

O God, our Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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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 11/12, 2026

Attendance—155 / Online 52

General Fund	\$6,357.00
Lent/Easter Offering	50.00
Youth	734.00
Weekly Offering	*\$7,141.00

**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*

Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):

**Luke 24:13-35, pg. 860
 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:

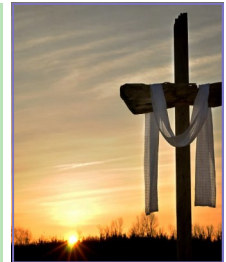
Celebrating Sara's Birthday

By: Tina & Larry Baker

In Memory of Ronald A. Krause

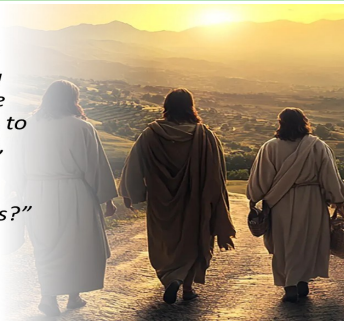
By: Deb Brubeck

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



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32



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

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.*

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 & heavy rains.

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

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Dale Tar
 Carol Cook
 Debbie Plautz

3rd Sunday After Easter

April 19, 2026



SAVE THE DATE!

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



pancake breakfast

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, & Tater Tot Hash Browns.

Sign up in the Narthex by Wednesday, April 22nd!

Free-will offering for benefit of Youth Summer Camps.



SUNDAY, APRIL 26th AFTER WORSHIP



Thank you to all who helped make Holy Week worship services so fantastic: Choir; Bells; A/V; Altar Guild; Puppets; Youth; Children's Easter Celebration Organizers; Readers; Seder Meal Organizers, Cooks, & Servers; 7 Last Word Witnesses; and Office Staff. You are awesome!



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
coping with mental illness
escaping domestic violence



Check out: lockportresource.org/community-resources



Mental Health Support Groups

Free & Confidential CONNECTION SUPPORT FOR ANY ONE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS FAMILY SUPPORT FOR ANYONE WHO WANTSTO 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 May 21

DOMINOES

Please join us next Thursday, 4/23 at 9:30am. No experience is needed—we'll be happy to teach you how to play. Bring a snack to share if you'd like, and come enjoy good company and laughter.

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

PRAYERS

We are happy to add your prayer requests to the bulletin. Sometimes we run out of room for all of our requests. Just tell us if we need to add someone back on, and if it's a long-term prayer request.



SOTH VBS Save the Date: July 27-31

3rd SUNDAY of the MONTH

HELLO my name is

Name Tag Sunday

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Nametags are located in the narthex and at the end of each pew.

Mother's Day is coming!

Send us a picture of your mother for our Mother's Day musical collage by Thursday, May 7th.

Email: soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com or text a picture to: Pastor Jon - 714-335-2216



LANDSCAPING

We are looking to refresh our landscaping where the main church doors are on the east side of our building. We would love your input about this. Please talk to one of the Property members (Chip Lake, Bryan Rauworth, Jerry Liston, Phil Sleezer, Gary Wintersteen or Dave Helfert) about any ideas you may have.



Seder Meal Proceeds

\$710

Thank you, SOTH!

