THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who generously donated toward the new landscaping (and the design) at the front of the church. Your gifts have helped create a beautiful, welcoming entrance for all. We hope you enjoy the transformation! Thank you to Jerry Liston for facilitating this project.



This Sunday, November 15th 11:30—1:30

Come and join us.



Have you figured out your pies yet for Thanksgiving?

Let our youth make your apple and pumpkin pies for you. Sign up in the narthex.

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS WINTER

versiti Blood Center of Illinois

Sunday December 6 9:00 – 1:00

SHEPHERD OF THE HILL

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED/WALK INS WELCOME

Please book an appointment on-line using the QR Code in the Yellow Pages

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us put up our Christmas decorations after the Sunday, November 29th 10am service.

St. John

Worship with Rite of Ordination

Deacon-Elect David Luecht and Deacon-Elect Judy Wierman

Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Northern Illinois Synod

St. John Lutheran Church
2650 Plainfield Road
Joliet, IL 60435

Save the Date

The November 21st 5:00 p.m. Saturday worship service will be cancelled due to Deacon Dave's ordination. Saturday worship will resume, as normal, Saturday, November 28th.

MILNE GROVE GIVING TREE

Coming soon! We are working with the social worker of Milne Grove School to provide gift cards for some of their needy families, and an additional family from Oak Prairie. Watch this space for further updates.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are out. Please take a shoebox and fill it with small gifts for a far-away child this Christmas. They will need to be turned in by Sunday, November 22.

ELCA GOOD GIVING TREE

We will have the ELCA Good Giving Tree up soon. Watch this space for further updates.

Do you know someone who needs help with:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- 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.

NAMI Will-Grundy
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Mental Health Support Groups
Free & Confidential

CONNECTION SUPPORT
FOR ANY ONE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL ILLNESS

FAMILY SUPPORT
FOR ANYONE WHO WANTSTO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING A LOVED ONE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS

3rd Thursday of every month, 6-7:30pm at Shepherd of the Hill. Next meeting 11/19.

LOOKING FOR CLOTH BAGS

Do you have cloth bags or sacks (not plastic recyclable bags) you no longer need? The FISH Pantry could use them to help guests carry heavy canned goods home. Please place your donated bags in the collection bin in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

Like to swing a hammer? Like to make a difference? There are two Habitat homes in Fairmont trying to get under roof before Winter. Join us. Talk to Pastor Jon if you would like to be included on the information email.



Will County Habitat for Humanity





Starting 11/15, we will be collecting winter coats, gloves, hats, mittens, scarves for MorningStar Mission.



A **2:30pm** show has been added to the lineup! Go to the ***Lumos*** website for addt'l info.

2027 CALENDARS ARE OUT

Pick up your new 2027 calendar, 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed Wednesday 11/25 – Friday, 11/27 for the Thanksgiving holiday, **but we will be open on Monday, 11/23, and Tuesday, 11/24.**

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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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

November 7/8, 2026

Attendance—189 / Online—33

General Fund	$4,276.00
Sunday School	30.00
Appreciation	150.00
Weekly Offering	***$4,456.00**

**Does not include Zelle payments*

Prayer Chapel to date $41,000.00

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal 2026 Year to Date as of Aug. 31:

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

Mortgage Balance: $145,837.13

Your giving makes a difference!

Today's Scripture Reading(s):

Matthew 25:14-30, pg. 807
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

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Nov. 14/15, 2026

Today's Altar Flowers Are Given For:

Remembering my Beloved
Dick Neverman & Jim Laidler
By: Shirl Laidler

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 November 22

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, 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, 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, Debbi Sortino, Marilyn Yudt, Roger Lodan, Pedro Ramirez, Bruce Pratapas, and JR Gillogly.

WORLDWIDE PRAYERS

For all affected by war in Ukraine, Iran, Gaza, and throughout the Middle East; for those impacted by different storms, and for a safe and orderly election transition.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Dakota Novander, Anthony Kopel, Kaitlin Reed, Melanie Rigoni, Nico Arellano, John B. Momich, Caitlyn Williams, 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, Eric Hill, Lucas Gamble, and Ezra BoerVis.

HOMEBOUND

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

COMFORT FOR THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Jacob Vins
Glendeen Schroeder