

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, 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.

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

October 4/5, 2025

Attendance—134/ Online—53

General Fund	\$4,988.00
Memorial Fund	125.00
Endowment Fund	1,000.00
Music/Bells	100.00
Appreciation	<u>355.00</u>
Weekly Offering	*\$6,648.00

Treasurer's Report

Year to Date as of 8/31/25

Income:	\$340,225.53
Expenses:	<u>\$316,851.82</u>
Net Income:	<u>\$ 23,373.71</u>

Principal Mortgage Balance:

\$172,377.44

Today's Scripture Readings:

Genesis 32:22-31, pg. 26

Luke 18:1-8, pg. 853

in your Pew Bible

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church

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

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

Honoring Family Birthdays & Anniversaries

By: Sandy Porter

In Memory of Norm

By: Ginger Kelm

Order forms~on table in narthex~cost~\$40 per vase~we have 2 vases



But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

Genesis 32:26

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 has begun, in person October 26

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, Terri Warsaw, Emily Heintzelman, Karlynn Anderson, Carol Mattes, Glen Kleuch, Danny McKian, Ed & Tina Kosobucki, Robert Kinder, Karen Pedigo, Donato Munoz, Hayden Anderson, Hayden Cole, Paul Dordal, Ginger Kelm, Baby Fitzpatrick, Kevin Helfert, Dorothy Gray, Dan Koziel, Dave McGuire, and Sandy Michaelson.

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, Bradley Poerio, Nathan Snyder, Alphonso Huerta, Jr., Cobi and Anthuan Valentin.

HOMEBOUND

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

WORLDWIDE PRAYERS

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, Gaza, and the Middle East. All of those affected by gun violence.

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Norma McCall

19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 18/19, 2025



THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR PASTOR APPRECIATION

Hello Shepherd of the Hill Congregation! October is the synod's month for honoring pastors and staff. We are blessed with Pastor Jon and our dedicated team and will present them with a monetary gift on the last Sunday of October. **Please submit donations by October 19, noting "Appreciation"** on your check, cash envelope, or Zelle gift. Thank you for your prayers and support for our faithful leaders at Shepherd of the Hill.

Respectfully,
The Mutual Ministry Committee of Pastor Pedersen
Tina Baker, Karen Franz, Jerry Liston, Susan Mead, and Nell Pieper



Join us for SOTH Kid's Club,
our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11, starring
the Whirl Kids.

Join us online every week and in-person
the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship.

October 26th – next in-person event

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

DOMINOES STARTS UP AGAIN!

We will start playing dominoes again
starting **Thursday, November 6th**
at 9:30am. Please come and have
some fun with us! Bring a snack to
share if you'd like.



EAT, DRINK & BE THANKFUL

you are invited to a
Friendsgiving
POTLUCK

**Save the
Date**

**Sunday,
November
16th
11:30—2:00**

HELLO
my name is

Name Tag Sunday

**3rd
SUNDAY
of the
MONTH**

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

**Nametags are located in the narthex
and at the end of each pew.**

*All
Saints
Sunday*

Sunday, November 2nd we will celebrate *All Saints Day*,
tolling the bell for all who have died since November 3rd,
2024. If you want your loved one's name and picture
included contact the church office (815-838-0708)
before Thursday, Oct. 30th, 2:00 p.m.



**We are in need
of additional
babysitters for
the church
nursery on
Sundays.
Call church
office or talk to
Pastor Jon.**



**The walls are placed for the SOTH-related
home in Fairmont. This upcoming week,
God willing, we will help place the roof
trusses. Talk to Pastor Jon if you would
like to help.**

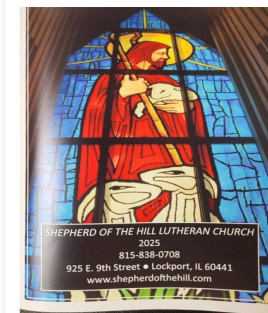


**Thank you to all who
participated!**

**OUR NEW
DIRECTORIES
ARE HERE!**

**Pick up yours in
the narthex
today.**

**We are asking a
contribution of
\$10 to cover the
cost of printing.**



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 re-
quest.



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

**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**

GIVE THROUGH ZELLE!

How to Use Zelle:

Enroll: Simply register your email or U.S. mo-
bile number through your banking app.

- 1. Send Money:** Enter the recipient's email:
soth.finsec@shepherdofthehill.com
- 2. choose the amount, and hit send!**

There is NO COST to using Zelle!

- Speed:** Transfers are typically completed
in minutes.

**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