



# Shepherd's Scroll

August 2024

## Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am  
8:30am Service is Livestreamed  
Nursery Available

## Sunday Social Hour

9:15am - 10:15am  
Coffee and snacks

## Office Hours & Phone

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
Friday  
9:00am - Noon

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[www.shepherdofhills.org](http://www.shepherdofhills.org)

## Congregation Council

Christina Johnson  
Jason Vanick  
Jackie Huddleston  
Bob Preston  
Paul Morgan  
Barb Nalley  
Carol Janssen  
Jay Quinlan  
Jake Stemmen

## Our Mission

To LOVE people wherever they are,  
To LIVE the grace of God in Jesus Christ and  
To GROW in faith and service.

## Our Vision

Growing disciples of Jesus  
that will change the world.

## Our Values

Belonging, Welcoming, Fellowship, Integrity

## FROM THE PASTOR

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

*Today marked the 10th Sunday after Pentecost.*

*I thought once again about the alternative name for this time in the life of the Church. This "other" name for the Sundays after Pentecost is "Ordinary Time". What things go on during "Ordinary Time" in our lives?*

*Well, you name it, and it probably would fall under the heading of "Ordinary Time", cooking, cleaning, sleeping, TV watching, following friends and acquaintances on Facebook, working out, gardening, reading, laundry, vacation time and the list could go far into the mind's imagination. In the readings for Worship this 1st day of a new week, Jesus involves his disciples in the ministry of teaching and feeding the hungry. With great skill, the writer of St. John's Gospel painted a picture of God in Christ Jesus feeding the hungry crowd with the slightest amount of bread among. Thousands were gathered to hear what this itinerant Rabbi had to say about God's interest in and presence with his creation. The Large number of people following Jesus aside, what our worshipping community witnessed was the ordinariness of the people seeking good news.*

*Throughout the past months of the Summer Season in the USA, we listen for good news about the weather, inflation and the movement—up and down—in the pricing of goods and services. And of course we hope for good news regarding the various venues for sport, entertainment and matters of governing in the world God has placed us in. Our lives are filled with the ordinariness of the everyday, and the intricate interwovenness of what happens that links humans with one another in the ordinary.*

*After worship yesterday, July 27, 2024, Becky told me that she met the new neighbors who moved into the house behind us here in Harvard. The young couple shared that they had moved to Harvard the week before last from their previous place in McHenry. Somehow the topic of Becky's husband being at work came up. The young neighbor, asked what Becky's husband did for a living. She answered that he was a Lutheran pastor. "Where?" the young man asked. Right now, Becky answered, "he is assigned to Shepherd of the Hills on Green Street in McHenry." He said, "I know right where that is." There it is, a thread of connectedness discovered over the back fence. That seems to verify the appropriateness of "Ordinary Time" for the Time after Pentecost.*

*What comes to mind for you during the "Ordinary Time" of your life as a Disciple of Jesus? How does the Spirit of God seem to show up in the midst of the "Ordinary?" It could be that somehow the opening will appear for you to let someone know that you follow Jesus with some pretty ordinary people at SOTH. It could happen that they might know right where that is, and you can invite them to discover a place that would be a good place for them find Jesus among the ordinary folks at a pretty extraordinary community of Jesus' sisters and brothers.*

*As "Ordinary Time" continues we can offer a safe place to take a break from the ordinary of the times upcoming.*

*As I noted this weekend, "It's just a thought."*

*Blessings,  
Pr. Rob*



# Buzzing in and about SOTH



## Sunday Stewards

Lee & Sue Borresen, Helen Burlack, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Fluger, Barb Gaskell, Kevin Harrington, Jackie & Dave Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Ron & Lynne Jones, Debby Krause, Jill Holtz Kropf, Sue & Ed Larson, Jeff Lichte, Paul Morgan, Sue Murphy, Barb & Jay Nalley, Karen O'Neill, Sandy Orlando, Ruth Paddock, Breine Patton, Lois Randall, Sharon Rinard, Pam Schilf, Jake & Kristin Stemmen, Ann Tilling, Bert Young, Dan Umbarger, Cindy Ziessow

## Flower Sponsors



<u>July 7:</u>	Pam Schilf
<u>July 14:</u>	Roberta Bass, in memory of Loren Bass
<u>July 21:</u>	Christina Johnson
	Lorie & John Englert, In memory of Bev Blundell
<u>July 28:</u>	Nevie Gamble, in memory of Ken Gamble
<u>August 4:</u>	Pam Schilf
<u>August 11:</u>	Dick & Gail Anderson
<u>August 18:</u>	Steve & Barb Arnold, In celebration of their 50th Anniversary
<u>August 25:</u>	OPEN

## Refreshment Sponsors

<u>July 7:</u>	Dave & Jackie Huddleston
<u>July 14:</u>	Pam Schilf
<u>July 21:</u>	Lorie & John Englert, In memory of Bev Blundell
<u>July 28:</u>	Kathy & Chuck Chamberlain
<u>August 4:</u>	Dick & Gail Anderson
<u>August 11:</u>	Pam Schilf
<u>August 18:</u>	Steve & Barb Arnold, In celebration of their 50th Anniversary
<u>August 25:</u>	Jay & Barb Nalley



## Church Property Caretakers

Weekly lawn mowers and landscaping,  
thank you for your help,  
Greg Tabert, Andy Vantreeck,  
Lee Borresen and Mike Moushey




**Welcome**

**New Member**  
**Sharon Rinard**

We welcomed Sharon on July 7  
at the 10am worship service  
into our congregation.

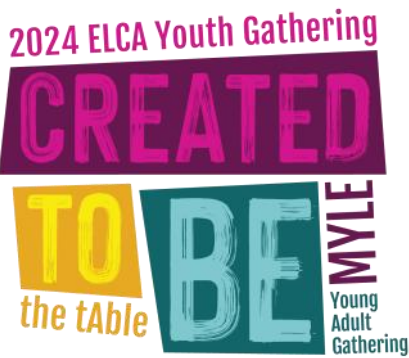


Please join us in welcoming Willetta Wheeler as our newest member of the office staff. Willetta joins us as Finance Director, following Cristy Karaba's transition into retirement.

She has been happily married to husband Mitchell for thirty-four years and is a devoted mother to two sons. Willetta enjoys reading, traveling and volunteering with various community organizations.

happy retirement

Congratulations on your retirement, Cristy! While we'll miss seeing you every day, we're grateful that we'll still get to connect with you on weekends at worship. Cristy, you have been a true cornerstone of our church during your time here. Your dedication and service have been deeply appreciated by all of us. May your retirement be filled with joy, fulfillment, and blessings. Wishing you all the best in this new chapter of your life!



Nine youth and three adults joined me on the adventure of a lifetime as we went to New Orleans for the 2024 Youth Gathering! Our week together began exploring the town and culture of New Orleans with an Airboat Swamp tour, walking the French Quarter, exploring the WWII Museum and tasting the cuisine. On Tuesday, the convention began as we were joined with 16,000 teens from across America. The theme of this year's Youth Gathering was Created To Be. Every night there was a new word to reflect on for this Created to Be theme: Day 1



was Brave, Day 2-Free, Day 3-Authentic, Day 4-Disruptive, and Day 5-Disciples. Speakers and musicians would come out nightly to enlighten us with stories and music based on these themes. The thirteen of us would sit and discuss each day's themes and what each of us felt, heard, and what we can do together moving forward as Lutherans. On Thursday morning, we did a service project with another youth group from California at Gigi's Playhouse: a Down Syndrome Learning Center. Together we painted, built furniture, cleaned and sanitized toys, and created pamphlets. We were all excited to learn about the program and even more enthusiastic to find out that there is a location here in McHenry. The Youth are hoping we can continue to build a community partnership with the local chapter. The Youth Gathering was an inspirational week of learning for our group about what we as individuals and Lutherans can do. Thank you for all the support. We appreciate it!



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- Heather Castaing, Director of Children & Family Ministries



# Shepherd's Fellowship Events - July



**Cubs vs. Brewers  
in Milwaukee  
Sunday, June 30, 2024  
1:10 pm Game Time**



**GAME HIGHLIGHTS**



**LET'S GO CUBS!**




**Stop by and listen to "our very own"  
Brian Anderson**

**Thursday, July 18, 2024  
5:00 - 8:30 pm**



We had a good number of people from Shepherd of the Hills at the concert enjoying the music. Brian Anderson is so talented! The weather was fantastic, about 72 at the start and went down as sun set, and we had a little breeze that kept the mosquitos at bay.

*-Carol Janssen*



**Join the Parade!  
Sunday, July 21, 2024**





## Report on the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

Thank you for allowing me to represent our church at the Annual meeting of the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly on June 14 & 15, 2024. There were 195 lay voting members and 95 rostered voting members totaling 290. The agenda was voted on and accepted. Report from LSSI - 50,991 people helped in the past year, included project lead prevention of alcohol and drug use. 1447 people helped in affordable housing. 2607 children were transitioned from foster care service to adoption.

We adopted compensation guidelines for rostered ministers for 2025. The treasurers budget report proposed for 2026 (starts in February 2025 to January 2026) was passed.

We had a guest military chaplain who explained that ELCA Chaplains are the only unrestricted ministers. All other denominations have restrictions on how and who they can help. Bishop Fidler reported she has visited 82% of congregations in NIS.

There is a fund for International Partnerships in honor of former Bishop Clements. Our synod is partnered with Tanzania and going to be partnered with India soon. World Hunger Association is celebrating 50 years.

Our key note speaker, Pastor Miguel talked on mission development. Evangelism is not optional. We should talk to people about our faith so we can grow. Our job is "to plant the seed". John 4:1-42 talks about the woman at the well and how she came to Jesus. She later went back to town to tell them about Jesus and they believed. We should be talking to people about our faith, not just inviting them to our church. Be prepared to welcome others. Where are our potential wells? Who are the Samaritan women? Is our congregation ready to welcome people? What is the first step we will take?

Pastor Miguel showed a video of Bishop Eaton for church wide synod congregations. This is available on NIS website along with other parts of the synod meeting.

The meeting is interesting and important, as the first time I attended and Bishop Clements was retiring. I was able to vote on the new Bishop. I encourage others to attend the meeting next year.

-Susan Porter



**Shepherd's** **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Check out our website at [www.shepherdofhills.org](http://www.shepherdofhills.org)



**Sunday School Teachers**

Are you patient, caring and have a love for teaching children about Jesus?

**IF SO, WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION!**

Contact Heather for more info. [hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org](mailto:hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org)



**Moving Help Needed**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME HELP WITH MOVING THE YOUTH ROOM FURNITURE FROM DOWNSTAIRS TO UP IN ROOM 5 DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 29TH - AUGUST 2ND FROM 10AM TO 2PM.

Contact Heather for more info. [hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org](mailto:hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org)



**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, July 30, 2024  
3:00 - 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5809822](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5809822)

click below to set up an appointment





**B & A  
Registration  
Now Open!**

**815-276-6829**

Contact Ashley Metcalf

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[www.shepherdofhills.org/  
beforeandaftercareandsummerprogram](http://www.shepherdofhills.org/beforeandaftercareandsummerprogram)



**BRIGHT  
BEGINNINGS  
PRESCHOOL**

**Check out the website for 2024-2025  
Registration and information**

[www.shepherdofhills.org/brightbeginningspreschool](http://www.shepherdofhills.org/brightbeginningspreschool)

- Offering 3, 4, and 5 year old Classes
- Contact Jennifer Walker - [jwalker@shepherdofhills.org](mailto:jwalker@shepherdofhills.org)

**Mary Martha Circle/Bible Study**  
is the second Tuesday of every month,  
1:00 - 3:00pm in Room 5.



Please bring your Bible and  
a copy of the publication  
"The Gather" if you have one.

**Questions?** Please call or email:  
Sharie Moy  
815-236-2642  
or [teacup76@comcast.net](mailto:teacup76@comcast.net)



**Monday Night Zoom  
Prayer Group**  
is every Monday, 7:00pm

**Meeting ID:** 872 3148 3009 **Passcode:** 562505  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87231483009?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87231483009?pwd=mBO5orb9vGU2LhCJxmkDVRv16fhRKe.1)  
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**Questions?** Please call or email:  
Barb Nalley  
815-354-4322 or [nalleybarb@gmail.com](mailto:nalleybarb@gmail.com)

**Refreshment Sponsors** are needed for Sunday morning social hour. Interested? Cost is \$30.00

**Sponsor Flowers** in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, in memory of loved ones or "just because". Cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. Sponsors are encouraged to take their floral arrangement home after the 10:00am service.

Sign-up and forms are located in the hallway outside the church office. Any questions give the office a call at 815-385-4030.

Would you be willing to learn to serve as a Greeter? Usher? Liturgist? Communion Assistant? Help set up for communion? Please prayerfully consider serving your church family in one of these ways. Call the church office at 815-385-4030 to sign up.



**Sing (or Ring) to the Lord a New Song!**  
Shepherd of the Hills offers several music ministries; Shepherd's Voices, Shepherd's Bells, Shepherd's Brass & Praise Band.



The groups perform at services, special programs, holidays and other church events. We welcome new members!

If you are interested please call the church office at 815-385-4030.

### Ladies' Breakfast

the first Saturday of every month,  
8:00am @ Kim & Patty's Restaurant

### Men's Breakfast

the first Saturday of every month,  
8:00am @ Buddy Z

# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						8am: Ladies B'fast @ Kim & Patty's 8am: Men's B'fast@ Buddy Z 5pm: Worship
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 & 10am: Worship	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ 6pm: Preschool Parent Meeting	10am-12pm & 5pm-6pm: Preschool Open House	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Shepherd's Voices		5pm: Worship
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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