

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove from us everything that is harmful and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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 29/30, 2026
Attendance—127 / Online—44

General Fund \$12,798.42
Youth 50.00
Weekly Offering ***\$12,963.42**

Treasurer's Report
2026 Year to Date as of June 30:
Income: \$245,367.73
Expenses: \$241,508.96
Net Income: **\$ 3,858.77**

****Does not include Zelle payments***

Mortgage Balance: \$149,997.24

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Romans 13:8-14, pg. 923
Matthew 18:15-20, pg. 799
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

15th Sunday After Pentecost
Sept. 5/6, 2026

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
In Memory of Salvatore Cipolla
By: Angela Cipolla

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



For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

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, Glen Kleuch, Robert Kinder, Don Clayton, Ron Slack, Nancy Naylor, Mayson Gibson, Linda Hamilton, Rachel Tornge, 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, Matthew Frayne, Linnea Franke, Cheryl Hand, Sue Strzyz, and Jean Cronin.

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, floods, and heat.

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
Sharon Bolerjack
Beverly Aiwohi
Dave Deaton



**Sunday,
September 13**

11:00 – 1:00

- Berkot's chicken provided. You provide the sides. Sign up sheet in narthex.
- Church picnic
- Games for all ages
- Bounce House
- Committee & Bible study show & tell



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



**Join us for
SOTH Kid's
Club**

*our kid's ministry for
ages 4-11.*

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

Sign up for **Property Fraud Alerts** to receive notice when documents are recorded under your name. This free service provides an early warning of possible property fraud. Need help? Call the **Will County Treasurer's office: 800-728-3858**. Sign up at: propertyfraudalert.com

GIVING STATEMENTS

January – July giving statements are in your SOTH mailboxes. Please check these against your records. If you find a discrepancy, please contact our Financial Secretary.

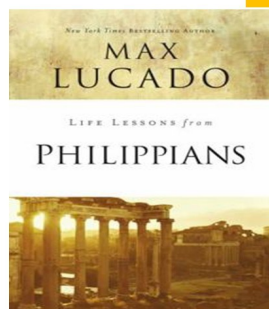
OKTOBERFEST BASKETS

It's raffle basket time! We're thrilled to bring back this favorite tradition and invite you to help make it extra special. We're looking for creative, themed baskets such as movie night, gardening, food lovers, coffee time, football season, and more—the possibilities are endless! Please drop off your donated basket(s) at the church office during regular business hours by Friday, 10/2.

New Bible Study Opportunity

Led by
Pricie Rogan

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



Save the Date



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



Will-Grundy

Mental Health Support Groups

Free & Confidential

CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANY ONE 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 September 17

Do you know someone who needs help with:

- financial assistance
- finding food
- finding low-cost medical services
- substance abuse
- copng with mental illness
- escaping domestic violence



Check out:

lockportresource.org/community-resources



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.

A Christmas Candlelight Experience



Save the date for a magical Candlelight Experience at Shepherd of the Hill! Join us

Friday, December 11, at
6pm or 9pm, for an

enchancing evening of music by candlelight.

Tickets will be available soon
through the Lumos app.

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.



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Emergency**

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Don't wait.

And, don't forget Shepherd of the Hill.