Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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 vou!

NURSERY IS OPEN!

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

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 18, 2024

Last Weekend 121 / Online 55

General Fund	\$8,918.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
Sunday School	250.00
Weekly Total	\$9.218.00

Principal Mortgage Balance: \$196,398.79

Your giving makes a difference!

Check out our website for further information:

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Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known

CHRIST THE KING

November 23/24, 2024

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

In Memory of Charlotte Paddock's Birthday

By: Cindy Doty

Happy Heavenly 99th Birthday Grandma Jean Bywalec

By: The Zacharias Family

Order forms are on the table in narthex; cost is \$40 per vase.



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

Registration forms available in the narthex for online access. Next in-person class will be 12/8.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—Les Tindle, 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, Ron Slack, Tony Flaherty, Jeff Stubler, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Stan & Eleanor Rzeminski, Ashley & Devin White, Naida Magercak, Deb Franiak, Gina Nordquist, Gary Haut, Francis Kania, Ceil Veihl, Tim Kirk, David Savage, David McGuire, Paul England, Taylor Neverman, Nicholas Rohde, Karen Bremmer, Kathy Helfert, and Jim Zacharias.

WORLDWIDE **PRAYERS**

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

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 and Mike Superczynski, Seth Trent, Timea Sara, Anthony Martino, Eric John Stepek, and Alphonso Huerta Jr.

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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, 12/1

Set up Christmas Decorations, right after 10am service

SUNDAY, 12/8

Blood Drive, 9am-1pm Gift cards for Milne Grove Giving Tree Due SUNDAY, 12/15

All Poinsettia Payments Due Carols in the Round, 6pm *SUNDAY*, 12/22

Congregational Meeting
Preschool Christmas Program, 3pm
<u>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES</u>

Tuesday, 12/24 at 5pm and 10:30pm *LESSONS AND CAROLS*

Saturday, 12/28, 5pm Sunday, 12/29, 10am

<u>CHRISTMAS</u> POINSETTIAS

Thirty (30) 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, 12/15. Suggested donation is \$28 per plant.

MILNE GROVE COMMUNITY GIVING TREE

The Milne Grove Community Giving Tree is now up. Once again, we are working with the social workers of Milne Grove school, to provide gifts for several families. We are collecting \$25 gift cards for these families. Some suggestions on cards to buy would be: Walmart, Target, Amazon, Kohls, Meijer, Jewel, Aldi, and Berkots. Return your gift card(s) to Shepherd of the Hill by Sunday, 12/8. There will be a box next to the white tree, designed specifically for your gift card donations. All of the gift cards will then be turned in to Milne Grove School in time for distribution for Christmas. Thank you in advance for thinking of a family in need this Christmas season!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKS-GIVING HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed on Thursday, 11/28 and Friday, 11/29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Do you know someone who needs help with: COMMUNITY

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

Check out:

lockportresource.org/community-resources

We are in need of a couple more counters for our weekly offerings. Please email our Treasurer, Jean Soderstrom at: smiling7878@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Several church members are looking for someone to take them to doctor appointments once in awhile. If you are able to help with this ministry, please call the office at 815-838-0708 and talk to Dawn.

ELCA GOOD GIVING TREE

ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA. Take a card to go with your ornament to tell a loved one about the gift given in their honor. (if you so choose to honor someone). Choose an ornament

someone). Choose an ornament off the tree, return your check (payable to ELCA), to Shepherd of the Hill before January 5. For more information, see ELCA.org/GoodGifts.



Pick up your 2024 Advent Devotional in the Narthex. Large print copies are available





Join us for SOTH Kid's Club, our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11, starring the Whirl Kids.

Join us online every week and in-person the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship.

December 8th – next in-person event

Contact church office (815-838-0708) or Audrey Bjerum (abjerum@gmail.com) to sign up

CAROLLING AT SHADY OAKS

Come join us as we brighten the faces of our Shady Oaks friends on Saturday, December 14, at 1pm to sing Christmas carols. We are also looking for someone who would be interested in playing Santa Claus. Please contact the office for further information.

See box in the narthex.

Adult coats only.

Coats for children are being collected at Grand Dental 916 E. 7th St.

