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### Community Profile Report

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See expectations for case increases or decreases for your state and across the US

**Publisher's note:** If you have information, prayer request, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Veronica's email [sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com) or Dawn's email [sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com)  
Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

### Youth Shoe's With Fundraiser

SOTC Youth is collecting new/gently used footwear till December 5, 2021  
Any SIZE, Any GENDER, and Any SEASON! Please bring to church and put in

**Youth and Woman's League Fall Garage Sale** was a Huge success!!! We want to send everyone that helped a big THANK YOU! The helpers were the ones that donated their time: making and serving food, giving donations, sorting and helping to keep the donations on the correct tables. Again THANK YOU!

### **The ESL group members**

**Tuesday, November 16th** was the last day this year. We will continue their dedicated time for Bible study after the arrival of the new year. Thank you

### Help Wanted!

Shadow of the Cross is looking for PRAYER WARRIORS...mornings and evenings open! NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!!! ONLY A LOVE FOR JESUS, and a desire to follow His footsteps and pray with and for others. IF YOU HAVE A FEW EXTRA MINUTES, please consider joining the team....CALL: **Mary Rooker or Nancy Faith.**  
"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints," - Ephesians 6:18 ESV "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." - Philippians 4:6 ESV

the designated bin near the office or we are happy to arrange pick-ups!

**THANK YOU ALL** for your support, SOTC Youth has collected 1450 items 11/18/21.

We have a long way to go to reach goal of 2,500 pair to earn \$1,000 towards National Youth Gathering, but with your support anything is possible.

Our Youth will need to raise over \$14,000 to cover costs of those currently interested in going to the National Youth Gathering next summer, so we are grateful for all your support!!!

**Regarding the Pledge.....** You can make your pledge in as many payments as you like but please have them paid by the end of this year. The weather is going to start getting bad and we would like to have the work done. Thank you for your pledges!!

**Roof Repair/AC Pledge Drive November 22,2021 Report THANK YOU!!**

1. Total amount of pledges: \$20,145.00 of our \$50,000.00 goal.
2. Actual Funds Received (as of 11/22/21) \$23,500.00

**PLEDGE COMMITMENTS – Roof/AC**

Jeanette Adams  
George and Kay Barnes  
Reanelle Beaty  
Carole Boulware  
John Burhop  
Craig Clark  
Brenda Clavon  
Ava Davis  
Pastor and Margo Dupre  
Annie Edwards  
Doug Eiben  
Shirley Eiben  
Herb and Nancy Engling  
Timothy and Clare Engling  
Merlin Fields  
Nancy Faith  
Mary Gardner  
Veronica Green  
Barbara Hatcher

Max Heise  
Herschel and Angie Hembree  
Joyce Hilpert  
Robb Howell  
Alice Iaconelli  
Bob and Mary Jo Keller  
James and Dawn Kivimaki  
Russ and Lindsay Lapworth  
Ann Little  
Gloria Marchand  
Sharon Martin  
Dorothy McClure  
Roddy McClure  
Keith McKee  
Patricia Melton  
Lauren Mosley  
Ruth Palmer  
Lynette Robinson  
John Rousseau

Mary Rooker  
Steve and Heather Rooker  
John Rousseau  
Lola Sample  
Diane Smith  
Felicia Smith  
Ronald and Carol Smolka  
Joe and Sandy Soukup  
Norma Speier  
Dorothy Tankard  
I. Thompson  
Ellis Threadcraft  
Daniel and Connie Strausberg  
Katherine Wemyss  
William & Robin Ward  
Chester & Linda Wilcoxson  
Charleen Woodfield

This list will be updated as pledges come in. Thank you!

## **How Shadow of the Cross Became a "Virtual" Reality**

By Robin J. Ward

Since Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Shadow of the Cross has had an online worship presence, and as of Sunday, November 28, 2021, we are at 93 segments and counting.

Our virtual ministry started with a 10:59-minute smart phone video of Pastor Brian Dupre delivering a midweek Lenten message, a prayer and a blessing from his home, after Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a statewide stay-at-home order for all non-essential workers on March 23, 2020.

It started with his words of encouragement: "We don't have to be in the same place at the same time, because the church is not a building. The church is the congregation. And I encourage every one of us to reach out, to check up on, to send kind words, and to pray for our brothers and sisters. And I promise you I will do the same for you." It began by the Grace of God.

By June 14, 2020, we had progressed to live-streaming a full worship service from the sanctuary. Aaron Clark volunteered his time and his personal equipment every week to allow online access to the service through his YouTube account. Shortly after, SOTC obtained its own YouTube channel ([link](#)). All our videos combined have received around 4,700 views (a "view" is when a user intentionally initiates the watching of a video for at least 30 seconds).

At Pastor Dupre's request, in the spring of 2021, we applied for the "Esther 4:14 National Grant Program" offered by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Office of National Mission. The stated purpose of this grant was "to encourage congregations to purchase equipment to meet the challenges of the day." The last part of Esther 4:14 reads, "yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" As we all know, this "time" was the start of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Our grant application to obtain a high-definition camcorder was accepted and in June we received \$1,150 to use toward the purchase of a camera to improve our live-stream capabilities. In addition, we purchased a mixer board to help with the sound (the acoustics in the sanctuary aren't so good for live-streaming) and a laptop to get the video onto the internet.



There have been some bumps along the way. But we are working on improvements to the sound and video quality. We are also working on increasing our internet capacity to produce a smoother picture with less interruption.

Even though SOTC returned to in-person worship services in the summer of 2020, maintaining our "virtual" presence online continues. Why is live-streaming important for SOTC? "Because we can reach people outside the local community as well as our own shut-ins to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ," commented Pastor Dupre.

SOTC has only just begun its "virtual" venture. Stay tuned for progress updates as this aspect of SOTC's ministry expands to share the love of Christ with the virtual community