

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism, clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through 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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**ENDOWMENT BALANCE**

\$80,641.47



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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 22/23 2025

Attendance 142 / Online 53

Mid-week Lenten Service: - 36

General Fund	\$3,033.00
Lent/Easter Offering	120.00
Altar Flowers	120.00
Youth	<u>200.00</u>
Weekly Total	*\$3,473.00

Principal Mortgage Balance:  
 \$186,187.50

*\*Does not include Zelle or SimpleGive*

Check out our website for further information:

**SHEPHERDOFTHEHILL.COM**

**Today's Scripture Reading is:**  
**Luke 15:1-3, 11b - 32, found on**  
**pg. 850**

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

925. E. Ninth Street, Lockport, IL 60441

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

***The Fourth Sunday of Lent***

March 29/30, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

***In Memory of Anna TerHorst***

By: John TerHorst

***In Memory of Laura Ryder***

By: Cindy Doty & Family



***The Parable of the Prodigal Son***

A lesson in God's grace.

Luke 15:11-32



**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 4/13.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS** *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*Les Tindle, Karen Franz, Madeline 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, Beverly Aiwohi, Terry Warsaw, Troy Bell, Douglas Brauer, Emily Heintzeman, Karlynn Anderson, Carol Mattes, and Glen Kleuch.

**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, 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**

Ken Franz  
 Dawn Lovetere  
 Ron Trnka



April 2-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



Our next **Habitat for Humanity** Build will be **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**.



See **SOTH website** or **Pr. Jon** to sign up.



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.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> – next in-person event**

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



### 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



Do you want to be better informed about what is happening in and around Shepherd of the Hill?

Use our website to sign up for our weekly emailing to receive summaries of the upcoming sermon and events.

Go to [shepherdofthehill.com](http://shepherdofthehill.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

### FCA EASTER FUNDRAISER

The LTHS Fellowship of Christian Athlete's club is hosting a Spring fundraiser to donate to a local charity as well as provide for the club's operating expenses. You can help out in two ways. First way (QR code) is to purchase items for our Easter egg hunt event. The second QR code is to make a monetary donation to the club.



Do you know someone who needs help with:

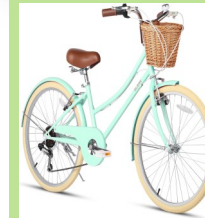
- financial assistance
- finding food
- finding low-cost medical services
- substance abuse
- coping with mental illness
- escaping domestic violence



Check out: [lockportresource.org/community-resources](http://lockportresource.org/community-resources)

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

### Annual Bicycle Drive and Re-Homing Event



Donations: Accepted April 1-30 at the Lockport Police Department

(Farrell Road) during business hours (9am-4pm, Monday-Friday). No drop-offs at the Lockport Resource Center.

Sale: May 17 at 9am

Any questions? Contact **Cean Magosky, 708-710-9438** [ceanmagosky@gmail.com](mailto:ceanmagosky@gmail.com)



### LOOKING FOR EASTER CANDY

We are seeking donations of individually wrapped candy to fill Easter eggs for our upcoming Easter activities.

Please place your contributions in the bin located under the table with bulletins in the narthex by Friday, April 11.

If you prefer to help by ordering online, you can use the QR code provided to access our list of needed items on Amazon.



CREATE A CLEAN HEART, FOR ME, GOD; PUT A NEW, FAITHFUL Spirit DEEP INSIDE ME. PSALM 51:10 CEB

### LOOKING FOR READERS FOR PALM SUNDAY

If you are interested in helping with the Palm Sunday service readings, please let Pastor know, or you can email the office at [soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com) or call the office (815-838-0708).

### Christ in Our Home

April, May, June 2025

LARGE PRINT EDITION



Pick up your copy of **Christ in Our Home** – a daily devotion for April - June. Available in the narthex.