

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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!

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

925. E. Ninth Street, Lockport, IL 60441

Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known

Epiphany

January 4/5, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
Honoring J.R. on his Birthday

By: Larry & Tina Baker

For the Glory of God

By: Georgia Alberico



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

December 24, 2024

Attendance 5pm, 105 / Online 36
10:30pm, 156 / Online 51

General Fund	\$1,511.00
Advent/Christmas	3,613.00
Memorial Fund	2,095.00
Music/Bells	50.00

Weekly Total *\$7,169.00

December 29, 2024

Attendance 111 / Online 40

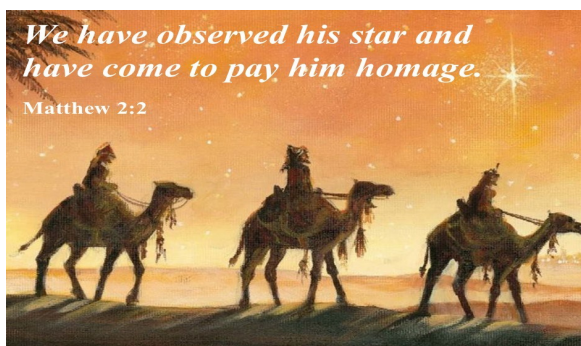
General Fund	3,147.00
Advent/Christmas	130.00
FISH Pantry	900.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Other Benevolences	2,500.00

Weekly Total *6,777.00

Principal Mortgage Balance:

\$192,556.30

**Does not include Zelle or SimpleGive Payments*



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 1/12.

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ENDOWMENT BALANCE

\$80,641.47



WORLDWIDE PRAYERS

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East. For the release of the Israeli hostages. Victims of terrorist attacks.

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, Gina Nordquist, Francis Kania, David McGuire, Paul England, Karen Bremmer, Kathy Helfert, Leonard Krch, Don Lawler, and Dylan Krestan.

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, Alphonso Huerta, Jr.



HOMEBOUND

Norma McCall
Lily Mazeika
Janet Villacci
Sandra Schrader
Wally Lewandowski

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Don Lawler
Ceil Veil
Gary Haut

HAUL DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!

We will be looking for some volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations after the 10am service next Sunday, 1/12. We always appreciate when you can take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to help the church.

MILNE GROVE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to all who so generously gave gift cards to this community event. We received a total of \$2,225 in gift cards. The families of Milne Grove were so happy to be able to have a nice Christmas! Thank you notes from some families are posted on our bulletin board in the office hallway.



COAT DRIVE

Thank you to all who contributed winter coats for the less fortunate! We received 80 coats total (39 to vets at the VA Hospital, and 41 to Morning Star Mission) and couldn't thank you enough! Think of all the people that we are helping to stay warm this winter!



ELCA GOOD GIVING TREE

This is the last weekend for this opportunity. 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 given in their honor. (if you so choose to do honor someone). Choose an ornament off the tree, return your check (*payable to ELCA*), to Shepherd of the Hill by **January 5**. For more information, see ELCA.org/GoodGifts. **KEEP YOUR ORNAMENT. So far, we have received \$1,550 in donations.**



ELCA GOOD GIVING PIGGY BANKS

Make it easy (and fun!) for your family and your community to say "goodbye" to traditional gift-giving and "hello" to meaningful gifts that really make a difference in the world. Tell your children about those living in far away lands that could use their donation at this time of the year. Deposit your donation of \$30 (check, made payable to ELCA Good Giving, or cash) and return to the church office.



END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for 2024 will be in your church mailboxes by the end of January.

PRAYERS

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



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 is Thursday, Jan 16

Do you know someone who needs help with:

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



Check out:
lockportresource.org/community-resources



**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.**

January 12th – next in-person event

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

Thank you to all those who helped with the Habitat builds this past year. Our next build will be in the near future. If interested, please contact Pastor Jon at 714-335-2216 or pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com. Or sign up on our website.



We are excited to announce that we now accept payments for offerings, flowers, most anything, through Zelle! This fast and secure service allows you to send and receive money directly from your bank account, making transactions easier than ever. **How to Use Zelle:**

Enroll: Simply register your email or U.S. mobile number through your banking app.

- Send Money:** Enter the recipient's email (soth.finsec@shepherdofthehill.com), choose the amount, and hit send!

Why Choose Zelle?

- Speed:** Transfers are typically completed in minutes.
- Convenience:** No need for cash or checks—just use your bank's app.

Free to Use: There are no fees for sending or receiving money with Zelle.