

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, though Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

**CONGREGATION
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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 22/23, 2026
Attendance—167 / Online—26

General Fund	\$3,167.00
Building Usage	<u>80.00</u>
Weekly Offering	\$3,247.00

Treasurer's Report
2026 Year to Date as of **June 30:**

Income:	\$245,367.73
Expenses:	<u>\$241,508.96</u>
Net Income:	\$ 3,858.77

**Does not include Zelle payments*

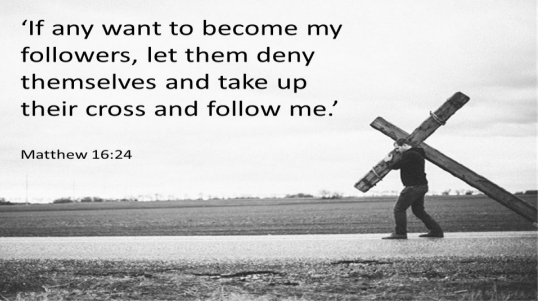
Mortgage Balance: \$152,066.58

*Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Roman 12:9-21, pg. 922
Matthew 16:21-28, pg. 798
In your pew Bible*

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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 Lacie Cipolla on her Birthday
By: Constantino Cipolla
In Memory of Lloyd Johnson
By: Myrla Johnson & Family

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 meets next on September 13

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, Debbi Callahan, Carole Garrett, Cheryl Jeans, Gary Day, Dale Airola, Barbara Walus, Sharon Bolerjack, Matthew Frayne, Linnea Franke, Cheryl Hand, Sue Strzyz, and Jean Cronin.

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

**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, and floods.

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

Dave Deaton
Ann Peterson
Alexis Kneeland



**Sunday,
September 13**

11:00 – 1:00

- Church picnic
 - Games for all ages
 - Bounce House
 - Committee & Bible study show & tell
- Berkot's chicken provided. You provide the sides.
Sign up sheet in narthex.



**8th Annual SOTHtoberfest
Sunday, October 4
11:30 - 1:30
Save the Date!**

OKTOBERFEST BASKETS

It's raffle basket time! We're thrilled to bring back this favorite tradition and invite you to help make it extra special. We're looking for creative, themed baskets such as movie night, gardening, food lovers, coffee time, football season, and more—the possibilities are endless! Please drop off your donated basket(s) at the church office during regular business hours by Friday, 10/2. Thank you for helping make this year's raffle a wonderful success through your generosity and support!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is normally open **Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am-2:30pm**. Call the office to be sure the person you need is working that day.



GIVING STATEMENTS

January – July giving statements are in your SOTH mailboxes. Please check these against your records. If you find a discrepancy, please contact our Financial Secretary.



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

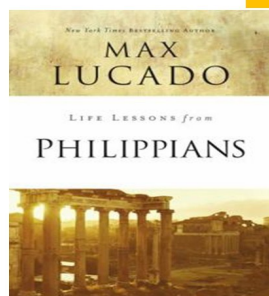
Weekly Online for families begins Sept. 13
2nd & 4th Sundays In-person begins Sept. 13

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

New Bible Study Opportunity

*Led by
Pricie Rogan*

Beginning Sunday,
September 20th
8:45 a.m.
Save the Date!



Save the Date



**Saturday, October 24th
4:00-6:00
SOTH & Grand Dental
Parking Lots**



Will-Grundy

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 September 17

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



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 for more info.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

Kim Vlk, a church member, is seeking a reliable driver for her daughter, Carly, a 27-year-old adult with Down syndrome, to travel to and from Elim Christian Services in Orland Park, Monday through Friday. Pickup in Lockport (near Walsh School) with drop-off at Elim by 8:20am. Return pickup is at 2:20pm in Orland. **Pay is \$25 per hour (\$50 per day)**, with a 1099 tax form provided. For details or to help, please contact Kim at 815-325-3028.

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.



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Emergency**

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

If you are interested in making any special gifts to Shepherd of the Hill, feel free to discuss this with Pastor Jon. He will help put you in touch with the appropriate advisors.