

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

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**ENDOWMENT
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As of 5/31/26:
\$131,668.44

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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**
August 1/2, 2026
Attendance—142 / Online—64

General Fund	\$11,226.42
Vacation Bible School	215.00
FISH Pantry	300.00
Altar Flowers	80.00
Other Benevolences	360.00
Weekly Offering	\$12,234.42

Treasurer's Report	
2026 Year to Date as 05/31/26:	
Income:	\$208,594.67
Expenses:	\$203,568.21
Net Income:	\$ 5,026.46

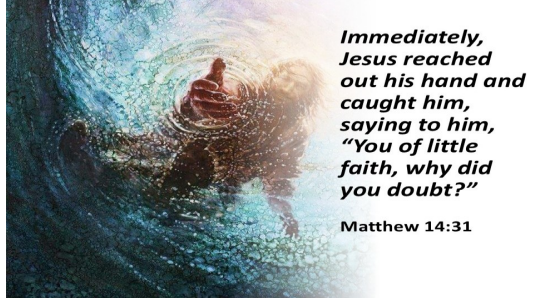
**Does not include Zelle payments*
Mortgage Balance: \$152,066.58

Today's Scripture Reading(s):
1 Kings 19:9-18, pg. 284 and
Matthew 14:22-33, pg. 796
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

Eleventh Sunday
After Pentecost
August 8/9, 2026

Today's Altar Flowers Are For:
Honoring our 61st Wedding Anniversary
By: Nancy and Jim Naylor
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
In-person on hiatus until Fall

CONTINUED PRAYERS *Healing God, we lift up those of our community that need healing and wholeness—*
Emily Vlk, Bob Barwa, Wally Lewandowski, Toni Leonard, Lillianna Pelayo, Michael Anderson, Lenny Coe, Leroy Foster, Jason Haley, Alice Pritchett, Don Soltis, Marvin Pickering, Dylan Krestan, Beverly Aiwohi, Glen Kleuch, Robert Kinder, Don Clayton, Ron Slack, Nancy Naylor, Mayson Gibson, Linda Hamilton, Rachel Tornga, Missy Lieser, Joseph Straub, Jamie Novak, Christian Downen, Hans Kishel, Francis Feely, George Rohrer, Chad Roeske, Nancy Rohde, Kevin Kreiger, Alicia Schidzikowski, Mike Bjerum, Gretchen McDowell, Sandy Wilke, Karen Franz, Debbi Callahan, Carole Garrett, Bill Starklauf, Cheryl Jeans, Gary Day, Dale Airola, Barbara Walus, and Sharon Bolerjack.

**WORLDWIDE
PRAYERS**
Those affected by wars in Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, Gaza, Iran and the rest of the Middle East, and those affected by recent storms/tornadoes.

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 Junquera, and Eric Hill.

HOMEBOUND
Lily Mazeika
Janet Villacci
Sandra Shrader
Wally
Lewandowski
Marge Novander
Donna Anderson

**GIVE COMFORT
TO THOSE
GRIEVING THE
LOSS OF
LOVED ONES**
Alexis Kneeland
Marylou Virva
Joseph Carlson
Keith Knudson

VBS VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

We give thanks to God for all of the wonderful volunteers who helped 72 children experience the love of God through our *Snowball Mountain Vacation Bible School*. Thank you all for your time, talent, leadership, patience, and love this week! We are so fortunate to have our fearless leader, **Kris Glowczynski** direct our program once again. And a great big thank you to our generous donors for the Foam Party to end our week, and the Pizza Party for our volunteers!

Thank you to:

Barwa, Jessica
Bazant, Addie
Bobek, Ava
Britt, Jessie
Carroll, Charlotte, Janet, and Max
Chudoba, Michelle
Cipolla, Angie
Cronholm, Sophia
Dennis, Madelyn
Falbo, Finleigh
Franiak, Deb
Glowczynski, Kris and AnnaBeth
Hayword, Bryn
Helfert, Dave
Hope, Samantha
Klimah, Meara, Meghan, and Zach
Leno, Tony
Loch, Will
Luecht, Vicar Dave
Mack, Kirsten, Emily, and Sarah
McManis, Haley, Sabryna, Lisa, and Rick
Pedigo, Holly and Karen
Petrauskas, Kinleigh
Pintoy, Karen, Jen, and Keith
Rauworth, Alex, Bryan
Smorynski, Pamilyn
Superczynski, Marco
Takla, Carla
Taphorn, Anderson, Christian
Thompson, Erica
Thompson, Nina and Ollina
Turner, Charlotte
Vacala, Vinny
Yudt, David
Zacharias, Cheryl



Last weekend finished Vicar Dave's internship with Shepherd of the Hill. We have been blessed by him and through him these past six months. It is our hope that this will not be the end of our time with him. Congratulations and thank you, Vicar Dave!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Saturday, Aug 15 at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug 16 at 10:00 a.m.



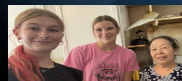
Join us for SOTH Kid's Club, our online kid's ministry for ages 4-11, starring the Whirl Kids.

Weekly Online for families begins Sept. 13
2nd & 4th Sundays In-person begins Sept. 13

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



Thank you, SOTH, for all of your prayerful support. It was a great trip!



An ABBA Candlelight Experience
Shepherd of the Hill
Friday, August 14, 6:30p, & 8:30p
All seats for both shows are totally sold out



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 August 20

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

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

Gluten-free communion is available. Pre-filled, sealed cups are on the bulletin table for those avoiding contact. Gluten-free wafers are also available at the altar, but for full cross-contamination prevention, please use the prepackaged cups.



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.



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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, OCT. 4