Newsletter

May 2024



Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church

Huntley, IL sotp.org 847/669-9448

Photo: Artist Series—Wayne Messmer Quartet April 2024

A Note From Pastor Mark

The Day of Pentecost the weekend of May 18 and 19 (Wear red to worship)

Have you ever walked into a room or a space of sort and realized that the conversation going on around you didn't make sense? More than likely you simply weren't versed in the language being spoken. The world of technology is one of those spaces for me. It wouldn't make any difference what number of languages you heard; it would be all Greek to you, right?

Well, not if you speak Greek, of course.

The point is, you could not contribute or reply to what is being said other than to shrug your shoulders, accompanied perhaps with a resigned look on your face, and either walk away or hope someone will step forward and translate for you.

In Acts 2:14, Peter addressed a crowd of Godfearing Jews who were puzzled that they could hear the words of the Spirit in their own language through the voices of the twelve disciples (Matthias just being added, replacing Judas, the betrayer). The disciples were not even native to the various languages in the crowd, yet because of the power of the Holy Spirit, each of the twelve could speak in a different language, enabling the crowd to hear what the Spirit had to say.

Others, perhaps those that refused to hear or didn't understand what was taking place, accused the twelve disciples of being drunk. Peter, however, stood up and told the crowd

that the disciples were not drunk, as it was only nine o'clock in the morning.



And so, it goes on today, too; all types of believers continue to speak to others about the power of the Holy Spirit, only to be met with a cool or disinterested response, as if the speaker made no sense at all.

Well, dear ones, like it or not, all of us in this world need to listen to each other and to help one another, whatever the need may be.

Another person's view of the Holy Spirit may not be the same as yours, but it is not for you to judge so as not to put a stumbling block in their path. Try to live and walk as close to the Spirit as you can, and if your neighbors and people of the world can see how you live and share your faith in words and actions perhaps they, too, will be drawn into a closer relationship with Christ.

God's mission always begins with a need and then asking the Spirit if it is me to help fill that need. At Shepherd of the Prairie we need more of us listening to the Spirit's gentle nudge and then stepping up and out to help with the needs that are present.

As the Day of Pentecost approaches take time to listen and lean into where the Spirit is calling you to engage in

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meaningful ministry in and through the church.

Let's just not be hearers of the Word but doers as well, remembering that

God does not call the equipped but equips the called!

Thankful for your partnership in the Gospel!

Pastor Mark



May is upon us, and with it comes the end of another academic year, the end of

another year of Adventure Club and Confirmation. I give thanks for Jill Gillming's leadership with Adventure Club, our Christian education program for 4th and 5th graders. Adventure Club is a true jewel of the education programs at SOTP. Each week, youth go on a figurative, and sometimes literal, adventure as they dig into the Bible and their own faith.

I also give thanks for the leadership of Jess Panella, Tim Torkelson, Carrie McCabe, Josh Harding, Marissa Rojas, Gregg Gillming, Kim Stegge, Bill and Marcia Ball, Kaz Black, and Nancy Hammer, as well as all those who took time to lead a large-group lesson for our Confirmation program for 6th-8th graders this year. We enjoyed a number of great successes this year and look forward to continuing to

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improve our program in the future.

Among the successes was the creation of a more intentional service element to our Confirmation program. Throughout the year, confirmation youth made hats and scarves to donate for people who would needed them for winter, they stuffed Easter eggs for SOTP's Easter egg hunt, and they combined seeds and soil in small pots to start plants for Aarrk Gardens. In addition to more service opportunities, we built in more community time each week, and have seen an increase in connections among the youth.

As the Confirmation year concludes, we will set our sights on the fall when we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism of our current 8th graders. We will also recruit additional leaders and look for ways to build on the successes of this year, with special focus on increasing connections between the youth and the church.

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why I haven't mentioned Kids Connect. Well, I am excited to share with you that the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Team has decided to continue Kids Connect throughout the summer! After a good discussion, we've decided to offer it exactly as it has been throughout this year. This means it will be offered at both the 9am and 10:45am services, beginning at 9am and 10:45am, respectively. It will be offered every week except for Memorial Day weekend and the last weekend of June. We know that some of you see summer as the time you invite your kids into worship with you to help them learn how to worship, and we appreciate that. Participation in Kids Connect is always by choice.

We love having kids in worship, but also want to honor the needs of families who prefer having their kids in Kids Connect. Either way, we hope this will encourage more regular participation from all our families throughout the summer.

This month, I'll close with a deep and sincere thank you to all who helped make our latest Trivia Night a rousing success! So much fun was had by all. The spirit of competition was felt in the trivia as well as the silent auction, and we were able to raise nearly \$7,000 for the Youth Mission Fund! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! May the peace and love of Christ be

Pastor Ryan

with you always,

Ministry Musings With Donna

You Can't Carry Two Watermelons With One Hand

Lillian Daniel writes the following proverb:

Try it out this summer if you like - but trust me, you can't do it. Two watermelons. One hand. There is a reason these things become proverbs. They are true!

The best proverbs are

comical. When you try to picture someone



carrying two watermelons in one hand, it just makes you laugh. It is so obviously impossible that it's silly. But when you are the one trying

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to do it, it seems quite valid. When you drop a watermelon, it's the watermelon's fault, not yours. Who made these faulty, slippery watermelons that don't stay put anyway? Sometimes we can trick ourselves into doing impossible things. We load too much on our plates. We carry too many things at once. And then, one of them drops. Or they all do. Or we drop ourselves, in exhaustion. There is nothing more exhausting than trying to do something impossible.

In Galatians 5: 22 - 23 we are told, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." That's a pretty tall order if we have to pull off all those things for ourselves. Fortunately, we don't have to. They come to us like gifts, fruits from the tree of the Holy Spirit.

It reminds me of one of my favorite songs:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

In other words, put down those two watermelons you've been trying to carry, and let the Spirit do her work.

I really like this writing by Lillian Daniel. Often, we try so hard to carry two watermelons in one hand. We overbook our schedules, say yes to too many requests, the kids have too many activities booked. But juggling schedules isn't the only way we try to carry two watermelons. We carry shame or regret or guilt from the past that we could or should let go of, and then try to also carry fear or worry about the future at the same time. We juggle our racing thoughts and doubts about whether we are good enough or able to accomplish the things we want.

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus says "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Jesus doesn't promise to make everything right or take our problems away; but he does promise to walk with us through the Spirit and never leave us to handle things alone.

What's one thing that you are carrying that you could put down so that you can carry something you need to carry? Are you able to trust the spirit to take care of things, to do her work?

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Barnabas MinistryCaring People Needed



One of the ways we care for our these brothers and sisters in Christ is through our SOTP Barnabas Caregiving Ministry. This is a ministry of love and listening for our shut-ins; those who are in their homes, in care facilities or in the hospital.

Our Barnabas Ministers make in person visits where possible about once a month and take communion to our care receivers. In addition, we conduct 4 services each month at various area care facilities. When we cannot visit in person, we make phone calls to catch up and see that all is good.

We would like to invite you to come and find out more about this exciting ministry. No special requirements, other than a caring heart and a listening ear are needed. We are

hosting a training session on Saturday,
May 4th from 9 to 1pm. Come and see
what Barnabas is all about and if this is
a good ministry fit for you. You can
register for the training at
www.bit.ly/SOTPbarnabas0424,

on the Church Center App, the SOTP website, or at the registration kiosk in the welcome area.

For more information, please contact Donna Kelly by email or through the church office, 847-669-9448.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Golf for HumanityFundraiser



Golf for Humanity - because everyone deserves a place to live. Have a great day PLUS you will be supporting

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/NFV New Hope Partnership

SOTP is part of the New Hope partnership with several other local churches who joined together to build homes for the needy.

We hope to raise money to sponsor another home.

- 11:00 am Check-in, Range Time
- 12:45 pm Kickoff
- 1:00 pm Shotgun Scramble Start (on course beverage service)
- 6:00 pm Buffet with Cash Bar Closest to Pin Men & Women Longest Putt Men & Women Hole in One Prizes
 50/50 Raffle

Silent Auction at Dinner

Proper Golf Attire (no jeans, t-shirts or gym shorts).
Collard shirt for gentlemen.

Register, sponsor or make a donation now www.bit.ly/HABITATgolf24

Silent Auction Donations:

Please consider donating a prize to the silent auction! Gift cards of any style or denomination, tickets to local sporting or concert events, sports memorabilia and golf related items. Donors will be recognized during the event!
Donations contact: Joe Sinnaeve 847/204-4891
jsinnaeve@sbcglobal.net
SOTP Mission Team Contact:
Sandy Hupert

Mission Team What Do We Do?

The Mission Team's focus is on any mission opportunity beyond the doors of SOTP.

We are to Enlighten, Encourage and Equip!

Enlighten

We inform of mission opportunities.

Encourage

We encourage folks to take advantage of the available opportunities in whatever way they can. (Anyone at any time can participate on their own or in a group.)

Equip

We provide opportunities for folks to participate by setting up special times/days:

Feed My Starving Children

- Northern IL Food Bank
- Grafton Food Pantry
- Habitat for Humanity restore work days
- collections of the Welcome pack items for Exodus for vetted refugee families VA(not immigrants),
- Collections to help disaster reliefs
- And so much more.

If you have any questions----or---

If you have any 501C charity you would like the mission team to look into—Please do let us know.

Contact: Sandy Hupert, Mission Team Leader sandyhupert@gmail.com

Angel Flight Central

Angel Flight Central is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization serving people in need of long-distance charitable aviation for health care and other humanitarian situations.

We work with hundreds of qualified and incredibly generous pilots flying small, general-aviation aircraft and occasionally we have limited grant-resources for commercial flights.

Angel Flight Central is not an emergency service, but in cooperation with passengers and physicians, flights can be arranged within 7-10 days.



Visit ANGELFLIGHTCENTRAL.ORG to review the list of qualifications and to complete an official flight request.

Call us at 866-569-9464 to discuss additional resources in your area.

Serving Local Homeless In Crystal Lake



Ways You Can Help Feeding Local Homeless:

- ⇒ Cooking or baking (drop off at SOTP by Wednesday, May 1st at 1pm)
 - Mashed Potatoes
 - Potato Salad
 - Macaroni Salad
 - Dessert
- ⇒ Purchasing food (drop off at SOTP by Wednesday, May 1st at 1pm)
 - Italian Beef
 - French Rolls

- Mashed Potatoes
- Potato Salad
- Macaroni Salad
- Dessert
- ⇒ Set up tables, serve & clean up (at Willow Crystal Lake Noon-2 on Friday, May 3rd)

Register now to let us know how you're able to help:

www.bit.ly/SOTPfeed0524

Contact: Vik Bekeris
at vikbek66@yahoo.com



Soup CookbookCalling All Soup Chefs!

We had a fantastic Dinner Church worship experience this Lent. A big part of that was the delicious soups brought by many. So, we have decided to put together our SOTP SoupBook with all of those delicious recipes. If you brought a soup for Dinner Church or if you just have a wonderful soup recipe, please send them our way so

we can include them. Please email your recipe to **donna@sotpmail.com** If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly via email or through the church office. Thanks, and happy souping!

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Next Step Fellowship

For All Seniors (55+)

We usually meet on the fourth Saturday morning of the month.

We plan to meet again for the following activities—bring your own drink:

- ⇒ May 30, 3024: 10:00am-- coffee and treats at Morkes Coffee in Huntley, IL. We will meet outside if the weather is good, if not we can use their party room. There is no need to sign up for this activity.
- ⇒ JUNE 22. 2024: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall; registration is required for this activity. Phyllis Thomson, Ph.D., RN, CNE and Pastor Bill Waxenberg will do a presentation and discussion on

the importance of community, fellowship and purpose in the senior years. The concept of Social Integration will be defined and discussed, and potential positive and negative health consequences will be explored related to socialization or lack of it in the senior years. We will then discuss this and how it can be applied through bible study with Pastor Bill.

Come and have some fun and fellowship!

Contact Phyllis D. Thomson phyllisthomson@aol.com



Morkes and ...: Thursday, May 30, 10am

NEXT STEPFELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Group for All Seniors

Registration Not Required





Info: www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0524

Special Request From the Congregation's Treasurer

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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
- 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

Contact: George Attaway galaonthelake@yahoo.com

May Wellness From the SOTP Wellness Team



Please join us on May 19 for Mental Health Awareness Sunday at SOTP. We will be providing resources from Pioneer Center for Human Services (based in McHenry Co.), National Alliance on Mental Illness McHenry Co., and the McHenry County Mental Health Board. Samantha Marcellis, the Director of Behavioral Health Services at Pioneer Center, will also be available in person from 10:00am-11:00am that day to talk to anyone interested in knowing more about services available through Pioneer Center. She is familiar with how to help connect people with the supports they may need as they face mental health challenges. To learn more about these organizations you

can also visit their easy to navigate websites.

- ⇒ NAMI McHenry County: www.namimch.org
- ⇒ McHenry Co. Mental Health Board: www.mc708.org
- ⇒ Pioneer Center for Human Services: www.pioneercenter.org

Contact: LuAnn Munneke ljmunneke@yahoo.com

New Member Gathering Learn About Us



If you have been worshipping with us for a while here at SOTP in person or online and would like to know more

about us as a worshipping community, we would love to have you join us at our New Member Gathering. We will be holding the gathering on Sunday, May 5th, from 3 - 5:30pm. This will be an opportunity

for you to learn more about the life and ministry of SOTP and for you to consider prayerfully whether or not you want to formally become a member of the SOTP family.

If you have any questions or would like

to attend, please contact Donna Kelly; donna@sotpmail.com or 214-676-1788. You can also sign up online at www.bit.ly/STOPNMB0524 or on our website sotp.org under EVENTS AND REGISTRATIONS.



Registration is not required.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

God is doing something new... and it involves YOU!

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
at artistseries@sotpmail.com

Morning Movement Walking the Halls



Gentle Exercise For All Ages & Abilities



May 11th 11a-12p Fellowship Hall

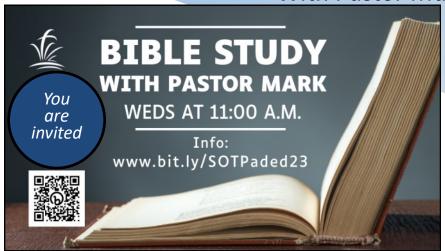
Join us for an afternoon of gentle exercise with instructor Danae Molitor, a multi certified instructor specializing in senior/active adult classes as she guides us through a class that is beneficial to anyone at

any age - no matter your age, fitness level, or limitations.

Limited spaces, sign up now: www.bit.ly/SOTPexer0524

Contact: Tara Mackey rtmackey10@yahoo.com

Adult Bible Study With Pastor Mark



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 JourneyJourney Through Loss



TransitionsJourney Through Loss



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.

If you would like more information please contact Donna Kelly.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Ministry Night You Are Invited!

Servant Engagement and Equipping week will kick off on Monday, May 13th at 7pm with Ministry Night. 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 ·
Stewardship Team · Worship Planning
Team. Everyone is welcome to visit
Ministry Night, whether you are brand

new or longtime members, or just want to know more about SOTP ministry opportunities.

Contact: Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com

Saturday Ushers Help Needed



If you attend Saturday Night 5:00 pm church service, you might recognize a face or two. This picture is a group of the Saturday ushers, excluding Pastor Ryan, who faithfully serve on Saturday's. Many also serve as Communion Stewards. Some were

missing because of work or on vacation. If you are interested in serving on Saturday's, contact Lead Usher Barb Hoppensteadt.

Contact: Barb Hoppensteadt hoppen@sbcglobal.net

Estate Planning

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Who needs an estate plan? You.



Scan to learn more.



No matter your wealth or status, you have an estate. And all estates have something in common—you can't take it with you when you die. Join us for a free workshop, Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials.

- Explore assets— whether they be financial or physical.
- Understand beneficiaries—family or organizations you care about.
- Gain tools to help put your plans into action.

These sessions are hosted by Matt Drafall, FIC, CA Insurance 4231948 and John W Drafall, LUTCF*, FIC.

Sunday, May 19, 2024

10:45 a.m.

Shepherd of the Prairie

Sunday, May 19, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Shepherd of the Prairie

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Registration Open



Vegetable Stand

Sundays at SOTP



Enjoy fresh picked produce Sundays after services from the AARK 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

 \Rightarrow 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

Adventure Club 4th & 5th Graders



Men's Coffee Tuesdays



Women's Coffee Fridays



Collecting Plastic BagsBuilding a Bench

UPDATE!!!

As of 03/21/24 SOTP has collected 451 pounds of plastic!!!!

Thank you all for your help with this project and keep it coming!



There are reminder sheets of what is and is not appropriate to donate, as there have been some items that have been donated (plastic bottles of any kind, newspapers, anything with a do not recycle sign

on it) that do not qualify for this project.

Please pick one up at the Welcome Center Desk.

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
- \Rightarrow 8"X8" brick with 6 lines is \$150.

Order forms are in the Church office.

Contact: Ralph Wehnes ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net



SOTP Logowear



in some places, it asks about "players." The company we are using provides services to a lot of sports teams so that is why that word is there. Please skip any request to enter "player" info.

Shepherd of the Prairie has an online apparel store!

Our online store is available all the time moving forward so feel free to browse here as well:

www.bit.ly/SOTPlogowear While on the site, you may see that SHIPPING All purchases help SOTP provide our outreach t-shirts for events like parades and events in the community.

Contact: Matt Morrison matt@sotpmail.com

Food Drive May 5



Saturday, May 11: USPS stamp out hunger.

Put non-perishable donations by

your mailbox for free delivery to your local food bank.

Contact: Annette Petersen petersenannette12@gmail.com

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 10:15 am Adult Education with Pastor Roy

10:45 am Contemporary Worship 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**

9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool 9:15 am AL-ANON Meeting

10:00 am Grief Journey Meeting 6:30 pm (1st Tues), Scout Troop 200 Committee

6:30 pm (1st Tues), Boy Scouts Patrol Leader's Council

7:00 pm Transitions Journey Through 5:00 pm Worship Loss

7:00 pm Bells

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)

9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool

10:30 am Women's FBW

11:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Mark

5:00 pm Adventure Club

5:45 pm **Dinner Church** (Lent)

6:30 pm Confirmation

6:30 pm High School Youth

7:00 pm Adult Choir

THURSDAYS

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

9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool 9:00 am (2nd Thurs), Prayer

Shawl Ministry

10:00 am (2nd Thurs), Barnabas 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)

9:00 am Little Lambs Preschool

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

10:30 am FBW

SATURDAYS



Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 Desserts
Needed for Animal House Shelter
Employee Appreciation Lunch
www.bit.ly/SOTPdesserts24

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 Kids'
Academy-Watercolor Art, 5pm
ww.bit.ly/SOTPkidsA24

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Next Step Fellowship for ALL Seniors— Making Cards &/or Playing Cards, 10am www.bit.ly/ SOTPnext0424

FRIDAY, MAY 3 Feeding Local Homeless in Crystal Lake swww.bit.ly/SOTPfeed0524

SATURDAY, MAY 4
Barnabas Minister Training, 10am
www.bit.ly/
SOTPbarnabas0424

SUNDAY, MAY 5

New Member Gathering, 3pm www.bit.ly/SOTPNMG0524

SATURDAY, MAY 11
Gentle Exercise 11am
www.bit.ly/SOTPexer0524

SUNDAY, MAY 19 Last Day of Kids Connect

SUNDAY, MAY 19
Mental Health Awareness Sunday between services
www.bit.ly/SOTPmental24

SUNDAY, MAY 19 Estate Planning— Free Informational Meeting, 10:45AM & NOON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 Little Lambs End of Year Celebration, 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 26 First Day of AARRK Vegetable Stand at SOTP After Services

THURSDAY, MAY 30 Next Step Fellowship for ALL Seniors—Coffee "and" at Morkes, 10am www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0524

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Golf For Humanity, Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser www.bit.ly/HABITATgolf24

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Next Step Fellowship for All Seniors—Presentation on community, fellowship and purpose in the senior years, 10am www.bit.ly/SOTPnext0624

WEEKEND OF JULY 6 & 7 Kickoff to Christmas in July for World Hunger

JULY 8-12 Vacation Bible School, 9am Volunteer Registration: www.bit.ly/SOTPVBS24vol Participant Registration: www.bit.ly/SOTPVBSkids24

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 New Member Gathering, 3pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 Annual Church Picnic, Noon

Birthdays May

1-May Donna Cygan Rick Miller Russ Motyka Jessica Zeimen 2-May Noelle Schlachta Michelle Rankin Michael Burian 3-May Jan Koerner Elise Padget Steve Murphy 4-May Amy Stech John Dawson **Brian Buesing Nelly Munoz Brandon Young** 5-May John Thunholm John Baumstark Gloria Benkendorf 6-May Benjamin Beallis 7-May DeWayne Klein Lorraine Soosloff Alisa Lehmann 9-May Elaina Satalino Marlene Boehler Jacqui Panvino Samantha 10-May Schurhammer **Emily Bradstreet** Gavin Glosson **Brayden Dailey** 11-May Tyler DeBlieck

Kathy Kann

Olivia Dahlin

11-May Sasha Suski 12-May Sharon Little Brayden Patel Judith Sanford Laura Ramey Alison Womac 13-May Harriet Thompson 14-May Jill Dobek 15-May Grace Moretti Chris Solem Ashlvn Rankin 16-May Dottie Bobzin Dennis Lilla Michael Habrat Tim Reicher Simone Galati Evie Fetzer 17-May Jeff Ottens 18-May Ron Mudge Mark Fulcer Mike Allegretti 19-May Pamela Schuett 20-May Nathan Allison Betty Ferina 21-May Emily Ramirez Jacque Stashwick Carol Waxenberg Eric Stopka 22-May Carl Hupert 23-May Zachery Boster Elizabeth McCann

Jonathan Crase





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:

- AARRK Garden Ronda Shoemaker rondapatton313@gmail.com
- Adult Choir—Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
- Adventure Club—Jill Gillming jill@soapmail.com
- Annual Church Picnic Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com
- Assisting Minister (9am) Donna Kelly—donna@sotpmail.com
- Artist Series Jane McMullen jane@sotpmail.com
- A/V Team Matt Morrison matt@sotpmail.com
- Barnabas Ministry—Donna Kelly donna@sotpmail.com
- Bell Choir (Adult) —Jane McMullen, jane@sotpmail.com
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- Communion Assistants—Donna Kelly, donna@sotpmail.com
- Communion Set Up & Take Down— Judie Symbal, judie.symbal@att.net
- Community Outreach—Tara Mackey, rtmackey10@yahoo.com
- Counters—Ralph Wehnes, ralphwehnes@sbcglobal.net
- Crafting Gifts for Sr. Citizens & Homeless Blankets—Alice Hallett, agrndmom3@gmail.com

Get Involved

Ways to Serve

- Greeters—Elaine Gillam, suggillam@aol.com
- Habitat for Humanity Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com
- Kids Academy—Amy Stech amc_stech@yahoo.com
- Kids Connect—Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com
- Mission Team Sandy Hupert sandyhupert@gmail.com
- Newsletter Mailing Prep—Michelle Rankin, michelle@sotpmail.com
- Next Step Fellowship (Single Seniors Fellowship) – Dave Stangle, dstangle.ds@gmail.com or Phyllis Thomson, phyllisthomson@aol.com
- Prairie Crafters Lori Paeth
- Property Team—Mark Frendreis, SOTPproperty@gmail.com
- Prairie Quilters—Bev Kenny krkbjk@comcast.net
- Prayer Shawls—Jeanne Henley, cjhenley2003@yahoo.com
- Public Relations—Matt Morrison, matt@sotpmail.com
- Readers—Donna Kelly, donna@sotpmail.com
- Ushers—Ed Cuttle edschn28@comcast.net
- Vacation Bible School Jill Gillming jill@sotpmail.com
- Welcome Center—Tara Mackey, rtmackey10@yahoo.com
- Worship Band (Singing & Instrumental)—Jeff Moore, jeff@sotpmail.com

Involvement Schedule Mau 2024

		May 4 & 5	May 11 & 12	May 18 & 19	May 25 & 26				
Acolyte	SUN 9:00 AM	Zachary Serpe	Hailey Anderson	Andrew Padget					
SUN 10:4	SUN 10:45 AM	Zachary Serpe	Hailey Anderson	Andrew Padget					
Communion Assistant	SAT 5PM	Mary Hollbrook	Karen Eckert	Sandy Scalise	Karen Eckert				
Counters	MON	Donna	Donna Turner, Dottie Bobzin & Howard Larson						
Greeters Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Elaine Gillam suggillam @aol.com GUN 9:00 9:00 9:00 9:00 9:00 9:00 9:00 9:0		Ken & Linda Rotter	Eileen Gerald Terry Halpin	Dottie Bobzin Candace Beck	Laura Attaway Cyndi Monson				
		Carolyn & Bob Malm	Elaine Gillam	Carolyn & Bob Malm					
Ushers Interested in Serving Here? Contact: Ed Cuttle edschn28@ comcast.net	SAT 5:00 PM	Karen Eckert Lynn Meyer	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Peggy Lynn Loiselle	Joy Nesta Steve Murphy				
	SUN 9:00 AM	WALTER LEMKE Art Ryden Tim Bueschel Jeff Stangle Julian Stangle Kappel's [A]	JACK CONTI Cheryl Rotermund Jeff Ottens Vik Bekeris Carol Engstrom	NANCY WILSON Wayne Schmidt Arja Kasper Dan Wentzlof Mike Malczewski	RALPH WEHNES Jerry & Pat Darrow Stan Crissman George Attaway Ed & Carolyn Cuttle				
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Annika Yndestad	MARK FRENDREIS Sandy Stewart Jessica Panella	DOUG NAGEL Don Koerner Judy Petropulos	BOB MOLLIS Diane Mollis Krystal Smith				

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Treasurer's Report

SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND

		MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE		YTD ACTUAL
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	٧	S. YTD BUDGET
March 1, 2024 Beginning Balance		\$ 390,840.74			-			
Monthly Income		80,520.69	78,926.00	\$ 1,594.69	254,403.12	252,344.00	\$	2,059.12
Monthly Expenses		85,889.39	78,930.00	\$ 6,959.39	239,884.60	233,790.00	\$	6,094.60
Income vs. Expenditures		(5,368.70)	(4.00)		14,518.52	18,554.00		
March 31, 2024 Ending Balance	\perp	\$ 385,472.04						
Average Monthly Expenses (Budgeted)		\$ 80,500.00						
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance		4.79						

MORTGAGE SERVICE FUND

		MONTHLY	MONTHLY	MONTHLY ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE	YTD ACTUAL
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. MONTHLY BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VS. YTD BUDGET
March 1, 2024 Beginning Balance		\$ 51,535.28	5700 - 0700				
Monthly Income		21,666.12	18,807.00	\$ 2,859.12	67,686.66	56,421.00	\$ 11,265.66
Monthly Expenses		18,807.00	18,807.00	\$ -	54,394.40	56,421.00	\$ (2,026.60
Income vs. Expenditures		2,859.12	-		13,292.26	-	
March 31, 2024 Ending Balance		\$ 54,394.40			- 2		
Average Monthly Expenses	Т	\$ 18,807.00					
Approx. Months Covered by Fund Balance		2.89					





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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

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

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