Shepherd of the Hill

Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known

PENTECOST

May 31, 2020



The Day of Pentecost
Welcome to Shepherd of the Hill
Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us on Facebook starting at 5:00pm on Saturday, 5/31 Watch Party on Sunday at 10:30am We will gather for a virtual coffee hour after the 10:30 service. See your email for a Zoom invitation.

WOW (WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Is finished for the season. See our website for the link to our new virtual family Sunday School.

NEWEST IN THE NEWS

TWO NEW BOOK STUDIES:

1. THE ROAD BACK TO YOU: AN ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY OF
SELF-DISCOVERY
HAS BEGUN. VIA ZOOM. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN
CONTACT PASTOR JON AT

pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US

2. ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING, BY MAX LUCADO LED BY VICAR SUE AND DAVE HELFERT WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 7 AT NOON, VIA ZOOM. CONTACT VICAR SUE TO JOIN

vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com

WEDNESDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP, SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING SMALL GROUPS Continue to meet via Zoom. If you want to receive a Zoom invitation, email Pastor Jon, Vicar Sue, or call the church office at 815-838-0708.

SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Our Shepherd's Ministry continues to reach out to our shut-ins and those who have health concerns. If you would like to join our Shepherd's Ministry, email Vicar Sue or Dawn Virva (vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com or soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com).

WAYS THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR CHURCH OFFERINGS

Thank you for your wonderful financial support. Please continue to fulfill your financial pledges. Even if we cannot physically meet, the work of the congregation continues. Here are three ways that you can give your tithes and offerings during this time:

BY MAIL: Your envelopes are made to be mailed, so you can just put on a stamp and mail it. **SIMPLEGIVE:** Are you interested in giving online? **You can now use your credit and debit cards on SimpleGive.** Please see our website at www.shepherdofthehill.com for further information. **CONTACT YOUR BANK/CREDIT UNION:** 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.

JUBILEE HOUSE

The Center for Development in Central America (a.k.a *Jubilee House*) in Nicaragua needs our help! A delegation from SOTH was hosted in February and were able to see first hand the work that the Jubilee House does through its Clinic and other programs in Nicaragua. Covid-19 hit hard in Nicaragua last week causing the staff of the Jubilee House to make the decision to close the clinic and shelter at home for the next three weeks. They need our donations to continue to pay their staff and supply medicines to their chronic patients in their homes. Please help if you can. You can donate through the website *Network for Good under CDCA*, or give to the church and we will get it to them. Thank you!

NEWEST IN THE NEWS CONT'D.

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!

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers is suspending their meetings until further notice.

ENDOWMENT/ESTATE PLANNING

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

Clearly, the purpose of wealth is not security. The purpose of wealth is reckless generosity, the kind that sings of the lavish love of God, the kind the rekindles hope on dark days, the kind that reminds us that God is with us always. Will you leave a gift to Shepherd of the Hill in your will or through a beneficiary designation on your retirement or other asset? For more information about endowment fund gifts, please contact Timothy Urness, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA at 331-444-3120, or tim.urness@ELCA.org.

FISH PANTRY

The needs are greater than ever! Our community needs our help to stock the FISH Pantry. The following are items that are desperately needed: laundry soap, dish soap and hand soap, shampoo, pancake mix, mashed potatoes in the box, Hamburger Helper, au gratin and scalloped potatoes, all vegetables except green beans and **no** mac and cheese, small cans chicken and tuna

Holy Spirit

you came like bright flames of fire
to settle on Christ's fear-chilled disciples.
Your coming must have lit up the safe house
where they sat in the darkness of indecision.
Set our hearts alight, we pray,
and fire us up with the power of God's love,
so that we may warm
the heart of our cold world.

fish and all canned fruit. Please bring to the Lockport Township Office, where the FISH Pantry is located (1463 S Farrell Rd, Lockport, IL 60441, 815-838-0380). They are open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am - 11:30am. Thank you all for your generosity!

SOTH OFFICE: The SOTH office will remain closed until further notice. Dawn Virva and Pastor Jon will be working remotely. Ken Franz, our Financial Secretary, is working within the office. If you need to contact one of us please write us via email (pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com, or soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com) or by leaving a message on the phone, 815-838-0708, press 2, then press 102. This message will be forwarded to Pastor Jon's telephone.

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

May 24, 2020

Face Book Views Watch Party 10:30am—354

 General Fund
 \$7,847.00

 2019 Building Projects
 270.00

 Weekly Total
 \$8,117.00

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

Principal Mortgage Balance \$290,829.49 (includes our new loan of \$150,000)

