

# Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

A vibrant faith community of Northwest New Jersey.  
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Welcomes** people in faith to Jesus.

**Equips** us with the tools to make our faith work in the world.

**Sends** us in service into the world.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Sun., May 16</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube.</i>
<b>Wed., May 19</b>	12 noon – <i>Brown Bag Bible Study on Zoom</i>
<b>Sat. May 22</b>	8 AM – <i>Church Clean up 2.0</i>
<b>Sun., May 23</b>	<b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9 AM – <i>Worship of the Word in Church and on YouTube.</i>
<b>Mon., May 24</b>	7:30 PM – <i>Council Meeting</i>

## WEEKLY MINISTRY:

### Sunday Worship: 9 AM

In church, Live streamed on  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran  
Church channel on YouTube

### Youth Education Sept to May:

Faith Formation: TBD  
Confirmation: Wed eve. 7 -8 pm  
Zoom (2x/month)

### Adult Education:

Brown Bag Bible Study – Wed. 12  
PM (2x/month)

New Disciples Classes **currently forming.** See Pastor Jack to be included!

### Church Office:

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday,  
10 AM – 2 PM  
973-729-7010

### Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo  
Email: [pastor@sothnj.org](mailto:pastor@sothnj.org)  
Emergencies: 908-887-1161

Music Director: Mr. Ronn Sacchiero

**PLEASE CALL AHEAD-** before venturing a trip to the church office.  
Office hours are subject to change.

**CLOTHING DONATION BIN** – has arrived. Place **clothing and shoes** in plastic bags. Proceeds will benefit SOTH. Please do not leave items **outside of the box.** More details to come!

**CHURCH CLEAN UP 2.0** – Join us **Sat., 5/22 at 8 a.m.** to continue our clean up. Please bring tools and lots of energy. All are welcome for as long a time as you can spare.

**HELP WANTED**– Please prayerfully consider how you can help your church. Click [here](#) to see the link to the “Join our Team ad” which appeared in today’s bulletin.

# The Voice from the Hills

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All are welcomed, equipped, and sent into the world to be the Good News of Christ Jesus.

Ministers: The Disciples of Shepherd of the Hills

## For the Week of May 16, 2021

Grace and peace to you from the One that creates, loves, and sustains us all. There are four things that remain constant in this time:

**God loves you. God is with you.**  
**God calls you beloved. You are not alone.**

### **JOIN US IN PRAYER:**

**HOMEBOUND OR ILLNESS:** Jerry Battifarano, Bob Buchmann, Alice Busch, Bob Cooper, Jenny Cortese, Wally Erck, Edwin Foster, Elsie Haller, Vincent Hassa, Joe Hummers, Alberta Iannotti, Rita Jennings, Dave Kovacs, Kay Kozdeba, Janice Mason, Jack Polcer, Carol Regad, Melissa Sacchiero, Ronn Sacchiero, Elsa Schock, Diane Simonson, Jacqueline Spink, Gerald Tedesco, Nancy Vermuelen, Mimi Whipple.

**IN THE MILITARY:** Army: Larry Osborne, Kurt Rossi, Brendan McMahon; Army National Guard: Matthew Smaldino, Ryan Wood; Navy: Kurt Bethmann, Gary McCrea; Marines: CJ Simonson, Hannah Sigman.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE:** For May 16 to 22, we join in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal prayer. Visit [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org) for more information about these countries.

### **FOR YOUR DAILY DEVOTIONS:**

**DAILY BIBLE TEXTS:** The following is a list of daily Bible readings for your home devotions. Sunday through Wednesday reflect on Sunday’s lessons.

Thursday through Saturday readings prepare you for Sunday’s lessons:

*Sun – May 16; Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (4), 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11*

*Mon – May 17: Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 1 Peter 4:1-6 Psalm 99*

*Tue – May 18: Numbers 16:41-50, 1 Peter 4:7-11, Psalm 99*

*Wed – May 19: 1 Kings 8:54-65, John 3:31-36, Psalm 99*

*Thu – May 20: Exodus 19:1-9a, Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 33:12-22*

*Fri – May 21: Exodus 19:16-25, Romans 8:14-17, Psalm 33:12-22*

*Sat – May 22: Exodus 20:1-21, Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 33:12-22*

**STREAMING IS HERE!** We are excited to announce that you can now view our service **live at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday**. Click on this link to see the service and subscribe to our SOTH channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH8w\\_r1Rb9HH7i6SD15Tu6w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH8w_r1Rb9HH7i6SD15Tu6w)

Don't worry if you missed the live broadcast. All services are archived on our channel. We are no longer Zooming our weekly service. You can also search for us on Facebook and like our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/SOTHNJ/>.

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATES:**

The congregational council is currently reorganizing. The current composition is:

President: JD Allen – 973-723-3501

Vice President: Emery Malasits – 201-841-8603

Treasurer: Brett Maynard – 201-919-0720

Recording Secretary: Celeste Bethmann – 201-859-7475

Financial Secretary: Steve Lewandowski – 973-670-0773

Property: Patrick Wood – 201-602-4219

Nurture (Worship & Music): Wendy Whipple – 973-670-5123

Social Ministry: Diane Fitzpatrick – 973-216-8005

Diane Terhune – 201-841-9726

Jeff Behling – 201-968-7109

**SERVING WORSHIP TODAY:** Please remember to arrive **30 minutes** before worship. Contact the church office with any changes.

9 AM	May 16	9 AM	May 23
Reader:	Denise Smith	Reader:	Marty Nielson
Usher:	JD Allen	Usher:	Ken Biss
Media:	B. & M. Osborne	Media:	P. Wood & J. Smith
CPIC:	Wendy Whipple	CPIC:	Diane Fitzpatrick
Financial Counters:	Diane Fitzpatrick Mike Osborne	Financial Counters:	Kathleen Eich Kathy Schwab
Altar Guild:	Barbara Osborne	Altar Guild:	Diane Fitzpatrick
Cantor	Bob Fawcett	Cantor	TBD

**WELCOME VISITORS** – please introduce yourself to Pastor Jack, sign our guest book on the table in the narthex and take a gift bag. Please come again!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES- (REVISED SCHEDULE)** will be held **Mon. 6/7, 14, and 21 from 7 - 8:15 p.m.** New member reception will be **Sun. 6/27 during 9 a.m. worship.** Please see Pastor Jack to be included!

**LOOKING FOR A SAFE FAMILY ACTIVITY?** – Adopt a garden at church. Our property team, responsible for everything from broadcasting the service to keeping the building safe, could really use your help with the outside gardens. Call Pat W. (201-602-4219) to volunteer.

**#HATNOTHATE** - Why not make a blue hat for the anti-bullying campaign of #HATNOTHATE? Hats must be handmade, at least 75% blue (any shade), and should be 16-20" circumference. Hats need to be into church **in July**. Free hat patterns are available on hatnothate.org. If you need supplies, call or text Diane Fitzpatrick (973) 216-8005.

**SAVE THE DATES – Sun., 6/13** – Congregational Meeting **at 9:30 a.m.** - **6/20** Graduate Recognition Day during service – **6/27** – New member **reception** during service

**JOIN US WITH GENEROUS GIVING TO OUR MISSION** with these gifts, we continue to welcome folks to our community, to equip them with faith tools – learning the word, prayers for one another, and communal support - to live in these days, and then to send us into a world to welcome others.



Please feel free to mail your offering to: SOTH, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, NJ 07871

**Simply Giving:**

Support the church through direct debit giving from your checking, savings, credit cad or debit card.

Use your phone to scan the QR code to get started.  
Or visit [www.sothnj.org](http://www.sothnj.org) and click on the Simply Giving button



**Text Giving**

You may also text the amount you would like to give to **973-832-0226**. A message will help you complete the transaction.  
You can make a one time gift or set up regular offerings.