

God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through 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
August 15/16, 2026
Attendance—142 / Online—35

General Fund	\$3,833.00
Property Projects	100.00
Other Benevolences	50.00
Weekly Offering	\$3,983.00

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

**Does not include Zelle payments*

Mortgage Balance: \$152,066.58

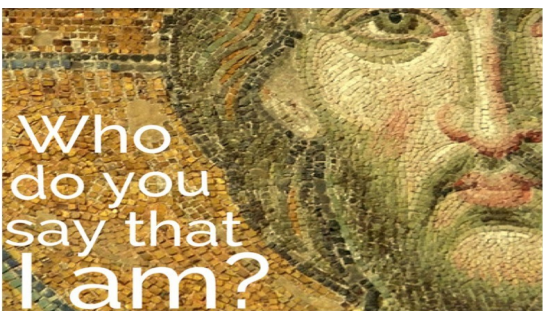
Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Romans 12:1-8, pg. 922
Matthew 16:13-20, pg. 798
In your pew Bible

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 Memory of Harry & Delores Brubeck
By: Deb Brubeck

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 meets next on September 13

CONTINUED PRAYERS *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*
Emily Vlk, Bob Barwa, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Alice Pritchett, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Dylan Krestan, Beverly Aiwohi, Glen Kleuch, Robert Kinder, Don Clayton, 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, Gretchen McDowell, Sandy Wilke, Debbi Callahan, Carole Garrett, Cheryl Jeans, Gary Day, Dale Airola, Barbara Walus, Sharon Bolerjack, and Matthew Frayne.

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/tornadoes.

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

Ann Peterson
Alexis Kneeland



**Sunday,
September 13**
11:00 – 1:00

**Save the
Date!**

Blessing of the Backpacks



Available after
worship today.



Will-Grundy

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

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.





8th Annual SOTHtoberfest
Sunday, October 4
11:30 - 1:30
Save the Date!



Join us for SOTH Kid's Club,
our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11,
starring the Whirl Kids.

Weekly Online for families begins Sept. 13
2nd & 4th Sundays In-person begins Sept. 13

Contact church office (815-838-0708) or Audrey Bjerum (abjerum@gmail.com) to sign up

Next meeting will be on September 17

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

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.

An ABBA Candlelight Experience
Shepherd of the Hill

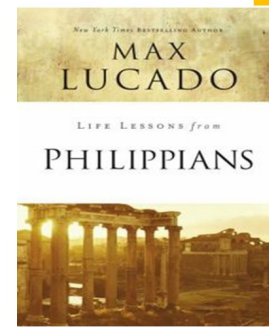
What a wonderful concert it was! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and joined us for this special event. We look forward to hosting another concert in the future, possibly a Christmas one.



New Bible Study Opportunity

Led by
Pricie Rogan

Beginning Sunday,
September 20th
8:45 a.m.
Save the Date!




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.

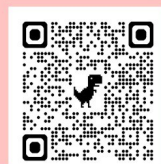


LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our teams rely on faithful and compassionate people like you. Thank you for delivering critically needed emergency aid, when and where it is needed most.

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**Donate to an
Emergency**

Save the Date



**Trunk
or
Treat**

Saturday, October 24th
4:00-6:00
SOTH & Grand Dental
Parking Lots

DISCOVER RUTH CIRCLE
(We had the wrong date on last week's Yellow Pages)

A friendly group of women meets monthly (usually the 4th Wednesday) for prayer, scripture, fellowship, and light refreshments. **Their next gathering is this coming Wednesday, September 26 at 10am in the narthex.**

For more details, contact Dawn in the office at 815-838-0708.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

Kim Vlk, a church member, is seeking a reliable driver for her daughter, Carly, a 27-year-old adult with Down syndrome, to travel to and from Elim Christian Services in Orland Park, Monday through Friday. Pickup in Lockport (near Walsh School) with drop-off at Elim by 8:20am. Return pickup is at 2:20pm in Orland. **Pay is \$25 per hour (\$50 per day)**, with a 1099 tax form provided. For details or to help, please contact Kim at 815-325-3028.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open **Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am-2:30pm**. Call the office to be sure the person you need is working that day.

