

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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*

**The First Sunday of Lent**

March 8/9, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:  
**In Loving Memory of Lisa Peterson**

By: Sandy Porter

**Honoring Francesca's Birthday**

By: Heidi Martino



**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**

March 1/2, 2025

Attendance 133 / Online 53

Ash Wednesday:

Attendance 130 / Online 32

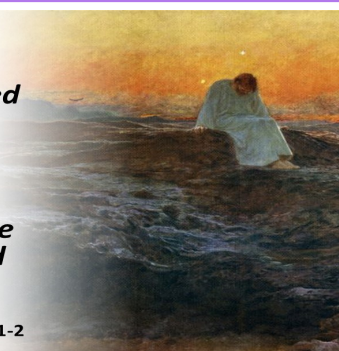
General Fund	\$5,432.00
Altar Flowers	40.00
Weekly Total	*\$5,472.00

Principal Mortgage Balance:  
\$186,187.50

*\*Does not include Zelle or SimpleGive Payments*

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where, for forty days, he was tempted by the devil.*

Luke 4:1-2



**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 3/23.

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**ENDOWMENT BALANCE**

\$80,641.47



Check out our website for further information:

**SHEPHERDOFTHEHILL.COM**

Today's Scripture Reading is:  
**Luke 4:1-13 Found on pg. 835 in your pew Bible.**

**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, Naida Magercak, Gina Nordquist, Francis Kania, David McGuire, Paul England, Karen Bremmer, Leonard Krch, Dylan Krestan, Baby Noah Doyle, Carol Dickson, Blanche Bolton, Ron Trnka, and Beverly Aiwohi.*

**WORLDWIDE PRAYERS**

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

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

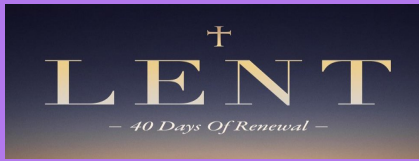
**Michael Meyers, Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, Katerina and Lenny Casselman, John Schneider, Tom Schneider, John B. Momich, Caitlyn Grabenhofer, Megan and Daniel Sanchez, Jack and Mike Superczynski, Seth Trent, Timea Sara, Anthony Martino, Eric John Stepek, Alphonso Huerta, Jr., Bradley Poerio, and Nathan Snyder.**

**HOMEBOUND**

**Norma McCall  
Lily Mazeika  
Janet Villacci  
Sandra Schrader  
Wally Lewandowski  
Ken Franz**

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

**Carol Lynn Allen  
Mendy Smith  
Harriette Bondhus  
Bonnie Rauworth**



March 12-April 9—Mid-Week Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 6:45pm

With Soup Suppers starting at 5:45pm

April 17—Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm

April 18—Good Friday Crosswalk: 12-2pm

April 18—Good Friday Service at 7pm

April 19—Easter Egg Hunt: More info to follow

April 19—Easter Vigil Service at 7:30pm

April 20—Easter Morning Service at 10am



### New Church Directory

An updated church directory is in the works, and we are asking all of you to help create it. All you have to do is use this QR code, fill out the form and submit your picture.



**Praying the Lord's Prayer**  
Wednesdays of Lent  
6:45 – 7:15  
Soup supper – 5:30 – 7:30



We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who baked for our Preschool Bake Sale. Your contributions were instrumental in helping us raise an impressive \$533. Thank you again for your support.

Thank you to Janet Carroll and Dana Superczynski and their helpers, for all of their hard work to bring us a delicious Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner. We raised \$511 for our Youth Summer Programs.



### 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, 3/20

### ANNOUNCING ZELLE!

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.

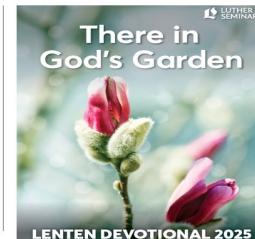
1. **Send Money:** Enter the recipient's email ([soth.finsec@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:soth.finsec@shepherdofthehill.com)), choose the amount, and hit send!

#### 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.

Pick up your 2025 Lenten Devotional in the Narthex. Large print copies are available



### Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event



Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sauk Valley  
Community College  
Dixon, Illinois

Cost: \$35/participant  
(includes lunch)

Register using QR code by March 10



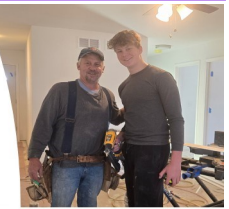
Join us for SOTH Kid's Club, our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11, starring the Whirl Kids.

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

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – next in-person event**

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

Thank you to all who participated in last Saturday's Habitat for Humanity build.



Next build date TBD.

### JOIN US IN PLAYING DOMINOES

We are looking for a few more people to join us in playing Mexican Train Dominoes. We will begin meeting on **Tuesdays at 9:30am**. If you have any questions, please call Donna Rothlisberger at 815-954-2717. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you.