

Dear Shepherd of the Hill Congregation,
October is the synod's designated month for celebrating and lifting up pastors and staff.

Shepherd of the Hill has participated in this activity for many years acknowledging our pastor, the Minister of Music, and support staff. We are truly blessed with faithful, dedicated, hardworking and compassionate leaders. Pastor and staff are true stewards giving their time, talents and treasures. Please keep them in your prayers. You may remember them with a monetary gift and possibly a greeting card.

We would like to present Pastor Pedersen and other staff members with a monetary gift on the last Sunday of October and acknowledge their varied contributions to SOTH. **Please submit your donations to church from now until October 20th** by writing 'appreciation' on the notation line of your check or cash in an envelope with the same notation.

Let's share our appreciation in October!

Respectfully submitted,

The Mutual Ministry Committee of Pastor Pedersen

Nell Pieper, Tina Baker, Karen Franz, Susan Mead and Jerry Liston



Join us for
SOTH Kid's Club
our kid's ministry for
ages 4-11.

Join us online every week and in-person
the 2nd and 4th Sundays during worship.
October 11th – next in-person event.

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

Oktoberfest

Tickets on sale in narthex!

8th Annual SOTHtoberfest
Sunday, October 4
11:30 - 1:30

\$15 for food for adults, \$10 for children 5-10 y.o.
(Brat, hotdogs, hamburgers, & sides)
Beverages (adult and otherwise) are extra
Proceeds for Youth Summer Programming

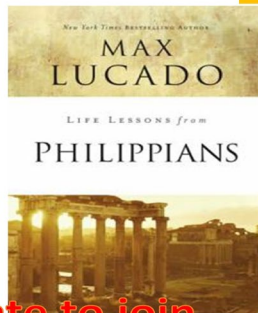
OKTOBERFEST BASKETS

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.

New Bible Study Opportunity

Led by
Pricie Rogan

Beginning Sunday,
September 20th
8:45 a.m.



Not too late to join

Save the Date

Trunk or Treat

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

The Public Interview with Deacon-elect David Luecht on Sunday, September 20th was recorded.

If you would like to watch the YouTube video, call or email the church office for a link. Check our church website to hear David's sermons (July 19 & 26).

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

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.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 4th,
After 10:00 a.m. worship service

Purpose: Congregational vote to extend a call to Deacon-elect David Luecht

Our SOTH-related
Habitat for
Humanity home in
Lockport's Fairmont
neighborhood
(214 Dellwood Ave,
Lockport) will be
dedicated on Sept.
30th at 9:30. Join us
as we bless a new
family to their
home.



Check out the
Lockport
Community
Resource Table in
Narthex

Lockport
Community
Resource
Round
Table

"In Lockport for Good"



Pick up your
copy of
*Christ in Our
Home* –
a daily
devotion for
Oct. - Dec.
Available in
the narthex.

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.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SOTH
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ENDOWMENT
BALANCE

As of 6/30/26:
\$133,308.96

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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 mailboxes 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

September 19/20, 2026

Attendance—167 / Online—40

General Fund	\$7,539.00
Altar Flowers	77.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Building Usage	1,250.00
Education Materials	30.00
Weekly Offering	*\$8,996.00

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal 2026 Year to Date as of Aug. 31:

Income: \$451,319
Expenses: \$459,132
Net Income - \$ 7,813

**Does not include Zelle payments*

Mortgage Balance: \$147,920.73

*Today's Scripture Reading(s):
Philippians 2:1-13, pg. 954
Matthew 21:23-32, pg. 602
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*

*18th Sunday
After Pentecost*

Sept. 26/27, 2026

Today's Altar Flowers Are Given For:

Honoring Reed's Birthday

By: Gary & Marianne Wintersteen

Honoring Friends & Family

By: Deb Franiak



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 October 11



CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR 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, 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, Matthew Frayne, Linnea Franke, Cheryl Hand, Sue Strzyz, Jean Cronin, Cathy Didio, Marge West, and Melody Pickering.

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, Iran, and the rest of the Middle East, and those affected by storms including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and heat.

COMFORT FOR
THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
LOVED ONES

Barbara Cronin
Hulda Hartman
Hank Asmussen
Patrick Greenfield