

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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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.

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

September 27/28, 2025
Attendance—136 / Online—17

General Fund	\$13,048.00
FISH Pantry	100.00
Education Materials	40.00

Weekly Offering *13,188.00

Treasurer's Report	
Year to Date as of 8/31/25	
Income:	\$340,225.53
Expenses:	\$316,851.82
Net Income:	<u>\$23,373.71</u>

Principal Mortgage Balance:
\$172,377.44
*Does not include Zelle

Today's Scripture Readings:
Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 2:1-4, pg. 762
Luke 17:5-10, pg. 852
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*


**17th Sunday
After Pentecost
SOTH-toberfest**
October 4/5, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

**Remembering Our Friend, Rick Oltmanns
On This Oktoberfest Weekend**

By: The Oktoberfest Committee

Order forms~on table in narthex~cost~\$40 per vase~we have 2 vases



Then the LORD answered me and said, "For there is still a vision for the appointed time If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."

Habakkuk 2:3

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, in person starts Sept. 28

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, Terri Warsaw, Emily Heintzelman, Karlynn Anderson, Carol Mattes, Glen Kleuch, Danny McKian, Ed & Tina Kosobucki, Robert Kinder, Karen Pedigo, Donato Munoz, Hayden Anderson, Hayden Cole, Paul Dordal, Ginger Kelm, Cheryl Zacharias, Baby Fitzpatrick, and Kevin Helfert.

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

**GIVE COMFORT
TO THOSE
GRIEVING THE
LOSS OF
LOVED ONES**
Norma McCall
Ron Skowron
Gavin Matkovich
Linda Wede
Linda Teerling

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Hello Shepherd of the Hill Congregation! October is the synod's month for honoring pastors and staff. We are blessed with Pastor Jon and our dedicated team and will present them with a monetary gift on the last Sunday of October. **Please submit donations by October 19, noting "Appreciation"** on your check, cash envelope, or Zelle gift. Thank you for your prayers and support for our faithful leaders at Shepherd of the Hill.

Respectfully,
The Mutual Ministry Committee of Pastor Pedersen
Tina Baker, Karen Franz, Jerry Liston, Susan Mead, and Nell Pieper



Tickets on sale in narthex!

7th Annual SOTHtoberfest
Sunday, October 5
11:30 - 1:30

\$15 for food for adults, \$12 for children 5-10 y.o.
(Brat, hotdogs, hamburgers, & sides)
Beverages (adult and otherwise) extra
Proceeds for Youth Summer Programming



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.

October 12th – next in-person event

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

**Save
The Date**



SOTH Kids Club – online – has begun
SOTH Kids Club in-person – October 12th
SOTH-toberfest – October 5th
Trunk or Treat – October 18th
Silent Movie – October 18th

**OUR NEW
DIRECTORIES
ARE HERE!**

**Pick up yours in
the narthex
today.**

**We are asking a
contribution of
\$10 to cover the
cost of printing.**

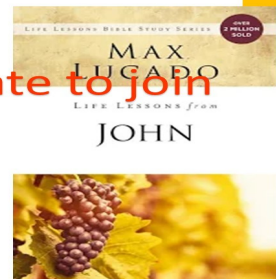


**New Bible Study
Opportunity**

— Not too late to join —

Beginning Sunday,
September 28th
8:45 a.m.

Books available in
Narthex
Suggested donation
for book - \$10.00



**We are in need
of additional
babysitters for
the church
nursery on
Sundays.
Call church
office or talk to
Pastor Jon.**



**The foundation has
been poured for the
SOTH-related home
in Fairmont. Stay
tuned for more
information on how
we can help build it.**



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

\$10 suggested
donation at door



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.**

Sign up now in Narthex



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



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**

**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**

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!

There is NO COST to using Zelle!

- Speed:** Transfers are typically completed in minutes.

When your estate planning documents are prepared by your attorney you can include your church as the final beneficiary to receive any benefits that remain after other beneficiaries are remembered.

DOMINOES We would like to start playing Dominoes again, because we miss it! Does Thursday morning work for you? If you're interested in playing, please call Dawn at the church (815-838-0708). We would like to start playing as soon as possible.