

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ENDOWMENT/
ESTATE
PLANNING**

Please remember *Shepherd of the Hill* in your will. For more information, please contact:

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**ENDOWMENT
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\$71,413.66



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WELCOME VISITORS!

Thank you for visiting Shepherd of the Hill. We would love to remain in contact with you. Please 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, or drop it in one of the 3 collection boxes that are hanging on the back wall (east side) in the church. Thank you!

NURSERY IS OPEN!

If you have young children that would like to attend our nursery while you enjoy church services, please locate our nursery which is in the north hallway. This is a service that we provide for all families.

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

November 17, 2023

Attendance 117 / Online 30

General Fund \$4,726.50

Memorial Fund 20.00

Weekly Total \$4,746.50

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

Principal Mortgage Balance:
\$218,911.34

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***Christ the King
Sunday***

November 25/26, 2023

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
In Memory of Charlotte Paddock's Birthday
By: Cindy Doty & Family
In Memory of my Wife, Lee
By: Don Lawler



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Saturday at 5pm

Sunday at 10am

**JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE
ON FACEBOOK / YOUTUBE**

Available 10am on Sunday

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

See note inside bulletin

CONTINUED PRAYERS

*Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*Les Tindle, Rick Oltmanns, Ken & Karen Franz, Ron Helfert, Jane Petschow, John Teerling, Madelene Vargo, Marge Otis, Emily Vlk, Jan Sleezer, Vinny Gincauskus, Bob Barwa, Jeannie Scalise, Bob Fanello, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Rob Melbert, Mary Kay Matarelli, Philip Ackland, Nancy Roesing, Larry Soderstrom, Jessica Wallin, Briggs Whitehead, Mary Brauer, Donald Hoff, Ralph Heart, Lillianna Pelayo, Audrey Mormann, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Ryan Irby, Leroy Foster, Rusty Jadron, Judy Rosynek, Nancy Wilkens, Juanita Gende, and Jason Haley.



**WORLDWIDE
PRAYERS**

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East

**GIVE COMFORT TO
THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
LOVED ONES**

Deb Zenir
Donna Huhnke
Marion Skelton
LaVerne Washburn
Sarah Lohmar
Arthur Lang



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, Megan and Daniel Sanchez, and Jack Superczynski.



HOMEBOUND

Ron Helfert
Norma McCall
Lily Mazeika
Jan Sleezer
Janet Villacci

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

After the 10am service today (11/26), we will be asking for volunteers to help decorate for Christmas. It would be nice to have someone from the past “direct traffic” so that we know where to get all the decorations, and where they are normally placed. Thanks!

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, 12/10.** 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 23 boxes this year to be shipped to needy children overseas! Don't forget to pray for whomever gets your shoebox!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Twenty-five (25) red poinsettias have been ordered to decorate our altar for Christmas. You can sponsor as many as you like, and take them home after the last Christmas Eve service. Red envelopes are on the table in the narthex for this purpose. Please return them with your payment (mark “poinsettia” on your check) and **by Sunday, 12/17. Suggested donation is \$25 per plant.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Advent Services

Sunday, 12/3 and 12/10 at 6:30pm

Carols in the Round

Sunday, 12/17 at 6:30pm

4th Sunday of Advent Service

Saturday, 12/23 at 5pm

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, 12/24 at 10am, and 10:30pm

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, 12/31 at 10am



COLLECTING CARDS

There are many people in our area who may not have family or friends to celebrate the holidays with or to wish them well or a speedy recovery. Our SOTH family has so much to be thankful for so we would like to gather together and write or stamp some cards to send to people in nursing, assisted living and veterans homes. **Thank you to all who so generously gave cards already!** **There is a blue bin in the Narthex where you can drop off your cards with envelopes.** The end date for collecting will be November 30th and on December 3rd after service we invite all who wish to stay and help write messages of love, hope and peace to join us.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting in Fellowship hall on Wednesdays; 6:30pm for new members, 7:30pm for current members. Contact Ken Franz: 815-838-7657 with questions.

HELP WANTED: AN ASSISTANT TEACHER FOR 1ST COMMUNION

We are looking for someone who feels the call to help teach First Communion. There will only be 4 classes and Pastor Jon will help. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Jon, or call the office.

PRAYERS

We are happy to add your prayer requests to the bulletin. Sometimes we run out of room for all of our requests. Just tell us if we need to add someone back on, and if it's a long-term prayer request.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



Our new Tithes & Offerings Boxes

located next to each door of the sanctuary.



Thank you for allowing God to make you into generous people.

If you are interested in helping out with the next Habitat Build, which will be on Saturday, 12/9, please contact Pastor Jon at 714-335-2216 or pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com. Or sign up on our website.



NAMI Will-Grundy

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Mental Health Support Groups

Free & Confidential

**CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANY ONE EXPERIENCING
SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS**

**FAMILY SUPPORT
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTSTO 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 for NAMI Thursday, December 21

Do you know someone who needs help with:

financial assistance
finding food
finding low-cost medical services
substance abuse
coping with mental illness
escaping domestic violence



Check out:
lockportresource.org/community-resources

“Pray continually.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17