

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

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 Fellow Disciples at Shepherd of the Hills,

Messages from the Easter season and our Resurrection Life



Sunday, April 21 brought us the story of the Good Shepherd. In that story we heard that the Shepherd would find us and bring us back to the safety of His Sheep Fold.

Because the Shepherd finds us it follows that we belong to the Shepherd and by Him we are included in His flock. Belonging to the flock means that we not only belong to the Shepherd, but that we also belong to each other. As people who belong to one another, Christ our Brother calls us to use our Time Talents and Treasure to be the body of Christ—His presence—in world. That is, Jesus names us shepherds with and for Our Father in Heaven. As such, we are to bring his love and hope to others. Translated into our daily life we are disciples of Jesus learning from Him how to let the wellbeing of our sisters and brothers have a major influence on our thoughts and actions. Likewise, our watching, listening, and actions must be born of a willingness to insure that as a community of service empowered by the Holy Spirit breathing ever-flowing energy and strength into our discipleship.

A second message from Easter is well described as Resurrection Life presented in the form of the Vine and the Branches. In the Gospel of St. John, the writer paints a portrait of a vine, in the Master's vineyard, laden with branches heavy with fruit. We disciples are like the branches of the vine. We are to bear fruit that will extend God's Kingdom. That will happen as long as we remain attached to the Vine, which is our Lord, Jesus. Our attachment will remain strong as we continue to gather for regular Praise and worship of the Lord.

May you know the life-filled Blessings of our Lord as we travel toward Pentecost and the season after Pentecost.

Blessings,

Pr: Rob





Buzzing in and about SOTH



Sunday Stewards

Lee & Sue Borresen, Bert Denley, Amanda Deubel, Lorie Englert, Bob & Bev Flugler, Nevie Gamble, Barb Gaskell, Lee Hartwig, 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, Dave Olsen, Karen O'Neill, Sandy Orlando, Breine Patton, Ann Tilling, Bert Young, Dan Umbarger, Cindy Ziessow

Flower Sponsors



- April 7: Pam Schilf
Christina Johnson
- April 14: OPEN
- April 21: Lee & Sue Borresen, In celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary
- April 28: Julie & Tim Roulette
- May 5: Pam Schilf
- May 12: Sue Murphy, In memory of Lorraine Murphy
- May 19: Christina Johnson
- May 26: Dennis & Melodee Justen

Weekly Lawn Mowers

Thank you for your help!
Bob Preston



Refreshment Sponsors

- April 7: Martha Finkbeiner, In celebration of her birthday
- April 14: Pam Schilf
- April 21: OPEN
- April 28: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain
- May 5: OPEN
- May 12: Pam Schilf
- May 19: OPEN
- May 26: OPEN



“You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever.”

Wayde Matthew Bentz April 14, 2024 — Parents: Andrew and Jessica Bentz. Wayde’s sponsors were Veronica Horist and Ken Jarvis.

Jack Robert Daniels April 21, 2024 — Parents: Robert and Megan Daniels. Jack’s sponsors were Amy and Michael Daniels.

We offer our condolences to the family of Lorraine Bixler who passed away April 13, 2024.

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED

As the weather is getting nicer, we are in need of stewards to help with lawn maintenance here at SOTH. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Questions or to sign up please contact the church office.



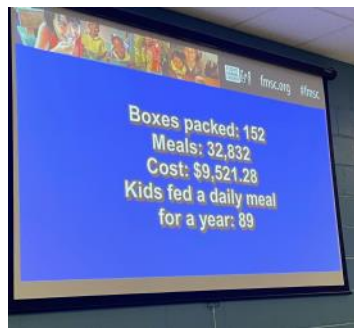
Shepherd's Fellowship Events - April



Watch at the Cross
March 28-29, 2024
 8:00pm-9:00am
 Sign up in Narthex
 for an hour of reflection




FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN 
Monday, March 25, 2024
 Feed My Starving Children
 742 E Park Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048

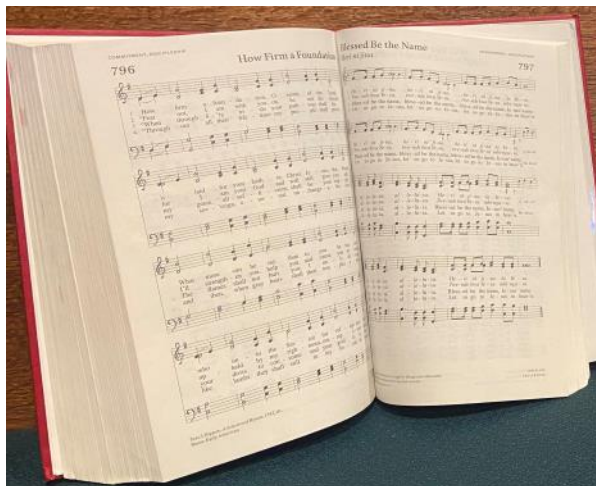


Congratulations!
 To all the children who
 received their
 First Communion
 Sunday, April 21, 2024



Robert Owen Kinser III
Alexander Spraker
Cassidy McCarthy
Sidney Darlene Schnurr
Temperance Schwarz
Myka Wydra

Madison DeRusha
Raymond Alan Stevens
Ashlyn Allen
Chase Boettcher
Colt Humbracht



Thank you for your generosity. We were able to purchase 80 Red ELW Hymnals for our congregation's use. Many were donated in memory, celebration or in honor of a loved one. Please take a moment to look at the book plate in the hymnals while you are in worship. Enjoy singing for many years!

- Dick and Gail Anderson
- Stephen and Barbara Arnold, in memory of their parents
- Barbara Gaskell
- The Valino Family
- Trudie Gohl & Family, in memory of Ronald Gohl
- Jill Holtz Kropf & Family, in memory of Phillip Holtz
- Jay & Barb Nalley, in memory of Nadine Nalley
- Pam Schilf, in memory of Vern Schilf and Emily Schilf
- John & Lynne Donato, in memory of Marie Sieverson
- Ray & Terri Franklin, in honor of their grandchildren, Shane, Kylie & Tyson
- Carol & Lena Janssen, in memory of Merle Janssen
- Lee Hartwig, in memory of Rita Specht-Hartwig
- Craig & Beth Condon, in memory of Leonard & Yvonne Ryden
- DuWayne & Claire Fair, in memory of Amanda Fair
- Nevie Gamble, in memory of Kenneth Gamble, Walter & Eleanor Axelsen, in celebration of Mark Kenneth Gamble, Leah Gamble Brown, Lynea Gamble Novak and Gail Gamble Hamilton
- Sharon Rinard, in memory of Lillian Johanna Dunaway & Daniel Jackson Dunaway
- Lorie & John Englert, in memory of Richard and Bev Blundell
- Bill & Jan Lundeberg, in celebration of 40 years of marriage
- Randy Casey, in memory of Virginia Perry
- Susan Neral & Family, in memory of Louie Neral
- Richard & Beth Gozdecki, in honor of Shepherd's Voices, Bells and Brass
- Jerry, Christina & Ryan Johnson, in memory of Ed Randall, in honor of Lois & Ed Randall, in honor of Dennis & Sandra Johnson
- Susan Murphy, Heather, Melissa, Aurora & Zak, in memory of Lorraine W. Murphy
- Ron & Lynne Jones, in memory of Grace Stanton

- Debby Krause, in memory of Roger Krause
- Janet & Jim Heard, in memory of Jim Sr. and Betty Ann Heard and in memory of Thomas & Jo Lawson
- Brian & Karen O'Neill, in memory of James Bowman
- David & Jackie Huddleston, in memory of Samuel Huddleston and in memory of Carole A. Morvay
- Jim Marinangel, in honor of Rosemary Schneider
- Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain, in memory of Joyce L. Chamberlain and Charles J. Chamberlain and in celebration of family
- In celebration of the 2023/2024 Call Committee
- Betty Thompson, in memory of Betty Ann and Jim Heard Sr.
- Amanda Deubel, in memory of Kathleen Garrelts
- Mark & Margaret Ponga & Family, in memory of Bruce & Alica Ponga, and Jack & Ella McDevitt
- Karen Gustafson, in memory of Gary R. Gustafson
- In honor of Pastor Roger W. Schneider and Pastor Charles E. Miller

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

will be held for anyone interested in becoming a member of Shepherd of the Hills on Sunday, June 2 at 11:15am

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

will be celebrated on June 9, 2024 at 10:00am service

Contact the church office with any questions or for more information.

Easter Blessings

Thank you to our generous and caring congregation for all your Easter Blessings!

Your donations provided almost 40 families with Easter meals and helped contribute to a meaningful and blessed Easter for all of them.

Thank you to Mike Moushey, Bob Preston and Ann Tilling for assisting in the distribution.

Thank you to the following members:

Paule Anderson, Dick & Gail Anderson, Steve & Barbara Arnold,
 Harold & Vickie Boelter, Lee & Sue Borresen, Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain, Craig & Beth Condon
 DuWayne & Claire Fair, Martha Finkbeiner, Bob & Bev Fluger, Raymond & Theresa Franklin, Barb Gaskell,
 Rich & Beth Gozdecki, Joseph & Mary Graziano, Christa Grunert & Hardy Duerig, Karen Gustafson,
 Janet & Jim Heard, Dave & Jackie Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Jerry & Christina Johnson,
 Ted & Mary Johnson, Ron & Lynne Jones, Lorraine Kocher, Jill Holtz Kropf & Family, Jeff & Theresa Lichte,
 Bill Lundeberg, Jay & Barb Nalley, Susan Neral, Dave Olsen, Dave & Terry Parejko, Louis & Carol Paterek,
 Josh & Amanda Schmitt, Melissa Schmitt, David & Raymond Stevens, Roger & Rosemary Schneider,
 Don & Tammy Schnurr, Fred & Susan Schultz, Tom & Betty Thompson, Ann Tilling, Kim Tilling

shepherd's **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Check out our website at www.shepherdofhills.org

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Volunteer Day
 FOR TRACK & FIELD GAMES
FRIDAY, MAY 3
8AM-12PM
 EDGEBROOK ELEMENTARY, MCHENRY

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**

LADIES SPRING TEA

May 5, 2024
 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 Shepherd of the Hills
 Fellowship Hall
 \$10.00 per person ~ Register by April 28

For more information contact Carol Morgan 708-927-5226

SPRING CLEAN-UP
Saturday, May 11, 2024
1:00-4:00pm

Come help us make the church shine inside and out. Bring your own tools and some cleaning supplies.

Outdoor Worship Service at 5:00pm
 (weather permitting) followed by food, music and fellowship.
 Bring a dish to pass.

Mother's Day
 Sunday, May 12

SCURA
 giving into friendship with god

Registration Due Now

June 10 - 14, 2024
8:30am-12:30pm

Contact Heather for more info.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

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

\$35 per ticket

Please sign-up and pay by 5/1, the sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.
 Contact Heather for more information
hcaasting@shepherdofhills.org

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



Summer Camp
Registration
Now Open!

815-276-6829
Contact Ashley Metcalf
ametcalf@shepherdofhills.org

[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

- Offering 3, 4, and 5 year old Classes
- Contact Jennifer Walker - 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



**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](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.

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 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.



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

2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month

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

Interested in volunteering? Contact Heather



May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7pm: Confirmation 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	2pm: HS Parent Meeting 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 6pm: Girl Scouts 7pm: Shepherd's Voices		8am: Ladies Bfast @ Kim & Patty's 8am: Men's Bfast@ Buddy Z 5pm: Worship
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30 & 10am: Worship & Sunday School 8:30am: Confirmation 2pm: WELCA Spring Tea	9:30am: Quilters 6pm: Girl Scouts 6:30pm: Cub Scouts 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ 6:30pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: High School Yth Grp 7pm: Praise Band	6pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: Confirmation/Yth Grp. 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	11:15am: PS Mothers Day 12pm: Staff Mtg 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5pm: SKIP 7pm: Shepherd's Voices	11:15am: PS Mothers Day	1-4pm: Spring Clean Up Day 5pm: Worship 6pm: Food, Music & Fellowship
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MOTHER'S DAY						
8:30 & 10am: Worship & Sunday School 8:30am: Confirmation	9:30am: Quilters 12pm: WELCA 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ 1pm: Mary Martha Circle 7pm: Praise Band	11:30am: PS Lunch 6:30pm: McH Garden Club 7pm: Confirmation Rehearsal 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 6pm: Council Mtg. 6pm: Cub Scouts 6pm: Girl Scouts 7pm: Shepherd's Voices	5:30pm: Piano Recital - sanctuary 6pm: Boy Scout Crossover Ceremony—firepit	5pm: Worship
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 & 10am: Worship & Sunday School 10am: Confirmation Sunday	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ 6:30pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: High School Yth Grp 7pm: Praise Band	7pm: Confirmation End of Year Party 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: SKIP 7pm: Shepherd's Voices		5pm: Worship
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:30 & 10am: Worship & Sunday School	MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	BUZZ 6pm: Preschool Graduation				