God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 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

March 8/9 2025 Attendance 126 / Online 40 Mid-week Lenten Service: - 33

| General Fund         | \$12,635.75  |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Lent/Easter Offering | 1,391.52     |
| FISH Pantry          | 300.00       |
| Youth                | 511.00       |
| Weekly Total         | *\$14,838.27 |

Principal Mortgage Balance: \$186,187.50

Check out our website for further information: SHEPHERDOFTHEHILL.COM

**Today's Scripture Reading is:** Luke 13:31-55, found on pg. 849 in your pew Bible.

# Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

925. E. Ninth Street, Lockport, IL 60441

Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known

# The Second Sunday of Lent

March 15/16, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For: In Honor of Scott's Birthday By: Gary & Marianne Wintersteen Welcome Spring! By: Angela Cipolla



Jerusalem. Jerusalem . . . How often have I desired to gather vour children toaether as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Luke 13:34



Available 10am on Sunday

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Registration forms available in the narthex for online access. Next in-person class will be 3/23.

**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, Blanche Bolton, Ron Trnka, Beverly Aiwohi, and Terry Warsaw.

#### 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** 



WORLDWIDE

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

## March 19-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

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. SUNDAY, 3/23

To approve the purchase of a new boiler for our HVAC system. Additional details can be found in the letter from Pastor, available on the table in the narthex. Also, there will be a question and answer session following this Sunday's worship service.

# LOOKING FOR EASTER CANDY

We are looking for bags of individually wrapped candy to stuff the Easter eggs for the Easter activities. Please place your donation in the bin that's under the table with bulletins on, in the narthex by Friday, April 11. Thank you.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah



picture.



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





# **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



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:

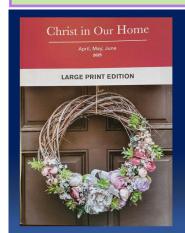
Enroll: Simply register your email or U.S. mobile number through your banking app.

1. Send Money: Enter the recipient's email (soth.finsec@shepherdofthehill.com), 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 copy of Christ in Our Home – a daily devotion for April - June. Available in the narthex.



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) to sign up

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





**3rd Thursday of Each Month** 6:00 to 7:30 pm - SOTH

#### Next meeting for NAMI is Thursday, 3/20

all who participated in last Saturday's Habitat for Humanity build. Next build date TBD.

Thank you to



#### Do you know someone who needs

help with: financial assistance finding food substance abuse



finding low-cost medical services coping with mental illness escaping domestic violence

Check out: lockportresource.org/community-resources