

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OPENINGS FOR 3
& 4-YEAR OLD
PRESCHOOL FOR
THE 24/25 YEAR

Please contact
our Preschool
at 815-838-
0708 (ask for
Preschool) for
more infor-
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\$71,413.66



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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 collection boxes 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 locate our nursery which is in the north hallway. This is a service that we provide for all families.

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

January 6/7, 2024
Attendance 65 / Online 50

General Fund \$14,232.00
FISH Pantry 300.00

Weekly Total \$14,532.00

**This does not include receipts from
our SimpleGive online giving.**

Principal Mortgage Balance:
\$215,222.95

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

925. E. Ninth Street, Lockport, IL 60441

Our Mission: To Know Jesus & To Make Jesus Known

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

In Honor of Our Dad's (Phil) 75th Birthday

By: Vicki & Connie (Sleezer)

For Family & Friends

By: Chris & Leslie Applegate

Flower order forms are on the table in narthex; cost is now \$40 per vase.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Saturday at 5pm

Sunday at 10am

***JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE SERVICE
ON FACEBOOK /YOUTUBE***

Available 10am on Sunday

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

See note inside bulletin



CONTINUED PRAYERS

Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—Les Tindle, Rick Oltmanns, Ken & Karen Franz, Ron Helfert, John Teerling, Madelene Vargo, Marge Otis, Emily Vlk, Vinny Gincauskus, Bob Barwa, Jeannie Scalise, Bob Fanello, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Rob Melbert, Mary Kay Matarelli, Philip Ackland, Larry Soderstrom, Jessica Wallin, Briggs Whitehead, Ralph Heart, Lillianna Pelayo, Audrey Mormann, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Ryan Irby, Leroy Foster, Rusty Jadron, Judy Rosynek, Nancy Wilkens, Jason Haley, Pia McManis, Barbara Kennerley, Brian Butler, Bob Roland, Allan Franz, Lois Martino, Dan Rogan, Alice Pritchett, Herb Kinder, and John Yudt.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Michael Meyers, Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, Katerina and Lenny Casselman, John Schneider, Tom Schneider, John B. Momich, Caitlyn Grabenhofer, Megan and Daniel Sanchez, and Jack Superczynski.

HOMEBOUND

Ron Helfert
Norma McCall
Lily Mazeika
Janet Villacci

***WORLDWIDE
PRAYERS***

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East, and the release of the Israeli hostages.

***GIVE COMFORT TO
THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
LOVED ONES***

Donald Hoff
Cynthia
Wengelewski
Sharon Guendling



YOUR 2024 GIVING PLEDGE

As you think about your giving for 2024, please consider increasing your tithe by 5%. Thank you for allowing God to make you into generous people and supporting the work God is doing through SOTH. The Pledge Box will be in the narthex through January 27-28.

HELP WANTED

We are currently looking for:
-Council Secretary
-VBS Director

If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Jon.

MEETINGS AT CHURCH?

If you hold meetings at church either during office hours or in the evening, please make sure that we have you on our calendar. Call or email Dawn to get your booked:

soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com



2ND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us next Sunday, January 28 after the 10am service for our 2nd congregational meeting. We will be voting on council and committee positions. Make your voice heard!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

We will be starting First Communion classes. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon at pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com. The schedule of classes will be: Tuesdays: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, and Saturday, 3/10.

ARE YOU GETTING RID OF YOUR 50' OR BIGGER TV?

Pastor Jon is looking for a used, 50" or bigger flat screen tv for our newly renovated council room. Please contact the church if you can help us.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/ EMAIL/PHONE?

If you have moved, changed your phone number, or your email address, please let us know. Also, it's a good idea for us to have an emergency contact person for all members. You can email Dawn with this information at: soth.office@shepherdofthehill.com Or call the church office at 815-838-0708.

FUNERAL FOR DOUGLAS MEURER

We will have a visitation on Saturday, 1/27, from 1-3pm, with a service at 3pm at Shepherd of the Hill.

"Pray continually." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

 **Will-Grundy**
Mental Health Support Groups
Free & Confidential
CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANY ONE 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 for NAMI is Thursday, Feb 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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open Monday thru Friday 8:30am-2:30pm. It's a good idea to call the office to be sure the person you need is working that day.



PRAYERS

We are happy to add your prayer requests to the bulletin. Sometimes we run out of room for all of our requests. Just tell us if we need to add someone back on, and if it's a long-term prayer request.



Join us for SOTH Kid's Club, our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11. Contact the church office at 815-838-0708, or Audrey Bjerum at: abjerum@gmail.com to sign up.



Our next build will tentatively be February 24. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jon at 714-335-2216 or pastor.jon.pedersen@gmail.com. Or sign up on our website.

Our new Tithes & Offerings Boxes

located next to each door of the sanctuary.



END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

We are trying very hard to get the end of year (2023) giving statements out the end of January. Please be patient with us as we work thru this.

Northern Illinois Synod's Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) will be March 16, 2024 at Sauk Valley Community College. See <https://nisynod.org/pages/2024-cre-schedule> for more info.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11