

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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**ENDOWMENT  
BALANCE**

\$80,641.47



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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 visit 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**

July 19/20, 2025

Attendance—91/ Online—53

General Fund	\$2,930.00
Property Projects	250.00
Altar Flowers	40.00
Other Benevolences	20.00
Youth	175.00
VBS	50.00
Weekly Offering	\$3,465.00

Principal Mortgage Balance:  
\$178,336.80

*\*Does not include Zelle or SimpleGive  
Payments*

*Your giving makes a difference!*

**Today's Scripture Reading:**

**Luke 11:1-13, found on page  
845 in your Pew Bible**

***Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church***

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**7th Sunday  
After Pentecost**

July 26/27, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:  
***Honoring Anthony's Birthday***  
By: Heidi Martino  
***In Memory of Frank's Birthday***  
By: Georgia Alberico



Jesus'  
lessons on  
prayer.

*Luke 11:1-13*



**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**

On hiatus until Fall

**CONTINUED PRAYERS** *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*

Les Tindle, Emily Vlk, Bob Barwa, Bob Fanello, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Philip Ackland, Jessica Wallin, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Alice Pritchett, Ron Slack, Tony Flaherty, Jeff Stubler, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Naida Magercak, Francis Kania, Paul England, Dylan Krestan, Blanche Bolton, Beverly Aiwohi, Terry Warsaw, Emily Heintzelman, Karlynn Anderson, Carol Mattes, Glen Kleuch, Phyllis Piantek, Danny McKian, Ed Kosobucki, Eva Hauge, Robert Kinder, Karen Pedigo, Andrew Alberico, Alexandra Fisher, and Donato Munoz.

**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, Jack and Mike Superczynski, Seth Trent, Timea Sara, Anthony Martino, Eric John Stepek, Alphonso Huerta, Jr., Bradley Poerio, Nathan Snyder, Cobi and Anthuan Valentin.

**HOMEBOUND**

Norma McCall  
Lily Mazeika  
Janet Villacci  
Sandra Schrader  
Wally  
Lewandowski  
Marge Novander  
Donna Anderson

**WORLDWIDE  
PRAYERS**

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, and the Middle East. For the release of all the Israeli hostages. All of those affected by the horrific floods in Texas.

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

Sister Pat Murphy  
Madelene Vargo  
Jim Leno  
Bill Butler  
Ted Dimmick

## Shepherd of the Hill VBS



*Starts  
Monday*

**We have 62  
kids signed  
up!**

### VBS

Thank you to everyone who sent VBS donations to us through Amazon. We now have all the supplies and snacks we need for next week. At this time, we ask for your prayers—for a successful program, for the students to enjoy learning about God, and for beautiful weather.

### THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR HELPERS!

Thank you to **Dana Superczynski** and **Jeff Brown** for chaperoning the Group Mission Trip.

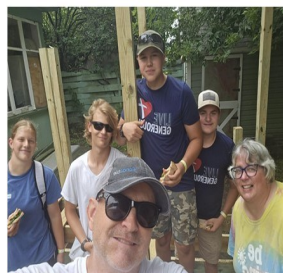
Thank you to **Heidi Habas**, **Dave Helfert**, and **Nell Pieper** for their help with facilitating services while Pastor was gone last weekend.

Thank you to our mower team, **Gary Wintersteen**, **Dave Helfert**, and **Raquel Caneva** for keeping our lawns looking good during this very hot and humid summer.

Thank you to our **Property Team** for all of the miscellaneous tasks that they take care of, that nobody sees.



Immediately following Sunday Worship, we need your help moving some furniture in the Fellowship Hall for VBS. Please talk to Pastor or Kris Glowczynski.



### **Group Mission Trip – 2025**

We raised \$580 for  
Group Mission's  
Food Drive.  
Good job, SOTH!



## 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, 8/21**

*Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to your church.*

### **GIVE THROUGH ZELLE!**

We are excited to announce that we now accept payments for offerings, flowers, most anything, through **Zelle**! This fast and secure service allows you to send and receive money directly from your bank account, making transactions easier than ever. **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](mailto:soth.finsec@shepherdofthehill.com)

2. choose the amount, and hit send!

**Why Choose Zelle?**

- **Speed:** Transfers are typically completed in minutes.
- **Convenience:** No need for cash or checks—just use your bank's app.

**Free to Use:** There are no fees for sending or receiving money with Zelle.

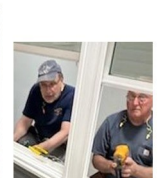
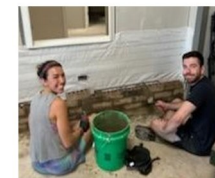
**Do you know someone who needs help with:**

financial assistance  
finding food  
finding low-cost medical services  
substance abuse  
coping with mental illness  
escaping domestic violence



**Check out:**

[lockportresource.org/community-resources](http://lockportresource.org/community-resources)



Thank you to all who participated in the last Habitat for Humanity build.

Next build date TBD.

### **VETERANS**

There is a Veteran's Service Office located at 1463 S. Farrell Rd., Lockport, in the Lockport Township Building. The phone number is 815-838-9665, and email for Anthony Hernandez is: [anthony.hernandez@illinois.gov](mailto:anthony.hernandez@illinois.gov). Please email or call to set up an appointment.



### **Interested in Helping with Worship Services?**

**We are looking for volunteers to read, usher, help serve communion, help with PowerPoint slides, and be Assisting Minister. Training will be provided.**

**To sign up: see SOTH website ([shepherdofthehill.com](http://shepherdofthehill.com)) or sign-up sheet in narthex.**