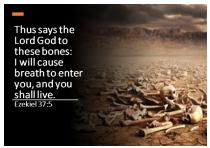


Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 28/29, 2020



WORSHIP SCHEDULE <u>WOW (WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</u>

WOW via Zoom at 6pm Wednesdays (Call Pastor Jon to be put on email list)

SUNDAYS

Join us on Facebook starting at 5:00pm Saturday, March 29

NEWEST IN THE NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICES

Our normal weekend worship services have been suspended until April 4/5. This Saturday, at 5:00 p.m., we will be hosting a Facebook viewing (called a watch party) of our worship via the Shepherd of the Hill Facebook page. Join us! See website for further instructions.

CONFIRMATION, WOW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Have been suspended until April 8. We are following District 91 scheduling.

THURSDAY MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Have been cancelled.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

We are developing new online ways to meet. Stay tuned.

SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

In the midst of uncertainty and fear over COVID-19 and given that we are not in weekly community and worship, we ask ourselves how can we still continue to care for one another at a distance? And how can we continue to be church? We've started a new ministry called *Shepherd's Ministry* and we already have a list of volunteers who are willing to run errands (pick up prescriptions, meals, groceries, etc.), make phone call to check up on our most vulnerable, and send cards of encouragement and support. If you would like to help, please let us know. If you NEED HELP, please let us know so we can get moving on help you!

WAYS THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR CHURCH OFFERINGS

<u>BY MAIL:</u> Your envelopes are made to be mailed, so you can just put a stamp on and mail it, or drop off at the office. One of us would gladly come out and meet you at your car if you would like. If you are an online giver: <u>SIMPLEGIVE</u>: Are you interested in giving online? Please see our website at <u>www.shepherdofthehill.com</u> for further information. <u>SimpleGive</u> charges a 1.00% processing fee and 30 cents per activity for ACH transactions and 3.90% processing fee for charge and debit card transactions plus the 30 cents. Shepherd of the Hill receives your gift minus these fees. These fees are in line with the industry standards of similar online giving services.

<u>OTHER WAYS TO GIVE BESIDES SIMPLEGIVE</u>: Contact your bank/credit union or the Bill Pay section of their website and add *Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church* as a payee. Then your bank/credit union will draw a check and send it to SOTH in your name. This can be set up as a one-time transaction or something that is done weekly or monthly. Nearly all banks/credit unions offer this service at no charge neither to you nor SOTH. In other words, SOTH would receive the full amount of what you give.

<u>SOTH OFFICE</u>

Due to 'sheltering-in-place', the office will be closed this week. Staff is still accessible through email (soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com) or by phone (815-838-0708). Just follow the prompts and leave a message.

BAGS OF HOPE

We are continuing to collect bags of non-perishable food for our area school children. Please drop off your donation to SOTH. There's a black bin just outside the front church doors for you to leave your bags. Thank you so very much!

TOM REDIG ORDINATION MARCH 28

Has been postponed

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers is suspending their meetings until further notice.

Prayer For Difficult Times

Dear Lord, you know all that I am dealing with. You know that there are things happening that are beyond my control. Please help me to accept what I can't change. Help me turn my worry time to prayer time. Please help me so these things don't steal my joy. Help me to keep my eyes fixed on you. I give you my stress. I give you my disappointments. I give you my frustrations and sadness and ask for your peace. May your will be done. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen Hope For The Broken Hearted.com

<u>PLANNED GIVING/ENDOWMENT</u>

The only thing we take with us when we die is what we have given away.

You may have heard it said that only rich people need to make a will. However, today, every adult needs a will. Gifts of a bequest (in a will) of any size can prove to be an invaluable support to the Kingdom of God. For further information about planned giving, wills, and endowments to SOTH, please contact Timothy Urness, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA at 331-444-3120, or *tim.urness@ELCA.org*.

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

March 21/22, 2020 / 857 views on Facebook

General Fund	\$5476.50
Lent/Easter Offering	\$620.00
Altar Flowers	55.00
FISH Pantry	\$100.00
Music/Bells	\$50.00
Weekly Total	<u>\$6301.50</u>

*This does not include receipts from our Simple Give online giving.

Principal Mortgage Balance \$146,256.81

