O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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ENDOWMENT BALANCE

Eff. 6/30/24: \$80,641.47



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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 OPENI

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

August 24/25, 2024

Last Weekend Attendance 112/ Online 17

General Fund Music/Bells \$4,089.00 100.00

Weekly Total

\$4,189.00

This does not include receipts from our SimpleGive online giving.

Principal Mortgage Balance: \$200,215.16

One opening for the 3-year-old preschool is still available for the 2024-2025 Shepherd of the Hill Preschool

> Interested? Contact: SOTH Office 815-838-0708



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Aug 31/Sept 1, 2024

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

In Memory of My Husband, Salvatore

By: Angela Cipolla

Remembering My Brother Again! (Carlos Ponce)

By: Kimberly Bell





Clean on the outside doesn't always mean clean on the inside. Mark 7:1-23.

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

Online begins Sept. 8. In person begin Sept. 22. Registration forms available in the narthex.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—Les Tindle, Rick Oltmanns, Ken & Karen Franz, Madelene Vargo, Emily Vlk, Bob Barwa, Bob Fanello, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Philip Ackland, Jessica Wallin, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Brian Butler, Allan Franz, Alice Pritchett, John Yudt, Ed Hernandez, Ron Slack, Tony Flaherty, Kenneth Kuzma, Jeff Stubler, baby Ethan Baldwin, Scott Kochanski, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Diane Mueller, Stan Rzeminski, Ashley & Devin White, Naida Magercak, Deb Franiak, Alex Govea, Gina Nordquist, and Arlene Welbourne.

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, Jack Superczynski, Seth Trent, and
Timea Sara.

HOMEBOUND

Norma McCall Lily Mazeika Janet Villacci Sandra Schrader

<u>WORLDWIDE</u> <u>PRAYERS</u>

For those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East. For the release of the Israeli hostages.

COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Mary Ann Mahar Zonder Lonas Marge Otis



SOLAR ARRAY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Immediately following worship on Sunday (after you get your coffee, of course), you are invited to a special informational meeting about the possibility of installing a solar array at Shepherd of the Hill this fall. Presenters will be Jerry Liston and Pastor Jon. Some of the questions that will be addressed are: Why solar? Why now? How much will it cost? Where would we get the money? How much would it save us? Would this project involve a battery system? Has any other congregation in our area installed solar? Who would do the work? Are we getting competitive bids? Would installing a solar array mean we could not replace our boiler? Where would we place the array?

During the meeting, you will have an opportunity to ask questions. If the questions cannot be answered during this meeting, further research will be done and the answers will be presented at a later meeting.

It is our desire that the correct information be shared as we faithfully discern this important potential project for the future of Shepherd of the Hill.



LIKE TO PLAN PARTIES?

Joyful Gatherings is looking for a few people to help us plan fun events that gather our church community in relaxed settings so that we may get to know each other a little better, and have some fun as well. You don't have to have experience, just be willing to help out. We have a few events already identified and having a few events already identified and having a few event hands would certainly help. If you would like to help in planning our events, or just to lend a hand once in awhile, please contact Cheryl Zacharias at: mrszach@comcast.net.



Save the Date! Sunday, October 6



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, Oct. 19, 4-7pm

Our next Habitat for Humanity build date will be Saturday, September 21st.

You can sign up on the SOTH website or contact Pastor Jon







Mental Health Support Groups Free & Confidential

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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 is Thursday, 9/19

HABITAT'S RESALE SHOP IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

The ReStore Shop of Habitat is in need of a few volunteers temporarily, to help sort through the donation inventory. If you can help out, please check our website, or call the church office at 815 -838-0708, or email Cheryl Toohey, the Community Outreach Coordinator at ctoohey@habitatwill.org.

LOCKPORT CHURCH DARTBALL LEAGUE

SOTH is currently looking for recruits for the church Dartball team. The league currently has 6 teams who play half their games at the Lockport Moose and half at the Crossroads Christian Church at Caton Farm Road and Essington in Joliet. The league starts playing in late September. This is not "Pub Darts." If you like baseball, you will enjoy playing this game. For more information, please call the church at 815-838-0708.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open *Tuesday 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.



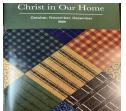
The church office will be closed on Mondays.

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

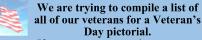


Pick up your copy of Christ in Our Home. The Fall version of a daily devotion. Available in the narthex.

OVERFLOWING HOPE / FIND HOPE

A Women's Event coming to on October 19 from 8-1pm at New Life Church, 500 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox. There are 3 engaging speakers lined up to give us a better understanding about Hope. We will be supporting New Life Food Pantry by asking for donations of women's personal items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.). Registration is \$20 and the deadline is 10/1. Please contact Jan Gora at 815-325-4386 for more information.

CALLING ALL VETERANSI



If you are a veteran, please contact Dawn at 815-838-0708 or soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com with your service information.