

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

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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
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**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

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



Jesus led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun.

Matthew 17:1-2

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

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 Ragoni, 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

Transfiguration

Sunday

February 14/15, 2026



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

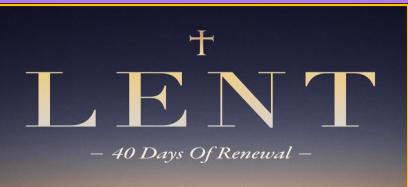
Free-will Donation to benefit
Youth Summer Activities

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.

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

**See SOTH
webpage to
sign up**
shepherdofthehill.com



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

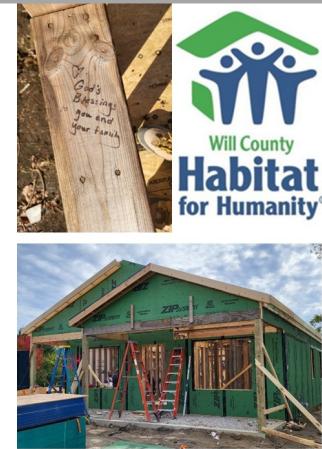
FREE, VIRTUAL PROGRAM!

*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.**



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Mental Health Support Groups

CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANY ONE EXPERIENCING
SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS

FAMILY SUPPORT
FOR ANYONE WHO WANT 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.

