



Shepherd's Scroll

January 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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Church Council

Carol Janssen
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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 Fellow Disciples at Shepherd of the Hills,

I have missed celebrating Advent with you this year.

Advent is a season of hope and waiting. That is clear in the Gospel accounts of Mary, Joseph and their community as they waited and hoped for Mary to deliver her first born child. That was a different kind of hope and waiting than was customary for the people of Nazareth. That has been my experience of hope and waiting this year's Advent season for me.

Ist off, my hope is a hope for a successful healing of the surgical wound. Yesterday the surgeon rescheduled my follow-up evaluation of the wound healing. He was not able to give me a fully positive report. Unfortunately, his report was one of cautious direction. He said that additional wound healing time is necessary to avoid the danger of infection. That additional time would, he said, require me to navigate the next 2 weeks with as little activity as possible. Translated, that means staying immobile most of the time. I had hoped for a better report.

I wonder if that might be a situation not unlike the way the Jewish people felt in their waiting and hoping for appearance of Messiah.

As we approach the 4th weekend of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas day, I suspect that Mary and Joseph's lives—complicated by the Emperor's command that everyone return to their ancestral home for the first census taken across the Roman Empire—involved a journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They were no doubt weary and uncomfortable as they made that journey. They too would receive news they weren't counting on.

Because, lo and behold the time came for Mary to deliver her first-born child. The arrival of the child was in a place and condition for which they could not have planned.

Well, I'm so grateful for the support, caring and prayers you have given to Becky and me. AND I've been looking forward to celebrating this season with all of you. We will do that, but not as I was hoping it would be.

In light of the doctor's direction that my standing and walking be substantially curtailed we will be sharing Christmas worship with my presiding from a seated position. Not quite that for which I had hoped and waited. Nonetheless we will be together in celebrating the birth of our Lord and savior.

Until Christmas Eve and Christmas day I send blessings of Peace and Joy,

Pr. Rob



"Buzzing in and about SOTH"

Sunday Stewards

Barb & Jay Nalley, Ruth Paddock, Roberta Bass, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Flugler, Nevie Gamble, Barb Gaskell, Kevin Harrington, Jackie & Dave Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Debby Krause, Bert Young, Jill Holtz-Kropf, Jeff Lichte, Sue Murphy, Lois Randall, Ron Jones, Pam Schilf, Lee & Sue Borresen, Dave Olsen, Betty Thompson, Sandy Orlando, Karen O'Neill, Breine Patton, Ann Tilling, Jameson and Kenadee Gerstung



January 7: OPEN
January 14: OPEN
January 21: OPEN
January 28: OPEN

Flower Sponsors



Refreshment Sponsors

January 7: Joanne & Ron Ziska, In memory of Carl & Rita Brooke
January 14: Nevie Gamble
January 21: OPEN
January 28: OPEN



The Lawn Rangers

Alan Holm, Andy Vantreeck, Mike Moushey, Bob Preston, Ron Jones



"You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever."

Adrian Edward Vences, Parents: Miguel and Chloe Vences. Adrian's sponsors were Gabrielle Wilson and Jomar Ortiz.

Shepherd's Fellowship Events - December

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING EVENT

Saturday, December 9, 2023



Christmas Card Outreach

Thank you to everyone that helped make cards on 12/9/23 or stopped by with cards to donate to support our Christmas Card Outreach Program for local Seniors in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, and homebound members. We had a great time making 350 cards on Saturday. Our total cards to be distributed for the card outreach program was 846!

Advent Celebration of Music

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
8:30AM AND 10:00AM



Thank you to everyone who put in time and effort to make today happen... Tiffany Umbarger and Jason Vanick for developing this year's program, Shepherd's Voices directed by Randy Casey, Shepherd's Bells and Brass directed by Brian Anderson, Praise Band directed by Jason Vanick and the A/V Technicians, Justin and Lois. Special thanks to Katherine and Susan Porter for narrating.



Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday, December 3, 2023



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you for all the generous donations to the Christmas Giving Tree Gifts, the meals for local families and Hat & Mitten Tree. We handed out 87 Christmas meal to local families and 175 local children received gifts to make their Christmas a little brighter.



Thanksgiving Blessings

**Thanks to all who gave so generously and provided
80 turkey dinner for neighbors in our community...**

Richard & Gail Anderson, Anonymous, Gregg & Christina Archer, Harold & Vickie Boelter, Lee & Sue Borresen, Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain, Frank & Karen Colomer, Craig & Beth Condon, Janet Dupuis, DuWayne & Claire Fair, Barbara Gaskell, Rich & Beth Gozdecki, Kevin & Carol Harrington, Lee Hartwig, Carol Janssen, Robert & Julia Jessup, Jerry & Christina Johnson, Ronald & Lynne Jones, Robert & Becky Kinnear, William & Janet Lundeberg, Susan Murphy, Barb & Jay Nalley, Susan Neral, David Olsen, David & Terry Parejko, Louis & Carol Paternak, Jon & Jeanne Schmitt, Josh & Amanda Schmitt, Don & Tammy Schnurr, Ann Tilling, Kimberly Tilling, Dan & Pam Umbarger, Tiffany Umbarger, Ronald & Joanne Ziska.

Special thanks to those who helped with pick-up, distribution & delivery:
Charlaine Tiffany, Beatrice Behm, Bob Preston, Mike Moushey, Steve Karaba, Priscilla Rutter, Susan Schultz and Ann Tilling.

Shepherd's

UPCOMING

EVENTS



CHICAGO WOLVES GAME

Saturday, January 6, 2024

7:00pm Allstate Arena

Questions? Email Heather
hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan on attending the
Annual Congregational Meeting opening on
Saturday, January 27 at the 5:00 pm service
continuing through Sunday, January 28 at the
8:30 am and concluding at the 10:00 am service.



SKIP - Shepherd's Kids in Praise Kindergarten - Grade 5

2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month

NEXT DATES: JANUARY 11 & 25, 2024

5:30pm Simple Dinner 6:00 - 7:30pm Program

Interested in volunteering? Contact Heather



VBS Style Program

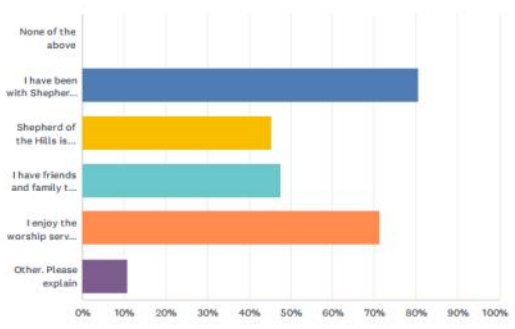


Call Committee Update

We are grateful to all who participated in the Shepherd of the Hills Pastoral Call Questionnaire.

Q1 What keeps you coming to SOTH? (Mark all that apply)

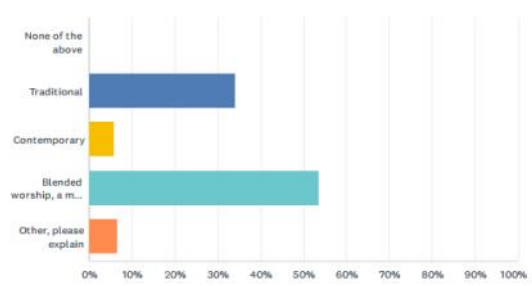
Answered: 139 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	0.00% 0
I have been with Shepherd of the Hills many years and I am comfortable here.	80.59% 112
Shepherd of the Hills is close to where I live and has convenient worship services.	45.32% 63
I have friends and family that are members at Shepherd of the Hills	47.48% 66
I enjoy the worship service and the message I come away with each week as delivered by the pastor.	71.22% 99
Other. Please explain	10.79% 15
Total Respondents: 139	

Q2 What type of service do you prefer?

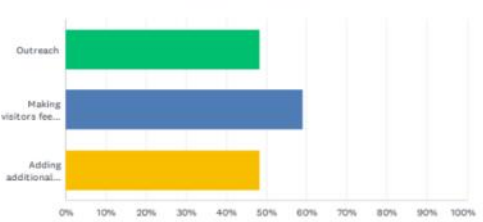
Answered: 138 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	0.00% 0
Traditional	34.06% 47
Contemporary	5.80% 8
Blended worship, a mix of both traditional and contemporary	53.62% 74
Other, please explain	6.52% 9
TOTAL	138

Q3 Where do you believe SOTH can improve? (mark all that apply)

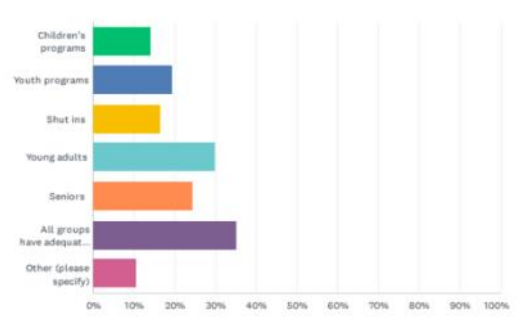
Answered: 93 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Outreach	48.39% 45
Making visitors feel welcome	59.14% 55
Adding additional activities; examples: Bible studies, fellowship events, book studies, or various interest groups	48.39% 45
Total Respondents: 93	

Q4 Are there any new programs you would like to see implemented?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Children's programs	14.04% 16
Youth programs	19.30% 22
Shut ins	16.67% 19
Young adults	29.82% 34
Seniors	24.56% 28
All groups have adequate ministry/activities	35.09% 40
Other (please specify)	10.53% 12
Total Respondents: 114	



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Available Monday through Friday
- 6:00 am - 6:00 pm Ages 5 - 11 years old —
For Landmark, Edgebrook, Duker, Hilltop and Riverwood
- Transportation to and from is available
- For more information contact Ashley Metcalf
ametcalf@shepherdofhills.org

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

- Offering 3, 4, and 5 year olds Classes
- Contact Jennifer Walker - jwalker@shepherdofhills.org



Men's Breakfast

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

Ladies' Breakfast

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

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. Thank you!



Sing (or Ring) to the Lord a New Song!

Shepherd of the Hills offers several music ministries; Shepherd's Voices, Shepherd's Bells and Shepherd's 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.

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.

Monday Night Zoom Prayer Group

is every Monday, 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 872 3148 3009

Passcode: 562505

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87231483009?pwd=mBO5orb9vGU2LhCJxmkDVRv16fhRKe.1>

Questions? Please call or email:

Barb Nalley
815-354-4322 or 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.

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p>6:30pm: TOPS</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p>	6:30pm: TOPS	12:30pm: Women's Rec.	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 7pm: Shepherd's Voices		8am: Ladies B'fast @ Kim & Patty's 8am: Men's B'fast@ Buddy Z 5pm: Worship 7pm: Chicago Wolves Game
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30 & 10am: Worship 8:30am: Confirmation 10am: Sunday School	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS 6pm: Girl Scouts 6:30pm: WELCA	BUZZ 1pm: Mary Martha Circle 7pm: Praise Band	12:30pm: Women's Rec. 6:30pm: Cub Scout 11 7pm: Confirmation/Yth Grp. 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	2pm: HS Parent Meeting 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: SKIP 7pm: Shepherd's Voices		5pm: Worship 6pm: Adult Night Out-Raymond's Bowl
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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