murphy Karen Eckert 8/31: Diana & Jim Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Jeff Ottens Mickey & Cathy Kappel	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermond John & Patti Witt Carol Engstrom	NANCY WILSON Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski	RALPH WEHNES George Attaway Stan Crissman Jerry & Pat Darow Ed Cuttle
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Annika Yndestad Mike & Patti Kargol	MARK FRENDEIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	BOB MOLLIS Diane Mollis Krystal Smith

Regularly Scheduled



SUNDAYS

1st Sunday Monthly **Food Drive for Grafton Food Pantry**,
8:30-11am

9:00 am **Traditional Worship**

9:00 am **Kids Connect**

10:45 am **Contemporary Worship**

After Services **Vegetable Stand—
AARRK Gardens**

10:45 am **Kids Connect**

1:00 pm **FBW**

MONDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

9:00 am (3rd Mon) **Gazebo Valor
Quilts**

10:30 am **FBW**

12:30 pm **Friends (Women's) Bible
Study**

6:30 pm **Boy Scouts Troop 200**

7:00 pm (2nd Mon) **Ministry Night**

7:00 pm (3rd Mon) **Council Meeting**

TUESDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

8:00 am **Men's Coffee** at McD's by
Huntley Walmart

8:30 am **Staff Meeting**

9:00 am (1st & 3rd Tues), **Prairie
Pointe Quilters**

9:15 am **AL-ANON Meeting**

10:00 am **Grief Journey Meeting**

2:30 pm (2nd Tues), **Barnabas**

6:30 pm (1st Tues), **Scout Troop 200
Committee**

6:30 pm (1st
Tues), **Boy
Scouts**

Patrol Leader's Council

7:00 pm **Transitions Journey Through
Loss**

7:00 pm **Cub Scouts, Tigers**

7:00 pm **FBW**

7:00 pm **AL-ANON Meeting**

WEDNESDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

10:30 am **Women's FBW**

6:30 pm **High School Youth**

THURSDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

9:00 am (2nd Thurs), **Prayer
Shawl Ministry**

1:00 pm (1st Thurs) **Book Club**

6:30 pm (2nd Thurs), **Lions Club**

7:00 pm **Cub Scouts**

Times Vary **Volunteers at Habitat for
Humanity ReStore**

FRIDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**
(Walking—Starting Jan 8)

10:00 am **Women's Coffee** at McD's
by Huntley Walmart

10:30 am **FBW**

SATURDAYS

5:00 pm **Worship**

Upcoming Events



WEEKEND OF AUGUST 10 & 11 Back to School & Kindergarten Blessings, All Services www.bit.ly/SOTPschool24

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
New Member Gathering, 3pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0824

WEEK OF AUGUST 12 SEE WEEK

SATURDAYS, AUGUST 17 & 24,
Bell a bell ooza (*bells workshop*),
10am www.bit.ly/SOTPbells24

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
Annual Church Picnic, Noon
www.bit.ly/SOTPicnic24

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 Next Step Fellowship Pot Luck, Noon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 Artist Series Presents the New Tradition Barber Shop Chorus, 4pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
Confirmation Orientation/parent student night, 7pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Bingo—Artist Series Fundraiser, 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Kids Connect Rally Day & Pancakes with Pastor, Both Services
www.bit.ly/SOTPKIDS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Adult Education Class Starts: Factfulness with Pastor Roy Olson, 10:20 am
www.bit.ly/SOTPadultED0924

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 First Day of Confirmation, 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Northern IL Food Bank (NIFB), 9am
www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb0924

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 NO Adult Education Class This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Small Groups Kickoff

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Rehearsals for “Quizzical Christmas” Children’s program start

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
Confirmation Faith Statement Writing for Freshmen, 5:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 Artist Series Presents “One Foundation” with Michael Burkhardt, 5pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
Trunk or Treat, 3pm

The screenshot shows the website for Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Me", "Check-In", "Signups", "Groups", and "More". Below the navigation bar, there are several event listings. The main focus is on "EASILY VIEW CURRENT EVENTS & REGISTRATIONS" with a link to www.bit.ly/SOTPsignup. Other visible listings include "ADULT EDUCATION" (Faith & Mental Health), "SOTPKIDS NEED YOU" (Kids Connect), "ALABAMA FLOWERS" (Market 5:45 PM), and "SOUP SUPPER WORSHIP" (March 5:45 PM). There is also a QR code for registration and a "Kids Connect" section mentioning "Opportunity to Help" and "STP Kids Grow in Their Faith".



- 1-Aug** John Kawa
Troy Miller
Alexandria Miley
Anthony Galati
Ricky Falbo
Melissa Hoeft
Noah McCabe
- 2-Aug** Darin Allison
Kristi Allegretti
Evan Wichtendahl
Caelyn Caddoo
- 3-Aug** Jennifer Baumstark
Nate Brown
Carla Elam
- 4-Aug** Kathryn Weston
Emmetta Shepard
David Macaulay
- 5-Aug** Len Suski
Donald Campbell
- 6-Aug** Doreen Brangenberg
- 7-Aug** Norah Nagel
Bob Kapheim
Lauren Black
Marley Reicher
- 8-Aug** LuAnn Munneke
Laura Klaus
Josh Ramey
- 9-Aug** Ron Tenggren
Christopher Murray
Nancy Ottinger
Madison Alpert
Mackenzie Alpert
Sarah Wolf
- 10-Aug** Tom Knawa
- 11-Aug** Sandra Lemke
Timothy Hoeft
Jordan Walker
Riley Dase
- 14-Aug** Scarlett Minz
Emerson Kramp
Crosby Wildermuth
- 15-Aug** Alexa Ernst
Jack Mackey
Erica Bishop
- 16-Aug** Nathan Stopka
Cade Golembeck
Marissa Rojas
- 17-Aug** Warren Brody
Joseph Roberts
Sarah Roberts
- 18-Aug** Laura Crissman
Carol Engstrom
- 19-Aug** Maureen Larson
Sandy Tenggren
- 20-Aug** Elin Parry
Tyler Hennessy
Jon Cook
Linnea Parry
Nora Kembowski
- 21-Aug** James Puls
Savannah Patel
Mary Jo Winkenwerder
Austin Stallbaum
Aidan Hibbeler
- 22-Aug** Christine Black
Mitchell Smith
- 23-Aug** Patricia Buesing
- 23-Aug** Barbara Auwerda
Carrie Lyne Mathiesen
Jared Grabs
- 24-Aug** Daphne Shaw
Gary Gartrell
Jim Stancl
Louis Soest
Jim Doty
Caleb Crespo
- 25-Aug** Christa Serpe
Chris Brittain
Marjorie Marlowe
- 26-Aug** Elizabeth Gade
Joseph Browne
Linda Rotter
- 27-Aug** Phil Stegge
Kara Parry
Jessica Hess
Nancy Wilson
- 28-Aug** Mary Victorson
Nate Clifford
Brian Bala
Cassidy Mathiesen
Jim Auwerda
Rebecca Powe
Abby Ressler
Grace Clifford
- 29-Aug** Sue Wehnes
Adam Adams
- 30-Aug** Robert McDuffee
Timothy Reincke
Rick Wright
- 31-Aug** Valerie Tomanica





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HANDS**

Get Involved

Ways to Serve

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:

- AARRK Garden – Ronda Shoemaker
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- Adult Choir—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Adventure Club—Jill Gillming
jill@soapmail.com
- Annual Church Picnic – Donna Kelly—
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- Assisting Minister (9am) – Donna Kelly—
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Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND

	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL	YTD PERCENT	YTD PERCENT
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. YTD BUDGET	BUDGET	RECEIVED	EXPENDED
June 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 368,499.86								
Monthly Income	81,087.04	75,927.00	\$ 5,160.04	475,678.11	494,632.00	\$ (18,953.89)	\$ 966,000.00	49.24%	
Monthly Expenses	71,408.19	76,274.00	\$ (4,865.81)	468,452.92	482,564.00	\$ (14,111.08)	\$ 966,000.00		49.95%
Income vs. Expenditures	9,678.85	(347.00)		7,225.19	12,068.00				
June 30, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 378,178.71								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 80,500.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.70								

MORTGAGE SERVICE FUND

	MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL	YTD PERCENT	YTD PERCENT
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. YTD BUDGET	BUDGET	RECEIVED	EXPENDED
June 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 46,629.00								
Monthly Income	17,361.66	18,807.00	\$ (1,445.34)	114,896.92	112,842.00	\$ 2,054.92	\$ 225,684.00	50.91%	
Monthly Expenses	18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	112,842.00	112,842.00	\$ -	\$ 225,684.00		50.00%
Income vs. Expenditures	(1,445.34)	-		2,054.92	-				
June 30, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 45,183.66								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	2.40								

Respectfully submitted,

George Attaway, Treasurer

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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)
- Weekly Videos from our pastors

To start receiving any (or all) of the above, please go online 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
and Facebook Live*

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