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September 2024



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Photo: SOTP at the ELCA Youth Gathering July '24

A Note

From Pastor Mark



1 Peter 4:7-11

We are heading into another year of learning and leaning into the promises of God. One of the many ways we are called to lean into the promises of God is using the spiritual gifts we've been given to bring heaven to earth.

Shepherd of the Prairie is so blessed to have nearly 100 people serving on ministry teams. These teams include, Worship, Property, Community Outreach, Children, Youth and Family, Stewardship, Fellowship, Wellness, Mission and Finance. Wow...what a blessing!!!

Spiritual gifts: our talents, those things that we love to do, that we do well. These are the things that put us "in the zone." Some of us are "in the zone" when we're caring for others who are sick or lonely. For some, it's cooking or baking. For some, it's creativity. For some, it's business. For some, it's speaking or writing. For some, it's solving problems or diffusing conflict. For some, it's being a welcoming presence.

We all have spiritual gifts that we are called to use as we go about God's work in the world.

What are your gifts?

How do you use your spiritual gifts in your daily life?

The early Christian church faced tough times. It was their hope and belief that Jesus would return soon, and their suffering will end. You'd expect, given that belief, that they might tend to

wait it out, to focus on "life after death" instead of focusing on their neighbor.

But Peter instructs them to love one another, to serve each other and work for God's Kingdom during all of their time in this life.

God calls us to use our gifts throughout our daily lives. Peter's words remind me of a poem I read a few weeks ago called "Abou ben Adam" that I would like to share with you

Abou ben Adam (may there be more like him)

awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

And saw, within the moonlight of his room,

Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,

An angel, writing in a book of gold.

Exceeding peace had made Ben Adam bold,

And to the Presence in the room he said:

"What writest thou?"

The vision raised its head,

And, with a look made of all sweet accord,

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A Note From Pastor Mark

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Leigh Hunt (public domain)

*Answered, "The names of those
who love the Lord."*

"And is mine one?" said Abou.

*"Nay, not so," Replied the
angel.*

Abou spoke more low,

But cheerily still, and said,

*"I pray thee, then, Write me as
one who loves his fellow men."*

The angel wrote, and vanished.

*The next night It came again,
with a great awakening light,*

*And showed the names whom
love of God had blest,*

*And lo! Ben Adam's name led
all the rest.*

– James Henry

Abu ben Adam found peace by being kind, generous, compassionate, loving, and tender.

Just so, Peter reminds us to model our lives after Jesus, to use the gifts God has provided, and pray for strength to love each other with forgiveness and humility.

Grace and peace to you as you continue to learn, lean into and share the promises of God!

Pastor Mark



A Note From Pastor Ryan

**Get ready for
October!**

This coming October, we are going to be celebrating

what it means to be Lutheran. We will look at our rich history, learn more about what we believe, and celebrate how SOTP is an important part of shaping the Lutheran church going forward.

Our Lutheran heritage will be explored and celebrated each weekend through worship, presentations, a movie, a dinner celebration, and even a party at Sew Hop'd! Events include, Lutheranism 101 with Pastor Bill, a screening of the movie Luther, a book study, a dinner with Rev. Rev. Dr. Martin Lohrmann from Wartburg Seminary,

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A Note

From Pastor Ryan

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and the party at Sew Hop'd will feature a German band!

If you ever check out the ELCA website (elca.org) and read the sections on what we believe, you'll find that the most influential documents for our church, outside of Scripture, are found in the Book of Concord. It is a hefty book that contains many documents from the Protestant Reformation that are critical to our faith. It looks overwhelming, but the Reformers who wrote the documents (Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon, and others) wrote in ways that remain very readable for us, even today. Even so, it can be intimidating to pick up such a formidable text and try to read it. Fortunately for us, one of my seminary professors, Dr. Lohrmann, wrote a book called *The Book of Harmony* that serves as a companion to the Book of Concord. (Concord means harmony). It is fun read, and it gives us a great overview of our faith without having to mine the depths of other theological writings.

I brought this book to the attention of our other worship leaders, and all agreed we should incorporate it into our October plans. We will cover chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5 throughout the month. We are encouraging our 7s groups to adopt a discussion of the book as their plan for the fall. We are also looking for others who would like to form small groups to engage with

the book. If you're interested in getting such a group together, please reach out to Donna Kelly or me. By the time Dr. Lohrmann is with us on October 26 and 27, we will be more than ready to hear his remarks and engage him in great discussion about matters of the Lutheran faith. Pastor Mark is securing many copies of the book. You can contact either one of us if you'd like to purchase one.

We chose chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5 out of the seven total chapters because they cover topics relevant to where we see SOTP now and moving into the future. These chapters model the theme of the month; understanding where we come from while we discern how our faith moves into a flexible future focused on mission.

We will encounter a broad overview of the Book of Concord and explore themes from the early Lutheran Reformation. We will learn about the Augsburg Confession (the cornerstone document that outlines our core beliefs) and see how it grounds our church in a shared faith, and gives us the kind of foundation that allows us to be flexible in how we serve others and worship in ways that are relevant for today's culture. Lastly, we will dig into the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (a document Philip Melancthon wrote to defend the Augsburg Confession against attacks from the Roman Catholic Pope and those loyal to him). Through the

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A Note From Pastor Ryan

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Apology, Melancthon reinforces the relationship between faith, love, and good works (the church finds its life and mission not in its own strength or purity, but in the self-giving love of Christ – Book of Harmony, p. 87).

All this promises to fulfill an exciting, spiritual, energizing, and educational month. I hope this little teaser has given you some idea of what to expect

and piqued your desire to take in as many of these events and opportunities as will fit your schedule! Please look for a more detailed schedule, slides, and registrations as we get closer to October! I look forward to seeing you as we celebrate who we are and where God is calling us to go!

Peace,

Pastor Ryan

Ministry Musings With Donna



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard, And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ELW 641

This is one of, if not the number one favorite hymn of mine. In it we proclaim God's and our love for all people. Those who sit next to us in the pew, watch online. Longtime members, new members; old, young, and in between. Those who look and dress like us, those who don't. Those who talk like us, those who speak differently. Those who fit our ideal of who a 'Christian' is and those who do not. But does what we proclaim in this song match how we welcome? I found this poem on, of all places, TikTok.

"You got hammered at the

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Ministry Musings

With Donna

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bar on Saturday but came to church on Sunday...

You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You're a drug addict but came to church on Sunday...

You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You're divorced, and the last church you attended condemned you for it...

You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You've had an abortion and it's slowly eating away at your heart, but you came to church on Sunday...

You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

You've been unfaithful to your spouse but came to church on Sunday...

You can sit with me. You're right where you need to be.

Here's the thing, people don't come to church on Sunday for us to sit in the Pew and quietly judge them because we feel that we're somehow better than them.

People come to church because in their deepest, darkest, most painful moments, they heard about a

man named Jesus who could save their soul and they'd like to know him."

Author unknown

This poem really touched me as I had just gotten back from vacation where I spent ten days with my young niece who is as of today, two months sober. Each night as I drove her to her meeting and picked her up two hours later, we talked about her addiction and how it had affected her life and what sobriety meant to her. And as I read this I wondered, if someone came to worship looking as rough and tattooed as she did, how many would say to her, "You can sit with me, you're right where you need to be". Would I? Would you?

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:17

Donna Kelly

Adult Education

Factfulness



The graphic features a dark blue background with a lighter blue curved shape at the bottom. On the left, there is a white logo of a stylized plant and the text 'ADULT EDUCATION WITH PASTOR ROY OLSON'. Below this, the word 'FACTFULNESS' is written in large white letters. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. On the right, there is a circular inset photo of Pastor Roy Olson. The text 'Sundays Starting September 8th at 10:20 am' and the URL 'Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPadultED0924' are prominently displayed in the center.

ADULT EDUCATION
WITH PASTOR ROY OLSON

FACTFULNESS

Sundays Starting
September 8th at 10:20 am
Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPadultED0924

Is your view of the future distorted? When you contemplate the future are you hopeful?

Beginning on Sunday, September 8, 2024, these questions and other related issues will be answered during the adult education series on the “factfulness way of life.”

We will test our basic knowledge of our world and its projected future for accuracy. 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 God’s 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: 20 on Sunday mornings beginning on September 8th to learn the factfulness way of life. Please register so we know how many

handouts to provide and bring a folder to store them in.

[September 8:](#) Introduction to Factfulness

[September 15:](#) The Gap Instinct

[September 22:](#) **NO CLASS**

[September 29:](#) The Negativity Instinct

[October 6:](#) The Straight-Line Instinct

[October 13:](#) The Fear Instinct

[October 20:](#) The Size Instinct

[October 27:](#) The Generalization Instinct

[November 3:](#) The Destiny Instinct

[November 10:](#) The Single Perspective Instinct

[November 17:](#) The Blame Instinct

[November 24:](#) The Urgency Instinct and Conclusion

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

Huntley Fall Fest Save the Date!

It's that time of year... FALL FEST is just around the corner. SOTP is hosting a booth again.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **September 28th from 10-5** and Sunday, **September 29th from 11-5.**

Watch for the slide and registration time slot sign up! Help us celebrate and spread the good news about all SOTP has to offer!

Any questions, please contact Tara.



*Contact: Tara Mackey
rtmackey10@yahoo.com*

2024 Annual Picnic

Thank You!



A big thanks to all who participated in our Church Picnic on August 18. A special thanks to the Fellowship Team, the SOTP Picnic Band, the grillers, all who helped to set up and clean up, brought food, helped with the games, and to Nicholas Nissen for transporting the grills.

We had nearly 200 people in attendance, a record crowd! Great food and fun for all.

Contact: Donna Kelly

Food Drive—September 1

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

October Excitement & Small Groups Fall Kickoff

We have an exciting celebration awaiting us this October as we honor our Lutheran heritage with several fun and educational activities.

⇒ We begin our **month-long celebration** with an all-congregation book read of “The Book of Harmony”, written by Dr. Martin J. Lohrmann. This book is a great commentary on “The Book of Concord” which is the basis of our Lutheran Confessions. All are invited to join in this book read and books will be available through SOTP for a donation. This four-week study will kickoff our Small Group Ministry for this fall. Our 7’s Discipleship groups are encouraged to use this study, and other small groups will be formed to discuss the book and what it means to us as Lutherans. Please contact Pastor Mark, Pastor Ryan, or Donna Kelly to obtain a book.

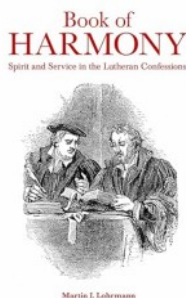
⇒ Our celebrations will continue on **Saturday October 5**, with Pastor Bill leading Lutheranism 101. This is an excellent way to find out more about Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformation and our Lutheran Heritage.

⇒ On **Sunday, October 13 from 3-5pm** we will have the opportunity to come together and watch the

most recent Luther Movie, “Luther”, which was critically acclaimed.

⇒ Our Month-long celebration will culminate on Reformation weekend, Saturday and Sunday **October 26 & 27**. On Saturday the 26th, we are all invited to be part of the Celebration Dinner with Dr. Martin J. Lohrmann (author of our book) as our guest speaker. A great chance to get your book signed by the author!

⇒ The celebration dinner will be followed by a gathering at Sew Hop’d Brewery here in Huntley where we will enjoy fellowship and listen to The Guttenberg



German Band.

⇒ Then on **Sunday the 27th**, Dr. Lohrmann will be preaching at both services and there will be special music including a brass quartet and the great hymns of the Lutheran Church.

Watch your email and the Friday Flourish for more information.

Donna Kelly
Director of Connection Ministries
donna@sotpmail.com

Prayer Chain



PRAYER 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

Little Lambs Preschool

Now Enrolling

**Now
Enrolling
2024-2025
School Year**

**AGES
2-5**

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPLLambs

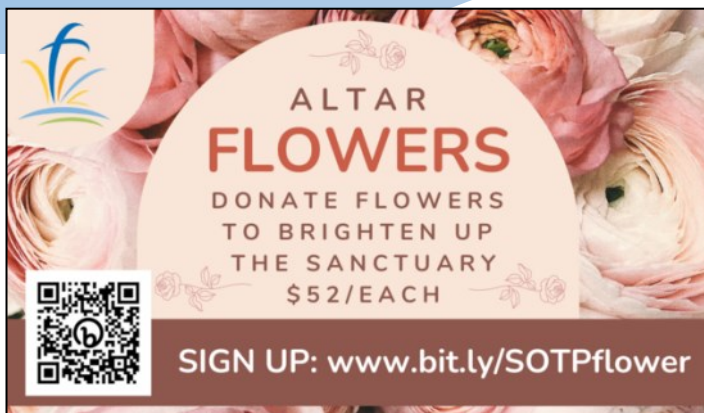
Altar Flowers

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. The background is a photograph of a mountain range with snow. A semi-transparent grey rectangle is centered over the image. In the top left corner of the poster, there is a logo consisting of a stylized 'f' with three curved lines below it. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. The text is centered within the grey rectangle.

**GRIEF JOURNEY
GROUP**

**TUESDAY MORNINGS
10AM**

Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPgrief

Transitions *Journey Through Loss*

A poster for Transitions. The background is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. A large, semi-transparent light-colored circle is centered over the image. In the top left corner of the poster, there is a logo consisting of a stylized 'f' with three curved lines below it. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code. The text is centered within the circle.

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 8 pm. If you would like more

information please contact Donna Kelly, donna@sotpmail.com or through the church office, 847-669-9448.

Contact: *Donna Kelly*
donna@sotpmail.com

Prairie Quilters

More Hands Needed

It's back to school time, but for all of us retirees we just keep on quilting. The picture is of the 85th quilt and someone will have a fun holiday quilt. We're working hard to reach at least 100 quilts for the dedication. We can always use more people to help tie or sandwich. Both are easy and you really don't need to know how to sew. We meet the first and third Tuesday at 9:00am. Please contact me if



you have any questions.

Contact: *Bev Kenny*
krkbjk@comcast.net

Lutheranism 101

With Pastor Bill

Who are the Lutherans? Most of us have some idea of who we are as Lutheran Christians. But where did we come from? Why are we called "Lutherans"? What do we truly believe about God, Jesus, the Bible, the world in which we live? Are our beliefs the same as other Christians? Are they different? How do we relate to Christians of other denominations? To folks of other religions? To folks with no religious beliefs? Does what we believe really matter? Is what we believe based solely on personal experience or are our beliefs based on eternal truths? These questions, and more, will be explored in **our next Saturday series, Lutheranism 101, held on Saturday, October 5, 10:00-2:00, at the church.** At Pastor Mark's

request, this event kicks off the month of October, the month in which we celebrate the Reformation of the church. This monumental event began on October 31, 1517. This is the day when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, in order to have a debate about some serious church issues of the day. So come along with us by **signing up at www.bit.ly/SOTPLuth101-24**.

Questions?

Contact Pastor Bill Waxenberg
bwaxenberg@gmail.com



Christmas Musical

Rehearsals Start Sept 29



choir, act, as well as help with mentoring, set and props.

Here are some important dates to add to your calendar:

- ⇒ Rehearsals will take place **every Sunday 9/29-12/8 (except 10/20 and 12/1) from 2:00-4:00pm**
- ⇒ **December 14-** Dress

This year's Christmas musical, "A Quizzical Christmas" will be presented on Saturday, December 14 at the 5:00pm worship service and Sunday, December 15 at the 10:45am worship service.

Children and youth, kindergarten through 12th grade, are invited to participate. There will be opportunities to sing in the

- ⇒ Rehearsal **10:00am-11:30am** followed by a pizza party!
- ⇒ **December 14-5:00pm** Worship Musical
- ⇒ **December 15-10:45am** Worship Musical

Contact: Annette Boster
zsjg@comcast.net

Adventure Club

4th &



7:30 pm with the exception of these dates that we WILL NOT be meeting:

- Nov 27
- Dec 2
- Jan 1
- March 5 & 26
- April 16

Register now at www.bit.ly/SOTPadv2425

All 4th & 5th Graders are invited to join us weekly on Wednesdays September 18, 2024 through May 7, 2025 from 6:30 -

Contact: Jill Gillming
jill@sotpsmail.com

SOTP Kids Need YOU

One Hour... or More

KIDS CONNECT HELP NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers Needed

HELP ONCE TWICE OR MORE!

More Info & Sign Up:
www.bit.ly/SOTPKChelp24



Kids Connect Sundays

Join the Fun!

KIDS CONNECT

Preschool through 5th Grade

Register Now:
www.bit.ly/SOTPKIDS



Pancakes with Pastor

Kids Connect Kickoff



Wednesday Night Dinners

You Are Invited!



you need to do is come hungry, gather at the tables, and enjoy! Kitchen support is needed to arrive at 5:15pm, serve and clean - we should be done around 7pm.

SOTP has got dinner covered on Wednesday nights!
These meals are open to all, especially those of you who have children in Adventure Club, Confirmation, or Youth Group.
Volunteers will prepare the meals, so all

Free will offerings will be encouraged to help support this ministry.
Please register ahead of time if possible so we know approximately how many we are cooking for each week.
*Contact: Pastor Ryan Mackey
pastorryan@sotppmail.com*

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



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.



Contact: Linda Dungey
lindaajs88@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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Praying, Knitting & Crocheting



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



Northern IL Food Bank

Helping Our Neighbors



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



**Volunteers
Needed**
Pack
for
Neighbors
in Need

Register Now:
[www.bit.ly/
SOTPnifb0924](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPnifb0924)



**Serve
With
Your
Church
Family**



Bible Study

With Pastor Mark

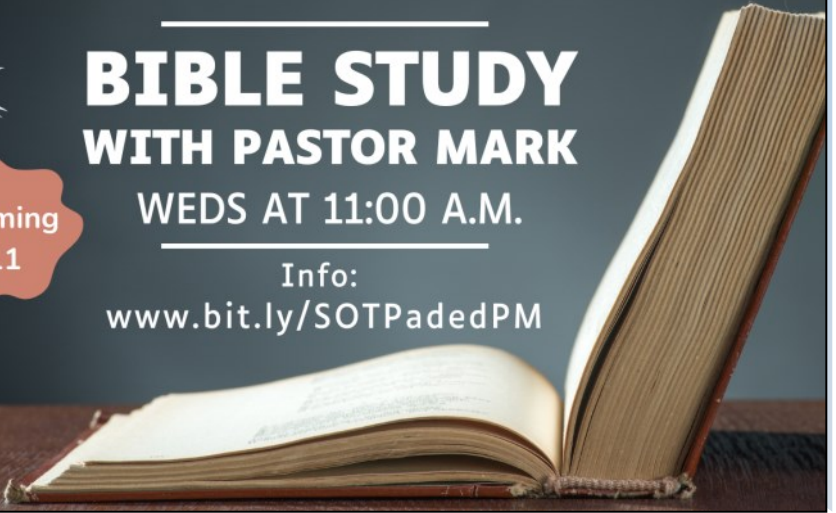


BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK

WEDS AT 11:00 A.M.

Resuming
9/11

Info:
www.bit.ly/SOTPadedPM



Women's Coffee

Fridays

HELPING RELEASED PRISONERS

BY MAKING HYGIENE KITS

Collecting:

Shaving Cream

Men's Deodorant * Soap

Toothpaste (min 6oz) * Toothbrush

Shampoo & Conditioner

THROUGH SEPT 15

More Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPprison



Collecting Plastic Bags

Building a Bench



Recycling
PLASTIC BAGS
Creating a
BENCH

With **NexTrex**

MORE INFO:
www.bit.ly/SOTPbench

Donations Needed

QR code

Recycling symbol

Image of a white bench

Huntley Lions Club is now collecting at SOTP to build

another .

Contact: Tara Mackey rtmackey10

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

Image of a brick walkway

Order forms are in the Church office.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes
ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net

Next Step Fellowship

With Pastor Bill & Phyllis



Presentation: Saturday, September 28, 10am
Social Integration Discussion with Pastor Bill & Phyllis

NEXT STEP FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Group for ALL Seniors



INTEGRATION



Info & Sign Up: www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0924

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

September 2024

		Sept 1	Sept 7 & 8	Sept 14 & 15	Sept 21 & 22	Sept 28 & 29
Communion Bread	SAT & EXTRA	Theresa Cox & Alice Dabelow				
	SUN		Lynn Broederdorf	Lori Malezewski	PJ Knudsen	Tom Noesen & Bev Pinnelli
Counters	MON	Donna Turner, Howard Larson & Diana Murphy 3rd-23rd-30th & Lori Malczewski 9th				
Greeters <i>Interested in Serving Here?</i> 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	Carol Engstrom Terry Halpin
	SUN 10:45 AM	Carolyn & Bob Malm				
Ushers <i>Interested in Serving Here?</i> Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net	SAT 5:00 PM		Karen Eckert Carol Hartman	Tom Cox Therese Cox	Carol Hartman Peggy Lynn Loiselle	Lynn Meyer Steve Murphy
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Jeff Ottens Mickey & Cathy Kappel	JACK CONTI Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski [A]	NANCY WILSON Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski	RALPH WEHNES George Attaway Stan Crissman Jerry & Pat Darow Ed Cuttle	NANCY WILSON Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Annika Yndestad Mike & Patti Kargol	MARK FRENDREIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	BOB MOLLIS Diane Mollis Krystal Smith	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos

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**

10:20 am **Adult Education: Factfulness**

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**

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**

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**

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

11:00 am **God's Girls (Del Webb) Bible Study**

6:30 pm **High School Youth**

THURSDAYS

7:30-8:30 am **Morning Movement**

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**

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

10:30 am **FBW**

SATURDAYS

5:00 pm **Worship**



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Kids Connect Rally Day & Pancakes with Pastor,
Both Services

Pancakes w/ Pastor Sign Up:

www.bit.ly/SOTPpan24

Kids Connect Sign Up:

www.bit.ly/SOTPKIDS

Kids Connect Volunteer Sign Up:

www.bit.ly/SOTPKChelp24

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 Bible Study with Pastor Mark Resumes, 11am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Bingo—Artist Series Fundraiser, 6:30pm
www.bit.ly/SOTPbingo24

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- First Day of Confirmation, 6:30pm
- First Day of Adventure Club, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 NO Adult Education Class This Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Northern IL Food Bank, 9am
www.bit.ly/SOTPNIFB0924

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 Next

Step Fellowship, Social Integration
www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0924

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 28 & 29
Fall Fest—Help Needed at SOTP Booth, More Info & Sign Up Coming Soon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Rehearsals for “Quizzical Christmas” Children’s program start
www.bit.ly/SOTPkidsprog24

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
Lutheranism 101—, 10am
www.bit.ly/SOTPLuth101-24

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
Trunk or Treat, 3pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 Lutheran Heritage SOTP Celebration

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 New Member Gathering, 3pm

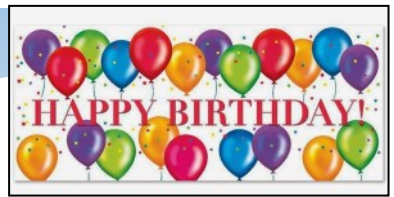
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Thanksgiving Eve Dinner Church, 6pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Blue Christmas Service, 7pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, The Artist Series Presents “Christmas with the Carpenters”, time TBD

Birthdays

September



1-Sep Beverly Noffz	7-Sep Nick Parry	19-Sep Ben Hinkle
Natalie Dobrolinsky	Daniel Stallbaum	Joyce Shotick
Bayleigh Masters	Ryan Mackey	Linda Christopher-son
Liam Nagel	8-Sep Layla Panvino	Donna Newbanks
Susan Krewer	9-Sep Gail Quam	20-Sep Gordon Burseth
2-Sep Abby Fiandalo	10-Sep Jordan Wills	Joshua Miley
Steve Sparks	Samantha Szekely	Janet Fry
Phillip Jacobs	Beth Mudge	21-Sep Jeannine Penley
3-Sep Nancy Eberly	Leslie Enders	Autumn Kasal
Alice Miller	Nicole Grabs	22-Sep Miles Koegel
Maci Sarrault	11-Sep Donna Sorensen	23-Sep David Stangle
Kristina Harvat	Gloria Scimeca	Teagan Papka
4-Sep Kira Frendreis	12-Sep Leah Anderson	Sandy Scalise
Brett DePorter	Robert Falbo	Adele Wogstad
5-Sep Jake Harding	14-Sep Marilyn Sauerberg	24-Sep Ruby Haerle
Colleen Bender	Adam Luedtke	Wendy Papka
Lila Sarrault	Gladys Meese	Dave McIntyre
Mason Murray	15-Sep Eric Lindgren	Madysen Dailey
Adrienne Araoz	Clara Seibert	25-Sep Cameryn Piskule
Alice Schroeder	Deb Case	Rick Miller
Richard Dase	Tyler Allegretti	Frank Leonardi
Teri Wilson	Nora Frake	26-Sep Lois Kosmen
6-Sep Kelly Hibbeler	16-Sep Luther Yndestad	28-Sep John Shepard
Olivia Krewer	17-Sep Lori Paeth	29-Sep Haley Sabie
Adam Walloch	18-Sep Victor Pizarro	30-Sep Nathan Ulmer
Tara Mackey	Morgan Bach	Mike Huston
7-Sep Joan Riffner	Chris Nack	Abby Clifford
Jeremy Hollow	Joseph Case	Michael Luecht
Stephen Browne	19-Sep Rob Womac	Gianna Young





**GOD'S
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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
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- Annual Church Picnic – Donna Kelly—
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- Assisting Minister (9am) – Sue Sroka
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- Artist Series – Jane McMullen
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- Barnabas Ministry—Donna Kelly
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- Communion Assistants—Sue Sroka—
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- Worship Band (Singing &
Instrumental)—Jeff Moore,
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Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 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
July 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 378,178.71								
Monthly Income	86,206.63	75,656.00	\$ 10,550.63	561,884.74	570,288.00	\$ (8,403.26)	\$ 966,000.00	58.17%	
Monthly Expenses	73,530.49	76,273.00	\$ (2,742.51)	541,983.41	558,837.00	\$ (16,853.59)	\$ 966,000.00		57.85%
Income vs. Expenditures	12,676.14	(617.00)		19,901.33	11,451.00				
July 31, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 390,854.85								
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)	\$ 80,500.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	4.86								

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
July 1, 2024 Beginning Balance	\$ 45,183.66								
Monthly Income	13,415.01	18,807.00	\$ (5,391.99)	128,311.93	131,649.00	\$ (3,337.07)	\$ 225,684.00	56.85%	
Monthly Expenses	18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	131,649.00	131,649.00	\$ -	\$ 225,684.00		58.33%
Income vs. Expenditures	(5,391.99)	-		(3,337.07)	-				
July 31, 2024 Ending Balance	\$ 39,791.67								
Average Monthly Expenses	\$ 18,807.00								
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance	2.12								

Respectfully submitted,

George Attaway, Treasurer



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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)
- Weekly Videos from our pastors

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

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

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