

O Lord God, direct us in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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**ENDOWMENT
BALANCE**

Eff. 8/19/25:
\$90,703.91



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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**

August 27/28, 2025

Attendance—133 / Online—37

General Fund	\$4,193.00
Altar Flowers	40.00
Weekly Offering	\$4,233.00

Treasurer's Report

Year to Date as of 7/31/25

Income: \$293,697.46

Expenses: \$272,702.99

Net Income: \$ 20,994.47

Principal Mortgage Balance:
\$174,370.67

**Does not include Zelle or
SimpleGive Payments*

Today's Scripture Reading:
Luke 14:25-33, pg. 850
of your Pew Bible.

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

925. E. Ninth Street, Lockport, IL 60441, 815-838-0708

*Called and Equipped by the Holy Spirit To Be Sent Out
as the Heart and Hands of Christ*

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

In Memory of Savatore Cipolla

By: The Cipolla Family

Remembering Lloyd Johnson

By: Myrla Johnson

Order forms~on table in narthex~cost~\$40 per vase~we have 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

Online starts Sept. 14: in person starts Sept. 28

**Whoever does
not carry the
cross and
follow me
cannot be my
disciple.**

Luke 14:27



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, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Alice Pritchett, Ron Slack, Tony Flaherty, Jeff Stubler, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Francis Kania, Dylan Krestan, Blanche Bolton, Beverly Aiwohi, Terry Warsaw, Emily Heintzelman, Karlynn Anderson, Carol Mattes, Glen Kleuch, Danny McKian, Ed & Tina Kosobucki, Eva Hauge, Robert Kinder, Karen Pedigo, Donato Munoz, Viola Mueller, Norma McCall, Hayden Anderson, and Hayden Cole.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, 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 Minnesota school shooting.

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

Keith Wolzen
Jessica Wallin
Lloyd Johnson
Naida Magercak
Philomena Piantek

Possible Columbarium at SOTH?

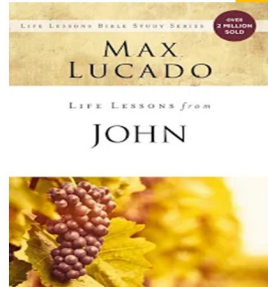
Please attend an informational meeting about the possible construction of a columbarium at SOTH.

Info meeting
this Sunday,
September 7th,
following the
10:00 a.m.
worship.

New Bible Study Opportunity

Led by
Pricie Rogan

Beginning Sunday,
September 28th
8:45 a.m.
Save the Date!



7th Annual SOTHtoberfest
Sunday, October 5
11:30 - 1:30
Save the Date!

OKTOBERFEST BASKETS

Oktoberfest basket raffles are back! Donate themed baskets—like movie night, gardening, food, coffee, football, etc.—by dropping them off at the church office during business hours through Friday, October 3. Thank you for your generous support!

DOMINOES

Are you interested in playing Dominoes? Would you like to bring a friend who would like to learn how to play? If you are, please call Dawn at the church (815-838-0708) and let us know. Let us also know what day works for you.



Sunday,
September 21
11:00 – 2:00
Save the Date!



Join us for SOTH Kid's Club,
our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11,
starring the Whirl Kids.
Online begins Sept. 14
In-person begins Sept. 28

Contact church office (815-838-0708) or Audrey Bjerum (abjerum@gmail.com) to sign up

Save the Date



Saturday, October 18th
4:00-6:00
SOTH & Grand Dental
Parking Lots

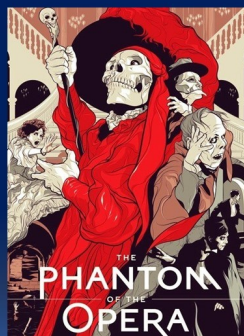
Shepherd of the Hill Presents:

1925 Carl Laemmle's silent
film classic:

The Phantom of the Opera

Live film organ
accompaniment by
David Rhodes

October 18th
7:00 p.m.
SOTH



Habitat for Humanity is breaking ground on a SOTH-related home build in Fairmont. Stay tuned for more information on how we can help.



OUR PROPERTY TEAM **IS THE BEST!**

A big thank you to Chip Lake and Jerry Liston for repairing our SOTH sign on 9th Street—bees and all! We appreciate your determination and hard work.

Another round of thanks to Bryan Rauworth, Jerry Liston, and Phil Sleezer for removing the broken roof fan and installing a new one. Your time and effort mean so much to us!

Lastly, a big thank you to Carole Ziemke for doing some Fall decorating inside and outside the church, and to Gary Wintersteen for mowing the SOTH grounds and keeping them looking great!



Pick up your
copy of
Christ in Our Home –
a daily devotion for
Oct. - Dec.
Available in
the narthex.



Mental Health Support Groups

Free & Confidential
CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANYONE 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, 9/18

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

When you need a will, it's too late to have one drawn. Don't wait. And, don't forget your church.

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!

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.