

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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!

**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**

April 26/27, 2025

Attendance—120 / Online—30

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| General Fund         | \$6,370.25    |
| Lent/Easter Offering | 60.00         |
| Altar Flowers        | 105.00        |
| FISH Pantry          | <u>300.00</u> |

Weekly Total \*\$6,835.25

Principal Mortgage Balance:

\$182,275.96

\*Does not include Zelle or SimpleGive Payments

*Your giving makes a difference!*

Today's Scripture Reading is:

Acts 9:1-19a, found on  
pg. 893

***Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church***

925. E. Ninth Street, Lockport, IL 60441

*Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known*

**3rd Sunday  
Of Easter**

May 3/4, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

***In Memory of Jerry E. Lewis***

By: Deb Brubeck



*Saul fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"*

Acts 9:4



**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**

On hiatus until Fall

**CONTINUED PRAYERS** *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*Les Tindle, 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 Kreh, Dylan Krestan, Blanche Bolton, Beverly Aiwohi, Terry Warsaw, Troy Bell, Mary Brauer, Emily Heintzelman, Karlynn Anderson, Carol Mattes, Glen Kleuch, Phyllis Piantek, and Ann Greenfield.

**WORLDWIDE PRAYERS**

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

**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, Nathan Snyder, and Cobi Valentin.

**HOMEBOUND**

Norma McCall  
Lily Mazeika  
Janet Villacci  
Sandra Schrader  
Wally  
Lewandowski

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

Lorraine Kalata  
Pope Francis  
Beverly Martin

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**ENDOWMENT BALANCE**

\$80,641.47





Send us a picture of your mother for our Mother's Day musical collage by Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Email: soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com or text a picture to: Pastor Jon – 714-335-2216



## Kid's Club EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Thank you, SOTH.

We collected 65 bags of groceries and 2 boxes. The Food Drive helped ensure all our neighbors have access to the food they need.

Special thanks to Jack Ahrens for delivering the food to the Food Pantry.

Needed for  
SOTH A/V:

Sony  
Handycam

If you still own  
one and no  
longer use it, we  
want to talk to  
you.



### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Dave Helfert, Linda Bunting, and Susan Mead for their help with leading worship this past week-end.

### To benefit the LRC Transformation Scholarship Program



Lockport Resource Center

- Bike Sale begins 9:00 a.m., Sat., May 17 at Cross of Glory Church
- See LRC Facebook page to see available bikes
- Email questions to: ceanmagosky@gmail.com

### **PRESCHOOL CELEBRATORY PICNIC**

Please see the insert for further information about this big event.

### **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.



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

### Interested in Helping with Worship Services?

We are looking for volunteers to read, usher, help serve communion, help with PowerPoint slides, and be Assisting Minister. Training will be provided.

See SOTH website  
(shepherdofthehill.com) or call SOTH office to sign up.

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



This weekend is our last SOTH Kid's Club event for the school year.

A huge thank you to Stacey Neil, Deb Franiak, Cheryl Zacharias, Sarah Mack, and Sonya Pedersen. A special thank you to our Kid's Club director, Audrey Bjerum. It has been a fantastic year!



### Mental Health Support Groups

Free & Confidential

CONNECTION SUPPORT  
FOR ANY ONE EXPERIENCING  
SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS

FAMILY SUPPORT  
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO 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, 5/15

Think about the part you want to play in your church's future. Naming your church as a beneficiary in your estate plan to create an endowment can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of your church far into the future.