

*What good is the  
warmth of summer,  
without the cold  
of winter to give it  
sweetness.*

*-John Steinbeck*

## GOOD TIDINGS

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### A message from our Pastor

*Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, . . . (Hebrews 1:1-2)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the things that we have seen change greatly over the past few years has been the way we communicate with each other. For decades, the church newsletter was the primary means by which we shared information about upcoming events, communicated Church Council minutes, and reminded each other of up-coming birthdays and anniversaries. The church newsletter was also the place where the pastor would share their musings with the congregation. In the past six years the SOTH church office has added many other means of communication with the congregation, primarily through email, bulletin flyers, website, and Facebook. Even our newsletters are distributed differently than before. We no longer send them to people's homes via the U.S. Postal Service. For those with computers, we post them on our website and send them out as email attachments. For those without email, we print hard copies and distribute them before and after worship services. These changes have proven to save the congregation both money and man-hours.

As you notice with this month's edition of the *Good Tidings* newsletter, the format has changed a little. Recognizing the changing of times, we have simplified and shortened it. It still contains the information that many seek: a calendar, birthdays/anniversaries, Council minutes, Preschool news, and the monthly financial report. Gone are the extra activities and games as well as half of the space that has been traditionally reserved for the musings of the pastor. The Communications Ministry Team and the office staff believe that over the long haul, this will be a more efficient way of communicating without sacrificing the transparency that all have come to expect. We hope you understand and will enjoy our simpler newsletter format.

God's Peace, Strength, and Joy,

Pastor Jon

P.S. Keep the Nicaragua delegation in prayer as we leave February 8<sup>th</sup> and return February 16<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to tell you about it!!

**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

# Monthly Calendar

## February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Supper Prior to Worship 5pm—Worship Bunco Fun Family Night
<b>2</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	<b>3</b> 7pm—Dartball	<b>4</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7pm—Worship Commit.	<b>5</b> 9:30am—Small Group 5:30pm—Supper w/WOW: Children's Ministry 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7pm—Small Grp/Women 7pm—Zacharias Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 9am—Dominoes 6pm—Carroll G/S 6:30pm—Food for Poor by Dan and Price Rogan	<b>8</b> 7:30am—Girl Scout Cookie Delivery 10am—Visitation Group 5pm—Worship
<b>9</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	<b>10</b> 7pm—Dartball	<b>11</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7pm—Preschool Board	<b>12 Four Year-Old Special Person Day</b> 9:30am—Small Group 5:30pm—Supper w/WOW: Children's Ministry 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Conf/Mtgs. 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 4pm—Soderstrom G/S 6pm—Executive Committee 7pm—Zacharias Boy Scouts	<b>14 Three Year- Old Special Person Day</b> 9am—Dominoes 	<b>15</b> 5pm—Worship
<b>16</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberation 4:30p—Mead G/S 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	<b>17</b> 7pm—Dartball	<b>18</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:30pm—Church Council 7pm—Deborah Circle	<b>19</b> 9:30am—Small Group 5:30pm—Supper w/WOW: Children's Ministry 6pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7pm—Small Grp/Men 7pm—Zacharias Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 9am—Dominoes	<b>22</b> 5pm—Worship
<b>23</b> 9am—Worship 10:30am—Sunday School Vicar Sue's Bible Study 10:35am—Worship 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	<b>24</b> 7pm—Dartball	<b>25</b> 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7pm—Ruth Circle	<b>26 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30am—NO Small Group 11am—Ash Wed Worship 5:30pm—NO Supper w/WOW: Children's Ministry 6pm—Ash Wed Pasta Supper 6pm—NO Shepherd Ringers 6:30pm—NO 6/7/8 Confirmation 6:30/7:30 pm—AA 7pm—Ash Wed Worship 7:10pm—NO Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 7pm—Zacharias Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 9am—Dominoes	<b>29</b> Supper Prior to Worship 5pm—Worship Family Fun Night

## Volunteer Schedule



Date	Assisting Minister 9am Only	Communion Assistant 9am	Reader 9am Only	Audio Visual All Services	Counters
2/1 - 2/2	Susan Mead	Gary Haut Dave Helfert	Nancy Monken	Sat. 5pm Bryan Rauworth Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski	Chris Toso Cheryl Zacharias
2/8 - 2/9	Jeri Rigoni	Jan Rauworth D. Rothlisberger	Kirstin Mack	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	John Yudt Sally Unmisig
2/15 - 2/16	Harold Sager	Jeri Rigoni Lynn Reed	Dave Helfert	Sat. 5pm Paul Toso Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski	Ed Grabenhofer Don Lawler
2/22 - 2/23	Dave Helfert	Susan Mead Jan Rauworth	Gary Flink	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Bryan Rauworth	Cheryl Zacharias John Yudt
2/29 - 3/1 1st Sunday Lent	Nancy Baumgart	Gary Haut Dan Gaddis	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Bryan Rauworth Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Sally Unmisig Christine Toso

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## Council Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, January 21st

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

**Present:** Pastor Jon Pedersen, Steve Kirk, Amber Nickel, Tom Gustafson, Nancy Baumgart, Dan Rogan, Cheryl Zacharias, Kevin Helfert, Rick McManis, Nell Pieper

**Absent:** Ken Bobek

### **Special Order of Business / Guests:**

Diana Lewandowski, current SOTH member and possible Church Council elect: attending to observe Church Council routines and meeting process.

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

Minutes of the December 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were approved via email by Council members.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Baumgart shared the monthly financial report for December 2019, including income and expenses, along with annual income and expenses (total).

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

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Meeting of Youth Stakeholders, RE: Summer Programming

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> through February 16<sup>th</sup> – Nicaragua Delegation

June 6<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup> – College Ministry Trip: organized through St. John’s Church in Joliet and trip is to Washington, D.C.

June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Camp at LOMC, this year will include students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2020-2021 school year.

July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June or July???? – High School Ministry Trip (awaiting common dates from about five participants)

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

**Vicar Sue’s Report:** Vicar Sue did not have a report to share as she is preparing the end-of-year report

### **Council discussion of Ministry teams:**

**Communications (Dan):** meeting held last Saturday at 9:30am, no recommendations to council.

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

February 1<sup>st</sup>: Family Bunco Fun Night, including before service supper

February 29<sup>th</sup>: Leap Year Minute to Win It Family Fun Night, including before service supper

March 21<sup>st</sup>: Movie Fundraiser at Hollywood Blvd, looking into movie options and advertise with scout groups

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Easter Event

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K “May the Force Be With You” Fun Run

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Pentecost BBQ

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## Council Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, January 21st (continued)

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

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

**Preschool (Nell):** no updates to report, no recommendations to council. \*Nell Piper will be stepping down from this Ministry team. \*

**Property (Kevin):** still looking into bids for plumbing / have received two bids for water softeners also / no recommendations to council.

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

**Building Security (Amber):** committee meeting with Detective Chris Neyhart from the Lockport Police Department on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm, no recommendations to council.

### Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

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

**Memorial Gifts (Cheryl)** – 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 due to Ken Bobek's absence, no recommendations to council.

**Nomination (Phil Sleezer)** – Process will begin in August 2020, no recommendations to council.

**Endowment (Tom)** – no meeting and next meeting is in February, no recommendations to council. \*Tom Gustafson will be stepping down from this Congregational Ministry team. \*

### Old Business:

- a. Youth Ministry plans to move forward: looking into position description for a part time summer youth intern to facilitate F5 Wednesday programs and church service, along with VBS.
- b. Process for seeking nominees for church positions: developing volunteer coordination with Vicar Sue, utilizing former Council members to encourage nominations

### New Business:

- a. Approved 2020 elected officials' ballot: Motion to approve the ballot as amended, made by Cheryl Zacharias and Kevin Helfert (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Council agreed to adjourn meeting at 7:50pm

Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Amber Nickel / Secretary





## Preschool Updates



In February, the students will be celebrating Valentine's Day by inviting someone special to school to sing songs, work on a craft project, eat pizza and enjoy a day filled with fun. Throughout the month, the students will be looking behind couches and under floor mats to find pennies to donate to the TLC animal shelter. The money raised will provide food and supplies for the animals. The students in the three year old program are waiting for enough fluffy snow to have a sledding party. That would be lots of fun!

Registration is now open for the 2020/2021 school year. We have a well rounded program when children will develop academically, socially and learn sound Christian values and concepts through prayer and Bible stories. Please contact the office at 815-838-0708 for a registration packet or more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Shepherd of the Hill Preschool Staff

## FEBRUARY

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

1-Feb Dorothy Gray	9-Feb Mindaugas Mazeika	17-Feb Benjamin Likins
2-Feb Kevin Crosse,	Elizabeth Mormann	John Ter Horst
Eleanor Rzeminski	11-Feb Mary Brauer	18-Feb Bryan Rauworth
Michael Soderstrom	Anthony Leno	19-Feb Kristan Mellas
3-Feb Elise Grazulis,	12-Feb Robin Grabenhofer	21-Feb Dwight Martino
Melissa Helfert,	Alicia Schidzikowski	Natalia Tirado
Stephanie Jones,	13-Feb Lisa Bickus	23-Feb Carol Cholipski
Elise Kinder (Grazulis)	Jean Cavanaugh	24-Feb Chip Lake
Becky Phillips	Ron Petrinis	26-Feb Megan Selle
5-Feb Lisa Krueger	14-Feb Jason Phillips	27-Feb Jacob Habas
7-Feb Karen Pintoy	15-Feb Joan Butler	Andrew Heintzelman
	16-Feb Lindsay Tarrant	Christina Lewandowski

### Anniversaries

February 8th	Joe and Kathy Rodak
February 13th	John and Lois Teerling
February 18th	Janet and Thomas O'Grady



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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

## December Financial Report

Income		Annual	Dec 2019	Expenses			
General	\$	428,617.50	\$ 51,916.72	Salaries & Taxes SOTH	\$	214,051.20	\$ 17,707.25
Loose Offering	\$	11,921.12	\$ 935.00	Salaries & Taxes Preschool	\$	61,191.08	\$ 4,919.64
Simple Give Contribution	\$	-	\$ -	Portico / Benefits	\$	38,720.14	\$ 3,434.42
Simple Give Expense	\$	(311.45)	\$ (21.61)	Mortgage	\$	30,852.00	\$ 2,571.00
Vanco Contribution	\$	-	\$ -	Child Care / Hospitality	\$	3,516.88	\$ 515.93
Vanco Expense	\$	-	\$ -	Fish Pantry	\$	1,325.00	\$ -
Special Envelopes	\$	3,513.00	\$ 1,178.00	Building & Grounds	\$	52,084.42	\$ 3,695.51
Income	\$	443,740.17	\$ 54,008.11	2019 Bldg Projects	\$	32,865.39	\$ 19,392.29
Preschool etc. Utilities	\$	11,312.00	\$ 1,030.75	Maintenance	\$	11,137.90	\$ 1,240.61
Preschool Salaries IN	\$	61,143.41	\$ 4,824.61	Utilities	\$	29,930.87	\$ 2,227.44
Fish Pantry	\$	2,625.00	\$ 400.00	NI Synod ELCA	\$	42,469.35	\$ 3,641.40
Special Property Projects	\$	8,139.19	\$ 444.63	Office Expenses	\$	4,797.41	\$ 1,040.86
2019 Bldg Projects	\$	2,657.50	\$ 200.00	Worship & Music	\$	10,541.35	\$ 1,434.08
Endowment & Memorial	\$	11,494.93	\$ 1,025.05	Youth & Adult Education	\$	2,368.95	\$ -
Flowers	\$	3,155.00	\$ 535.00	Endowment & Memorial	\$	6,655.00	\$ 350.00
Parking Lot	\$	-	\$ -	Advertising / Audio	\$	919.00	\$ 39.00
Pastor Appreciation	\$	-	\$ -	Community Outreach	\$	2,601.39	\$ -
Total Special Gifts	\$	100,527.03	\$ 8,460.04	Total Expenses	\$	546,027.33	\$ 62,209.43
Total Income	\$	544,267.20	\$ 62,468.15	Net Income	\$	(1,760.13)	\$ 258.72

## 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](mailto:kglow72@gmail.com)