

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of deliverance, you promised prosperity and peace to the residents of Jerusalem. Grant us to prosper, not for riches, but for faith, so that our lives may be a blessing to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is normally open Monday thru Friday, from 8:30am-2:30pm. It's a good idea to call the office to be sure the person you need is working that day.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We love to have visitors at Shepherd of the Hill, and would love to remain in contact with you. Please take a moment to fill out a communication card that you will find near the bibles and hymnals in the pews. You can then give your card to Pastor, Vicar, or just drop it in the wooden collection box on the table in the narthex. Thank you for coming to visit!



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.



ENDOWMENT CURRENT BASE BALANCE:
\$58,300

Effective 9/2022

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 14, 2022

Saturday 5pm—14

Sunday 10am—127

Thanksgiving Service—75

Sunday Online Views—45

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| General Fund | \$4,286.00 |
| Altar Flowers | 70.00 |
| Youth | 214.00 |
| Weekly Total | <u>\$5,070.00</u> |

***This does not include receipts from our SimpleGive online giving.**

Principal Mortgage Balance:
\$240,521.08

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent—HOPE

November 26/27, 2022



Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

In Memory of Charlotte Paddock

By: Cindy & Jerry Doty & Family

In Honor of Sandy & Bill Porter's

Anniversary

By: Sandy Porter



HOPE



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Saturday 5pm / Sunday at 10am
JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE ON FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE

Available 10am on Sunday

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Audrey Bjerum at: abjerum@gmail.com

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness – Tom Tindle, Donna Huhnke, Rick Oltmanns, Ken and Karen Franz, Dennis Grzesiak, Ron and Donna Helfert, Muriel and Gary Nelsen, Jane Petschow, David Gendry, John Teerling, Madelene Vargo, Mea Sara, Marge Otis, Shannon Haut, Linda Wede, Emily Vlk, Jeannine Sleuth, Russ Raymond, Charles (Chuck) and Donna Anderson, Jan Sleezer, Vinny Gincauskus, Emily Walker, Bob Barwa, Sylvia Rzeminski, Josefina Martinez, Jim Forbes, Nancy Roesing, Frank Alberico, Elijah Priovolos, Tom Tewes, Les Tindle, Carol Cholipski, Bruce Pratapas, Joanna Corbett, Virginia Brunt, Karri & Pedro Palayo, and the people of Ukraine.



Give comfort to those grieving the loss of loved ones:

especially the families of:

Delores Brubeck
Ronald Eggers
Shirley Skelton

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Michael Meyers, Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, Katerina and Lenny Casselman, John Schneider, Tom Schneider, John B. Momich, Caitlyn Grabenhofer, Hannah Mills, and Megan and Daniel Sanchez.



HOMEBOUND

Donna Huhnke
Norma McCall
Lily Mazeika
Janet Villacci



MILNE GROVE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

We are working with the social workers of the Milne Grove school, to provide gifts for several families. **We will NOT be shopping for gifts; instead, we are collecting gift cards.** Purchase a \$25 gift card(s) to any of the following *suggested* stores: Walmart, Target, Amazon, Kohls, Meijer, Jewel and Berkots. **Return your gift card(s) to Shepherd of the Hill by Sunday, 12/18.** There is a box next to the white tree, designed specifically for your gift card donations.



ELCA GOOD GIVING TREE

We now have the ELCA Good Giving Tree up. Choose an ornament off the tree, Return your check (*payable to ELCA*), to Shepherd of the Hill. For more information, see ELCA.org/GoodGifts.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Thank you to all who filled a shoebox. We collected **36** boxes this year to be shipped to needy children overseas! Don't forget to pray for whomever gets your shoebox!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Advent Services

Sunday, 12/4 and 12/11 at 6:30pm

Carols in the Round

Sunday, 12/18 at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, 12/24 at 5pm and 10:30pm

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, 12/25 at 10am



COME JOIN US FOR A NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!

When: Sunday mornings, 8:45am,

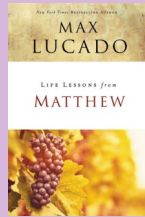
Where: SOTH Sanctuary

What: A Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew written by Max Lucado

Who: Led by Mike Bjerum
This will be an in-person Bible study using Max Lucado's book, *Life*

Lessons from Matthew

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!



1ST CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 18,
right after the 10am service

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

When: Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 8:30pm

Next Meeting: December 13, 8:30pm

How: Via Zoom, see weekly emailing and website for link or use Zoom Meeting Code - 813 9255 0801 with

Password - 868986

How long: 45 minutes

We will use the ancient spiritual practice called *lectio divina* which combines prayer, Bible reading, and holy listening.



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations on receiving your first communion, Christian Taphorn!



MASKING UPDATE

The wearing of masks, while recommended, is optional.

If you are sick, please stay home and enjoy our online service as we strive to keep our most vulnerable safe and healthy. Thank you!



HABITAT BUILD

The next Habitat Build Project will be on Thursday, 12/15. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Jon at pastor.jon.pedersen@ail.com, or see the link on our website.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous is 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.

HELPING THE LOCAL NEEDY

Thank you to all those who have brought in gift cards for our local needy, hungry neighbors. They are being used.



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National Alliance on Mental Illness

Mental Health Support Groups

Free & Confidential

CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANYONE EXPERIENCING
SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS

FAMILY SUPPORT
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING A LOVED
ONE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

3rd Thursday of Each Month

6:00 to 7:30 pm – SOTH

Next Meeting December 15

2023 GIVING ENVELOPES

You will receive your 2023 giving envelopes starting on 12/23 in your home mailbox. We have enlisted an outside company to send all envelopes (quarterly) to your home, so you will not need to pick them up at church.



SOON TO BE MICRO PET PANTRY

Want to help animals? Abby Carroll and her Girl Scout Troop 70803 are compiling Lockport's first pet micro pantry! Please assist them by donating small bags of food, toys, or other pet items to the pink bin that's in the narthex. The pantry is open as a "give and take" system at the Lockport Library.

