

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgement in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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**ENDOWMENT BALANCE**

As of 3/31/26:  
**\$121,162.85**

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

**OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

May 16/17, 2026

Attendance—155 / Online—51

General Fund	\$3,559.00
Music/Bells	10.00
Weekly Offering	<b>*\$3,569.00</b>

*\*Does not include Zelle payments*

**Treasurer's Report  
 2026 Year to Date as of 3/31/26:**

Income:	\$123,395.37
Expenses:	<u>\$126,806.01</u>
Net Income:	<b>\$ -3,410.64</b>

Mortgage Balance: \$158,232.81

*Your giving makes a difference!*

Today's Scripture Reading(s):  
**Acts 2:1-21, pg. 885**  
**In your pew Bible**

**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church**

**WWW.SHEPHERDOFTHEHILL.COM, 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:  
**Remembering Walter & Irma Johson**

By: Larry & Tina Baker

**In Memory of Salvatore Cipolla**

By: Angela Cipolla

Order forms ~ on table in narthex ~ cost ~ \$40 per vase ~ there are 2 vases



*Day of Pentecost*

**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**

In-person on hiatus until Fall

**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, 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, Nancy Rohde, Kevin Kreiger, Alicia Schidzikowski, and Mike Bjerum.*

**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, Gabe Junquerakm, and Eric Hill.

**HOMEBOUND**

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

**WORLDWIDE PRAYERS**

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

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

Ryan Adams  
 Nova Adams

**PENTECOST**

May 23/24, 2026



We want to celebrate your graduate!  
(8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, college, or post-grad.)

Please send us their picture by June 4<sup>th</sup> for our musical collage.

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



### **BROKEN PEWS**

We have recently become aware that a few church pews may be in need of repair, though we are unsure of their exact locations. If you happen to sit in a pew that feels broken or unsafe, please place a hymnal on that spot and notify the church office so we can address it promptly. Your help is appreciated as we work to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

### **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, Bryan, Jerry Phil, Gary, or Dave. 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.

### **DOMINOES**

Please join us next **Thursday, 5/28 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.



On Sunday,  
May 17<sup>th</sup>

Vicar Dave graduated with a Masters of Diaconal Ministry Degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary!  
**Congratulations!!**

### **SLAMMERS GAME**

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](mailto: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!

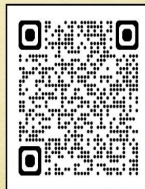


 Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

#### **REMINDER**

The 2026 Northern IL Synod Assembly is on June 12th with In-Kind donations benefitting LSSI this year. You can support by:

1. Donating \$25 giftcards (for your congregation representative to bring to the Synod Assembly) OR
2. By purchasing items from LSSI's online wish-list via the QR code or link listed.



[GIFTLIST.LSSI.ORG](http://GIFTLIST.LSSI.ORG)



The SOTH-related Lockport Community Resource Roundtable continues to serve Lockport in 2026. Initiated in 2022, the gatherings take place three times per year. In the Roundtable meetings we learn about resources that address food insufficiency, housing, domestic abuse, mental health, among others. See [lockportresource.org/community-resources](http://lockportresource.org/community-resources) for more info.

**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



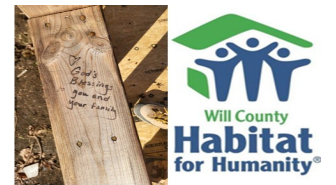
**Check out:**  
[lockportresource.org/community-resources](http://lockportresource.org/community-resources)

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

We are excited to introduce our newest members:

Joseph Mueller  
Thomas & Suzanne Glavin  
Jean Navin  
Michele & Michael Rickerson  
Lacie, Tino, Gianna,  
& Alessia Cipolla  
Brittany, Parker, Mila,  
& Myles Johnson  
Myriah, Leonard, Leonard Jr., Killian, Owen,  
& Emmett Krch  
Debbi Sortino  
Kasie Liacone  
Antoinette, Silverio, Mariana,  
Natalia, Silverio Jr.,  
& Ximena Terrazas  
Douglas, Meghan, Meara,  
& Zach Klimah

Our SOTH-related home in Fairmont is nearly finished, and a family has been chosen. There are two more homes entering their final stages and could use our help. Join us. Talk to Pastor Jon if you would like to be included on the information email.



### **MEMORIAL GIFTS PURCHASE**

The Memorial Gifts Committee recently purchased the two additional tables and ten chairs you may have noticed in the narthex. This is one meaningful way memorial gifts continue to serve our church long after a loved one has passed.

If you are interested in making a memorial gift, or would like to honor a family member in this way, please contact the Pastor or the church office. We will gladly connect you with a representative from the Memorial Gifts Committee.

### **TOM REDIG RETIRING**

Our past member, Tom Redig, who has been the Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru, IL is retiring. If you would like to send Tom a card wishing him well in his retirement, (his last Sunday was Sunday, 5/17) please send it to:

Tom Redig  
2020 Luther Drive  
Peru, IL 61354-1205

### **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](mailto: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.