

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

404 N. Green Street • McHenry, Illinois 60050 • 815-385-4030

Pastor Thomas E. Rogers Jr.



GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY 2019-2020

*"I am the Good Shepherd. I come so that they may
have life and have life abundantly."*

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

404 N. Green St. ~ McHenry, Illinois 60050

Parish: 815-385-4030

Fax: 815-385-5330

www.shepherdofhills.org

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills!

For over 50 years, we have been a growing and active part of McHenry and the larger community, making God's love in Jesus Christ known in thought, word and deed. Looking toward the future, we will continue serving, clarifying our mission to best meet the area's rapidly changing needs. I invite you to join us – you are always welcome!



Worship is the heart of our congregation. We come and give praise, hear God's word, share Jesus through communion and baptism, and are sent out into the world to share the Good News. We offer Christian Education for all ages and have a strong ministry of outreach to the community, putting our faith in action.

A church is all about the people involved in the ministry. Every person is a vital part of our work together. Our faithfulness in sharing God's love will move us from one success to another, blessing others. With an attitude of acceptance and willingness to serve, we live out our motto as "The Church That Cares!"

We publish this Guide Book and Directory to effectively communicate with one another. It is updated and published annually. If there are any changes to your information (telephone number, address, family, etc.), or if you have any other questions or comments, please call or email us.

Thank you for your interest and I look forward to seeing you soon!

In God's peace and joy,

Pastor Thomas E. Rogers Jr.

Our Mission

*To CARE for people wherever they are,
TEACH the love of God in Jesus Christ, and
GROW in faith and service.*

Worship Information

Regular Worship Schedule

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third weekend of each month
at all services and on church holidays.

In addition to our weekly worship schedule we also offer the following
special worship services:

Lenten Worship

During the Season of Lent we offer two mid-week worship services.

Ash Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays during Lent at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Good Friday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Eve at 4:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Thanksgiving Worship

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve at 1:00 pm, 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Sunday School gathers weekly during the regular calendar school months for each of our Sunday worship services. We invite everyone to join us in the Sanctuary to worship together as a family. At approximately the half way point Pastor will invite all children to join him near the altar for a brief children's sermon after which the children will be released to their respective Sunday School classes. The Sunday School curriculum follows the church year as well as the church seasons and often goes hand in hand with the adult gospel lessons and readings for the day. Each Sunday School class is introduced to the congregation throughout the school year and many of the children look forward to producing our annual Christmas program.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Ages 3 years through 5th Grade

Confirmation Classes

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Grades 6th, 7th & 8th

Child Care

A nursery is available on Sunday mornings for children under the age of three. Children three and older are invited to participate in Sunday School classes during worship times.

Coffee Hour

A coffee hour is held each Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall after each worship service as a time to visit with friends and meet new people. Members of the congregation sign up to bring in homemade treats to share or sponsor treats from our local bakery. We hope you will make this time a part of your Sunday morning worship to join in fellowship with the church family. Enjoy a morning of connecting with one another, sharing in delicious baked goods and enjoying your morning coffee or tea.

Our Parish

Making time in a busy life for prayer, study, worship, service and friendship fills our lives with the presence of God. The same approach to a balanced life teaches us to share our gifts and guides our work. You may attend a class or a program, share your talents with the parish from time to time, serve on an occasional or regular basis, or take on a leadership role. You are valued in the life of the parish.

We hope you will use this guide to learn more about opportunities, resources and needs that abound at Shepherd of the Hills. You are welcome and encouraged to call the church office at any time for information or for a referral. You are cordially invited to worship, learn, and be engaged in your membership and the ministry here at Shepherd of the Hills Church.

Church Staff

Pastor Thomas E Rogers Jr.	Pastor
Kelly Simon.....	Parish Secretary
Laura Meinhart	Parish Coordinator
Cristy Karaba	Finance Director
Jenny LaRose	Parish Education Director
Nick Nalley.....	Youth Ministries
Ashley Metcalf.....	Before & After School Director
Jennifer Walker.....	Preschool Director
Julie McConville	Preschool Staff
Lisa Anderson	Before & After School Staff
Brian Anderson	Brass & Bells Choir Director
Gregg Archer & Sally Manktelow	Organists
Brienne Patton & Caitrin Duncan	Nursery Staff

Church Council

Lorie Englert	President
Amanda Puls.....	Vice-President/Worship Committee
Bob Preston.....	Treasurer/Stewardship Committee
Mike Moushey.....	Secretary/Outreach/Evangelism Committee
Paul Morgan.....	Outreach Committee
Dave Olsen.....	Outreach/Evangelism Committee
Diane Doessel.....	Outreach/Evangelism Committee
Mike Karcz	Parish Education Committee
Christina Johnson	Parish Education Committee
Kyle Mai.....	Property Committee
Greg Tabert	Property Committee
Tiffany Umbarger.....	Fellowship Committee



591 Ridgeview Drive
McHenry, IL 60050
(815) 385-0063

colonialmchenry@att.net
www.colonialmchenry.com

Maggie Mrachek
Funeral Director Manager

*Mowimy
Po Polsku*



VOLUNTEER@IREIFRESH

Refresh is not your average resale store. Proceeds from Refresh benefit the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition; an innovative non-profit that finds forever families for children in foster care. Volunteer groups and individuals ages 15 & up. Can you help?

foster-adopt.org 800.FOSTER.3



Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles and debris!

ENGLERT
LeafGuard®

LeafGuard is guaranteed never to clog as long as you own your home or we'll clean it for FREE

Eliminates the risk of falling off the ladder to clean clogged gutters

Durable, all-weather tested system
-not a flimsy attachment

**\$25 Lowe's
gift card**
with in-home
estimate



75% off Labor

Does not include cost of material. Other restrictions may apply. Expires 12/31/19

Call Today
844-820-1137
for a **FREE ESTIMATE**
and in-home demonstration



A History of the Church

After a survey to determine the need for a new American Lutheran Church in the community of McHenry, the American Lutheran Church began construction of a church edifice and fellowship room on November 1, 1964. It was the policy of the church at that time to build the original unit for a mission congregation and then call a Pastor to serve.

On May 1, 1965, Pastor Donald Johnson and Parish Worker Janice Wick arrived to begin a ministry in McHenry. The first worship service was held on June 13, 1965. The first meeting of the Steering Committee of the congregation was held on August 29, 1965, with the following committee members: Louis Draeger, John Flint, George Kammerer Jr., Robert Petersen and James Widen.

On September 19, 1965, the congregation was organized with Dr. Elmer A. Nelson, the Illinois District President, conducting the meeting. The Constitution and Mission Agreement were accepted. The original unit of the church was dedicated on December 5, 1965.

In the fall of 1968, Pastor Donald Johnson received a call to serve as the regional mission's director. In the spring of 1969, the second building program was completed. Pastor Roger Schneider accepted the Letter of Call to serve Shepherd of the Hills and arrived on the field on April 13, 1969, retiring March 1st, 2016. The congregation entered into the internship program for training future pastors in 1973 and assisted the church at large by training sixteen interns over a period of years. **On April 11, 2017 Pastor Thomas E. Rogers Jr. accepted the Letter of Call to serve as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills.**

During its history, the parish has also been served by six parish workers including Janice Wick, Kristin Stuhr, Kim Rehfeldt, Jenell Brust, Rene May and Fred Eichberger. Seven part-time assisting pastors including Pastors Art Knudsen, Clifton Kittleson, Norb Meyer, Ed Schmidt, Mark Bergman, Charles Miller and Robert Hereth served the congregation over a period of years.

In 1979, a Forward Planning Committee was formed to study the needs of the parish. From this study developed a building committee, headed by Dr. Jerry Lingeman, charged with building a new sanctuary in 1980. In the planning phase interest rates were at 8% but when it became time to go out for bids interest rates rose to 16%. The congregation sold loan certificates to its members at 10% to finance the building and they were all purchased within a three week period. The new sanctuary was dedicated on May 31, 1981, with Dr. Ehme Osterbur, Bishop of the Illinois District of the American Lutheran Church participating.

The new sanctuary was paid off within seven years and in 1987 the congregation immediately went into a fourth building program to build the education unit. The education unit was built for two thirds of the cost estimated by all of the architects interviewed because the church members worked evenings and weekends to paint, hang doors, install carpets, etc. The education unit was financed with a loan from McHenry Savings Bank. Shepherd of the Hills has always had a vision for the future and has set goals.

We have always tried to move on from one success to another asking for God's guidance. We have been among the fifty to one hundred fastest growing parishes in the Lutheran Church. The church has as its motto "A Church That Cares" and tries to meet people where they are at and help them grow. An active Sunday School program, youth groups, various music groups, and many dedicated Stephen Ministers are simply examples of the vitality of our church. Literally hundreds of talented and committed lay persons participate in the wide variety of programs and opportunities for service provided by our church program. We thank God for his many blessings upon our church during its history and we pray His continued blessing upon our congregation in the future as we are faithful in our ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Church Newsletter, Bulletin and Website

The Church weekly bulletin, the Shepherd's Scroll, Facebook, and website (www.shepherdofhills.org) are wonderful resources to learn more about church life. The bulletin contains detailed information about activities during the upcoming weeks, and often contains registration and reservation forms for events.

The Shepherd's Scroll is mailed or emailed monthly to members and includes news about current and upcoming events. It offers many suggestions about how you can become involved in the life of the church. If you would like to receive The Shepherd's Scroll via email, please call 815-385-4030 or email afranzen@shepherdofhills.org to enroll.

Our website, www.shepherdofhills.org is updated on a regular basis and provides descriptions of all church activities and includes photos and info on all events.

Posters, flyers and special mailings or announcements are often used to relay important information. Special displays in the narthex and on bulletin boards will also help keep you informed.

Sacramental Information

Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is received on most Sundays. Parents should contact the church office for available dates and times.

First Communion

Early Communion Training is held in October of each year for children in fifth grade. Children older than fifth grade who have not received this training are invited to participate as well and should contact the church office. First Communion Sunday is generally held the first Sunday in November.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a three-year study for youth in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Confirmation Sunday is generally held at the 10:45 a.m. service on the first Sunday in May.

Wedding

Please contact the church office if interested in having your wedding at Shepherd of the Hills. All information and available dates can be discussed as well as scheduling an appointment with our Pastor.

Funeral

In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact the Pastor or the church office to make arrangements for a funeral.

Schools

Shepherd of the Hills Preschool



Our preschool program provides a quality education in a Christian environment which develops intellectual, social, creative, spiritual and physical skills necessary for the personal growth of a child. Classes are held from August through May and follow the McHenry School District 15 calendar. Each week is planned around a letter of the alphabet or a theme and includes fun

activities and projects. This program will expose your child to the routine and things that they will experience in Kindergarten so that when they get there, they will have the confidence to learn and try their best.

Available Classes

- Three year old classes on Tuesday & Thursday
- Four year old classes on Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- Pre-Kindergarten classes held Monday through Friday. Half and Full day classes are available please contact the pre-school director for more information.

Before and After School



This program provides quality, reliable, trusted child care for the community. It is available Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for ages five through 11 (K through 5th Grade). Time is scheduled for homework, arts and crafts, games, outside play, field trips on non-school days and so much more!

Busing is available through the McHenry School

District 15 to Duker, Edgebrook, Hilltop, Landmark and McHenry Middle School.



Summer Camp

A Summer Camp program is available for children Kindergarten through 5th grades. Activities include recreation, swimming at Knox Park Pool, library and park visits, field trips, games, special days/weeks, and more. This is truly an action packed,

fun-filled summer!!! Call for availability.

The Preschool, Before and After School Care and Summer Camp are all DCFS licensed. Registration forms are available through the Church Office.

LAKELAND ANIMAL HOSPITAL, P.C.

4806 W. Elm Street
McHenry, IL 60050

M.E. Dunn, D.V.M.

Office Hours By Appointment
www.lakelandah.com
Telephone (815) 385-6925



815-344-5200

www.greenstreetcafe.biz

1219 N. Green Street • McHenry, IL 60050

Kenny's

ESTABLISHED 1977



FLOOR COVERING, INC.



(815) 385-4069

www.kennysfloors.com



Cris Bimbi Insurance Agency Inc.
Cris Bimbi, Agent

3425 W Elm Street, McHenry, IL 60050-4466
Bus 815 344 6444 Fax 815 344 9308
cris@bimbiinsurance.com

Se hablo Español and mowimny po Polsku
Providing Insurance and Financial Services



Music Ministry (September through May)



Our music groups perform at services every week throughout the school year and for special programs in December (Music Sunday), Holy Week (Good Friday Cantata), and Easter. During the summer, individuals and groups volunteer to provide special music for worship services.

Shepherd's Voices ~ an adult choir that rehearses Thursday evenings, sings regularly at Sunday worship services, and provides special music for church festival services.

Joyful Spirit ~ a double quartet that rehearses Thursday evenings and regularly performs at Sunday worship services.

Shepherd's Bells ~ a hand bell choir that rehearses Thursday evenings and regularly performs at worship services and provides special music for festival services.

Shepherd's Brass ~ a brass ensemble of musicians that perform for worship services and provide music for special events.

Shepherd's Rock ~ a contemporary band that rehearses on Tuesday evenings.

Service in Worship

Stewards provide assistance in preparing for worship and serving during worship service. Training is provided when necessary and support is always available. We always have opportunities available to anyone willing to do God's work. Inquire in the church office if you would like to learn how to become an usher, greeter, liturgist, communion assistant, coffee maker or a member of altar guild.

Youth Ministries (8th-12th Grade)

Our Youth Group Ministries (8th-12th Grade) revolve around two main goals: growing closer to God & growing closer to one another. Students are regularly encouraged to invite friends into an environment that's encouraging, welcoming, & challenges each student to learn more about God & more about themselves. Activities include dodgeball, "Sandman," scavenger hunts, discussions on faith & important life values, bonfires, retreats, & summer trips focused on community service & leadership growth.

“UNLEASHED”

Young Adult Ministries

(Ages 18-30)

“Unleashed” is a program for ages 18-30, designed to offer a safe space for young adults to be themselves & work through life’s challenges together. Our sessions consist of discussions that are focused on hot-button topics (i.e. faith, work, dating and purpose). This group also offers many social engagement opportunities (i.e. bowling nights, meal outings, & more), which help to create authentic connections & a sense of belonging.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School is held the second week in June each year and brings members of the church and community together to participate. Children three years old through 5th grade travel to different craft,

game, snack, and activity stations which are centered around a daily Bible story. Parents and students who have completed 6th grade and above are invited to help lead a station or kids’ crew during the week.

Rally Day

Rally Day is the kick-off day for our Sunday School and Confirmation programs. For 2019 this event will be held on Sunday, September 8th.

Splash Program



Splash is a program that provides fun and easy ideas to families, bringing faith into the everyday lives of the children of the church following their baptism. The name signifies that in baptism we are “splashed” with God’s love and welcomed into God’s

family. Families receive a letter explaining the program along with a yearly music CD and a monthly “Parent’s Pages” newsletter. When a child reaches Sunday School age the church contacts the family about our education programs. Members are asked to sponsor a child each year for a small donation to cover the cost of materials and postage.

Annual All-Church Clean-Up Day

A spring clean-up day is held to transform the church property after the long winter by cleaning, trimming and generally sprucing up around the grounds. Everyone is invited to participate in some way. Confirmation students and their families are asked to help out as a service to the church.

Grief Support Group



GriefShare is a non-denominational grief support program which gives individuals the opportunity to interact and share experiences with others that are mourning the loss of a loved one. Join us on your journey from mourning to joy.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is an active Christian program that provides one-to-one care to those experiencing life difficulties and crises. Lay ministers are trained to learn skills and develop gifts for bringing Christ's healing love to people who are lonely, grieving, strangers, new parents, or experiencing other stresses in life. Stephen Ministers work in consultation with the pastor and receive on-going education in a helping ministry. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and what takes place in each caring relationship remains private.



Mission Board

This Mission Board was established in 2005 and sponsors outreach programs to those in need locally and worldwide, and an education program to encourage participation in mission work to reflect God's love for all. Through the guidance of this board, our congregation has contributed to work in Uganda and Tanzania, including the digging of wells to provide safe, clear water to villages, school supplies, Hope boxes for children around the world, ELCA World Missions, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters locally. They have shipped 1,000 mosquito nets to Africa and organized a collection of over 4,000 personal care and cleaning products and financial donations, which were given to the Wonder Lake Neighborhood Food Pantry, made donations to New Horizons, a transitional living program for veterans in Hebron, IL, supported the Salvation Army, Smile Train, and PADS of McHenry County. All of this was made possible through the special "mission envelope" collection on the first Sunday of the month



HEATING VENTILATION AIR CONDITIONING

That's DOWE with an "E"

815/678-3000

www.DOWEandWAGNER.com



**SENIOR
LIFESTYLE**

your life, your style

**3300 CHARLES J MILLER ROAD
MCHENRY, IL 60050**

**Fox Point offers Independent,
Assisted & Memory Care.**

We have a support group the
4th Tuesday of the month.
Also Memory Care Day Program.

815-385-9840

WWW.SENIORLIFESTYLE.COM

Church Benefactors

Riverside Bake Shop

Complete Line of Bakery Goods

Baked Fresh Daily

1309 N. Riverside - (815) 385-0044

www.riversidebakeshop.com

Parish Library

Our church has a wonderful lending library and resource center available to all parishioners. Resources include audio and video tapes, DVD's, magazines and books for both adults and children. Topics include scripture, lives of saints, church teaching, spirituality, family support and religious education references. *Check it out!*

WELCA (Women of the ELCA)



All women at Shepherd of the Hills are members of WELCA and are invited to participate in all WELCA activities. They sponsor small groups, Bible studies and circles which are open to all women. WELCA is a community of women committed to praying, studying the Bible, growing spiritually, and maturing in faith.

WELCA supports a number of service projects and programs at the church. WELCA plans special events throughout the year including: a Preparing our Hearts for Lent Program, a Spring Tea, Bunco Nights, and an Advent by Candlelight Dinner.

The WELCA Board meets on a monthly basis. Some of the members attend synod sponsored retreats and conventions.

Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry

WELCA sponsors a prayer shawl/blanket ministry hand crafting beautiful pieces to be given to individuals going through difficult times. Each shawl and blanket is a gift of unconditional love for friends. Many blessings are prayed into each piece by its creator as they reach out to those needing comfort and solace as well as in celebration and joy. Each item is personally delivered and includes a lovely handmade card and explanation about the ministry.

First Wednesday Fellowship

The First Wednesday Fellowship is a club "not just for senior citizens." Anyone is welcome to join them. They meet at the church for a potluck luncheon on the first Wednesday of the month followed by a special program. Interesting speakers are invited to inform and entertain; games and parties are often on the agenda.

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was established by members to enhance the benevolent mission of the congregation apart from the general operation of the church. The fund is dedicated to the Glory of God to carry out His work and provide faithful stewardship of His gifts. It is managed and administered by a committee which meets periodically to review investments and considers requests for funding. Members of the committee are appointed by the church council.

The Endowment Fund has supported various ministries within our parish such as: Lutheran college and seminary scholarships, youth retreats, Leadership Lab, the Father's Day program, the Eleanor E. Nelson Book Fund which provides a special book for preschool and kindergarten children each year, and the caring fund which helps provide local benevolence.

Fellowship Opportunities

There are opportunities for singles, couples, and young couples with children to grow spiritually, socialize and become involved in the ministries of the church. Special committees plan events and get input from the membership on fellowship opportunities.

Lenten Luncheons are held following the morning worship services on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. A soup and sandwich lunch is offered with members providing their specialty soups.

Shepherd of the Hills also sponsors an annual Rally Day, Auction, and a multitude of other events throughout the year.

Opportunities for Study

Adult Bible Classes ~ Classes are currently offered Sunday mornings at the 9:15 a.m. service. Please call the church office for the current schedule or any additional studies that may be added throughout the year. Come & join us on the 1st Saturday of each month for our Men's Breakfast video study! We're diving into a video series called "Men's Fraternity," focusing on what it means to "win" both at work & at home! We meet inside Fellowship Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.. We also meet for food & fellowship (with no study) on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Green Street Cafe in McHenry. All guys are welcome to attend!

Opportunities in Service & Growth

Stewards of SOTH ~ Individuals are always needed at the church to fulfill needs that arise including: spearheading a committee, assisting during major events, shoveling snow in winter, mowing grass in summer, maintaining the landscape of the property, painting, repairs, electrical and plumbing work, and general cleaning projects. Volunteers are encouraged to contact the church office to share in the ministries which keep the church functioning.

Community Outreach ~ Through the church's food pantry fund, individuals and families are assisted regularly with food, shelter, utilities and medical expenses. Our Sunday School children collect canned goods and non-perishable items through "Food for Friends," for the community food pantries. During the holiday season we collect hats, mittens, and scarves for children in the Head Start program, and youth groups collect coats of all sizes to be donated to the homeless and various school programs.

Special Projects ~ Special benevolence the church provides includes: Rent and utility assistance for local residents in need, Christmas gifts for children in the community, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter food baskets to local families in need during those holidays and food drives are held several times a year.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign ~ Members participate by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in December to help provide funds for people in the community during the holidays and throughout the year.

Prayer Chain ~ A dedicated group of volunteers promise to pray in sequence when prayers are requested. Anyone wishing to request a prayer for family, friends, or themselves should call the church office to initiate the chain.

Blood Drives ~ Drives are held quarterly at the church by the Heartland Blood Center. Appointments are scheduled and walk-ins are always welcome. We proudly support the Red Honor Cord for High School donors. Call the parish office for details.

Time and Talents ~ Each member at Shepherd of the Hills is part of the body of Christ as we participate in the life and ministry of the church here on earth. Each one of us is important in the sight of God and in the life of the church. We greatly appreciate the sincerity and commitment of all of our church members. Stewardship includes not only the giving and use of dollars and cents but the giving of your time and talents to the work of this ministry. Together we accomplish the Lord's ministry here on earth.

Groups Using Our Church Facility

We are fortunate to have an active and growing membership and a beautiful facility for worship and to accommodate our ministries. Our building is also used by many community groups on a regular basis. Some of these are: Head Start of McHenry County, Samaritan Counseling Center, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Weight Watchers, TOPS, Women's Recovery and various other small groups gathering for an enrichment experience or family function. Please inquire in the parish office should you wish to use our facilities. A fee may apply.