



# Shepherd's Scroll

February 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

404 N. Green Street  
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Phone: 815-385-4030

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

## Church Council

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

## 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,*

*Sounds early to me—February 14 is Ash Wednesday.*

*That means on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> Lenten Wednesday worship will begin. My hope is to be part of each service. I'd like my participation to be in the form of your questions about Scripture, what's going on with the Call process, how the ELCA sees "life things" during the current time of preparation for the 2024 election cycle and how it is that we are to be what Martin Luther called "little Christ's in the world." And any other thing you can think of to ask about faith that is personal and corporately shared within a congregation.*

*Hopefully we can duplicate what we did last year and I can do my best to give light to how we can be Jesus' disciples. Who knows, we might be able to share some church trivia that can give us a little laughter and interesting clues of how to be servants of the Kingdom.*

*Please keep Becky and me in your prayers as we walk into better health. My current recovery will be extended due to the need of more surgery and healing that will take place beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. The surgeon has assured us that if I carefully follow the post-surgical requirements that my healing will enable me to be more regularly present at the Church and among the disciples at SOTH within a month or less.*

*Thank you for the lovely gifts and warmth that you shared this past Holiday Season. I particularly appreciate the Prayer Shawl and—the Christmas tree skirt made by Bev Blundell—that I "latched" onto while announcing the WELCA Advent Dinner. I apologize for any offense I may have caused. Please forgive me.*

*I do love the fact that I received it.*

*Blessings in 2023,*

*Pr. Rob*



# Buzzing in and about SOTH



## Sunday Stewards

Barb & Jay Nalley, Ruth Paddock, Roberta Bass, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Fluger, 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

## Flower Sponsors

January 7: Christina, Jerry and Ryan Johnson, In memory of Ed Randall  
January 14: Pam Schilf  
January 21: Dennis & Melodee Justen, In memory of their son Brian  
The Tilling Family, In memory of Al Tilling  
January 28: OPEN  
February 4: Pam Schilf  
February 11: OPEN  
February 18: OPEN  
February 25: OPEN



The new 2024 flower and refreshment sponsor list is available for sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

## Refreshment Sponsors


January 7: Joanne & Ron Ziska, In memory of Carl & Rita Brooke  
January 14: Nevie Gamble  
January 21: Kathy & Chuck Chamberlain  
January 28: Pam Schilf  
February 4: OPEN  
February 11: Pam Schilf  
February 18: Judy Beyer & Kelly Boettcher  
February 25: OPEN



## Snow Shovelers

Thank you to Bob Fluger and Quinn Castaing for shoveling on Jan. 13 & 14.

***If needed would you be able to help shovel and/or salt the sidewalks leading into the building on the day of services to keep our members safe? Your help would be greatly appreciated. Questions please contact the office.***



# Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 2024  
Services will be held at  
11:00am and 7:00pm

# Shepherd's Fellowship Events - January

## CHICAGO WOLVES GAME

Saturday, January 6, 2024  
7:00pm Allstate Arena



## ADULT NIGHT OUT

### RAYMOND'S BOWL

Saturday, January 13, 2024  
6:00pm



**FAMILY**  
**BINGO**  
*and*  
**BRUNCH POTLUCK**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024**  
**11:00am**  
**Fellowship Hall**



*Shepherd's*  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**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.



**WELCA**  
*Hearts*  
**Preparing Our  
 for Lent**

Friday, February 9, 2024  
 6:00-7:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall  
 \$10.00 per person  
 Olive Garden Soup & Salad Dinner  
 Register by February 4, 2024  
 Any questions please contact Carol Morgan 708-927-5226

*Check out our website at*  
**www.shepherdofhills.org**

# SCOUTS SUNDAY

If you are a Scout please join us for  
the Pledge of Allegiance and the flag ceremony on

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**10:00 am Service**



A green poster for a Super Bowl Subs fundraiser. It features a central image of a football player in a green and yellow uniform. The text reads: "SUPER BOWL SUBS YOUTH GATHERING 2024 FUNDRAISER February 11, 2024 ORDER SUB SANDWICHES FOR YOUR SUPER BOWL PARTY! CONTACT HEATHER FOR MORE INFORMATION HCATAING@SHEPHERDOFHILLS.ORG". There are also images of footballs around the text.

## SKIP - Shepherd's Kids in Praise

Kindergarten - Grade 5

2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month

**NEXT DATES: 1/25, 2/8 and 2/22**

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

**Interested in volunteering? Contact Heather**



VBS Style Program



## Christmas Blessings

**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 meals to local families and 175 local children received gifts to make their Christmas a little brighter.**

Maya & Ashleigh Allen, Richard & Gail Anderson, Anonymous, Gregg & Christina Archer, Steve & Barb Arnold, Roberta Bass, Melissa Bending, Judy & Dan Beyer, Lauren & Matt Biell, Harold & Vickie Boelter, the Boettcher Family, Sue & Lee Borresen, Jenelle Buchert, Helen Burlach, the Castaing Family, Charles & Kathy Chamberlain, the Daniels Family, Bert Denley, Carol Desota, John & Lorie Englert, DuWayne & Claire Fair, Nancy & Ed Fisco, Theresa & Raymond Franklin, Nevie Gamble, Barbara Gaskell, Richard & Beth Gozdecki, Christa Grunert, Carol & Kevin Harrington, David & Jackie Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Lena Janssen, Lynne & Ron Jones, Jerry & Christina Johnson, Steve & Cristy Karaba, Lorraine Kocher, Jill Holtz Kropf, Ed & Sue Larson, Theresa & Jeff Lichte, Greg Lofgren, the Lorenz Family, William & Janet Lundeborg, Mike Magnussen, Paul & Carol Morgan, the Morvay Family, Jimmy & Sharie Moy, Susan Murphy, Jay & Barbara Nalley, Susan Neral, the Nighting Family, Karin Novak, Ruth Paddock, David & Terry Parejko, Beth & Bob Preston, Bruce Preston, Caitlin & Corey Pitchford, Donna & Jay Quinlan, Joy Quint, Jon & Jeanne Schmitt, Roger & Rosemary Schneider, the Schnurr Family, Susan & Fred Schultz, Joe & Tina Schwarz, the Spraker Family, Kristin & Jake Stemmen, Ann Marie Tilling, Kimberly Tilling, Tom & Betty Thompson, Tiffany Umbarger, the Vrakas Family, Laney Quinlan-Walsh, Glen & Susan Wayman, Gail Wood, Cindy & Scott Ziessow

### ***Special thanks to those who helped with pick-up, distribution & delivery:***

Beatrice Behm, Shaylee Gough, Carol Harrington, Jill Holtz-Kropf, Steve Karaba, Mike Moushey, Jay Nalley, Greg Tabert, Ann Tilling, Josh Tilling



# Call Committee Update

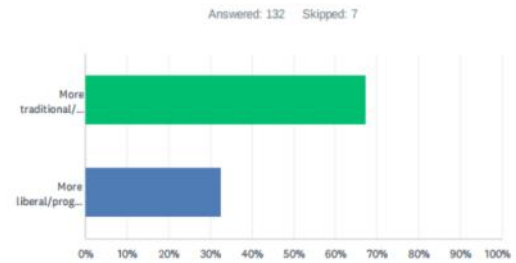
We are grateful to all who participated in the Shepherd of the Hills Pastoral Call Questionnaire.

Three of the questions that were asked of the congregation from the call committee to help them complete the ministry site profile offered the opportunity for members to share individual concerns, suggestions, and perceptions on specific topics. Below you will find the most common themes captured from the data for question #5.

**Question #5** – How would you rate SOTH’s utilization of technology during worship?

- To represent our church in the best possible light, we need to improve the at home viewing experience for our members by making them feel more a part of the service through changes in the way our camera captures the service. Panning the altar, moving with the pastor and liturgist, capturing the choir, pianist, and the musicians as well as the members moving through the communion line would greatly enhance the at home viewing experience.
- If music was shown on the screens as well as the words to the songs, the participation and enjoyment of the music would be greatly enhanced.
- Making sure that the sound was always on and at appropriate volume for whomever is speaking or singing or playing instruments is critical to the flow of the service when accessing remotely. Additionally, it is very important that the screen being displayed is timely, always matching what people are hearing to keep the focus on the message.

Q6 As we look toward finding a new pastor for SOTH, do you consider yourself

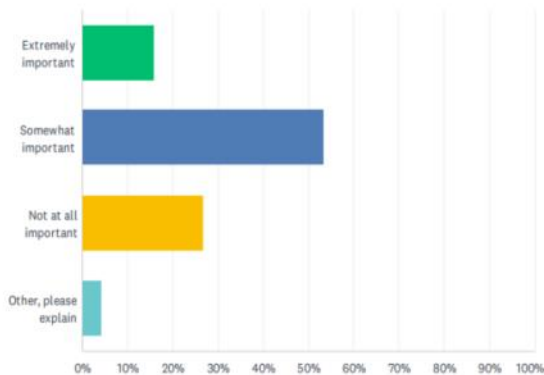


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More traditional/conservative	67.42% 89
More liberal/progressive	32.58% 43
TOTAL	132



Q7 How important is it to you to have a pastor that lives in the community?

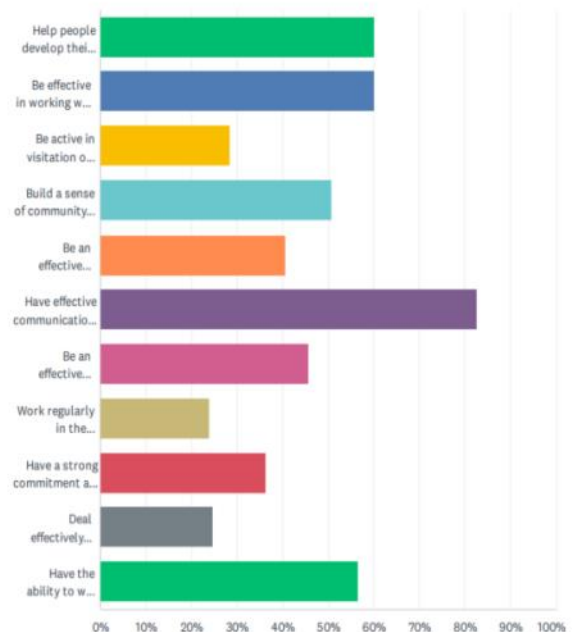
Answered: 139 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Extremely important	15.83% 22
Somewhat important	53.24% 74
Not at all important	26.62% 37
Other, please explain	4.32% 6
TOTAL	139

Q8 Please choose the five gifts for ministry you believe to be the top priority for our new pastor:

Answered: 138 Skipped: 1



## **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 years old 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10am: Fellowship Cmte. 2pm: Head Start Parent Mtg. 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 6pm: Girl Scouts 7pm: Shepherd's Voices	2	3 8am: Ladies Bfast @ Kim & Patty's 8am: Men's Bfast@ Buddy Z 5pm: Worship
4 8:30 & 10am: Worship & Sunday School 8:30am: Confirmation Scout Sunday—10am Service	5 6:30pm: TOPS 6pm: Girl Scouts	6 BUZZ 6:30pm: Cub Scouts 7pm: Praise Band	7 7pm: Confirmation 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells	8 12pm: Staff Mtg 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: SKIP 7pm: Shepherd's Voices	9 6pm: WELCA Preparing Your Hearts for Lent	10 5pm: Worship
11 8:30 & 10am: Worship & Sunday School 8:30am: Confirmation Super Bowl Sandwich Pickup	12 6:30pm: TOPS 6:30pm: WELCA 6:30pm: Cub Scout	13 BUZZ 11:15am: PS Valentine Party 1pm: Mary Martha Circle 7pm: Praise Band	14 11:15am: PS Valentine Party 1pm: Prayer Shawls 6pm: Cub Scout 311 7pm: Confirmation/Yth Grp. 7:30pm: Shepherd's Bells <b>Ash Wednesday Service 11am &amp; 7pm</b>	15 11:30am: PS Lunch 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 6pm: Council Mtg. 6pm: Cub Scouts 6pm: Girl Scouts 7pm: Shepherd's Voices	16	17 5pm: Worship
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