

# Shepherd of the Hill

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

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

September 20, 2020



### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Join us on Facebook starting at 5:00pm on Saturday, September 19  
We will gather for a virtual coffee hour after the 10:30 service.  
See your email for a Zoom invitation.

### **OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON SATURDAYS, STARTING AT 6:30PM**

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

See our online Children's Message during our worship services.  
WOW Started on Wednesday, 9/16

## **NEWEST IN THE NEWS**

### **CHANGE IN OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE TIME**

Service time is now changed to 6:30pm because of the dwindling daylight. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair!

### **NEW BOOK STUDY BEGAN LAST SUNDAY, AT 9AM.**

#### ***Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church***

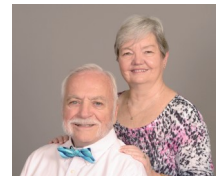
Arranged around the imagery of seven sacraments, *Searching for Sunday* is a book about all that is frustrating and beautiful and complicated about church. Interested in joining? Email Vicar Sue @ [vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com) for more information.

### **SOTH OFFICE**

The office is officially open for business from 8:30am-12:30pm, Monday—Friday.

### **FUNERAL SERVICE OF FRED AND SHARON GRABENHOFER**

Please join us as we celebrate the lives of Fred and Sharon Grabenhofer at an outdoor funeral service next Friday, 9/25 at 6pm in the SOTH parking lot. We will follow the same rules as we do with regular outdoor worship. Please mask up, bring your own chair, and follow the lead of the ushers. In case of inclement weather, please check the website for a rain date.



### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thank you so very much to all who supported the *SOTH Giving Tree-Supporting our Educators*. We were able to give all of the Milne Grove teachers as well as our very own beloved SOTH Preschool teachers a gift card, thanking them for their extra back-to-school efforts for 2020/2021. Please continue to keep our teachers (as well as our students) in your prayers during this very challenging time in our lives!

### **LEARN TO PLAY THE BELLS**

Have you ever thought about trying out for a bell choir? Lessons are now being offered for individuals, families (ages 5 and up), and small groups, depending on your preference. You will learn how to read music as well as play an instrument, all free of charge. It has been shown that **music can** go a long way toward enhancing a child's understanding of math. **Learning**, comprehending, and applying a beat tie closely in with division, creating fractions, and recognizing patterns. Let's make music together! Please call Ellen Schroll at 815-258-2470, or leave a message for Ellen at church (815-838-0708).

### **WHIRL KIDS ARE BACK**

We are excited to announce that WOW/SS is back as of last Wednesday at 5:30p.m. We will again be doing WOW via Zoom meeting. Please send your email account to Cheryl Zacharias, [mrszach@comcast.net](mailto:mrszach@comcast.net) and then you will receive an email invitation from her to participate. Prior to our first ZOOM meeting we will be bringing Whirl Story Bibles, lesson pamphlets, and other supplies you will need to interact with the other kids. We will also be working on memorizing the Books of the Bible together and Flashcards will be included in your packet. We are adding games this fall, as well as the Bible lesson being read by kids in WOW. Please send a message to Audrey Bjerum if you are planning to participate, so we can get materials to you. You are always welcome to join us at any time, just send us a message. We are excited to see your smiling faces after the long summer break. In Christ! Audrey Bjerum, WOW Coordinator, 507-360-6309, [abjerum@gmail.com](mailto:abjerum@gmail.com).

### **THANK YOU TO THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Our Property Committee has been hard at work for SOTH these last couple of months. They were able to get us a new zero-turn ride-on lawnmower; they have been working diligently to replace all of the old lighting fixtures in the Preschool area; all church-level restrooms are now unisex, with proper signage, new door locks, there's a baby changing unit in restrooms on both sides of the church now. There are always on going projects that these guys are forever tackling and we are most appreciative of all of their efforts!



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

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Looking for a few more people to join us on the next Habitat build project, which will be on Thursday, September 24. Please contact Pastor Jon @ [pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.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 [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.

**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, 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!

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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.

### **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).

### **FLU SHOT EVENT**

Jewel-Osco Lockport is having a flu shot event in the Jewel parking lot on Wednesday, 9/23, starting at 10am.

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

September 13, 2020

Face Book Views Watch Party 10:30am—264  
+29 at Outdoor Service

General Fund	\$3,117.00
Memorial Fund	<u>200.00</u>
Weekly Total	\$3,317.00

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

Principal Mortgage Balance \$286,027.13  
(includes our new loan of \$150,000)

Welcome  
to Our Church

