



Shepherd of the Hill

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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE ON FACEBOOK

Available after 5:00pm on Saturdays

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

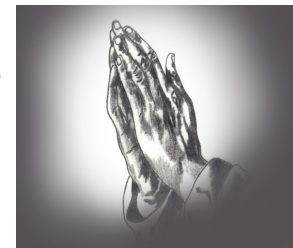
See our online Children's Message during our worship services.

WOW via Zoom at 6pm Wednesdays

Please send your email account to Cheryl Zacharias, mrszach@comcast.net and then you will receive an email invitation from her to participate.

Continued prayers for:

Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness – Maria Pentaris, Phyllis Piantek, Robert Kinder, John Teerling, John Jay, Nancy Mormann, Ryan Irby, Les Tindle, Tom Tindle, Daniel Likins, Donna Huhnke, Rick Oltmanns, Ken Franz, Marge Otis, Bonnie Lewandowski, Matt Smith, John ter Horst, Grace Flynn, John Jay, Rosemarie Frietag, Mike and Audrey Bjerum, and Chris Toso.



Give comfort to those grieving the loss of loved ones:

The families of Joseph Ramos, Jim Lenon, and Ken Roecker.

Serving in the military:

Michael Meyers, Tom Schneider, Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Claire Gora, Mark and Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, Katerina Schneider, Elijah Priovolos, and John Schneider.

Homebound: Joy Kure, Janet Villacci, Meta Tews, Donna Huhnke, Norma McCall, and Lily Mazeika.



NEWEST IN THE NEWS

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT

Isaiah 9:2a

We have a special project planned for the community this Advent season! We plan to light up the church grounds with many lights! With that being said, the only way that we can accomplish this is to ask to borrow your strings of white lights. Please label each string with your name so that we can return them once we are finished, and they can be dropped off in front of the church office doors (you don't even need to come inside). We will be lighting the outside of church and the grounds. Watch for more info.



ADVENT EVENT

Beginning Sunday, November 29, from 3-5pm, join us as we prayerfully prepare for Christmas. Reflective prayer stations will be available at SOTH. Email soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com to reserve your time slot, as space is limited. Each Sunday during Advent (12/6, 12/15, 12/20), you will have the opportunity to come and pray. Please reserve your time slot now!

THE MILNE GROVE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE



We are working with the social workers of the Milne Grove school, to provide gifts for 6 families. While we will not have an actual Christmas tree like we had last year, the idea is the same; help to create a holiday season for a Milne Grove family which has been made more challenging because of COVID-19 complications. We will NOT be shopping for gifts; instead, we are collecting gift cards. Purchase a \$25 gift card(s) to any of the following **suggested** stores: Walmart, Target, Amazon, Kohls, Meijer, Jewel and Berkots. Return your gift card(s) to Shepherd of the Hill by Sunday, 12/13 either by dropping off at the church during office hours (8:30-12:30pm), or send a check for whatever amount you wish, and we will purchase gift card(s) for you. All of the gift cards will then be turned in to Milne Grove School in time for distribution to the families for Christmas.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Thank you to all who so generously filled a shoebox with surprises for a faraway child. We had a total of 10 boxes that will be going out to a child in need this Christmas season.



ELCA GOOD GIVING TREE



The ELCA Good Giving Tree will be outside the center church doors Monday-Friday during office hours (8:30-12:30pm). Choose an ornament off the tree, and if your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one, pick out a card from beneath the tree to send to your friend or loved one so they know just where your donation went. Return your check (payable to ELCA), to Shepherd of the Hill, 925 E. 9th St., Lockport, IL 60441 or drop off at the church during office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30-12:30pm).

HATS & GLOVES DONATION DRIVE

First United Methodist Church of Lockport (1000 S. Washington St.) is have a "Hats & Gloves" donation drive on Sunday, 12/6 at the 10:30am Parking Lot Service. All donations must be new.

COATS FOR MEN AND BOYS DRIVE

New coats are being collected for the boys at Fairmont school. They were handing out coats and ran out, as there is such a need for them. Please bring your donation to SOTH and we will get them to Fairmont!



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thank you to all of the elves who helped to put up Christmas decorations! We appreciate you!

SOTH OFFICE

The office is open for business from 8:30am-12:30pm, Monday—Friday.

NEWEST IN THE NEWS CONT'D.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers of SOTH, Dan and I committed last fall to a mission project to raise money for the charity, *Food for the Poor*. We committed to hosting dinners monthly (from October 2019 thru September 2020) at our house to raise donations. We were blessed to have hosted 5 dinners before COVI-19 struck in March. We received donations of \$1655 up to that point. Our ultimate goal was to raise \$3800 to build a house for a family with plumbing/running water. We still need \$2145.00 to build a home. We felt since Pastor Jon and other SOTH volunteers are committed to working locally to build homes through *Habitat For Humanity*, this would be a lovely compliment to provide a home for a family in another country. I picture in my mind hands outstretched from SOTH reaching beyond Lockport, to help those that are in need of a home. This brings me to presenting an opportunity to SOTH for the month of November (the month of Thanksgiving) to raise \$2145.00. Donations can be sent to Shepherd of the Hill, 925 E. 9th Street, Lockport, IL 60441. Please make checks payable to ***SOTH for Food for the Poor***. In Christ, Pricie and Dan Rogan



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS!

Lois and John Teerling gratefully thank everyone for their prayers for John to get better! The prayers have worked and John is doing better!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We wish to thank everyone for the thoughtful cards and gifts that have been coming in to the office for Pastor Appreciation. This last 8 months have challenged all of us, but we keep doing what we do, all for God's glory!

BAGS OF HOPE



We are collecting food for local students thru 'Bags of Hope,' a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring students do not go hungry outside school. Each week a backpack filled with food is sent home with students from area schools in Lockport, Joliet, and Plainfield. Our goals is to partner with these communities to sustain and expand our efforts to provide food to students who need it most. With your help, we can reach this goal! The following are the foods that are needed: canned fruits and veggies, pasta and pasta sauce (no glass), tuna, oatmeal, soup, chili, ramen noodles, mac 'n cheese, granola bars, cereal bars, peanut butter, jelly. **Grab a bag from**

the bin outside of the church doors and place your donation inside. Bags are picked up every couple of days. Thank you in advance for thinking of our local, hungry children.

HABITAT BUILD

The next Habitat Build project will be on Thursday, 12/3. Please contact the office or Pastor Jon at pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the team.

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.

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.

THANK YOU TO THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Our Property Committee has been hard at work doing countless projects for SOTH these last couple of months. The most recent project was replacing a toilet, making repairs to a part of our boiler, and getting the lawn mowers ready for winter hibernation. Thank you to these hard-working members of ours! There are always on-going projects that these guys are forever tackling and we are most appreciative of all of their efforts!





O God,
 as light comes from this candle,
 may the blessing of Jesus Christ
 come to us,
 warming our hearts
 and brightening our way.
 May Christ our Saviour bring life
 into the darkness of this world,
 and to us,
 as we wait for his coming.
 Amen.

FROM CCCB'S BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE HOME AND FAMILY

**OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO
 GOD'S LOVE**

November 22, 2020

Face Book Views—244

+4 @ Face Book Watch Party 10:30am

General Fund	\$8,911.50
Advent/Christmas Offering	30.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
Special Projects	5,000.00
Youth	15.00
Special Event Fundraising	<u>94.50</u>
Weekly Total	\$14,101.00

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

Principal Mortgage Balance \$281,175.37

*Welcome
 to Our Church*

