

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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**ENDOWMENT
BALANCE**

Eff. 8/19/25:

\$90,703.91



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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. This is a service that we provide for all families.

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

SSeptember 6/7, 2025
Attendance—141 / Online—25

General Fund	\$8,759.00
FISH Pantry	300.00
Altar Flowers	80.00
Weekly Offering	\$9,139.00

Treasurer's Report

Year to Date as of 7/31/25

Income: \$293,697.46

Expenses: \$272,702.99

Net Income: **\$ 20,994.47**

Principal Mortgage Balance:
\$174,370.67

**Does not include Zelle or
SimpleGive Payments*

***Today's Scripture Reading:
Luke 15:1-10 pg. 850
of your Pew Bible.***

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

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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:

***Honoring My Grand and
Great Grandchildren***

By: Barb Manning

Order forms~on table in narthex~cost~\$40 per vase~we have 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 starts this Sunday, in person starts Sept. 28

***Parables
of Lost
and Found***

Luke 15:1-10

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, Ron Slack, Tony Flaherty, Jeff Stubler, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Francis Kania, Dylan Krestan, Blanche Bolton, Beverly Aiwohi, Terry Warsaw, Emily Heintzelman, Karlynn Anderson, Carol Mattes, Glen Kleuch, Danny McKian, Ed & Tina Kosobucki, Robert Kinder, Karen Pedigo, Donato Munoz, Viola Mueller, Norma McCall, Hayden Anderson, and Hayden Cole.

**WORLDWIDE
PRAYERS**

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

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, Alphonso Huerta, Jr., Bradley Poerio, Nathan Snyder, Cobi and Anthuan Valentin.

HOMEBOUND

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

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

Keith Wolzen
Jessica Wallin
Lloyd Johnson
Naida Magercak
Philomena Piantek



**Sunday,
September 21**
11:00 – 2:00

- Church picnic
- Games for all ages
- Committee show & tell
- Bounce House

Berkot's chicken
provided. Please
sign up in narthex.



Join us for SOTH Kid's Club,
our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11,
starring the Whirl Kids.
Online begins Sept. 14
In-person begins Sept. 28

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



7th Annual SOTHtoberfest
Sunday, October 5
11:30 - 1:30
Save the Date!

Save the Date



Saturday, October 18th
4:00-6:00
SOTH & Grand Dental
Parking Lots

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 21st
Following 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

We will be voting on the approval of the
installation of a columbarium on the
property of Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran
Church. See narthex for more
information or talk to Linda Bunting,
Carole Ziemke, or Chip Lake.

GIVING STATEMENTS

January – July giving statements are in
your SOTH mailboxes. Please check
these against your records.
Unclaimed statements will be mailed
this week.

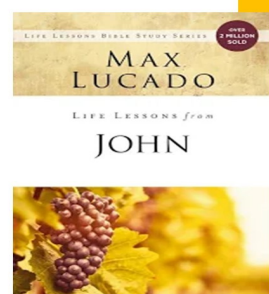
OKTOBERFEST BASKETS

Oktoberfest basket raffles are back! Donate
themed baskets—like movie night, garden-
ing, food, coffee, football, etc.—by dropping
them off at the church office during business
hours through Friday, October 3. Thank you
for your generous support!

New Bible Study Opportunity

Led by
Pricie Rogan

Beginning Sunday,
September 28th
8:45 a.m.
Save the Date!



*Habitat for Humanity is
breaking ground on a
SOTH-related home
build in Fairmont. Stay
tuned for more
information on how we
can help.*



Shepherd of the Hill Presents:

1925 Carl Laemmle's silent
film classic:

The Phantom of the Opera

Live film organ
accompaniment by
David Rhodes

October 18th
7:00 p.m.
SOTH



Christ in Our Home
October, November, December
2025
LARGE PRINT EDITION



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

GIVE THROUGH ZELLE!

How to Use Zelle:

Enroll: Simply register your email or U.S. mo-
bile number through your banking app.

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



Mental Health Support Groups

Free & Confidential

CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANYONE 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, 9/18

*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

*When you need a will, it's too late to have
one drawn. Don't wait. And, don't forget
your church.*

Thanks to Bill
Dornick and
Pastor Jon for
working our
last Habitat
Build.

Our next build
TBA.



"Pray continually."
1 Thessalonians 5:17