



**Thank you to all
who helped with
Rally Day.**

**It was
fantastic!!**

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.*

Join us online every week and in-person
the 2nd and 4th Sundays during worship.
September 27 – next in-person event.

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.**

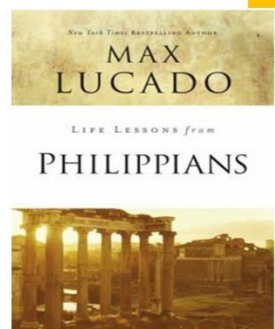
OKTOBERFEST BASKETS

*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 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



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



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 October 15

**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.

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.**



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.

**PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD
21297-1061 USA**

www.lwr.org



**Donate to an
Emergency**



**Pick up your
copy of
Christ in Our
Home –
a daily
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.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SOTH
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ENDOWMENT
BALANCE
As of 6/30/26:
\$133,308.96

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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 mailboxes 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 12/13, 2026
Attendance—181 / Online—50

General Fund **\$5,520.00**
Weekly Offering **\$5,520.00**

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
Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Jonah 3:10-4:11, pg. 753
Matthew 20:1-16, pg. 801
In your pew Bible

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church
WWW.SHEPHERDOFTHEHILL.COM, 815-838-0708

*Called and Equipped by the Holy Spirit To Be Sent Out
as the Heart and Hands of Christ*

Today's Altar Flowers Are Given For:
Enjoy the Last Days of Summer
By: Diane Martling
Honoring Family & Friends
By: Chris & Leslie Applegate



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 27

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR 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 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, Matthew Frayne, Linnea Franke, Cheryl Hand, Sue Strzyz, Jean Cronin, Cathy Didio, Marge West, and Melody Pickering.*

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

WORLDWIDE
PRAYERS

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Iran, and the rest of the Middle East, and those affected by **recent storms, tornadoes, floods, and heat.**

COMFORT FOR
THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
LOVED ONES

Hulda Hartman
Hank Asmussen
Patrick Greenfield
Elaine Lesniak
Sharon Bolerjack
Beverly Aiwohi