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TRUST IN THE LORD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT
ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;
IN ALL YOUR WAYS
acknowledge him,
AND HE WILL MAKE
YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.
PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV

CS&S Church



GOOD TIDINGS

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Weekly Worship

Childcare available

Saturday

5:00PM

Sunday

9:00AM and 10:35AM

Sunday School

10:30AM

WOW Children's Ministry

Wednesdays at 5:00PM



A message from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Church's first centuries, baptisms were done only once a year. The day chosen for baptisms was the Easter Vigil, the worship service between Good Friday and Easter morning. If you think about it, that makes sense. In our baptisms, our old selves die with Jesus (Good Friday) so that our new selves can be raised with Jesus (Easter morning). In order to prepare for their entrance into God's family, there was a 40-day period of preparation before the baptism, what would later be known as Lent. If you count 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday, not including Sundays, the 40th day will land on Holy Saturday, the day of the Easter Vigil.

Lent is more than just a time of penitence; it is a time of preparation. It is a time to prepare our hearts so that we are able to grasp the life-changing beauty, majesty, and wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus. Grasping something implies that we first must open our hands, hearts, eyes, ears, and lives. This year, the theme for our mid-week Lenten services will be: *Open Our Lives, Lord*. As we prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection, join us as we seek to allow God to open our lives.

Thursday, March 5 – Open Our Eyes, Lord – Acts 26:4-18

How Paul's eyes were opened. Bring a favorite piece of artwork that shows transformation or a new vision.

Thursday, March 12 – Open Our Hands, Lord – Psalm 139:1-10

How is God open-handed with us? - Anointing of hands.

Thursday, March 19 – Open Our Ears, Lord – Matthew 13:10-17

How are our ears closed (or so full of noise that we can't hear what we need to hear)? – Needed: Silence.

Thursday, March 26 – Open Our Hearts, Lord – Psalm 51:1-17





What does a new heart look like? – Bring a canned good for the FISH Food Pantry.

Thursday, April 2 – Open Our Lives, Lord – Galatians 5:16 – 6:2

What do new lives look like? How has God opened your life?

Have a blessed Lent!
Pastor Jon

Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells	2 7pm—Dartball	3 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7pm—Worship Comm.	4 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	5 LENTEN SOUP/ SUPPER/SERVICE 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Executive Committee 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	6 9am—Dominoes 6pm—Carpenter G/Scouts	7 5pm—Worship
8 SPRING FOWARD  9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	9 7pm—Dartball	10 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7pm—Preschool Board 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts Community Room	11 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	12 LENTEN SOUP/ SUPPER/SERVICE 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	13 9am—Dominoes 6pm—Carroll G/Scouts	14 CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE EVENT IN MALTA 9am—Communication Committee 10am—Visitation Group 5pm—Worship
15 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 4:30pm—Mead G/Scouts 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	16 7pm—Dartball	17 GENERAL ELECTION No Preschool 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7pm—Deborah Circle 	18 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	19 LENTEN SOUP/ SUPPER/SERVICE 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 6pm—Small Group/Men 6pm—Executive Committee 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	20 9am—Dominoes 5pm—Soderstrom G/S	21 10am—Financial Wkshp 5pm—Worship
22 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	23 7pm—Dartball	24 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6pm—Ruth Circle 6:30pm—Council (Now 4th Tuesday)	25 9:30am—Small Group 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	26 LENTEN SOUP/ SUPPER/SERVICE 6pm—Small Group/Woman 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service 7pm—Zacharias B/Scouts	27 9am—Dominoes 6pm—Carroll G/Scouts	28 TOM REDIG'S ORDINATION 10am—Hollywood Theater Showing Mulan 2pm—T. Redig Ordination at SOTH 5pm—Worship
29 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 11:40am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	30 7pm—Dartball	31 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg				

March Volunteer Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister 9am Only	Communion Assistant 9am	Reader 9am Only	Audio Visual All Services	Counters
2/29 - 3/1 1st Sunday Lent	Dave Helfert	Gary Haut Dan Gaddis	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Bryan Rauworth Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Christine Toso
3/7 - 3/8 2nd Sunday Lent	Gary Wintersteen	Tina Baker Nancy Baumgart	D. Rothlisberger	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski	Cheryl Zacharias Don Lawler
3/14 - 3/15 3rd Sunday Lent	Nancy Monken	Dan Gaddis Harold Sager	Kirsten Mack	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski	John Yudt Ed Grabenhofer
3/21 - 3/22 4th Sunday Lent	Jeri Rigoni	Mike Bjerum Gary Haut	Carol Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Christine Toso
3/28 - 3/29 5th Sunday Lent	Linda Bunting	Bill Bunting D. Rothlisberger	Kirstin Mack	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Sharon Grabenhofer Don Lawler

Council Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, February 18, 2020

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Present: Pastor Jon Pedersen, Steve Kirk, Amber Nickel, Nancy Baumgart, Dan Rogan, Cheryl Zacharias, Rick McManis, Diana Vargo, Fern Kinder (left at 7:00pm), Ken Bobek

Absent: Kevin Helfert

Special Order of Business / Guests: NONE

The Council shared personal “highs/lows” and prayed for one another then opened with the Lord’s Prayer.

Minutes of the January 21st Council meeting were approved via email by Council members.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Baumgart shared the monthly financial report for January 2020, including income and expenses, along with annual income and expenses (total). The building projects are underway. The loan paperwork has been signed and submitted and disbursement should be in beginning of March.

Pastor’s Report (Highlights): Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

- Feb. 2nd: drawing for which jersey Pastor will wear on opening day and the winner is St. Louis Cardinals, \$371 raised
- Feb. 4th: Summer Youth Ministry position presented to Exec. Committee for approval and was approved to move forward with it.
- Feb. 8th to 16th: Nicaragua Delegation was a success! Eight people participated and Eight people returned. Testimonies will be given next weekend.
- Feb. 26th: Ash Wednesday and Fundraiser for Youth (pasta supper).
- March 14th: Congregational Resourcing Event at Kishwaukee C.C., presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be keynote speaker.
- March 28th: 2:00pm will be Ordination Service for Tom Redig at SOTH.
- June 14th to 19th: Confirmation Camp @ L.O.M.C.
- July 13th to 17th: V.B.S.
- July 19th to 25th: High School Ministry Trip to Elkview, W.V.

President’s Report: President Kirk’s mailbox is empty (no items to share).

Vicar Sue’s Report: Vicar Sue shared her monthly report prior to the meeting. The following was highlighted:

Over the past month at SOTH:

- Facilitating services (and preaching for one of them) on the two weekends that our delegation was in Nicaragua.
- Worked with Dawn to transfer responsibility of scheduling and communication the worship assistants’ schedule.
- Helped to coordinate / communicate information and meetings to discuss summer youth programs (i.e. Confirmation Camp, High School Mission trip, F5).
- Visited homebound or hospitalized members.
- Began working with Dawn Virva, Karen Pedigo and Kris Glowczynski on VBS planning.
- Began volunteer tutoring at Milne Grove.
- Continued to work on the SOTH song bank to streamline the number of redundant songs.
- Planned the Video Bible Study “The New Testament You Never Knew.”
- Was accepted into the C.P.E. (certified pastoral education) program at Good Samaritan Hospital for this coming summer. The full-time program runs June 8 – August 21, 2020.

Upcoming in the next month:

- Continue to assist with planning for VBS. A collaborative workshop with local churches using the same VBS program occurs in March. SOTH VBS leaders are planning to attend.
- Video bible study will begin February 23rd and runs for 8 sessions. 10 people have signed up thus far.
- Continue to assist with summer programming, as needed.
- Working with confirmation leaders and children to plan and execute the Ash Wednesday Pasta dinner. We received a Thrivent Action Team grant for seed money. Free will offering for youth summer programs will be available.

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Council Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, February 18, 2020 (continued)

Will begin working with confirmation leaders to plan the Easter breakfast. Free will offering for youth summer programs will also be available.

Assist Ellen in planning Lenten soup suppers and with determining what other fund-raising opportunities might be pursued for the choir's trip in June.

Council discussion of Ministry teams:

Communications (Dan): meeting on Saturday, February 15th to discuss the signage proposals to include new location and wiring, no recommendations to council.

Community Builders aka Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring (Rick/Amber):

February 29th: Leap Year "Minute to Win It" Family Fun Night, including before service supper

March 28th: Movie Fundraiser at Hollywood Blvd and movie showing will be Mulan at 10:30am

April 11th: Easter Event

May 2nd: 2nd Annual 5K "May the Force Be with You" Fun Run after 2nd service

May 31st: Pentecost BBQ

Stewardship (Pastor): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Learning & Youth (Rick/Amber): looking for volunteers for VBS, no recommendations to council.

Preschool (Cheryl): no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Property (Kevin): due to Kevin's absence, no updates to report / no recommendations to council.

Worship (Pastor): [no updates to report, no recommendations to council.](#)

Building Security (Amber): met on Thursday, January 23rd at 4:30pm and the following was shared, no recommendations to council:

Need to complete a Site Security Assessment with Detective Neyhart and Bryan Rauworth, along with Kevin Helfert. Tentatively, looking at Wednesday, February 26th or Thursday, February 27th at 2pm to complete a walk-through of facilities.

Looking into an intruder training called CRASS (Run, Fight, Hide) for all Building Safety Team Members. A Saturday morning date is TBD.

Need more ushers and will recruit to train and look into walkie talkies with earpieces.

Looking into training for CPR & First Aid through Lockport Fire Department / Mental Health First Aid through Troy Seiwert.

Discussed plan to transition from outdoor key usage to a keycard pad with cards. An estimate was sent to Dawn and Amber but will start looking into ADT for change of security system as a bundled package.

Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

Finance/Audit (Nancy) – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Memorial Gifts (Fern) – reviewed Memorial Gifts purpose and projects, end of year report shared, and no action required, no recommendations to council.

Personnel (Ken) – no updates to report, no recommendations to council.

Nomination (Nell Pieper, Dan Gaddis, Tom Gustafson) – Process will begin in August 2020, no recommendations to council.

Endowment (Diana) – next meeting is on Thursday, February 20th, no recommendations to council.

Old Business:

Youth Ministry plans to move forward: see Pastor's Report

New Business:

Changing Council meeting to the 4th Tuesday of month for two-year term, motion made by Cheryl Zacarias and Ken Bobek (2nd)

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 7:55pm

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm

Amber Nickel / Secretary



Preschool Updates



HAPPY SPRING! The students are very excited for the coming of spring and can't wait to spend their large motor time outside. Preschool will be closed on March 3rd for Casimir Pulaski Day and on March 17th for Election Day. It's time to take a trip! The students in the four year old program will be traveling to Joliet Junior College to see "The Wizard of OZ" on Tuesday, March 10th. To celebrate spring, Ms. Jane from the Lockport library will join us to read stories about rainbows, flowers and pots of gold. The leprechaun will visit this month and we never know what kind of mischief he is going to get into this year. At the end of the month, the children will enjoy Spring Break from March 30th until April 4th.

Please join us for a Family Bowling Fundraiser to raise money for an interactive white board and outdoor equipment. The bowling party will be held on Sunday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. at Strike and Spare II in Lockport. The cost is \$16 per person and includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. Please contact the preschool office at 815-838-0708 to register for the event.

Registration is open for the 2020-2021 school year. There are openings in both the three and four year old programs. If you or a family you may know are interested, please contact the preschool office or send us an email at preschool@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Shepherd of the Hill Preschool Staff

MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

1-Mar	Thomas Calderaro	12-Mar	Carol Liston	22-Mar	Mary Ann Anderson
2-Mar	Tawnya Novander	13-Mar	Ian Mead	23-Mar	Sharon Marolda
	Gunnar Waldvogel		Adelyn Fuss		Nolan Fuss
3-Mar	Marion Skelton	14-Mar	Chris Kedaitis	25-Mar	Georgia Alberico
	Kathleen Likins		Katherine Tarrant	26-Mar	Brandon Jones
	Lauren Drish	15-Mar	Patty Redig	27-Mar	Abigail Lewis
5-Mar	Brandon Marolda	16-Mar	Elliott White	28-Mar	Samantha Calderaro
	Erik Pintoy	17-Mar	Norma Burkhardt	29-Mar	Heather Seacock
7-Mar	Susan Krause		Donna Helfert	30-Mar	Gary Flink
8-Mar	Carol West		Ronald Ripke		Nell Pieper
	Francesca Martino	18-Mar	Tori Anians		Lora Hajek
9-Mar	Nancy Naylor	19-Mar	Esther Williams	31-Mar	Douglas Meurer
	Kaleena Mormann	20-Mar	Judy D'Amico		Stephanie Canales
10-Mar	Austin Johnson	22-Mar	Ginger Kelm		Miranda Andrews
	Max Pappageorge				

Anniversaries

March 1	April and Mike Cole
March 4	Bob and Dale Duplessis
March 17	Sue and Ken Lewis
March 23	Alice Pritchett and Edward Marsh
March 27	Gregg and Lisa Bickus
March 29	Joy and Raymond Kure



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Mission

"To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

Vision

"Transforming Lives, Families And Our
Community Through Jesus Christ"

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Church Council

Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM
See meeting notes on page 3-4

Executive Committee Members

Steve Kirk	President
Rick McManis	Vice President
Amber Gayhart	Secretary
Nancy Baumgart	Treasurer

Council Members

Ken Bobak
Kevin Helfert
Fern Kinder
Dan Rogan
Diana Varga-Lewandowski
Cheryl Zacharias

January 2020 Financial Report

Income		Jan	Expenses	
General	\$	25,936.75	Salaries & Taxes SOTH	\$ 17,409.28
Loose Offering	\$	647.00	Salaries & Taxes Preschool	\$ 4,824.60
Special Envelopes	\$	50.00	Staff Appreciation	\$ -
Income	\$	26,633.75	Portico / Benefits	\$ 3,316.11
Preschool etc. Utilities	\$	350.00	Mortgage	\$ 2,571.00
Preschool Salaries IN	\$	4,901.84	Electronic Giving Fees	\$ 21.59
Fish Pantry	\$	200.00	Child Care / Hospitality	\$ 734.10
Special Property Projects	\$	707.50	Fish Pantry	\$ -
2019 Bldg Projects	\$	417.50	Building & Grounds	\$ 1,495.31
Endowment & Memorial	\$	-	2019 Bldg Projects	\$ 2,900.00
Flowers	\$	387.50	Maintenance	\$ 693.37
Parking Lot	\$	-	Utilities	\$ 2,552.02
Total Special Gifts	\$	6,964.34	NI Synod ELCA	\$ 5,400.82
Total Income	\$	33,598.09	Office Expenses	\$ 467.28
			Worship & Music	\$ 615.35
			Youth & Adult Education	\$ -
			Endowment & Memorial	\$ -
			Advertising / Audio	\$ 39.00
			Community Outreach	\$ -
			Total Expenses	\$ 43,039.83
			Net Income	\$ (9,441.74)

How to Contact Good Tidings

Good Tidings is the responsibility of Communications Ministry and assembled by team members, volunteers and Church Staff. We depend on input from the other ministries, staff, and members of the congregation. For questions, comments or concerns please contact Kris Glowczynski at kglow72@gmail.com