



Shepherd's Scroll

October 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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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 Disciples of the Shepherd,

As Christians, our truest identity is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ who gives us God's promise not to forsake us, but to give us new life.

Freed by this gospel, we have a message of hope and good news to share with those who find themselves walking difficult paths alone and without a sense of purpose.

One of our seminaries has developed a distinctive approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion called ABIDE. It is centered around the common commitments of Accountability, Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity. It is my hope that as a Household of Faith, we can be inspired and shaped by these five Christian practices that disciples can aspire to.

- Accountability roots us in both law and gospel. We are sinners under the law and therefore, we confess our sins and acknowledge the pain we cause, and then experience hope in Christ's forgiveness.*
- Belonging comes to us first by the grace of God in our baptism and not by anything we have done. In acknowledging that everyone is welcome, we honor the distinctive identities that each individual brings to the congregation.*
- Inclusion means our faith-family is accessible to all. We know that at Christ's Table all are truly welcome to receive this gift.*
- Diversity is experienced first in the triune God and we bear God's image collectively. Scripture warns of the dangers of isolating from others and striving to maintain sameness as it is in our diverse vocations as Christians that we are each responding to where Christ is leading us.*
- Equity is our goal: to pursue just policies and practices that ensure no one in our congregation is denied opportunities and resources that others enjoy. It is in doing so that turns our economies of power upside-down, rights wrongs, and leads us toward truly just human relationships.*

It's not easy to live into these ABIDE practices. Still, it is our hope that our human expressions of the ABIDE practices will help us see the face of Christ in each other.

In this season of transitions and change, let us remember our baptism. By that gift, we are freed and have agency in this world to work against the forces of fear, hatred, and oppression. God will not forsake us and God has given us a new identity in Christ that is good news for all.

*Blessings,
Pr. Rob*



Buzzing in and about SOTH



Sunday Stewards

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

Flower Sponsors

- September 1: Pam Schilf
- September 8: Sue Murphy, In memory of Edward W. Murphy
- September 15: DuWayne & Clair Fair, In celebration of their wedding anniversary
Christina Johnson
- September 22: Lori & John Englert, In memory of Bev & Dick Blundell
Nevie Gamble, In memory of Ken Gamble's Birthday
- September 29: Roberta Bass, for Joy
- October 6: Pam Schilf
- October 13: Amanda Deubel
- October 20: John & Lynne Donato, In memory of Lynne's dad, Ray
- October 27: OPEN



Refreshment Sponsors

- September 1: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain
- September 8: Pam Schilf
- September 15: Amanda Deubel
- September 22: Lori & John Englert, In memory of Bev & Dick Blundell
- September 29: John & Lynne Donato, In memory of Lynne's sister, Sandy
Dick & Gail Anderson
- October 6: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain
- October 13: Pam Schilf
- October 20: Dick & Gail Anderson



Church Property Caretakers

Weekly lawn mowers and landscaping,
thank you for your help,
Ron Jones, Andy Vantreeck,
Lee Borresen, and Bill Schroederr



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

**Tracy Lynn & Ronald Eric Matzke
on September 22, 2024**

Shepherd's Fellowship Events - September

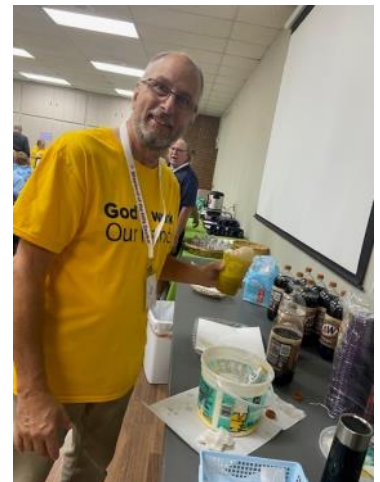
BONFIRE
and Fellowship
Saturday, August 31
6:00pm



September 8, 2024

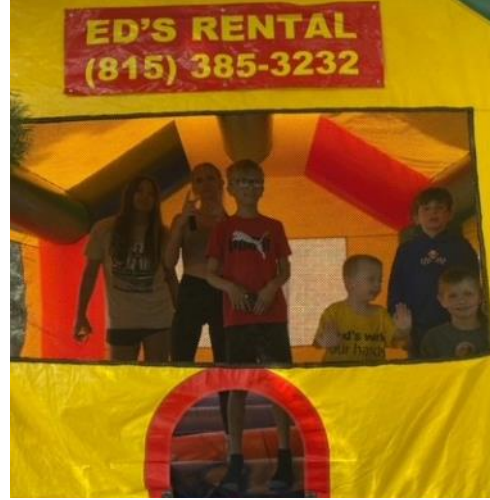
God's work. Our hands.

Join the Ministry Fair in Fellowship Hall



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
AFTER THE 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE
SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX
TO BRING A DISH TO PASS!



WORSHIP AT FULL VOLUME

What if church music was rock 'n roll?

3rd SUNDAY of the month
@ 5:00pm

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
404 N. GREEN ST., MCHENRY

All are welcome!



SUNDAY School

The Sunday School students have been learning about positive affirmations and learning to love yourself and others around you. We made "I am..." art to reinforce this lesson. (Mark 7:24-37)

We also read about using our hands to serve others and being helpful. (Mark 9:30-37)



2nd Annual SOTH Family Golf Outing

September 21 @ 10am
Boone Creek Golf Club, McHenry

The Golf Outing
Raised \$818.00
for SOTH Youth Group



The youth were given the chance to make the new youth room their own. Two of our high school juniors, Emily and Charles Swiercz, were beginning their Eagle Scout projects at the same time as the move so when they approached me with ideas, I was able to tell them about moving the youth room upstairs. I asked if they wanted to help me transform the space into an inviting youth area and together, we researched, shared ideas, then came up with a plan. With the plan in place and meetings with Pastor Rob and the Scout leaders, we were able to involve the other high schoolers and ask for help with the building.

Emily and Charles have demonstrated strong leadership throughout the process, and their projects have been invaluable to the success of the youth room transformation. This collaboration not only supports their progress toward earning the Eagle Scout rank but also serves as a meaningful contribution to our church community.

Thank you to the McBreen family and MC Billiards for moving the pool table upstairs to the new youth room.





Our Church Council would like you to know about a few things we have been working on. We will be sharing updates with you monthly during the church services and in the Scroll going forward. This provides transparency for the work we are doing and gives the congregation an opportunity to get to know each one of us as your leadership team. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the Council members. We all wear a lanyard with our name on it during the church services. We would love to hear from you.

One of the first things we have done is establish a few committees to focus on in the church. We would like to invite you to join us at one of the committee meetings if you are interested or are passionate about one of the topics. Our current committees are as follows:

- Christian Education Committee – Focuses on review of Christian Education programs and offerings.
- Worship Committee – Focuses on ways to enhance our worship experience.
- Membership Committee – Focuses on expanding and welcoming new disciples to our congregation and offering programs for our members.
- Constitution Update 2024 – Currently reviewing our existing constitution and identifies any updates needed.
- Building Committee – Focuses on building maintenance needs of the church.

One of the exciting things that has come out of the Worship Committee is the introduction of our new worship experience “Worship at Full Volume” which occurs the 3rd Sunday of every month at 5 PM. This is an exciting new unique worship service that combines upbeat contemporary music, inspiring teachings, Holy Communion, and more. Future services will be held on October 20th and November 17th.

We also wanted to provide an update on the AV Tech Desk build. We are planning a workshop on October 13th to build the desk. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, please contact the church office and thank you to all who contributed towards this project.

Lastly, this month we met with Pastor Jen Beasley from the Northern Illinois Synod to review and discuss the Call Process and our role in that process. We are making progress and an extremely grateful to Chuck Chamberlain and the Call Committee for their hard work during this past year and going forward.



(September 21-22, 2024)

The Call Committee has recently met with a prospective pastoral candidate on several occasions. These meetings have been productive, as we are continuing our journey to find the correct candidate for Shepherd of the Hills. This is still preliminary as we still have more work to do. We will continue to keep you informed moving forward.

Shepherd's

UPCOMING EVENTS



Check out our website at www.shepherdofhills.org

SKIP - Shepherd's Kids in Praise
Kindergarten - Grade 5
Starting on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024
2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month
5:30pm Simple Dinner
6:00 - 7:30pm Program
VBS Style Program

Register NOW or if you are interested in volunteering?
Contact Heather at hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org



Join in the fellowship for
Light the Night

LIGHT THE NIGHT!

SUNSET MUSIC SATURDAYS
— MILLER POINT PARK —

SATURDAY SEPT 28 4-9PM
LIGHT THE NIGHT!
FIRE DANCERS 6:30
FIREWORKS 9PM

SEMPLER BAND 7-9PM

LARA BELL 4:30-6:30

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, DRINKS & MORE
1202 N. RIVERSIDE DR.

For more information go to:
mchenryriverwalk.org/event/light-the-night-2024
or contact Heather



St. Michael and All Angels

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024
ALL WORSHIP SERVICES



You are invited to bring your favorite representation of an angel to worship on 9/29/24. Please place in designated area in the chancel.

McHenry Chamber of Commerce Murder Mystery



Tickets are going fast!
Sign up in the Narthex
by 9/29/24

Tickets (ages 13+) \$20pp includes: commemorative backpack, water bottle, suspect guide, and other goodies. Groups can be 2-6 players. Takes approximately 4 hours without stops for lunch. There is a kids Scavenger hunt version if you want to bring kids to play along with their own top secret detective pack. Ages 5-12 for \$5pp.

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Family Fall Fun



Saturday, October 12, 2024
10:00 am - until closed

Meet up for fellowship and cider at 11:00 am by the concession stand.

Pay for tickets \$10pp in advance by 9/28/24. Tickets will be given out on Sunday 10/6/24 at worship.

Contact Heather with any questions hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org

AV BOOTH BUILD DAY

Sunday, October 13, 2024
after the 10:00 am
worship service.

If are able to help contact
Jason Vanick at
847-751-1321
or the church office
at 815-385-4030.



SOTH'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Candy and Trunk Sign Up in Narthex

EVENT
OCTOBER 26
 1pm-3pm
 Rain Date October 27
 11am-1pm

hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org

SOTH'S ANNUAL TRUNK OF TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
1PM-3PM

Rain Date October 27
 11am-1pm

[HCASTAING@SHEPHERDOFHILLS.ORG](mailto:hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org)

BUNGO

Sunday, October 20, 2024
11:15 am
Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to pass
Sign up in the Narthex

hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org

Adult Craft Night

Tuesday, October 22, 2024
6:00pm
Fellowship Hall

\$22.00/person
 Limited to 20 people
 (First Come, First Serve)

Sign up in the Narthex
 by October 13

Photo is actual representation of the craft!
 Questions? Contact Heather Castaing
hcastaing@shepherdofhills.org

Fellowship Event
150th Anniversary

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT

CARTHAGE COLLEGE
SUNDAY, DEC. 8
 4:00pm Show

Group tickets are being purchased, so sign up by October 1st in the Narthex or contact Heather to secure your spot.
 Tickets are \$14 Adults and \$8 kids under 18.

WELCA Advent Dinner

Saturday, November 23, 2024
 VFW McHenry
 4:00-7:00pm
 Buffet Dinner

Musical Performance by
 Caring Hearts and Voices

Tickets on Sale in Narthex - Last day to register is Nov. 3
\$35.00 per person

Information contact Susan Schultz (815) 578-9547



Check out our website at
www.shepherdofhills.org



**B & A
Registration
Now!**

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?](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

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

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		6pm: High School Youth Group	6pm: Cub Scout 311 7pm: Confirmation	2pm: HeadStart Parent Mtg. 5:45pm: Girl Scout 772		8am: Ladies B'fast @ Kim & Patty's 8am: Men's B'fast @ Buddy Z 11am: Murder Mystery Event 5pm: Worship
8:30 & 10am: Worship 8:30am: Confirmation 10am: Sunday School	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ 9:30am: WELCA Mtg. 6pm: Praise Band	6pm: Cub Scout 311 7pm: Confirmation	12pm: Staff Mtg. 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5:30pm: SKIP 6pm: Executive Com. Mtg. 7pm: Shepherd's Voices	11	10am: Stade's Farm Event 5pm: Worship
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