



*Shepherd*  
OF THE PRAIRIE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Caring For All God's Children*

**Congregational  
Newsletter  
February 2020**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

***“We care for God’s children of all ages  
by growing disciples who make disciples.”***

**YOU ARE INVITED!!!**

**Feb 6th – Life Group Kick-Off**

We will all meet together to form our small Life Groups and each group will meet to decide when and where they will meet.



**Groups begin second week  
in February**

*with an 8-week commitment that will take us through Lent.*

*As SOTP grows in numbers and ministry, we need to find ways to enable all of our members to connect with each other in enjoyable and meaningful ways. To do this we are offering a congregation-wide opportunity for participation in some new small groups.*

**Register at <http://bit.ly/SOTPsmallgroups>**

*For more information contact Donna Kelly;  
[donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:donna@sotpmail.com), or through the church office.*

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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-2pm, Mon-Fri

## *A Note From Pastor Mark*

### **“Marked With the Cross of Christ”**

Friends, as believers, we believe in body piercing! It's not something I would ever do in reality, but spiritually this is most certainly true.

It is our faith in Jesus that brings us the Grace and Peace that Jesus earned for us on the cross. The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February, 26. I hope you will make a point to worship with us during these midweek services with our theme “Marked with the Cross of Christ.” These are the first words spoken following baptism.

Through our faith, we are pierced on that cross just as Jesus was. Through our faith, we die on that cross, just as Jesus died. We die to sin and are born again to new life, everlasting life. See the common theme here? It's faith!

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed!” Friends, do you believe in body piercing?

You see, we're no different than Thomas, the one who spoke these words long ago.

We are all doubting humans. Jesus went to the cross for you and for me and as He completed His work, He also made a profound statement from that cross: “it is finished.” In that moment, as Jesus died on the cross, Satan was defeated. But we still doubt.

Luther explains our doubting predicament like this: we are simultaneously both sinner and saint! It means we believers are simultaneously in a relationship of merciful justice with God through Christ Jesus, while at the same time, being human, prone to our sinful nature, prone to sin. As we often say in our Sunday confession, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

There is a wonderful new book out there by the famous Christian author Max Lucado entitled, *Resurrection Morning*. If you are looking for a book for a small group it would be a good one to read together. It's a fictional story about the Roman guard named Claudius who actually drove those nails into Jesus' hands. In this story Claudius comes to understand Who Jesus is and through the book, Lucado teaches how each one of us is in part responsible for Jesus' death on the cross and how each one of us really helped Claudius hammer those spikes through Jesus' hands and feet.

Please join us in our Lenten journey this year. Two services on Ash Wednesday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Soup suppers begin the following week at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 7:00 p.m.

We all are marked with the cross of Christ. We believe in “body piercing.”

We will remember and recognize God's purposes as we have been

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Pastor's  
Corner

## *A Note From Pastor Mark (Cont.)*

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marked with a blessing. Our Lenten journey will remind us that God's promises are fulfilled and sins are crossed out only at the cross of Jesus. We will wake to Easter morning (and I pray each day) remembering "it is finished" and now Jesus has risen from the dead. He has risen indeed! And because Jesus lives, God claims us as His own. I'll look forward to being with you in worship.

Peace, *Pastor Mark*

## *Adult Education*

**In February we'll continue our exploration of the Emmanuel Life--the God-with-Us**

**Life.** What does it mean for God to be with us in Prayer and Meditation, in Fasting, in Sacrifice and Simplicity, in Service? For the radical promise of God is that Jesus will be called "Emmanuel, with means God is with

us." And Jesus' own promise is the he will be with us "until the end of the age." These twin promises form the bookends of the Gospel of Matthew, so we're taking these promises to heart. Come join us as we do on **Sundays at 10:20 and on Wednesdays at 11:00.** The coffee's always on!



*Pastor Bill*

## *Ministry Musings*



"The path of Jesus is love. Be the road Jesus takes."

This saying has been on the sign in front of a sister church on Main Street in downtown Huntley for a few weeks now. I pass it everyday on my way to and from SOTP. The saying has really

stuck with my and has made me think...

This month we celebrate love. Usually when we think of Valentine's Day we picture romantic love; or maybe the love of our family or special

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## Ministry Musings (Cont.)

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friends. We give and hope to receive cards, candy, flowers or some other special gift.

1 Corinthians 13 says:

**“Love is patient,  
Love is kind  
It does not envy  
It does not boast  
It is not proud  
It does not dishonor others  
It is not self-seeking  
It is not easily angered  
It keeps no record of wrongs  
Love does not delight in evil  
But rejoices with the truth  
It always protects,  
Always trusts  
Always hopes  
Always perseveres  
Love never fails.”**



I remember as a child that a teacher told us that there were two exercises we could do with this passage. The first was to replace the word 'love' with the word God. So, it would begin, "God is patient, God is kind... And then to apply that to how God loves me. That's an overwhelming thought that this is how God loves me.

The second exercise was to substitute the word I in place of the word love so that it would now read, "I am patient, I am kind... That was very humbling. The point of this experiment was not to shame us or make us realize how unloving we really were, but to challenge us to become what we could be in Christ. To work with Jesus in becoming more loving as he is.

So, as we celebrate love this month, let us truly be "The road that Jesus takes... the path of love."

Happy Valentine's Day! *Donna Kelly*

## PROPERTY CONCERNS?



Our property team has a new way for the congregation to communicate directly with them. If you have any building related issues, problems or needs please contact our team at the e-mail below. Once received one of our team members will address your need and/or contact you.

Contact: Mark Frendreis & team  
[SOTPproperty@gmail.com](mailto:SOTPproperty@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HELPERS NEEDED!**



SOTP is happy to have Sunday School for our preschoolers - 5th graders **at both the 9am & 10:45 am services.**

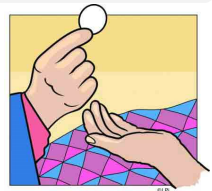
Kids will begin in the service with their families and then head off to Sunday School after the children's sermon.

**STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW TEACHERS TO  
TEACH ONCE A MONTH!**

Contact: Tessa DeLong [Tessa@sotpmail.com](mailto:Tessa@sotpmail.com)

## HOME COMMUNION

If you or someone you know would like to have Holy Communion brought to their home, we want you to know that we have trained Barnabas Ministers who have been called to serve you. They can also come to a care facility or hospital. All you need to do is let Donna Sorensen know.



Contact: Donna Sorensen [sorensensid@comcast.net](mailto:sorensensid@comcast.net)

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES—NEW DATES!

**Parents of 5th graders** mark your calendars for First Communion classes with Pastor Mark the Saturday mornings of:

Due to unforeseen circumstances we need to change our First Communion schedule from what was originally posted.



**Classes will be from 9:30 am - 11:00 am**

**on the following dates:**

- **Saturday, March 7**
- **Saturday, March 14**
- **Saturday, April 4**

First Communion will take place Palm Sunday weekend, the weekend of April 4 & 5, at the service of your choice.

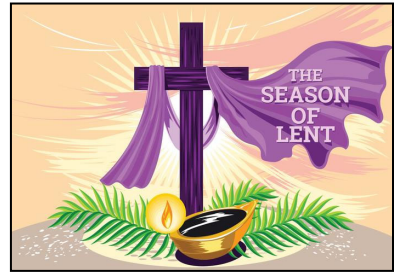
Thanks so much for your spiritual care of your children. We are thankful for your partnership in the Gospel!

Please register your child on-line at [www.bit.ly/SOTPCommunion](http://www.bit.ly/SOTPCommunion) or letting Michelle know.

Contact: Michelle Rankin, [Michelle@sotpamail.com](mailto:Michelle@sotpamail.com)

## LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- ⇒ **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
  - ⇒ *No Dinner*
  - ⇒ Service, 12:00 Noon
  - ⇒ Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**
  - ⇒ Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
  - ⇒ Lenten Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5**
  - ⇒ Traditional Service, 9:00 am
  - ⇒ Contemporary Service, 10:45 am
  - ⇒ Ecumenical Palm Sunday Concert, 3:00 pm
- ⇒ **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9**
  - ⇒ Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10**
  - ⇒ Children's Service, all are invited, 10:00 am
  - ⇒ Evening Service, 7:00 pm
- ⇒ **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11**
  - ⇒ Service, 5:00 pm
- ⇒ **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 12**
  - ⇒ Traditional Service, 9:00 am
  - ⇒ Contemporary Service, 11:00 am





## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

We start accepting registration for the 2020-2021 school year on **February 1st**. Our preschool has programs for children ages 2-4 (by September 1, 2020).

Children do not need to be potty trained.

Our class sizes are small (not more than 10-12 per class). 1, 2, 3 or 4 day classes are available to both members and non-members. For more information please contact our Preschool Director, Jill Gillming or go to our website and look under FORMS for CLASS REGISTRATION.



Contact: Jill Gillming [LittleLambs@sotpmail.com](mailto:LittleLambs@sotpmail.com)

## CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT

**Saturday, March 14, 2020** at Kishwaukee College, Malta IL



ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be the Keynote Speaker. In addition to workshops from the keynote speaker and NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements, other workshops feature topics including:

Administration/Council/Treasurers, Education, Evangelism/Outreach/Hospitality, Global/Inter-Faith, Leadership, Social Justice, Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness, Stewardship, and Youth/Young Adult/Family Ministry

*For more information or to register:*

Contact: Donna Kelly [Donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:Donna@sotpmail.com)

## GRIEF JOURNEY CONTINUES

If you have lost a loved one and would like to be part of a group that can provide support, comfort and ideas for journeying through this season of grief, we here at Shepherd of the Prairie would like to provide that kind of opportunity for you. There are no requirements, or need to commit to a specific length of time to attend, nor that you must attend every session; you don't even need to speak except to introduce yourself and tell us who you have lost. There is no charge for participation in this group. This group is for all who have lost a loved one whether it is a spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, friend or any other relational loss. We meet **every other Tuesday evening on February 11 and 25 from 6:30 to 8 pm.**



*If you have any questions or to sign up, let me know.  
Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com 847/669-9448*

## RESTORE (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY)



**The third Thursday monthly from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm** volunteers from SOTP are needed to help at Habitat for Humanity's Restore, Elgin

**NOT CONSTRUCTION WORK, HELPING OUT IN THE STORE ONLY.**

*Contact: Carl Hupert Carlhupert@gmail.com.*

## CRAFTERS CHAIRPERSON

Alice Hallett has retired as chairman of our Prairie Crafters as of 12/31/19. They are in need of a replacement for Crafters Chairperson. Will be happy to guide them as needed.

Alice doesn't want to see the SOTP Crafters stop after 17 years. SOTP needs this group..



*Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com*



## FOOD PANTRY

### Weekend of February 1 & 2

is Food Pantry Collection Weekend at SOTP before all services

#### NEEDS THIS WEEKEND:

*CEREAL \* COOKIES*

*CRACKERS*

*CANNED CARROTS \* READY TO EAT SOUP*

*AND CHECKS MADE OUT TO SOTP THAT STATE "FOOD PANTRY" IN THE MEMO WILL BE FORWARDED.*

*Contact: Alice Hallett agrndmom3@gmail.com*



## COME AND PRAY



Just a reminder, all participants in worship, assistants, communion stewards, readers, ushers, greeters, welcome center, musicians and all who would like to pray, are invited to meet in the library for prayer on Sundays prior to worship: 8:30 for 9:00 am worship and 10:30 for 10:45 worship. All are welcome.

*Contact: Pastor Mark Boster PastorMark@sotpmail.com*

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

### FEBRUARY REHEARSALS SCHEDULE:

#### ⇒ **Wednesdays**

- ⇒ Chimers ring & sing (K - 2nd grade) **4:30 - 5:00 pm** (Music/ Education Room)
- ⇒ Cherub Choir (toddlers - Kindergarten) **5:00 - 5:20 pm** (Big Sunday School Rm)
- ⇒ Jubilate Bells (3rd - 8th grade) **5:15 - 5:50 pm** (New Sanctuary)

*Contact: Jane McMullen Jane@sotpmail.com*



## PRAYER CHAIN



To directly distribute an e-mail to the prayer chain, please e-mail:

**sotp-prayer-chain@gaggle.email**

To start receiving distribution and pray with us, please send request to **admin@sotpmail.com**

## NEW MEMBER GATHERING

“Come and see!” John 2:46. If you have been worshipping with us for a while here at SOTP 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 offering the gathering on **Sunday, February 9 from 3:00-5:30 pm**. 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.

We will welcome new members on the following weekend, **February 15th & 16th**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kelly or Pastor Mark through the church office.

*Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com*



A purple rectangular graphic with white text. The word "NEW" is written vertically on the left side. To its right, the words "MEMBER" and "GATHERING" are stacked horizontally. Below this, a white horizontal bar contains the text "FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION". At the bottom, the date and time "Sunday, February 9, 3:00 – 5:30 pm" are listed, followed by the contact information "Contact: Donna Kelly Donna@sotpmail.com".

## SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men of SOTP, start your Third Saturday of the month off at SOTP! Join us **February 15th, 7am** Have some fun with the guys as we share biscuits and gravy for breakfast. **This is a new event** that we get to plan, execute and eat our way through good conversation. Come and be a part of the fun and food!!



*Contact: Jim Zei jzei1@comcast.net*

## BOOKS, MOVIES, GAMES, CELL PHONES...

Cleaning house? Donations of these items can be dropped off in the closet across from the new offices. They are turned in for cash which will go directly toward reducing the mortgage on our building.

*Contact: Michelle Rankin Michelle@sotpmail.com*

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Come drop your kids (ages 3-12) off while you get a night to yourself **February 21st from 5:30—8:30!**

We will have a movie, games, and crafts for all the kids while you go out and have your own fun! Dinner will be provided, but there are limited spots so sign up now! <http://bit.ly/parentsnightoutSOTP>

We are also looking for adult volunteers to come help us, so please sign up here if you are interested! <http://bit.ly/PNOvolunteers>

Along with that, we are asking for monetary donations for a pizza dinner for the kids. You can drop off the money at the church office Attn: Tessa.

Contact: Tessa DeLong [Tessa@sotpmail.com](mailto:Tessa@sotpmail.com)

## LOOKING FOR HOMES....

SOTP Artist Series will present the Wartburg Choir at their Artist Series event on **March 7, 2020**. The choir members will need a place to spend the night on Saturday night. Please consider offering your home to two choir collegiate college members for the night of March 7. The students will be divided in groups of two or four (if you can handle four). It would be for one night only. Please give it prayerful thought. If you think that you could help, please contact Jane McMullen and share your name that you are interested in helping host Wartburg College Choir.



More information about the event to come.

Contact: Jane McMullen [Jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:Jane@sotpmail.com)

## THE AGAPE RINGERS



On **Sunday, February 23, 2020** the SOTP Artist Series presents the Agape Ringers, Chicago's Premiere Handbell Ensemble at **4pm**. This group has been in existence since 1992. The program will include a wide variety of musical styles from Beethoven and Mozart to classics like "Fly Me to the Moon". This will be a great afternoon of music by a phenomenal group.

Contact: Jane McMullen [Jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:Jane@sotpmail.com)

## REFRESH YOUTH (GRADES 7—12)

In our culture, we often look for meaning and identity in many other sources. But only when we recognize Jesus as our life source can we experience complete, fulfilled joy.

We appreciate your prayer and support for our ministry. May God bless you.



- Sign up to bring lunch or a snack to Refresh **[www.bit.ly/RefreshSnacks](http://www.bit.ly/RefreshSnacks)**
- Sign up for Remind to stay connected to Refresh: **[www.bit.ly/RefreshText](http://www.bit.ly/RefreshText)** or text to the number 81010 using the message @mjuergensen and you will start getting the text messages as we send them.
- We have lots of fun exciting events planned for the next few months. **Please plan to join us at Refresh on Sundays from Noon - 1:30 pm ~ even if you have never attended before.**
- **Mission Trip for 8th—12th grade students** is scheduled for **June 6-14, 2020**. Planning has begun. We will be starting the fundraising and Trivia Night planning soon!

Contact: Bob McDuffee & team [youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:youth@sotpmail.com)

## LOSE SOMETHING?



Check out our overflowing Lost & Found located in a labeled "LOST & FOUND" bin in storage room #223 across the hall from the church office suite.

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

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, April 19, 5:00 pm: Trivia Night**

Contact: Youth Team [Youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:Youth@sotpmail.com)

**Sunday, May 31 (Both Services): High School Graduation Blanket Presentation**

Contact: Youth Team [Youth@sotpmail.com](mailto:Youth@sotpmail.com)

**July 13—16: Vacation Bible School**

Contact: Tessa DeLong [Tessa@sotpmail.com](mailto:Tessa@sotpmail.com)

Save  
the  
Date

## LOVE IN A GLOVE BOX & PADS

### ITEMS NEEDED----CAN YOU HELP?

Have you ever been approached by someone on the street in need of food, clothing or basic necessities ? During the winter season there is an urgent need to support the homeless in our community. SOTP will be providing "love in a glove box" bags on the missions table in the narthex beginning in January.

We can use any or all of the items listed below:

- ⇒ Chapstick
- ⇒ Hand sanitizers
- ⇒ Tissues
- ⇒ 6 oz. toothpaste
- ⇒ toothbrush
- ⇒ 1-2 oz. men's deodorant
- ⇒ Shaving Cream
- ⇒ Disposable Razors
- ⇒ 3 in 1 Shampoo Conditioner & body Soap
- ⇒ Clean heavy socks for men
- ⇒ Men's size gloves or mittens
- ⇒ Beef jerky / Nutrigrain bars
- ⇒ Gallon sized zip lock Bags
- ⇒ Granola or protein bars



They will be used for:

- ⇒ Luv N Gluv Box (*Bag for homeless to be kept in your car when the occasion might occur.*)
- ⇒ PADS
- ⇒ LSSI Partners in compassion Prison release Hygiene kits

PLACE ITEMS in Mission Box on Hallway table or Mission Box in closet across from the tables.

Contact: Becky Hennessey 847-961-6050.

## PADS

If anyone is interested in helping out **Thursday nights** at Willow Creek in Crystal Lake, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/SOTP2019PADS>

Volunteers needed for donating food and/or working shifts.

Contact: Vik Bekeris [vikb1706@gmail.com](mailto:vikb1706@gmail.com)

McHenry  
County



## STOCK DONATIONS & REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMD's)

Many of you are now donating stock and/or are having RMD money from your IRA's sent to the church in fulfillment of your Pledge.



**It is VERY IMPORTANT that when we receive these we know the DONOR'S NAME.**

Please ask your brokerage firm to include your name with the transaction. Also advise them of the distribution to General Fund and/or Mortgage Service.

Since the brokerage firms frequently DON'T include your information, an email to [susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanwehnes@sbcglobal.net) will assure that you receive credit for the donation. Simply advise Sue the amount of the Donation and the distribution (General Fund or Mortgage Service). In the case of a stock donation advise the number of shares and the stock name.

*Contact: Sue Wehnes 224/569-2808*

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Each year Alice Hallett, a member of Shepherd of the Prairie, crochets blankets for all graduating seniors. She likes to personalize them for each person with two colors of their choosing. In order to do this she would like to know what two colors they would like.



No matter what they choose to do after graduating Alice would like to celebrate them with a blanket. Many students choose the colors of the school they will be attending, military bound students might choose the colors of the branch they are entering, or patriotic colors, and some students may choose their two favorite colors.

**If you are a High School Senior or a parent of a High School Senior**, please contact Jessica Panella with what their next step is and what two colors they would like. Thanks!

*Contact: Jessica Panella [hawkeye886@comcast.net](mailto:hawkeye886@comcast.net)*

**If you aren't currently involved in a ministry at Shepherd of the Prairie** and would like some help finding your niche, please contact Donna Kelly through the church office or at [Donna@sotpmail.com](mailto:Donna@sotpmail.com)



## THE ARTIST SERIES PRESENTS...



The Wartburg College Castle Singers & the Kammerstreicher (chamber) orchestra will be at Shepherd of the Prairie on Saturday, March 7, at 7:00 pm.

The Castle Singers have been hailed as a model of

musicianship since their inception in 1950. Under the direction of Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, this chamber ensemble continues to prepare a wide variety of repertoire from Byrd to The Beatles and beyond. Comprised of advanced vocalists who are dedicated to exploring challenging choral literature, the Castle Singers enjoy performing both on and off campus throughout the academic year. They strive to prepare quality choral literature, both old and new, with flexibility, stamina and dramatic flare.

The Kammerstreicher is the Wartburg College chamber orchestra. Led by Dr. Jacob Tews, who also conducts the Wartburg Community Symphony Orchestra. The group is comprised of Wartburg students who pursue a variety of majors but have in common skills on violin, viola, cello, and bass. Repertoire for Kammerstreicher concerts is best described as "eclectic." Recent performances have featured Baroque and Classical works by Bach, Corelli, and Mozart, standard string orchestra pieces by Britten and Warlock, and arrangements of songs by the Beatles and Radiohead. The group even branches into the realm of improvisation, exploring jazz and bluegrass alongside contemporary classical improvisations and aleatoric music.

*Contact: Jane McMullen [Jane@sotpmail.com](mailto:Jane@sotpmail.com)*

## EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Do You Receive All Our email communications?

- ⇒ Daily Devotionals (Food for the soul)
- ⇒ Weekly Friday Flourish (Church info)
- ⇒ Monthly Newsletter (More detailed information)

*To start receiving any of these, please e-mail your request to:*

*[Admin@SOTPmail.com](mailto:Admin@SOTPmail.com)*



# FINANCIAL NEWS

## 2019 Year End Treasurer's Report

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you for the past three years as your Church Treasurer and Council Member. The Church Treasurer is responsible for general oversight of all SOTP finances including income, expenditures, signing checks, and reporting to Church Council on the overall financial condition of the church. It was also an honor to serve as the Administrator of the Fund Drive for the new Sanctuary.

Our Congregation was again faithful and generous in providing resources in 2019 for our Ministry and activities including the addition our new staff member the Director of Children & Family Ministry. The General Fund Balance was \$194,421 an increase of \$11,797 over the prior year.

Accounting Administrator Dave Shotick deserves the credit for his effort and exacting detail which made exceptional financial records possible over the past few years. He made my activity as Treasurer very straightforward and simple. Thank you Dave!

As of the end of the year our Fund Balances are as follows:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>2019 Amt.</u>	<u>2018 Amt.</u>	<u>Increase</u>
General Fund	\$194,421	\$182,624	\$ 11,797
Restricted Reserves	\$138,969	\$135,316	\$ 3,653
Temporary Restricted	\$162,763	\$148,792	\$ 13,971
Endowment	\$ 12,062	\$ 11,982	\$ 80
Mortgage Services	\$ 87,473	NEW	

### Operating Budget for 2020

The Finance Team prepared a very thorough and conservative 2020 Budget which the Council approved and is submitting for your review and approval. It does not include some desired expenditures to support our Ministry, however, it does stay within the expected member contributions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel L. Wentzloff, Church Treasurer

## DO YOU SHOP AMAZON?

Shop AmazonSmile, when you select SOTP as your nonprofit. Same Amazon you know & love, but Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchase to SOTP.



We have received **\$1,077.99** so far toward the new addition.

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

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Bud Hansen, President**   **Matt Greene, Vice President**  
**Cliff Dungey, Treasurer**   **Sarah Wolf, Secretary**  
**Marlene Boehler, Carla Elam, Mike Luecht,**  
**Ellen Nissen, Christa Serpe**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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Presiding Minister		Pastor Mark Boster				
Assisting Minister <b>SIGN UP AT</b> <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	9:00 AM		Wayne Schmidt			
	10:45 AM	Kathy Pizarro				
Bulletin & Newsletter Folders	FRI	Marian Mesenbrink	Annette Carlson Marilyn Wilhelm	Marian Mesenbrink Marilyn Wilhelm	Alice Hallett Marilyn Wilhelm	Elaine Neukirch Donna Turner
Coffee Hour Host	SUN	Deanne Byers	SIGN UP BY COFFEE BAR CONTACT: ANNETTE PETERSEN			
Coffee Hour Treats	SUN	SOTP Crafters				
Communion Assistants <b>SIGN UP AT</b> <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam">www.bit.ly/SOTPworshipsteam</a>	SAT	Dorothy Wills Bethany Bower	Dorothy Wills Bethany Bower	Sandy & Ralph Scalise	Sandy & Ralph Scalise	Tom Polzin Barb Hoppensteadt
	9:00 AM	Judie Sybmal Carol Waxenberg Jill Hoffman Donna Sorensen Ralph Wehnes Carol Bletz	Judie Sybmal Jill Hoffman Elaine Gillam	Audrey Schmidt Judie Sybmal	Judie Sybmal Jill Hoffman	
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Carol Bletz				
Communion Bread <b>CONTACT:</b> JUDIE SYMBAL	SAT	Diana Murphy				
	SUN	Nancy Ottinger	Jeanne Henley	Marilyn Schnell	Jill Brown	
Communion Set Up & Take Down <b>CONTACT:</b> JUDIE SYMBAL	5:00 SAT	Barb Hoppensteadt, Sue Mattiucci & Tom Polzin				
	9:00 AM	Judie Sybmal Adele Wogstad	Barb Davis Alice Miller	Judy Lindsey Sandy Schuessler	Jill Hoffman Marilyn Wilhelm	
	10:45 AM	Sandy Hupert Judy Petropulos	Marlene Boehler Sandy Petersen	Jan & Don Koerner	Pam & Darren Walloch	
Counters	MON	Warren Brody,	Marilyn Wilhelm,	Cheryl Adams,	Donna Turner	
Greeters <b>CONTACT:</b> ELAINE GILLAM	SAT		Steve & Linda Murphy			
	9:00 AM	Terry Halpin, Cheryl Adams, Elaine Gillam	Sue Wehnes, Sara Solem Terry Halpin	Ron & PJ Knudsen Terry Halpin	Dolly Cardascio Terry Halpin	
	10:45 AM	Bob & Carolyn Malm				
Nursery <b>CONTACT:</b> JEN POWE	9:00 AM	Jen Nagel	Jen Powe	Judie Sybmal	Jen Powe	
	10:45 AM	Jeni McCann	Jen Powe Judie Sybmal	Amy Ehmen	Jen Powe	

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Readers <b>SIGN UP AT</b> <a href="http://www.bit.ly/SOTPwors">www.bit.ly/SOTPwors</a> <b>hipteam</b>	9:00 AM	Dottie Bobzin Marilyn Sauerberg				
	10:45 AM	Carl Hupert				
Rejoice Worship Band <b>CONTACT:</b> <b>TYLER GREENE</b>	10:45 AM	VOCALS: Annette Boster, Bree & Jenn Huston, Dana Turk,	VOCALS: Chris Brittain, Jim Rhode, Kim Szekely, Pam Walloch DRUMS: Brian Buesing	VOCALS: Kylie Rankin, Melissa Bala GUITAR: Trevor Dowell	VOCALS: Alan Torkelson, Casey Rhode, Chris Brittain, Kim Szekely DRUMS: Brian Buesing GUITAR: Trevor Dowell	
Sound <b>CONTACT:</b> <b>MIKE YNDESTAD</b>	SAT 5:00 PM					
	9:00 AM	Mike Parmele				
	10:45 AM	Mike Yndestad	Mike Yndestad Tim Torkelson	Mike Yndestad	Mike Yndestad Tim Torkelson	
Ushers <b>HELP NEEDED</b> <b>Contact:</b> <b>Andrew Szekely</b> <b>Andrew.Sze kely@outloo k.com</b>	SAT 5:00 PM	Barb Hoppensteadt Ron Mudge	Jim & Diana Murphy	Carol Hartman Sue Mattiucci	Karen Eckert Steve Murphy	Arnie & Carol Didricksen
	SUN 9:00 AM	WAYNE SCHMIDT Walter Lemke Warren Brody Joanne Bychowsky Carol Engstrom	JACK CONTI Merlyn Thompson Harriet Thompson Dick Gerhart Frank Cesario	VIK BEKERIS Merlyn & Harriet Thompson Sandy Seibel Dave & Sharon Stangle Carol Engstrom	RALPH WEHNES Sue Wehnes Len Cardascio Dennis & Sally Houghton	
	SUN 10:45 AM	BOB MCDUFFEE Vik Bekeris Chuck Peterson Jacob Fiandalo Melissa Bala	MARK FRENDREIS Charlie Powe Vik Bekeris Sandi Stewart	JOHN BOEHLER Don Koerner Jessica Panella Ron Mudge Darren Walloch	ANDREW SZEKELY Jim & Marina Rhode Bob Mollis Vik Bekeris Casey Rhode	
Visuals <b>CONTACT:</b> <b>MIKE YNDESTAD</b>	9:00 AM	Josh Harding				
	10:45 AM	Luther Yndestad Renae Greene	Logan Nagel Ellie Torkelson	Jacob Fiandalo	Alan Torkelson	
Welcome Center <b>CONTACT:</b> <b>JOANNE BYCHOWSKY</b>	9:00 AM	Chuck & Bonnie Bayer	Cheryl Adams Eileen Gerald	Jan Suski Joyce Thompson	Diana Wagner Nina Richardson	
	10:45 AM	Marty Jacobsen Jan Curtiss	Sandy Werner Joanne Bychowsky	Elaine Neukirch Judy Petropolis	Steve & Carol Legel	
Worship Flowers <b>CONTACT:</b> <b>DIANE MOLLIS</b>		Lou & Darlene Soest, in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary	Barb Hoppensteadt, in memory of her son, Ron, on his birthday and the 8th anniversary of his passing	Bill & Sue Kamphausen & Dottie Bobzin, in memory of their sister, Caroline Spear		