

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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\$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**

August 9/10, 2025

Attendance—152 / Online—23

General Fund \$20,690.00

FISH Pantry 300.00

Memorial Fund 100.00

Weekly Offering \$21,090.00

Treasurer's Report (as of 6/30/25):

Income: \$272,908.30

Expenses: \$235,227.67

Net Income: \$ 37,680.63

Principal Mortgage Balance:

\$176,357.12

*\*Does not include Zelle or  
SimpleGive Payments*

*Your giving makes a difference!*

**Today's Scripture Reading:  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2, found on  
page 978 of your  
Pew Bible.**

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

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***10th Sunday  
After Pentecost***

August 16/17, 2025

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:

***Honoring Reno's 90th Birthday***

By: The Caneva Family

Order forms are on the table in narthex; cost is \$40 per vase, we have 2 vases on the altar.



*Therefore, . . . let  
us lay aside every  
weight and the  
sin that clings so  
closely, and let us  
run with  
perseverance the  
race that is set  
before us,*

Hebrews 12:1



**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

**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 & Tina Kosobucki, Eva Hauge, Robert Kinder, Karen Pedigo, Andrew Alberico, and Donato Munoz.

**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 weather related tragedies.

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

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

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

Bill Butler





**SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, OCT. 5**



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 4-6PM**

### **DOMINOES**

Are you interested in playing Dominoes? 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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We are grateful for all the prayers for Alexandra Fisher (daughter of Debbie and Mike Fisher, and grand daughter of Adele Adams). On August 5, Alexandra welcomed a beautiful baby girl, **Vivienne Adele Fisher**, weighing 5 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 17.5 inches long.



### **OKTOBERFEST BASKETS**

We were thrilled with the amazing response to our basket raffles at the previous year's Oktoberfest, so we're excited to bring them back again this year! We're looking for raffle baskets with a variety of fun themes—such as *movie night, gardening, food lovers, coffee time, football season*, and more. Baskets can be dropped off at the church office during regular business hours anytime between now and Friday, October 3. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

**Do you want to be better informed about what is happening in and around Shepherd of the Hill?**

Use our website to sign up for our weekly emailing to receive summaries of the upcoming sermon and events.

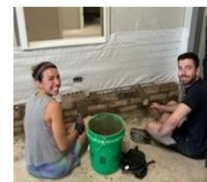
Go to [shepherdofthehill.com](http://shepherdofthehill.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

### **FISH PANTRY DONATIONS**

Please bring your donations inside the church and place in red wagon for our hungry neighbors. Questions? Call the church office 815-838-0708.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The office is normally open **Tuesday 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.



Our next Habitat for Humanity Build will be **Saturday, Sept. 6th**

See SOTH website or Pr. Jon to sign up.

*Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship—saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.*

### **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.



**NAMI Will-Grundy**

National Alliance on Mental Illness

### **Mental Health Support Groups**

**Free & Confidential**

**CONNECTION SUPPORT**  
FOR ANY ONE EXPERIENCING  
SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS

**FAMILY SUPPORT**  
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTSTO 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**

**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)

### **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.**