

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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. **We have pagers for emergency notification of parents, if necessary.**

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

April 18/19, 2026

Attendance—197 / Online 65

General Fund \$3,926.40
Weekly Offering *\$3,926.40

**Treasurer's Report
2026 Year to Date as of 2/28/26:**

Income: \$87,672.92
Expenses: \$86,347.73
Net Income: \$ 1,325.19

**Does not include Zelle payments
Mortgage Balance: \$160,274.21*

Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):

**John 10:1-10, pg. 872
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*

**4th Sunday
After Easter**

April 26, 2026



Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
**Honoring Piper & Niko's
Upcoming Wedding**
By: Dawn & Chris Virva

Order forms ~ on table in narthex ~ cost ~ \$40 per vase ~ there are 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 has begun, next in-person will be April 26
See note inside bulletin



I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture . . . I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:9-10

CONTINUED PRAYERS *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—Les Tindle, Emily, Carly, & Kim Vlk, Bob Barwa, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Alice Pritchett, Tony Flaherty, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Dylan Krestan, Beverly Aiwohi, Glen Kleuch, Karlynn Anderson, Robert Kinder, Dave McGuire, Don Clayton, Barry Anderson, Debbie Dair, Ron Slack, Nancy Naylor, Mayson Gibson, Linda Hamilton, Rachel Tornga, Missy Lieser, Norman White, Joseph Straub, Jamie Novak, Christian Downen, Hans Kishel, Francis Feely, George Rohrer, Karen Pedigo, Chad Roeske, Charleen Mazur, Nancy Rohde, Kevin Kreiger, and Alicia Schidzikowski.*

WORLDWIDE PRAYERS

Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, Gaza, Iran and the rest of the Middle East.

All of those affected by recent storms & heavy rains.

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., Matt Olsen, Cobi and Anthuan Valentin, and Gabe Junquera.

HOMEBOUND

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

GIVE COMFORT TO THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Ryan Adams
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ENDOWMENT BALANCE

As of 12/31/25:

\$98,257.74

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pancake
breakfast

SUNDAY,
APRIL 26th
AFTER WORSHIP

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, &
Tater Tot Hash Browns.

Sign up in the Narthex by Wednesday, April 22nd!

Free-will offering
for benefit of Youth
Summer Camps.



Mother's Day is
coming!

Send us a picture of
your mother for our
Mother's Day musical
collage by Thursday,
May 7th.

Email: soth.office
@shepherdofthehill.com
or text a picture to:
Pastor Jon –
714-335-2216



DOMINOES

Please join us next **Thursday, 4/30 at 9:30am**. No experience is needed—we'll be happy to teach you how to play. Bring a snack to share if you'd like, and come enjoy good company and laughter.

SAVE THE DATE!

Shepherd of the Hill is once again planning a fun group outing to a Joliet Slammers Game!



This year's outing will be on Friday evening, June 5th, and game time is 6:35pm. Tickets are \$14 each, and as in years past this will be a fundraising opportunity for our congregation, with half of each ticket's price going back to SOTH. We will be seated as a group and receive special group recognition during the game. Please contact:

Dave Helfert, text or call,
(815) 545-0415, or
dphelfert@comcast.net

for more information and to order tickets. Ticket reservations will be taken through Sunday, May 24th, with distribution to take place the week before the game. Please come and join us for this fun fellowship event!



HE IS RISEN
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

LANDSCAPING/TREES

We are planning to refresh the landscaping around the main church entrance on the east side of the building and would greatly appreciate your input. If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to speak with a member of the Property Team—Chip Lake, Bryan Rauworth, Jerry Liston, Phil Sleezer, Gary Wintersteen, or Dave Helfert.

We are also considering removing the two trees located on either side of the main doors, as their overgrowth continues to impact the new roof.



SOTH VBS

Save the Date: July 27-31



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.

April 26th – next in-person event

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

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



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 will be on May 21

ESTATE PLANNING

Did you know that the laws of the state where you are living at the end of your earthly life will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might not give your property to the people you want to received it. And these laws definitely don't donate any gift to your church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?

Insulation and
drywall are installed
in our SOTH-related
home in Fairmont.
We can now work
inside comfortably.
Join us. Talk to
Pastor Jon if you
would like to be
included on the
information email.



Hi friends and family! I'm **Abbey Mack**, and this summer I've been given the amazing opportunity to serve for six weeks at City of Hope in Tanzania with HopeCo. I'll help care for vulnerable children, assist with construction projects, and share the love of Jesus. I'm raising \$5,000 by May 16, 2026, to cover travel and living expenses. All donations made through the link or by check to HopeCo are tax-deductible. Please keep me and our teams in your prayers—that God will use us to serve His kingdom and open hearts to the Gospel.



Give at: joinhopeco.com/mack-2026

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!

There is **NO COST** to using Zelle!

- **Speed:** Usually completed in minutes.
- **Convenience:** just use your bank's app.

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.



"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."—John 20:29