THANK YOU

Pastor Jon, Ellen, David, Dawn, Lisa, and Megan extend our sincere appreciation for your generous monetary gifts for Pastor Appreciation. Your collective kindness and thoughtful support are deeply valued, and your contribution is received with heartfelt gratitude from us all.

Thank you to Karen Pintoy and all who help with Sunday coffee and refreshments.

Thank you to the Columbarium Committee and especially Chip Lake, for all the time and effort put forth in getting this project moving forward.

Thank you to Bryan Rauworth for recycling our old electronics.



Sunday, November 15th 11:30—1:30

Sign up in the Narthex who will come and what will you bring



Have you figured out your pies yet for Thanksgiving?

Let our youth make your apple and pumpkin pies for you. Sign up in the narthex.

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.

St. John

Worship with Rite of Ordination

Deacon-Elect David Luecht and Deacon-Elect Judy Wierman

Saturday, November 21, 2026
at 5:00 p.m.

Northern Illinois Synod

St. John Lutheran Church
2650 Plainfield Road
Joliet, IL 60435

Save the Date

DEAR VETERANS

Thank you for your unwavering dedication, bravery, and selflessness. Your sacrifices have safe-guarded our freedoms and protected our nation. We are forever grateful for our service and the countless ways you have made a difference. You are our heroes, and your courage and commitment will never be forgotten. We honor you today and every day.

MILNE GROVE GIVING TREE

Coming soon! We are working with the social worker of Milne Grove School to provide gift cards for some of their needy families, and an additional family from Oak Prairie. Watch this space for further updates.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are out. Please take a shoebox and fill it with small gifts for a far-away child this Christmas. They will need to be turned in by Sunday, November 22.

ELCA GOOD GIVING TREE

We will have the ELCA Good Giving Tree up soon. Watch this space for further updates.

Do you know someone who needs help with:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- 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.

NAMI Will-Grundy
National Alliance on Mental Illness

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 every month, 6-7:30pm at Shepherd of the Hill. Next meeting 11/19.

LOST AND FOUND

We have many items that have been left behind at church. 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.

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





Starting 11/15, we will be collecting winter coats, gloves, hats, mittens, scarves for MorningStar Mission.



The 4:30 show on Dec. 11, is almost sold out. Go to the ***Lumos*** website for addt'l info.

2027 CALENDARS ARE OUT

Pick up your new 2027 calendar, 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.

Congratulations to our newly baptized in the body of Christ, Kevin Robert Crosse II! God bless baby Kevin and his parents, and grandparents.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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. 31/Nov. 1, 2026

Attendance—206 / Online—110

General Fund	$12,853.18
FISH Pantry	300.00
Altar Flowers	200.00
Sunday School	60.00
Weekly Offering	***$13,413.18**

**Does not include Zelle payments*

Prayer Chapel to date $38,500.00

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal 2026 Year to Date as of Aug. 31:

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

Mortgage Balance: $145,837.13

Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):

Matthew 25:1-13, pg. 806
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

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 7/8, 2026

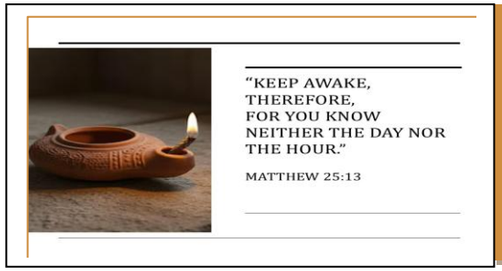
Today's Altar Flowers Are Given For:

Honoring the Birthday of our Son, Ross Wintersteen
By: Gary & Marianne Wintersteen

In Thanksgiving for Our Family
By: Terry & Carole Ziemke

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 November 22

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, 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, 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, Marilyn Yudt, Roger Lodan, Pedro Ramirez, Bruce Pratapas, and JR Gillogly.

WORLDWIDE PRAYERS

For all affected by war in Ukraine, Iran, Gaza, and throughout the Middle East; for those impacted by different storms, and for a safe and orderly election transition.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, John B. Momich, Caitlyn Williams, 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

COMFORT FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Jacob Vins
Glendeen Schroeder