



*Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
"Shepherd's Horn"
September 2023*

*Do not fear, for I have
redeemed you; I have
called you by your name;
you are Mine.*

✎ Isaiah 43:1b (HCSB)

Our Mission:

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

“For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace.”

Isaiah 55:12

In Loving Memory of Bev Blundell

Yvonne Alton, Greg & Arlene Bartos, Roland & Carolyn Besserud, Lee & Sue Borresen, Minnie Darr, Robert & Roberta Denley, Ellen Englert, Rosanne Burac & Matthew Englert, Sandy Didier & Sonja Fisher, Martha Finkbeiner, Coleen Glaves, Marlene Goetschel, Helen Golbeck, Gayle Gowdy & Diana Evenson Gowdy, Kevin & Carol Harrington, Robert & Walter Hestroffer, Terry & Mary Johnson, Deborah Krause, Jill Holtz Kropf, Gregory & Patricia Lofgren, David & Natasha Miklos, Jimmy & Sharie Moy, Barbara Nyhus, John & Barbara Plutshack, Richard & Rosa Reiche, Kurt & Julie Smith, L. Jane Thomas, Catherene Parker-Tompkins & Scott Tompkins, Bert Young

In Loving Memory of Callie Harms

Eugene & Eileen Faut

In Loving Memory of Judy White

Dorothy Castellon, Dominador & Kathy Cayabyab, Benedict & Lauren Chelini, Dennis & Janet Conway, Rebecca Davenport, Kenneth & Karen Dickenscheidt, Donald & Kathleen Etten, Caspar & Barbara Grisaffe, Kathryn & James Howard, John & Claudia Knutson, LG Seal, Julie Lieberman, Jeff & Jill Preston, ROC Property Management, Janet Spohr, Amy Knutson-Strack & Steven Strack, Donald White



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

Ella Jean Schmitt, Parents: Jon and Melissa Schmitt, Sponsors: Kim Patnaude & Dan Patnaude

James Jeffrey Schmitt, Parents: Jon & Melissa Schmitt, Sponsors: Amanda Schmitt & Josh Schmitt

Hailey Rae Herman, Parents: Ronald Herman & Melody Anderson, Sponsors: Annie Dorfner & William Edwards

Jaspar Hayes Rosado, Parents: Angel & Katie Rosado, Sponsors: Sarah Seasock & Derek Sievertsen

Mila Kate Rosado, Parents: Angel & Katie Rosado, Sponsors: Tammy Sievertsen & Angel Rosado, Jr.

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Theodore James Ridout, Parents: Collin James Ridout & Michelle Heuck, Sponsors: Heather Heuck & Brandon Ridout

Andrew Heladio Zange, Parents: Christopher & Jennifer Zange, Sponsors: Ashley Eileen Rood & Paul Colomer

Ella Peters, Parents: Shawn & Ashlee Peters, Sponsors: Julie Sersen & Adam Sersen

Miles Jacob Wodek, Parents: Eric & Brittany Wodek, Sponsors: Nevach Tynis & Tyler Veraghen

Evelyn Nicole Molidor, Parents: Ryan & Natalie Molidor, Sponsors: Nicole Blouch & Mitchell Molidor

Jude Kathryn Borchert, Parents: Anton & Jennifer Borchert, Sponsors: Nicole Grosinske & Tom Grosinske

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear ones,

I want to thank all of you who participated in the ratification of the Call Committee as recommended by the Congregation Council. They will begin their work on behalf of Shepherd of the Hills.

It is likely that some members will be asked to help gather information that will be used in the development of the Congregation profile. Should you be asked to participate in this portion of the work please say yes to giving your time and talents toward the completion of this part of the process. I'm confident that the Committee will keep the congregation updated as the process progresses.

We will be asked by the ELCA and our Synod to be as honest as possible in compiling our information so that Candidates can be properly informed about SOTH if they are asked to consider interviewing for possible Call to serve The Lord along side the disciples here at Shepherd of the Hills.

In addition to our Call Committee, the Assistant to the Bishop assigned to assist the Committee and Council while in the Call Process will be actively involved in the efficient working of Shepherd's Call Process as we identify the Candidate to be Called as your next pastor.

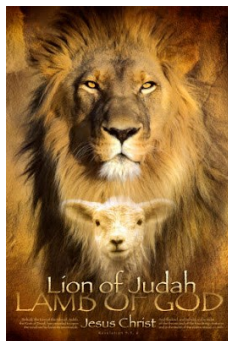
It has been asked of us, that as a congregation, and as individual disciples we begin now praying that we will be given discerning hearts, minds and spirits for the proper person to serve with you can be identified and discern the Lord's call for them to come along side Shepherd of the Hills going forward and growing in vision and mission as the people of God placed in McHenry.

More news will be provided as the process you begin now continues toward the end for which it is intended.

In the meantime, let's be open to the Spirit's guidance as the ministry of Christ be extend to those with whom we share life.

Blessings,

Pr. Rob
Intentional Interim Pastor



Ten Bible verses to pray
over your children
as they head back to school.

Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ Jesus." *Ask God to help them be kind.*

Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." *Praise God for always being with them.*

Proverbs 10:9: "People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed." *Ask God to help them walk with integrity this year.*

Psalm 56:3: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." *Ask God to help them put their trust in Him.*

Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." *Ask God to help them not to worry.*

Luke 2:52: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." *Ask God to help them grow this year.*

Proverbs 17:17: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." *Pray for their friends.*

Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." *Ask God to help them work hard.*

James 1:5: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." *Ask God to give them wisdom.*

John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." *Pray for their contentment in all circumstances.*

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS INVITES YOU!

FAMILY GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 16

10:30am

Boone Creek Golf Club, McHenry

Registration

\$50.00 Riding

\$40.00 Walking per player

You can sign up as a single, couple, foursome,
as we will pair you up with others!

Includes 9 holes of golf, lunch and prizes!

Monies go toward the Youth Group Fund

This is a Scramble FUN Event, so no worries about your golf skills!

DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 13.

To Sign Up: fill out a form or click on the QR Code

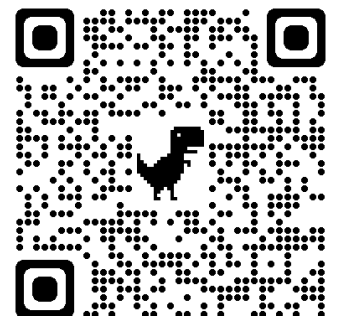
If you have a business you want to promote, we are looking for donations & items to go into our goodie bags. See Jay Nalley between services.

QUESTIONS? Call, text or email:

Jay Nalley

815-354-4321

nalleyjay@gmail.com



"HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?"

by Randy Casey



"How Can I Keep From Singing?" is actually the title of the anthem by the American composer Gwyneth Walker that the Shepherd of the Hills choir is singing on the second Sunday in September. There are several settings of this text by a variety of composers, but this one by Gwyneth Walker is easily the most famous piece with these words. The text is actually from a Quaker hymn of the early 1800s, Gwyneth Walker having been raised in this faith tradition. She was born in New York state in 1947, but grew up in Connecticut and still resides in New England.

Perhaps "robust" is the word that best describes this piece. The choral part is actually not too difficult, but the piano part is very busy. With that in mind I have asked Brian Anderson to conduct the choir when we sing it. One thought that has crossed my mind while we have been learning it is that I hope other languages have a similar choral piece with the same sentiment. For it seems to me that particular work is a kind of national anthem for singers everywhere because its message is to celebrate the act of singing itself.

A very fun aspect of this setting is that the singers spend a good portion of the anthem just singing "la la la." As delightful as that might sound, in truth one can easily lose track of where one is at in the music when only singing the syllable "la." Believe it or not, the main reason I am having Brian conduct is because the choir needs help in managing all of the repetitions of "la." Church members and visitors will simply have to be present to truly understand the way this terrific work is put together.

There are several choral works that address the subjects of music and singing themselves. One that comes readily to mind is "And the Father Will Dance" by Mark Hayes. An excerpt from this anthem is "Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?" This is one of my very favorite anthems which the Shepherd of the Hills choir may do somewhere down the road, provided our numbers grow as I hope they will. Speaking of which...

There is no better time for you to join your church choir than right now. In last month's column I outlined our schedule for the upcoming season. but for now I will just assert that every work the choir sings has the oh so desirable quality of "singability." This is the characteristic I look for in every choral work for whatever choir I am leading at the moment. I am also the director of a community chorus in Waukegan and although the pieces that the choir sings there are sometimes secular and quite challenging, they still possess the quality of "singability".

From kindergarten to the Chicago Symphony Chorus the aspect that can make or break every choir is the selection of music for a choir. It is for this reason that I turn over every stone and look under every bush in search of music. Berlin, Germany has a store named Dussmann's that is the equivalent to our Barnes & Noble. A distinctive feature of the German store, however, is that its entire basement floor is allotted to things musical. One can find choral and instrumental scores, instruments, books, CDs, and other music related items. It is a testament to the active musical life of the German culture that this store has devoted so much space to musical matters.

I hope that you have found yourself in a place where you cannot help but sing. Of course, I can hear people right now telling me that they "don't sing." My response to that is even if you are only singing with your heart, let us ever delight in the wonder of God's creation.





Petting Zoo



RALLY DAY & PICNIC

Sunday, September 10th @ 11:30am

COME JOIN THE FUN!

SKIP

Shepherd's Kids in Praise



Kindergarten - Grade 5
2nd & 4th Thursdays



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



Interested in volunteering? Click [HERE](#). [Volunteer form](#)



The **Nature**
of Hackmatack
National Wildlife Refuge

First Wednesday Fellowship presents...
"Hackmatack,
the story of our local 11,000 acre wildlife refuge."

Coffee and cookies at 12:30
Attend in person at:
5050 N. Johnsburg Rd, Johnsburg, IL



Can you help? 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!

Refreshment Sponsors are needed for Sunday morning social hour. Interested? Please call the church office, 815-385-4030.

Sponsor Flowers in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, in memory of loved ones or "just because". Cost is \$30.00 per arrangement.

Sign-up is located on the bulletin board in the hallway by the church office. Sponsors are encouraged to take their floral arrangement home after the 10:00am service.

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.



A **GREAT** time was had by everyone who came to hear our very own Brian Anderson and his band!





**GREAT FUN
AT THE PARADE!!**

**Thanks to all who
walked and represented
SOTH!**



**On Saturday, August 19, SOTH families
visited the Milwaukee Zoo.
A “roaring” good time was had by all!**





"Buzzing in and about SOTH"

Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00am

8:30am Service is Livestreamed
Nursery Available

Social Hour

9:15am - 10:15am

Coffee and snacks

Office Hours & Phone

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 5:00pm

Friday

9:00am - Noon

815-385-4030

Church Council

Carol Janssen

Christina Johnson

Jackie Huddleston

Paul Morgan

Barb Nalley

Bob Preston

Pam Schilf

Jay Quinlan

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Sunday Stewards

Lee & Sue Borresen, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Fluger,
Nevie Gamble, Barb Gaskell, Kevin Harrington,
Dave Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Ele Kinser, Debby Krause,
Jill Holtz Kropf, Jeff Lichte, Sue Murphy, Barb & Jay Nalley

Flower Sponsors

September 3: Pam Schilf in memory of Vern Schiff

September 10: DuWayne & Claire Fair in memory of
Amanda Fair and in honor of Grandma Barb by
Nicholas Gaskell

September 17: Nevie Gamble in memory of Ken

Gamble. DuWayne & Claire Fair in memory of
Amanda Fair & in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

September 24: in memory of Irma Wagner by Bev Blundell

Ron & Lynne Jones in honor of their grandson, Conor's birthday



Refreshment Sponsors

September 3: OPEN TO SPONSOR

September 10: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain

September 17: OPEN TO SPONSOR

September 24: OPEN TO SPONSOR



The Lawn Rangers

Ron Jones, Mark Ponga, Bob Preston,
Lee Borresen, Joe Strumberger





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Blood Drive!

Tuesday, Sept. 26th

4pm - 6:00pm

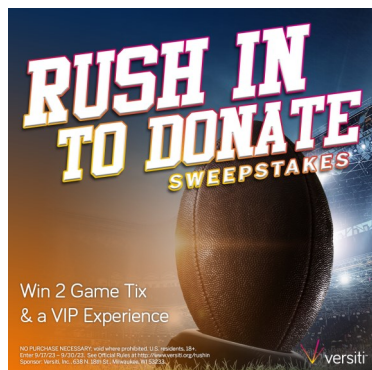
SOTH Parking Lot

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

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Visit website www.versiti.org/IL

Helpful tip:

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



“Rush in to donate” and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP experience* to your favorite hometown football team.

*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 18+. Ends 9/30/23. 5 sep. drawings (IN, IL, MI, OH, WI). Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules at versiti.org/rushin. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.

SEPTEMBER 2023

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