

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2026



Thank you all for supporting our Back to School event. We packed school bags for 132 families/328 children. This number may go up as we still are packing bags. I had amazing volunteers that did a terrific job. I could not do any of this without them.

Also, as a Thrivent member with investments, you can allocate your yearly Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Hills. Last year, gracious members collectively donated \$2,898 through Choice Dollars. We are so blessed to have generous people with big hearts that help us help others. It is tough doing it alone, but if we come together, great things can be possible.

If you would like to donate a quilt for our Annual Hog Roast Silent Auction, please have them delivered to the office by September 11th.

Clothing Center Updates:

We had a lot of items go out the day of our backpack give away. Many families in need were able to find clothing for their children to go back to school. Some of you are probably wondering if we are seeing an influx of families from Postville. We are! We are happy to help families in need as long as we have a referral. It is a tough time for all of us and that is why we have the best prices around....most everything is \$1.00 for each item.

We will be transitioning to fall/winter in September so if you are wanting some summer clothes, now is the time to shop.

Shepherd Conference News:

If you would like to help families that were affected by the fire in Postville at Agri Star Meat Packing Plant, here is some basic needs... diapers size 6-7, baby wipes, hygiene products, laundry and dish soap. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be used to help pay for utilities and rent. Drop off location is St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville. For more information call (563) 864-7643

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities and our sponsored events throughout the year

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:

Annual Hog Roast Fundraiser
October 4th 4pm-7pm

Christmas for Kids
December 16th-17th

*Any event may be subject to change

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