

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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**ENDOWMENT
BALANCE**
As of 5/31/26:
\$131,668.44

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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**
July 11/12, 2026
Attendance—126 / Online—38

General Fund	\$5,796.67
VBS	15.00
Weekly Offering	*\$5,811.67

**Does not include Zelle payments*

Treasurer's Report 2026 Year to Date as 05/31/26:	
Income:	\$208,594.67
Expenses:	\$203,568.21
Net Income:	\$ 5,026.46

Mortgage Balance: \$154,129.07

Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Psalm 86:11-15, Pg. 474
Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43 pg. 794
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:
In Memory of Tina & Tino Cipolla
By: Angela Cipolla
In Memory of Jim & Frona Baker
By: Larry & Tina Baker
Order forms ~ on table in narthex ~ cost ~ \$40 per vase ~ there are 2 vases



***"The one
who sows
the good
seed is the
Son of
Man."***

Matt. 13:37

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

CONTINUED PRAYERS *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—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 Torniga, 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, Gretchen McDowell, Barbara McGann, Sandy Wilke, Karen Franz, Debbi Callahan, Carole Garrett, Bill Starklauf, and Cheryl Jeans.*

WORLDWIDE PRAYERS
Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, Gaza, Iran and the rest of the Middle East, and those affected by recent storms, and those affected by the 2 earthquakes.

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 Junquera, and Eric Hill.

HOMEBOUND
Lily Mazeika
Janet Villacci
Sandra Shrader
Wally Lewandowski
Marge Novander
Donna Anderson

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Sean Johnson
Wilber Garrett

Group Mission Trip:

Thank you, SOTH, for all of your prayerful support. It was a great trip!



While Pastor is on vacation, Vicar Dave will be the contact person for anything in Pastor's absence. You can call the church office at 815-838-0708 and ask for Vicar Dave, or his direct phone number is:

815-954-9368, and email is:
david.luecht@shepherdofthehill.com

FISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

FISH Food Pantry, located at the Lockport Township Building, 1463 S. Farrell Road, is seeking volunteers to assist with client services. We are looking for able-bodied individuals who can lift up to 50 lbs. and help carry groceries to clients' vehicles. These volunteer opportunities are available on Mondays and Fridays, 8:30—11:30am.

If this is a ministry that is calling your name, please contact us by email at: Foodpantry@lockporttownship.com, or call 815-588-3543. If no one answers, please leave a message and your call will be returned.



We are closing out registration for this year's VBS on Monday, July 20th. If you haven't registered your child, please go to our website for instructions on registering. We currently have over 60 children!



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 for more info.



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 August 20

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

Permanent endowments are gifts that keep on giving. If the endowment agreement states that the principal shall never be invaded and that income is paid out to support a designated cause through your church, then your gift is "forever."

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.



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.
- **Convenience:** just use your bank's app.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am-2:30pm. It's a good idea to call the office to be sure the person you need is working that day.



GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

Gluten-free communion is available. Pre-filled, sealed communion cups with wafers are on the bulletin table for those who wish to avoid any contact. Gluten-free wafers are also available at the altar upon request; however, for complete avoidance of cross-contamination, please use the prepackaged cups.



An ABBA Candlelight Experience

Shepherd of the Hill

Friday, August 14, 6:30p, & 8:30pm

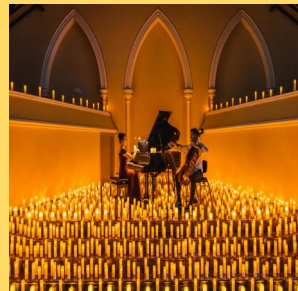
Tickets \$27.48—\$77

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Look for shows in United States

Search for ABBA music

Find Shepherd of the Hill, August 14



**Pick your seats (gold and silver seats sold out).
We cannot book your seats from the office.**

