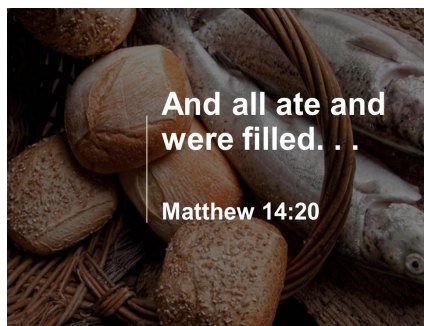


# Shepherd of the Hill

Our Mission: *To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known*

## **NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

August 2, 2020



And all ate and  
were filled. . .

Matthew 14:20

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Join us on Facebook starting at 5:00pm on Saturday, August 1

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.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

See our online Children's Message during our worship services.

## **NEWEST IN THE NEWS**



### **SOTH GIVING TREE-SUPPORTING OUR EDUCATORS**

This year will likely be the most challenging year ever! Let's give our educators a head start! SOTH will be collecting \$25 gift cards to support the teachers and staff of Milne Grove as well as the SOTH Preschool teachers for their **EXTRA** back to school efforts for 2020/2021. Would you consider helping out and purchase a gift card? Suggestions would be: Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, Target, Panera, Amazon, Meijer. Cards can be brought to service on Saturday or brought to the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**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 [vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com), or Dawn Virva at [soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto: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](http://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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

With great joy we announce the birth of Bailey Elizabeth Padilla, daughter of Nellie Pieper and Shelby Padilla, granddaughter of Nell and Scott Pieper. She was born at 8:37 a.m., July 30.

### **PASSING OF OUR SISTER, LORA HAJEK**

With very heavy hearts we announce the death of our sister in Christ, Lora Hajek, on 7/17. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. As we trust Lora into God's eternal care, please keep Lora's family in your prayers for support and consolation.

The Rev. Marilyn Hanson

Assistant to the Bishop

### **NEWS FROM NICARAGUA**

With heavy hearts we announce the death of Jessenia Castillo, home healthcare provider for Jubilee House's Nueva Vida Clinic. For those of us who have gone to Nicaragua and visited homes in Nueva Vida, more than likely it was Jessenia who took us there. Jessenia died on Wednesday, July 22nd, of COVID-19.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habit for Humanity is starting construction once again. SOTH has been given a Habitat building date on Thursday, August 20th. If you are interested in joining our Habitat team, let Pastor Jon know ([pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com) or 815-838-0708) - your help is needed. It is also really fun!!!!



## **NEWEST IN THE NEWS CONT'D.**

### **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, causing the staff of the Jubilee House to make the decision to close the clinic and shelter at home. 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!

### **FISH PANTRY**

Now you can bring your non-perishable grocery donations to the church for the FISH Pantry. There will be bins outside (Sharon Grabenhofer has graciously volunteered to pick up).

### **WEIGHT WATCHERS**

Weight Watchers is suspending their meetings until further notice.

### **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](mailto:pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com), or [soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto: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.

### **A/A TO RESUME IN-CHURCH MEETINGS**

Alcoholics Anonymous is resuming their meeting in Fellowship hall on Wednesdays; 6:30pm for new members, 7:30pm for current members. They are following the CDC Guidelines for COVID-19; social distancing and face masks are required. If you have any questions, please call Ken Franz at: 779-206-9828. These are closed door meetings.

### **LOCKPORT RESOURCE CENTER RE-OPENS!**

The Lockport Resource Center Pass It On Thrift Shop reopened on July 7th. We will have very limited donation times and will be limiting the amount and type of donations due to space restraints and the need to quarantine donations before sorting. We also have restrictions on the number of shoppers, and facial coverings will be required. All donations will be screened prior to accepting. Please call the LRC at 815.838.9615 to schedule a donation. Check out Facebook or our website [www.lockportresource.org](http://www.lockportresource.org) for details. We ask for your patience, as we have several new volunteers; and as always, we are looking for volunteers to help us.

### **ENDOWMENT/ESTATE PLANNING**

Please remember *Shepherd of the Hill* in your will. For more information, contact Timothy Urness, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA at 331-444-3120, or [tim.urness@ELCA.org](mailto:tim.urness@ELCA.org).

Dear God  
Hear our prayers,  
for an end to senseless violence.  
Help us find the way to  
restore our faith  
and dissolve our mistrust  
that is pitting brother against brother.  
Amen.

### **OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

July 26, 2020

Face Book Views Watch Party 10:30am—220  
+40 at Outdoor Service

General Fund	\$4,894.00
Weekly Total	\$4,894.00

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

Principal Mortgage Balance	\$289,234.16
(includes our new loan of \$150,000)	

Welcome  
to Our Church

