

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

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**ENDOWMENT BALANCE**

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

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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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 23/24, 2026

Attendance—159 / Online—41

General Fund	\$4,602.00
Building Usage	950.00
VBS	50.00
Community Events	28.00
Music/Bells	10.00
<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>*\$5,630.00</b>

**Treasurer's Report  
 2026 Year to Date as of 4/30/26:**

Income:	\$171,872.53
Expenses:	<u>\$165,154.38</u>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 6,718.15</b>

*\*Does not include Zelle payments*

Mortgage Balance: \$158,232.81

Today's Scripture Reading(s):  
**Psalm 8, pg. 427**  
**Matthew 28:16-20, pg. 812**  
*Of 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:

***Honoring Kid's Club***

By: Audrey Bjerum

***For the Glory of God***

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



*Holy Trinity Sunday*

**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, Don Clayton, Barry Anderson, Ron Slack, Nancy Naylor, Mayson Gibson, Linda Hamilton, Rachel Tornga, Missy Lieser, Joseph Straub, Jamie Novak, Christian Downen, Hans Kishel, Francis Feely, George Rohrer, Chad Roeske, Nancy Rohde, Kevin Kreiger, Alicia Schidzikowski, Mike Bjerum, Nan Eckley, and Kris Lavelle.*

**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.

**GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES**

Caressa  
 Chouinard  
 Jane Siwinski  
 Avery Detten  
 Patricia White  
 Debbi Dair



**We want to celebrate your graduate!**  
(8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, college, or post-grad.)  
Please send us their picture by June 4<sup>th</sup> for our musical collage.

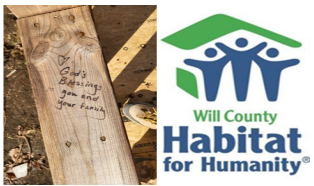
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or text a picture to Pastor Jon – 714-335-2216

**Special Congregational Meeting**  
Sunday, June 14,  
After 10:00 a.m. worship service


Purpose: Seek congregation's approval of changes to the columbarium project.



The SOTH-related Lockport Community Resource Roundtable continues to serve Lockport in 2026. Initiated in 2022, the gatherings take place three times per year. In the Roundtable meetings we learn about resources that address food insufficiency, housing, domestic abuse, mental health, among others. See [lockportresource.org/community-resources](http://lockportresource.org/community-resources) for more info.



*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.*



**Lutheran Social Services of Illinois**

**REMINDER**

The 2026 Northern IL Synod Assembly is on June 12th with In-Kind donations benefitting LSSI this year. You can support by:

1. Donating \$25 giftcards (for your congregation representative to bring to the Synod Assembly) OR
2. By purchasing items from LSSI's online wish-list via the QR code or link listed.



[GIFTLIST.LSSI.ORG](http://GIFTLIST.LSSI.ORG)

**SLAMMERS GAME**

The game is on Friday evening, June 5th, and game time is 6:35pm. Distribution of the tickets will take place this week by Dave Helfert. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Daryl and Ann Caneva on the birth of their grandchild, **Alice**. She was recently born to Andres and Bridget, their son and daughter-in-law.

**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](http://lockportresource.org/community-resources)

**MEMORIAL GIFTS PURCHASE**

The Memorial Gifts Committee recently purchased the two additional tables and ten chairs you may have noticed in the narthex. This is one meaningful way memorial gifts continue to serve our church long after a loved one has passed.

If you are interested in making a memorial gift, or would like to honor a family member in this way, please contact the Pastor or the church office. We will gladly connect you with a representative from the Memorial Gifts Committee.

As we will celebrate Father's Day on June 21<sup>st</sup>, we invite you to send us a picture of your father (or the person who played the role of father in your life) for our Father's Day collage. Due by Thursday, 6/18.



Email – [soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com](mailto:soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com)  
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**SOTH VBS**  
Come Join the Fun!

July 27-31  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
4 yrs old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
\$25 registration.



Sign up in Narthex or use QR code.



**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, Bryan, Jerry Phil, Gary, or Dave. 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, (his last Sunday was Sunday, 5/17) please send it to:

Tom Redig  
2020 Luther Drive  
Peru, IL 61354-1205

**DOMINOES**

Please join us next **Thursday, 6/4 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.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to our mowers (Dave Helfert and Gary Wintersteen), for keeping our church grounds looking neat and tidy.

**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.

**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](mailto:soth.finsec@shepherdofthehill.com).
2. choose the amount, and hit send!

**There is NO COST to using Zelle!**

- **Speed:** Usually completed in minutes.
- **Convenience:** just use your bank's app.