

Dear Shepherd of the Hill Congregation,

October is the synod's designated month for celebrating and lifting up pastors and staff.

Shepherd of the Hill has participated in this activity for many years acknowledging our pastor, the Minister of Music, and support staff. We are truly blessed with faithful, dedicated, hardworking and compassionate leaders. Pastor and staff are true stewards giving their time, talents and treasures. Please keep them in your prayers. You may remember them with a monetary gift and possibly a greeting card.

We would like to present Pastor Pedersen and other staff members with a monetary gift on the last Sunday of October and acknowledge their varied contributions to SOTH. **Please submit your donations to church from now until October 20th** by writing 'appreciation' on the notation line of your check or cash in an envelope with the same notation. Let's share our appreciation in October!

Respectfully submitted,
The Mutual Ministry Committee of Pastor Pedersen
Nell Pieper, Tina Baker, Karen Franz, Susan Mead and Jerry Liston

Deciding where to make your year-end contribution? Consider helping us renew the entrance to Shepherd of the Hill with some beautiful landscaping, and create a warm welcome for everyone who walks through our doors. Every gift makes a difference, and we're grateful for your support. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

We have many items that have been left behind. Please take a look at our Lost and Found box to see if you have left a pair of reading or sunglasses, water bottle, etc.

The October 24th 5:00 p.m. Saturday worship service will be cancelled due to Trunk or Treat.

Save the Date
Saturday, November 21, at 5 pm.

You are invited to the Ordination of Deacon-elect David Luecht into the Ministry of Word and Service at St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet, IL.

A formal Ordination announcement will be coming from the Synod. I extend a deep feeling of gratitude to the congregation of Shepherd of the Hill for your vote of confidence and support as I begin my call into ministry serving you. I will begin my work with Shepherd of the Hill on November 1, 2026.

THANK YOU

Chip Lake and Jerry Liston have been hard at work transforming one of our storage rooms into a Prayer Chapel. While we are not done yet and there is still more work to do, we are grateful to Scott Blim and his brother-in-law, John, who generously painted the room for us. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and labor to this special ongoing project.

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1st we will celebrate *All Saints Day*, tolling the bell for all who have died since November 2nd, 2025. If you want your loved one's name and picture included contact the church office (815-838-0708) before Thursday, Oct. 29th, 2:00 p.m. Thank you.

Sign up now in Narthex

Trunk or Treat

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

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

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.

We are pleased to announce that the congregational vote to call David Luecht as our new deacon passed overwhelmingly. Thank you for your support. Deacon David will begin his call on Nov. 1st.

Like to swing a hammer? Like to make a difference? There are two Habitat homes in Fairmont trying to get under roof before Winter. Join us. Talk to Pastor Jon if you would like to be included on the information email.

Will County Habitat for Humanity

Shepherd of the Hill Presents:

1920 silent film classic:
The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari

Live film organ accompaniment by David Rhodes

October 24th
7:00 p.m.
SOTH

\$12 suggested donation at door. Proceeds go to Youth Ministry.

THE CABINET OF DR. CALIGARI

An additional show has been added to the December 11, event. Another show at 4:30pm. Go to the **Lumos** website for addt'l info.

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image. Created for you, let us act for your glory. Redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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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

Oct. 10/11, 2026

Attendance—163 / Online—48

General Fund	\$13,608.00
Altar Flowers	80.00
Appreciation	700.00
FISH Pantry	600.00
Weekly Offering	\$14,988.00
Prayer Chapel to date	<u>\$36,000.00</u>

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal 2026 Year to Date as of Aug. 31:

Income: \$451,319
Expenses: \$459,132
Net Income - \$ 7,813

**Does not include Zelle payments*

Mortgage Balance: \$147,920.73

Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Isaiah 45:1-7, pg. 588
Matthew 22:15-22, pg.803
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*

*21st Sunday
After Pentecost*

Oct. 17/18, 2026

Today's Altar Flowers Are Given For:

Honoring the Baptism of Kennedy

By: Dave & Mary Helfert

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



*Caesar's
or God's?*

Matthew 22:15-22



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 October 25

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, 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, Debbie Sortino, and Marilyn Yudt.*

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, Eric Hill, and Lucas Gamble.

HOMEBOUND

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

WORLDWIDE
PRAYERS

For all affected by war in Ukraine, Iran, Gaza, and throughout the Middle East; for those impacted different storms, and for the safety of our teachers and schoolchildren.

COMFORT FOR
THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
LOVED ONES

Roger Fjeld
Bud Buckheim