

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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ENDOWMENT BALANCE

As of 3/31/26:
\$121,162.85

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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 25/26, 2026
 Attendance—154/ Online 42

General Fund	\$16,151.00
Fish Pantry	\$300.00
Altar	\$80.00
Building Usage	\$80.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$706.00
Bake Sale	\$230.25
Weekly Offering	*\$17,547.25

Treasurer's Report 2026 Year to Date as of 3/31/26:

Income:	\$123,395.37
Expenses:	\$126,806.01
Net Income:	\$ -3,410.64

*Does not include Zelle payments
 Mortgage Balance: \$158,232.81
Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
John 14:1-14, pg. 877
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

5th Sunday After Easter

May 2/3, 2026



Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

In Memory of Jory Lentis

By Deb Brubeck

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



Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
 John 14:1



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

In-person on hiatus until Fall
 Online ministry still available through our website

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, Robert Kinder, 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, Christian Downen, Hans Kishel, Francis Feely, George Rohrer, Karen Pedigo, Chad Roeske, Charleen Mazur, Nancy Rohde, Kevin Kreiger, and Alicia Schidzikowski.

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, Gabe Junquerakm, and Eric Hill.

HOMEBOUND

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

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Ryan Adams
 Dale Tar
 Debbie Plautz
 Ellie Hundley

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARTNERS IN MISSION & MINISTRY

AKA: NEW MEMBERS

We are excited to introduce our newest members:

- Joseph Mueller
- Thomas & Suzanne Glavin
- Jean Navin
- Michele & Michael Rickerson
- Lacie, Tino, Gianna, & Alessia Cipolla
- Brittany, Parker, Mila, & Myles Johnson
- Myriah, Leonard, Leonard Jr., Killian, Owen, & Emmett Krch
- Debbi Sortino
- Kasie Liacone
- Antoinette, Silverio, Mariana, Natalia, Silverio Jr., & Ximena Terrazas
- Douglas, Meghan, Meara, & Zach Klimah

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



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

SAVE THE DATE!

Shepherd of the Hill is once again planning a fun group outing to a Joliet Slammers Game!



This year's outing will be on Friday evening, June 5th, and game time is 6:35pm. Tickets are \$14 each, and as in years past this will be a fundraising opportunity for our congregation, with half of each ticket's price going back to SOTH. We will be seated as a group and receive special group recognition during the game. Please contact:

Dave Helfert, text or call, (815) 545-0415, or dphelfert@comcast.net

for more information and to order tickets. Ticket reservations will be taken through Sunday, May 24th, with distribution to take place the week before the game. Please come and join us for this fun fellowship event!

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS SPRING



**Saturday
May 30
9:00 – 1:00**



Please use QR code to set appointment



**Thank you,
SOTH!**

*Our pancake breakfast raised \$706
and our Bake Sale raised \$203.*

Thanks to Cheryl, Deborah, Rick, Jim, Lisa, and the rest of the cooks, servers, & cleaners.



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**APPOINTMENTS
PREFERRED/WALK INS
WELCOME**



Last weekend was our last SOTH Kid's Club event for the school year.

A huge thank you to Stacey Neil, Deb Franiak, Cheryl Zacharias, Sarah Mack, and Sonya Pedersen. A special thank you to our Kid's Club director, Audrey Bjerum. It has been a fantastic year!

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

NAMI Will-Grundy

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 May 21

LANDSCAPING/TREES

We are planning to refresh the landscaping around the main church entrance on the east side of the building and would greatly appreciate your input. If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to speak with a member of the Property Team—Chip Lake, Bryan Raurworth, Jerry Liston, Phil Slezzer, Gary Wintersteen, or Dave Helfert.

We are also considering removing the two trees located on either side of the main doors, as their overgrowth continues to impact the new roof.

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

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:** Usually completed in minutes.

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.