

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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**
September 5/6, 2026
Attendance—126 / Online—43

General Fund	\$5,404.00
Altar Flowers	40.00
Education Materials	10.00
Weekly Offering	*5,454.00

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 14:1-12, pg. 923
Matthew 18:21-35, pg. 800
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*

Sept. 12/13, 2026
Rally Day

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
Honoring Grandkids & Great-Grandkids
By: Barb Manning

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, 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, Jean Cronin, Cathy Didio, Marge West, and Melody Pickering.

**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**

Patrick Greenfield
Elaine Lesniak
Sharon Bolerjack
Beverly Aiwohi



**Sunday,
September 13**
11:00 – 1:00

- Church picnic
- Games for all ages
- Bounce House
- Committee & Bible study show & tell

Berkot's chicken provided. Stay and eat with us.

Public Interview with Deacon-elect David Luecht

Sunday, September 20th,
After 10:00 a.m. worship service

Purpose: A chance to ask your questions.
Submit your questions using the communication cards in your pew.



Tickets on sale in narthex!

8th Annual SOTHtoberfest
Sunday, October 4
11:30 - 1:30

\$15 for food for adults, \$10 for children 5-10 y.o.
(Brat, hotdogs, hamburgers, & sides)
Beverages (adult and otherwise) are extra
Proceeds for Youth Summer Programming



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

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.

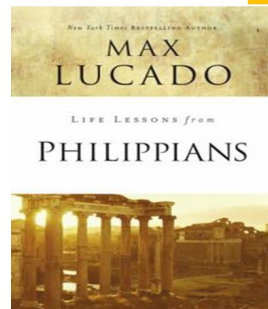
OKTOBERFEST BASKETS

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 end-
less! 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

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.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 4th,
After 10:00 a.m. worship service

Purpose: Congregational vote to
extend a call to Deacon-elect David
Luecht

Our SOTH-related
Habitat for
Humanity home in
Lockport's Fairmont
neighborhood
(214 Dellwood Ave,
Lockport) will be
dedicated on Sept.
30th at 9:30. Join us
as we bless a new
family to their
home.



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October, November, December
2020

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devotion for
Oct. - Dec.
Available in
the narthex.

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.

