

Almighty God, you have chosen to speak to us through prophets and wise leaders and most clearly through your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant unto us now the ability to hear, understand, and obey him whom you have sent. Amen.

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**ENDOWMENT
BALANCE**

As of 9/30/25:
\$95,950.43

**CONGREGATION
COUNCIL**

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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 visit our nursery which is in the north hallway.

**OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE
TO GOD'S LOVE**

February 7/8, 2026
Attendance—207/ Online—55

General Fund	\$16,197.00
Altar Flowers	40.00
Weekly Offering	*\$16,237.00

**Does not include Zelle payments*

**Treasurer's Report
2025 Year to Date as of 12/31/25**

Income:	\$503,882.28
Expenses:	\$483,472.81
Net Income:	\$ 20,409.47

Mortgage Balance: \$164,336.18

Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Matthew 17:1-9, pg. 798
in your Pew Bible

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*Called and Equipped by the Holy Spirit To Be Sent Out
as the Heart and Hands of Christ*

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

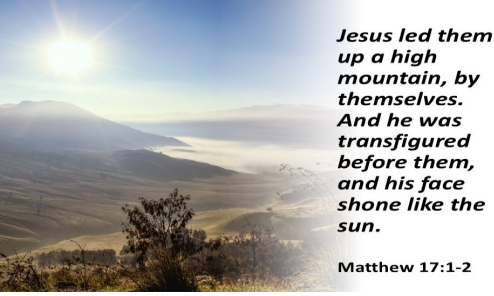
In Memory of My Husband, John
By: Lois Teerling

***Transfiguration
Sunday***

February 14/15, 2026



Order forms ~ on table in narthex ~ cost ~ \$40 per vase ~there are 2 vases



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 10am

***JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE
ON FACEBOOK / WEBSITE***

Available starting at 10am on Sunday
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Online has begun, next in-person will be Feb. 22

CONTINUED PRAYERS

*Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*Les Tindle, Emily Vlk, Bob Barwa, Bob Fanello, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Philip Ackland, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Alice Pritchett, Tony Flaherty, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Dylan Krestan, Beverly Aiwohi, Carol Mattes, Glen Kleuch, Karlynn Anderson, Danny McKian, Ed Kosobucki, Robert Kinder, Paul Dordal, Kevin Helfert, Dave McGuire, Don Clayton, Barry Anderson, Debbie Dair, Ron Slack, Nancy Naylor, Mayson Gibson, Cathy Lind, Linda Hamilton, Rachel Tornga, Georgia Alberico, and Missy Lieser.

**WORLDWIDE
PRAYERS**

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, Gaza, and the Middle East. All of those affected by food insecurities and immigration challenges.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, John B. Momich, Caitlyn Grabenhofer, Megan and Daniel Sanchez, Jack and Mike Superczynski, Seth Trent, Timea Sara, Anthony Martino, Eric John Stepek, Bradley Poerio, Nathan Snyder, Alphonso Huerta, Jr., Cobi and Anthuan Valentin.

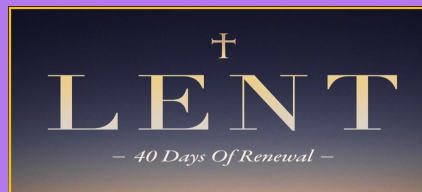
HOMEBOUND

Lily Mazeika
Janet Villacci
Sandra Schrader
Wally
Lewandowski
Marge Novander
Donna Anderson

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

Blanche Bolton
Joe Ramos
Michael
Hernandez

February 18—Ash Wednesday services at 11am and 7pm
February 25—March 25—Mid-Week Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 6:45pm
April 2 —Seder Meal at 7pm
April 3—Good Friday Crosswalk 12-2pm
April 3—Good Friday Service at 7pm
April 4—Easter Egg Hunt: More info to follow
April 4—Easter Vigil Service at 7:30pm
April 5—Easter Morning Service at 10am



ASH WEDNESDAY SPAGHETTI DINNER
 Wednesday, February 18th from 5:45-7 PM

Free-will Donation to benefit

Youth Summer Activities

Please let us know if you are coming.
 Sign up in Narthex or call church office.

Food For The Poor, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, is the largest international relief organization in the United States. Since its founding in 1982, **Food For The Poor** has provided more than \$18.3 billion in aid and has built more than 95,512 safe and secure homes for destitute people in need of adequate shelter. **Saturday, 2/28, and Sunday, 3/1**, Pr. Darrell D. Golnitz will share with us the story of this ministry through a message entitled:

“BE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!”

You will be invited to participate in this ministry through a special offering.

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for 2025 are in your church mailboxes.



Talk to Pastor Jon
 or call the church
 office at
 815-838-0708

New Members Classes:

**Join us as Partners of
 Mission and Ministry**

**A four-week class
 starting on
 Tuesday, March 10
 at 6:30 p.m.**

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BAPTISMS

May you both grow in the grace and knowledge of
 our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Madeline Margit Danko

daughter of Natalie (Fisher) & Logan Danko

Vivienne Adele Fisher

daughter of Matthew & Natalie Fisher

Congratulations
 Madelyn,
 Charlotte,
 Kinleigh, Carter,
 Andrew, Zack,
 Meara, Sophia,
 William, Emily,
 and Natalia as
 you take your
 First Communion
 last Sunday! God
 bless you.



Pick up your
 2026 Lenten
 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.

February 22nd – next in-person event

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

GIVE THROUGH ZELLE!

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
2. choose the amount, and hit send!

See SOTH
 webpage to
 sign up

shepherdofthehill.com



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

FREE, VIRTUAL PROGRAM!

*If you are a parent, grandparent or trusted adult,
 this presentation is for you AND your teenager!*

Offered by the New Lenox Safe Community Coalition and Guardian
 Angel Community Services. This virtual presentation helps raise
 awareness about teen dating violence in support of Teen Dating
 Violence Awareness Month.

***OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
 ARE LISTED ON THE BACK***

**Plumbing, HVAC,
 and electrical are
 nearly finished on
 the SOTH-related
 home in Fairmont.**
*We will soon be able
 to work inside
 comfortably. Join us.
 Talk to Pastor Jon if
 you would like to be
 included on the
 information email.*



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 will be on February 19

**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

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.

