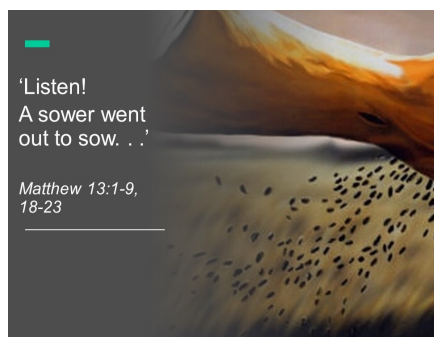


Shepherd of the Hill

Our Mission: *To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 12, 2020



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us on Facebook starting at 5:00pm on Saturday, July 11

Watch Party on Sunday at 10:30am

We will gather for a virtual coffee hour after the 10:30 service.

See your email for a Zoom invitation.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

See our online Children's Message during our worship services.

NEWEST IN THE NEWS

TOM REDIG'S ORDINATION SERVICE

This Saturday, July 11th, Shepherd of the Hill will be hosting Tom Redig's service of Ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a limited number of people who can attend so this will be an invitation-only event. Please keep Tom and Patty in your prayers as well as the church which has called him, St. John Lutheran Church in Peru, Illinois.

THIS WEEKEND'S OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE - SUNDAY JULY 12TH

Due to the Service of Ordination of Tom Redig on Saturday, July 11th, (see announcement above), our outdoor worship service for next weekend will be on Sunday, July 12th, at 8:00 p.m. There will be no rain date for this event. See your email accounts starting Tuesday, July 7th, for instructions on how to reserve your 'x'.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP, SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING SMALL GROUPS Continue to meet via Zoom. If you want to receive a Zoom invitation, email Pastor Jon, Vicar Sue, or call the church office at 815-838-0708.

SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY

Our Shepherd's Ministry continues to reach out to our shut-ins and those who have health concerns. If you would like to join our Shepherd's Ministry, email Vicar Sue vicarsue@shepherdofthehill.com, or Dawn Virva at soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR CHURCH OFFERINGS

Thank you for your wonderful financial support. Please continue to fulfill your financial pledges. Even if we cannot physically meet, the work of the congregation continues. Here are three ways that you can give your tithes and offerings during this time:

BY MAIL: Your envelopes are made to be mailed, so you can just put on a stamp and mail it.

SIMPLEGIVE: Are you interested in giving online? You can now use your credit and debit cards on SimpleGive. Please see our website at www.shepherdofthehill.com for further information.

CONTACT YOUR BANK/CREDIT UNION: Contact your bank/credit union or the Bill Pay section of their website and add *Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church* as a payee. Then your bank/credit union will draw a check and send it to SOTH in your name. This can be set up as a one-time transaction or something that is done weekly or monthly.

A/A TO RESUME IN-CHURCH MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous is resuming their meeting in Fellowship hall on Wednesdays; 6:30pm for new members, 7:30pm for current members. They are following the CDC Guidelines for COVID-19; social distancing and face masks are required. If you have any questions, please call Ken Franz at: 779-206-9828. These are closed door meetings.

LOCKPORT RESOURCE CENTER RE-OPENS!

The Lockport Resource Center Pass It On Thrift Shop will be reopening on Tuesday, July 7th. We will have very limited donation times and will be limiting the amount and type of donations due to space restraints and the need to quarantine donations before sorting. We also have restrictions on the number of shoppers, and facial coverings will be required. All donations will be screened prior to accepting. Please call the LRC at 815.838.9615 to schedule a donation. Check out Facebook or our website www.lockportresource.org for details. We ask for your patience, as we have several new volunteers; and as always, we are looking for volunteers to help us.

Peace, Cean Magosky, President, Lockport Resource Center

NEWEST IN THE NEWS CONT'D.

DIAKONIA™ ONLINE IN 2020

Are you ready to take the next step in your growth as a Christian and in your service to your congregation and community? If so, you are looking for **diakonia™**! The next series of courses is scheduled to meet on Tuesdays, beginning September 1st, 2020, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Due to the uncertainties of the current pandemic, courses will be offered online via Zoom. **What is the diakonia™ program?**

diakonia™ is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Lutheran Church. This process occurs in three basic ways: By thorough grounding in the classic seminary disciplines of practical, Biblical, systematic, and historical theology; by identifying particular skills and aptitudes in ministry and encouraging their use in the local parish and community; And by providing spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and a supportive community of fellow students, pastor-mentors, and instructors. **diakonia™** offers you the opportunity to expand and deepen your faith, to learn more about the Scriptures and the teachings and practices of the Lutheran church, and to develop and improve your skills and abilities to better serve your church and your community. In fact, “diakonia™” is the Biblical word for “service.” **For More Information:** Go to <<http://www.nisynod.org/diakonia/>> and/or <<http://www.diakoniusa.org/diakonia-program-overview/>>. Watch for online information sessions that will be scheduled for July and August. Contact Dr. Trenton Ferro, Location Manager—trferro@yahoo.com or (724) 762-0305—if you have any questions, want to learn more, and or wish to enroll in the diakonia program.

JUBILEE HOUSE

The Center for Development in Central America (a.k.a *Jubilee House*) in Nicaragua needs our help! A delegation from SOTH was hosted in February and were able to see first hand the work that the Jubilee House does through its Clinic and other programs in Nicaragua. COVID-19 hit hard in Nicaragua, causing the staff of the Jubilee House to make the decision to close the clinic and shelter at home. They need our donations to continue to pay their staff and supply medicines to their chronic patients in their homes. Please help if you can. You can donate through the website *Network for Good under CDCA*, or give to the church and we will get it to them. Thank you!

FISH PANTRY

Now you can bring your non-perishable grocery donations to the church for the FISH Pantry. There will be bins outside (Sharon Grabenhofer has graciously volunteered to pick up).

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lockport is looking for a part-time church secretary. For further information, please call St. Paul's at 815-838-1832, or Council Secretary, Lance Thies at lance.thies@gmail.com or 312-257-4382.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers is suspending their meetings until further notice.

ENDOWMENT/ESTATE PLANNING

Please remember *Shepherd of the Hill* in your will. For more information, contact Timothy Urness, Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA at 331-444-3120, or tim.urness@ELCA.org.

SOTH OFFICE

The SOTH office will remain closed until further notice. Dawn Virva and Pastor Jon will be working remotely. Ken Franz, our Financial Secretary, is working within the office. If you need to contact one of us please write us via email (pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com, or soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com) or by leaving a message on the phone, 815-838-0708, press 2, then press 102. This message will be forwarded to Pastor Jon's telephone.

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

July 5, 2020

Face Book Views Watch Party 10:30am—191
+ 37 at Outdoor Service

General Fund	\$7,264.00
FISH Pantry	200.00
Music/Organ/Bells	100.00
Disaster Relief	<u>1,000.00</u>
Weekly Total	\$8,564.00

*This does not include receipts from our Simple Give online giving.

Welcome
to Our Church

