



## Shepherd of the Hill

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

### **Third Sunday After Epiphany**

January 24, 2021

*'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'*



Mark 1:15

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE ON FACEBOOK**

Available after 5:00pm on Saturdays

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

See our online Children's Message during our worship services

WOW via Zoom at 6pm Wednesdays

Please send your email account to Audrey Bjerum at [abjerum@gmail.com](mailto:abjerum@gmail.com) and then you will receive an email invitation from her to participate.

#### ***Continued prayers for:***

Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness – Maria Pentaris, Robert Kinder, John Teerling, John Jay, Ryan Irby, Les Tindle, Tom Tindle, Daniel Likins, Donna Huhnke, Rick Oltmanns, Ken Franz, Marge Otis, Bonnie Lewandowski, Matt Smith, John Jay, Rosemarie Freitag, Norma McCall, Lonnie Walker, Beth Barnes, Robert Ross, Hazel Hooks, John Fischer, Margarita Hernandez, Dan & Elaine Atwood, and Eunice Morris.



#### ***Give comfort to those grieving the loss of loved ones:***

The families of Faye Wheeler, Austin Johnson, Janice Wetzel, and Brandon.

#### ***Serving in the military:***

Michael Meyers, Tom Schneider, Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Claire Gora, Mark and Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, Katerina Schneider, Elijah Priovolos, John Schneider, and John B. Momich.

***Homebound:*** Joy Kure, Janet Villacci, Meta Tews, Donna Huhnke, Norma McCall, and Lily Mazeika.

## ***NEWEST IN THE NEWS***

### ***CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 11:30AM***

Please keep in mind that we need a quorum of 45 people for this meeting. We will be approving the budget, election, and SOTH sign (approx. \$35,000). In case of inclement weather; the “rain” date will be January 31. Check your email and the SOTH website for additional information.

#### ***FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES***



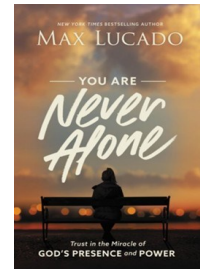
We will be starting first communion classes soon! Please contact the church, Pastor Jon, or Vicar Sue to put your child on the list for classes. The dates for classes are tentatively scheduled for 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 2/27.

#### ***2021 GIVING ENVELOPES***

They are all ready to be picked up! They will be on a table in front of the church for the congregational meeting this Sunday, or stop by the church anytime Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30. We will gladly bring them out to your car for you.

#### ***NEW BOOK STUDY—IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN***

Consider joining our guided video book study, “*You Are Never Alone*,” by Max Lucado on Sundays beginning January 10 at 9am. Contact Vicar Sue to be added to the zoom meeting at: [vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com).



#### ***WOW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESUMED***

The WOW and Whirl Kids have been learning about letting Jesus shine through their lives by faith practices, such as forgiveness, generosity, accepting others and myself, giving and love. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help us with WOW starting in January. We will continue to meet via Zoom for everyone's safety. Please give prayerful consideration to joining our fun-filled WOW group. This is an AWESOME group to work with! If you are interested in this, please contact Audrey Bjerum at [abjerum@gmail.com](mailto:abjerum@gmail.com).

#### ***HABITAT BUILD***

We thank God for our last month's team of helpers: Tina Baker, Jim Zacharias, Chris Wallace, Mike Fisher, and Sally Unmisig. Watch this area for the next Habitat Build date. Please contact the office or Pastor Jon at [pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of the team.

#### ***ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION OPEN AT ST. PAUL'S***

St. Paul's LCMS in Lockport is looking for a part-time church secretary. If you are interested, please contact St. Paul's at 815-838-1832 for additional information.

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

### **FOOD FOR THE POOR**

**This is the last weekend to make your donation.** Thank you to those who have already donated to this cause! We have raised **\$1,675!** To date, we have a total of **\$3,330 collected!**

Dan and I committed last fall to a mission project to raise money for the charity, *Food for the Poor*. We committed to hosting dinners monthly (from October 2019 thru September 2020) at our house to raise donations. We were blessed to have hosted 5 dinners before COVI-19 struck in March. **Our ultimate goal was to raise \$3800 to build a house for a family with plumbing/running water.** We felt since Pastor Jon and other SOTH volunteers are committed to working locally to build homes through *Habitat For Humanity*, this would be a lovely compliment to provide a home for a family in another country. Donations can be sent to Shepherd of the Hill, 925 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lockport, IL 60441. Please make checks payable to **SOTH for Food for the Poor**. Thank you to those who have already helped out with this campaign! In Christ, Pricie and Dan Rogan



### **ELCA GOOD GIVING TREE**

Thank you to all who grabbed an ornament and sent in a donation! We have received \$465 in donations! If you are still interested in making a donation, it's not too late! Just give the office a call or stop by Tues-Fri and we will be glad to help you pick out an ornament and/or make your donation. **We will keep this open until Sunday, January 24.**



### **BAGS OF HOPE**

We are continuing to collect food for local students thru 'Bags of Hope,' a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring students do not go hungry outside school. Each week a backpack filled with food is packed for pick up by parents of the students from area schools in Lockport, Joliet, and Plainfield. Our goal is to partner with these communities to sustain and expand our efforts to provide food to students who need it most. With your help, we can reach this goal! The following are the foods that are needed: canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass), tuna, oatmeal, soup, chili, ramen noodles, mac 'n cheese, granola bars, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly. Bags are picked up every couple of days. Thank you in advance for thinking of our local, hungry children.



### **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.

### **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).

### **SOTH OFFICE**

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

Though our country is divided,  
may Your power and grace, Lord,  
be made known forever.

"If my people will...  
humble themselves,  
pray and seek My  
face, and turn from  
their wicked ways,  
then I will hear  
from heaven,  
forgive their sin,  
and heal their land."

*2 Chronicles 7:14*



*Steppes of Faith*

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

January 17, 2021  
Face Book Views—336

General Fund	\$2,944.00
Memorial Fund	580.00
Endowment Fund	50.00
Other Benevolences	50.00
ELCA Good Giving Ornaments	30.00
Weekly Total	\$3,654.00

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

Principal Mortgage Balance \$277,913.17  
(includes our new loan of \$150,000)

*Welcome  
to Our Church*

