

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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ENDOWMENT BALANCE

As of 12/31/25:
\$98,257.74

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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. **We have pagers for emergency notification of parents, if necessary.**

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

April 2-5, 2026

*Attendance—Seder Meal—63
 Good Friday—102, Online—129
 Easter Vigil—51, Online 45
 Easter—262, Online—103*

General Fund	\$13,976.00
Lent/Easter Offering	6,415.00
Altar Flowers	25.00
Youth	175.00
Weekly Offering	*\$20,641.00

Treasurer's Report
2026 Year to Date as of 2/28/26:

Income:	\$87,672.92
Expenses:	\$86,347.73
Net Income:	\$ 1,325.19

**Does not include Zelle payments
 Mortgage Balance: \$160,274.21*

Today's Scripture Reading(s):

***John 20:19-31, pg. 883
 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*

2nd Sunday After Easter

April 12, 2026



Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
Honoring Audrey's Birthday
 By: Mike Bjerum
In Memory of Mom & Dad
 By: Chris & Leslie Applegate

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



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

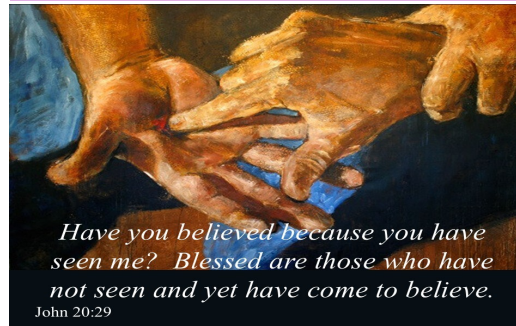
Saturday at 5pm
 Sunday at 10am

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 April 26
 See note inside bulletin



Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

John 20:29

CONTINUED PRAYERS *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—Les Tindle, Emily, Carly, & Kim Vlk, Bob Barwa, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Alice Pritchett, Tony Flaherty, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Dylan Krestan, Beverly Aiwohi, Glen Kleuch, Karlynn Anderson, Ed Kosobucki, Robert Kinder, Paul Dordal, Kevin Helfert, Dave McGuire, Don Clayton, Barry Anderson, Debbie Dair, Ron Slack, Nancy Naylor, Mayson Gibson, Linda Hamilton, Rachel Tornga, Missy Lieser, Norman White, Joseph Straub, Jamie Novak, Mike Little, Christian Downen, Hans Kishel, Francis Feely, George Rohrer, Karen Pedigo, Chad Roeske, and Charleen Mazur.*

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., Matt Olsen, Cobi and Anthuan Valentin, and Gabe Junquera.

HOMEBOUND

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

WORLDWIDE PRAYERS

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, Gaza, **Iran and the rest of the Middle East.**

All of those affected by recent storms.

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Carol Cook
 Debbie Plautz
 Jim D'Amico



PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 4/26

The Joyful Gatherings & Growth Committee is putting on a delicious breakfast on Sunday, 4/26, right after service. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, and tater tot hash browns. Sign up (PLEASE) in the narthex by Wednesday, 4/22. Our Youth will have a free-will bake sale as well. Please join us for breakfast!

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Thank you to all who prepared, served, and attended the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday. Our gratitude also goes to all who helped with the Good Friday service, especially the seven who shared their reflections on Jesus' last words. Special thanks to the readers of the Readers Theatre for their meaningful participation in the Palm Sunday services. We are grateful to the P.A.L.M. Squad for their creative work with the puppets during the Easter Saturday activities and for their joyful "performance" at the 10am Easter Sunday service. Heartfelt thanks go out to the Altar Guild for their faithful preparation and care throughout the entire Lenten and Easter season.



Thank you for your help in buying the lilies. Please take a plant home with you.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars! We will have a Joliet Slammers outing on Friday, June 5. More info to come.

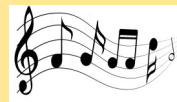
THANK YOU!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped prepare for Saturday's Easter festivities—especially the McManis family for their leadership in filling Easter eggs and coordinating the children's activities (we know it's a big job!). We're also grateful to all who generously donated money, candy, and to Grand Dental for their wonderful participation in this community celebration.



THANK YOU!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ellen Schroll, David Rhodes, the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choirs, and everyone who contributed to the beautiful music throughout this Lenten and Easter season! Thank you also to the AV people for all they do to bring service to those far away and homebound people! Lastly, thank you also to our office staff for all of the administrative and financial work done behind the scenes.



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. **April 26th – next in-person event**
Contact church office (815-838-0708) or Audrey Bjerum (abjerum@gmail.com) to sign up

Do you know someone who needs help with:

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



Check out:
lockportresource.org/community-resources



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 will be on April 16

Seder Meal Proceeds

\$710

Thank you, SOTH!



Insulation and drywall are installed in our SOTH-related home in Fairmont. We can now work inside comfortably. Join us. Talk to Pastor Jon if you would like to be included on the information email.



Hi friends and family! I'm **Abbey Mack**, and this summer I've been given the amazing opportunity to serve for six weeks at City of Hope in Tanzania with HopeCo. I'll help care for vulnerable children, assist with construction projects, and share the love of Jesus.

I'm raising \$5,000 by May 16, 2026, to cover travel and living expenses. All donations made through the link or by check to HopeCo are tax-deductible.



Please keep me and our teams in your prayers—that God will use us to serve His kingdom and open hearts to the Gospel.

Give at: joinhopeco.com/mack-2026



SOTH VBS
Save the Date: July 27-31

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."—John 20:29