

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who 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

May 2/3, 2026
 Attendance—154 / Online 51

General Fund	\$10,917.00
Fish Pantry	\$300.00
Altar	\$40.00
Youth	\$957.25
Weekly Offering	*\$12,214.25

**Does not include Zelle payments*

**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

Mortgage Balance: \$158,232.81
Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Acts 17:22-31, pg. 901
In your pew Bible

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

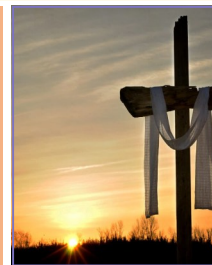
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*Called and Equipped by the Holy Spirit To Be Sent Out
 as the Heart and Hands of Christ*



Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
In Honor of All Mothers
 By: Altar Guild

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



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

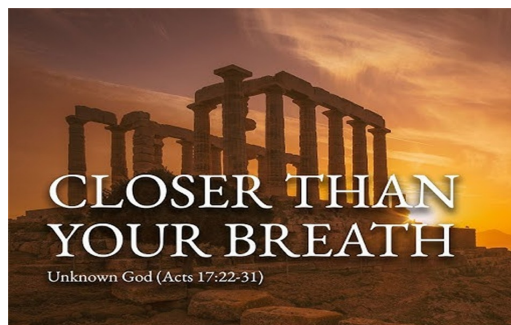
Saturday at 5pm
 Sunday at 10am

JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE ON FACEBOOK / WEBSITE

Available starting at 10am on Sunday

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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, Alicia Schidzikowski, and Mike Bjerum.

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

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.

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Ryan Adams
 Ellie Hundley



SOTH VBS

Save the Date: July 27-31

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS SPRING



SHEPHERD OF THE HILL

APPOINTMENTS
PREFERRED/WALK INS
WELCOME

Saturday
May 30
9:00 – 1:00



Please use QR
code to set
appointment

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!



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

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 Rauworth, Jerry Liston, Phil Sleezer, 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.

TOM REDIG RETIRING

Our past member, Tom Redig, who has been the Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru, IL is retiring. If you would like to send Tom a card wishing him well in his retirement, please send it to:

Tom Redig
2020 Luther Drive
Peru, IL 61354-1205

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 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

WATER FOUNTAIN

For those who do not know, we have a water fountain that is also a refillable water bottle station in the north hallway, between the two restrooms. We are thankful to our Memorial Gifts Committee (and especially the beloved Gary Haut) for this gift to the church. Bring your water bottle and fill it with fresh church water! :)

How can you continue to use
your money in service to God,
even after you die?

Steven Phelps from the ELCA
Foundation will present a talk about
Legacy gifts next Sunday, May 17th,
after the 10:00 worship service.

BROKEN PEWS

We have recently become aware that a few church pews may be in need of repair, though we are unsure of their exact locations. If you happen to sit in a pew that feels broken or unsafe, please place a hymnal on that spot and notify the church office so we can address it promptly. Your help is appreciated as we work to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Our SOTH-related home in Fairmont is nearly finished, and a family has been chosen. There are two more homes entering their final stages and could use our help. 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

Annual Bicycle Drive/Re-Homing Event

Proceeds benefit the LRC
Transformation Scholarship Program



Lockport
Resource
Center

- Bike Sale begins 9:00 a.m., Sat., May 16 at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, 14719 W 163rd St, Homer Glen
- Questions? Contact Cean Magosky at ceanmagosky@gmail.com or 708-710-9438

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.