



# Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

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

## **First Sunday of Lent**

February 20/21, 2021



Today's Altar Flowers Are Given For:

### **The Glory of God**

By: *Shepherd of the Hill Altar Guild*



Order forms for 2021 flowers can be found on the table in front of the office.

*He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.*

**Mark 1:13**

### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AGAIN**

Saturdays at 5pm

Sundays at 10am

By reservation only; masks/social distancing followed

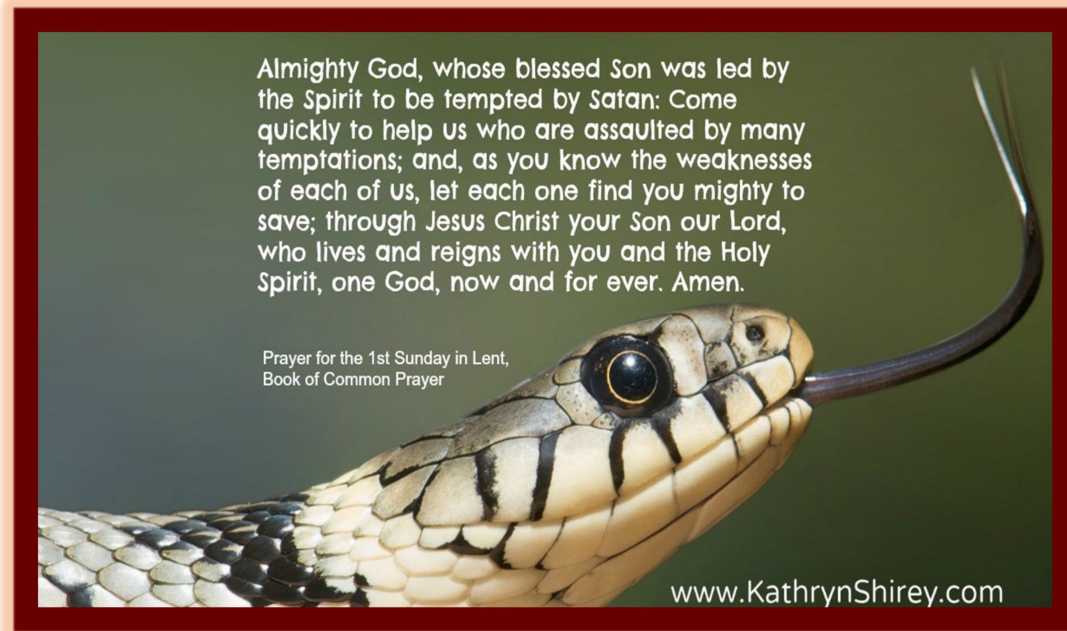
### **JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE ON FACEBOOK**

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



Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the 1st Sunday in Lent,  
Book of Common Prayer

www.KathrynShirey.com

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

February 14, 2021

Engagements/Views of Online Services—60

Attendance Sat—20, Sunday—34

General Fund	\$9,011.00
Lent/Easter Offering	25.00
Memorial Fund	969.88
Building Fund	500.00
Initial Offering	<u>110.00</u>
Weekly Total	\$10,615.88

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

Principal Mortgage Balance \$276,273.71



### **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, Donna Huhnke, Rick Oltmanns, Ken Franz, Marge Otis, Bonnie Lewandowski, Matt Smith, Rosemarie Frietag, Norma McCall, Lonnie Walker, Beth Barnes, Robert Ross, Hazel Hooks, Eunice Morris, Emily Vlk, Nicholas Caleraro, Lenny Koniewicz, Greg Last, Nancy Naylor, Meta Tews, Jessica Wallin, and Peggy Murdock.



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

The families of Joyce Blakkob, and Chuck Dickson.

### **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**

### **THURSDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP**

Join us for Thursday Evening Lenten Worship, 7pm, Thursday,

### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

In-person worship services have begun. We have one service on Saturday at 5pm, and another service on Sunday at 10am. This is by reservation only. Call or email the church with your preferred service. We will be wearing masks and social distancing will be followed.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INDOOR WORSHIP**

We need the following for both Saturday and Sunday services: three Usher, two Temperature Takers, one A/V and at least one cleaner (P.P.E. provided) after Saturday. Please contact the church office. Without adequate volunteers we cannot have indoor worship.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SURVEY RESPONSES**

Thank you, Shepherd of the Hill! We received 57 responses for Survey 2. You guys are fantastic!

### **NEW COUNCIL:**

Welcome to our new Council: Fern Kinder, President; Rick McManis, Vice President; Jean Soderstrom, Treasurer; Amber Nickel, Secretary; Diana Varga-Lewandowski, Dan Rogan, Brad Rosynek, Donna Rothlisberger, Deborah Silic, Cheryl Zacharias, and Pastor Jon Pedersen.

### **SAVE THE DATE: SYNOD CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT**

March 12 via Zoom. Visit [nisynod.org/cre](https://nisynod.org/cre) for more information.

### **END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS**

These were all mailed out on February 2.

### **2021 GIVING ENVELOPES**

If you haven't already picked yours up, please do that soon! They will be on a table in the narthex. Stop by the church anytime Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30. We will gladly bring them out to your car for you.

### **HABITAT BUILD**

Thank you to Chris Wallace, Mike Fischer, and Jean Soderstrom for helping with this past week's Habitat Build project. Watch this space for the next opportunity to help out.

### **GIRL SCOUT COOKIES AVAILABLE!**

Looking to purchase Girl Scout cookies but have no Girl Scout to buy them from? Our very own Susan Mead is happy to take your order for her troop. Please go to: <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop70516-430>.



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

### **ENDOWMENT/ESTATE PLANNING**

The Endowment Ministry has amassed enough earnings to award grants to congregation members who have a "vision for mission" and are willing to sponsor a mission activity. The mission can be a local/regional ministry project, a national/worldwide ministry project, leadership development, or a non-funded property project. If you have a mission idea, a grant can help you bring it to fruition. You can find the application process on the SOTH website. Look for the information area on the website, and that's where you can get more information as well as to apply for a grant.

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).

### **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 veggies, 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.



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

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).

### **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.

### **OFFERINGS**

Thank you for your wonderful financial support, especially during this extremely challenging time. Please continue to fulfill your financial pledges, if you are able.

### **SOTH OFFICE**

The church office is open for business Monday—Friday from 8:30am until at least 12:30pm.