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**2023**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

There is a whiteboard that I have in our pole barn where I keep track of the maintenance issues for my riding lawnmower, 4-wheeler, leaf blower, chain saw, etc. What weight of oil each uses. What gas mixture to use in each. Dates and miles or hours between oil changes. You get the idea.

Well, on that board I've also written this statement followed by a question. The statement is: "I have as much time as the Lord gives me." And the question that follows is: "What can I do for the Lord today?"

It's always helpful for me to see that. It helps me to appreciate the gift of time that the Lord is giving to me. And it helps me to focus on using the day to live out my faith...even in a pole barn doing equipment maintenance.

I believe it will be a good way for me to approach the new year 2023. Might it be of help to you as well?

I also want to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the generous Christmas gift that was given to Karen and me. Thank you so much for your gift! Thank you even more for being our sisters and brothers in Christ...our church family. Your genuine concern and support are so greatly appreciated! We thank the Lord for giving us this opportunity to serve at SOTP...we have been blessed through you many times over!

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

**SHEPHERD OF THE PINES LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

**OPEN WITH PRAYER:** Pastor Dave Stroschein opened with prayer.

**READING OF MISSION STATEMENT:** The Mission Statement was read by Joan Ramey.

**INTRODUCTION:** President Kyle Hackett read the Introduction Statement.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF 2021 MINUTES:** Secretary Bev Gerads read the minutes of the 2021 Congregational Meeting. Bruce Resch made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Lois Perleberg second. Motion Passed. The congregation reviewed the minutes from the February 6, 2022 There will be special meeting and Voters Meeting Oct 30. There were no questions. Deb Erdmann made a motion to approve, Dave Perleberg seconded.

**A QUORUM IS DECLARED.** Vice President Dave Perleberg read the qualifications for elections of BOLM members. Our nominations for BOLM new terms are Deb Erdmann, Dave Perleberg and Paul Tschida. Kyle Hackett asked the congregation if there were any other nominations 3 times. Sara Anderson closed the nominations. The congregation was instructed to vote for 2. The vacant seat of Garry Loidolt was open for a 1-year term. Deb Erdmann and Dave Perleberg were elected to new terms and Paul Tschida will fill the 1 yr. term. Bruce Resch made a motion to destroy the ballots, Deb Erdmann second.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron McKeever presented the 2022 Treasurer's report. Right now we are not paying a full Pastor's salary. We are operating in the black. This will change when we have secured a new full time Pastor. Ron asked if there were any questions from the congregation. Motion made by Dave Perleberg, second by Candace Dingmann to accept the Treasurer's report. Thank you to Curt and Julie for making sure the vouchers are signed properly, and to Janet Maleska and Barb McKeever for helping with the audit. Thank you to Curt for all of his dedicated help.

**CALL PROCESS:** We were informed that our Pastoral call was declined. This is what it entails. President Brady Finnern will generate a list. Pastor Dave will contact the President to come to SOTP at which time we will decide either to call a seminarian or go back to the call field. Some questions regarding a time frame in doing this procedure were rendered.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Audit was completed. Our budget was explained. Inflation will somewhat affect us. 2023 includes a new pastor, resurface of the parking lot this summer sometime. We do have money in the checkbook to pay for the resurfacing. Scott Manea mentioned chip seal and restripe. We will also move some parking places closer and install a handrail. Bruce Resch made a motion to accept the 2023 budget, Peg Manea second.

A person was needed to attend the synod conference. Bruce Resch will cast a ballot for Synod President. Ministry reports have been presented each month. No new presentations at this time. Janet Maleska thanked Kyle for his work, the congregation applauded.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Ron McKeever made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Duane Ott, second. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

The congregation closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Gerads BOLM Secretary

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING  
DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> 2022  
PENDING APPROVAL MINUTES

**Members Present:** Kyle Hackett, Ron McKeever, Deb Erdmann, Garry Loidolt and Colleen Woods. **On zoom:** Dave Perleberg, Pastor Dave Stroschein. Absent Bev Gerads and Joanny Ramey. Also present Keith Peterson and Julie Kiraly.

Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Garry opened with prayer.

**Kyle read Mission Statement.**

**Treasurer's report** was reviewed. Deb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report followed by a second from Garry. Motion approved.

**Properties Report:** Keith Peterson reported that everything is maintaining well. The quilters have inquired about getting an A/C – Heater unit for their room. Keith is checking on a portable A/C unit. The quilting room faces the front of the church so he wouldn't want to cut into that. Also, discussed the adding extra handicap spots and a second handrail when redoing the parking lot.

**Secretary's Report:** The report was reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Ron and seconded by Colleen. Motion approved.

**Pastoral Activity Report:** Report on Pastoral activities was reviewed. Anyone interested in attending the next New Member Class please talk to Pastor Dave or Julie in the office.

**Old Business:**

\* **Call Process:** There will be a congregational meeting after service on January 8<sup>th</sup>. President Finnern will be here to discuss the next steps in the call process. He will also be giving us information on applying for a candidate out of Seminary. Please plan on attending to help understand the next steps.

\* **Open Service Team Leader position.** The board is reviewing and updating the job description title. If you're interested in this but it seems very overwhelming, just know there is a large support team already in place to assist you. If interested please talk to a board member or Pastor.

\* **SOTP** will be advertising our Christmas services in the Morrison County Record and SR Herald.

\* **Results from the Congregational meeting.** Dave Perleberg and Deb Erdmann will fill out their 2<sup>nd</sup> terms on the Board. Paul Tschida will fill the one-year term. Congratulations to all.

**New Business:**

\* Worship schedule reviewed. Installation of new officers will be January 15<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting is a joint meeting with BOLM/EMT on Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm. Ron McKeever will be Shepherd on Christmas Day.

\* **Noisy Offering:** In visiting with the Rice Elementary Social Worker while working on the Giving Tree, Julie found out there is a great need to get healthy food to families in need. With the program FACT, Feeding Area Children Together, Rice school sends food home to those families nightly and extras for the weekend. Any dollars donated are greatly appreciated and go a long way in helping families. The board agreed to add FACT to our Noisy Offering list.

\* The board discussed the secretary's review.

\* Garry made a motion seconded by Ron for a peaceful release of Don, Lori and Samie Dubbin.

**Leaders Comments:** Merry Christmas

Garry made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Ron. Motion carried at 8:25pm. Colleen Woods closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Deb Erdmann Acting Secretary



# Education / Small Group Team

Happy and Blessed New Year to all!

I Can hardly believe that the New Year is here! Where oh where did 2022 go? I seem to feel that time just moves so very fast lately!! As we begin the new year we also begin the planning for VBS 2023. We already have our kit ordered and will begin the planning at the end of the month. It is "out of this world" and the theme is space! So that being said, if you have some crazy notion that a particular item you may be throwing away would be perfect for VBS...just bring it my way!!! J We are always looking for large pieces of cardboard so please...bring it to church let me know and I will take care of it!! If God is nudging your heart to lend a helping hand in ANY part of VBS, please do!!! ALL the hands we can get are so very appreciated!

We continue on with Sunday School and I would really like to tell the middle age Schoolers "THANK YOU" for the great job of reading you did for the Christmas message! Your willingness to participate was greatly appreciated! It was a little different this last year because of the call meeting, annual meeting, Thanksgiving break, (then we would have had the next 2 weeks of practice for the program) the program on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and the following 2 Sundays Christmas break. We would have gone 7 weeks without class and so the decision was made to have a simple message. We shall see what 2023 brings! We have a meeting with President Brady on the 8<sup>th</sup> but still plan to have class for the kids. Now is the time of year for crazy weather so please watch the text/emails for cancelations. Teachers and helpers...Thank you so very much for all you do for our kids!!! Keep up the great work!

In closing....may this new year hold many blessings for you and your family! May the days be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit! May 2023 fill your heart with great joy!

Serving for the Lord,  
Brenda Hackett / Education Team Leader

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you to all who participated in the Advent Supper on December 14th! We raised \$172, which the youth decided to donate to Bags of Love which is a ministry demonstrating compassion towards children who are displaced from their homes due to Child Protection Agency or law enforcement being involved.

Josh and I distributed a Christmas gift to those present on the 14th, if you weren't present then, please see me at church to receive your gift.

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm will be our next meeting. We will have a fun activity and also plan our calendar for 2023, so bring your calendars!

We've talked about a lock-in for a Friday night-Saturday morning, and February or March was proposed for time. Please watch your email or the next newsletter for date and time. For the lock-in, each student should plan to bring a favorite movie or board/card game.

February 12th will be the Sweetheart breakfast, prepared and served by the Youth. Please mark your calendars to be at church that morning!

High School Youth are invited to the youth room on Sunday mornings during Sunday school. We are studying "Philippians - Learning to Lead as a Disciple of Jesus" together on Sunday mornings. "This Bible study dives deeply into this love letter to a people the apostle poured his heart and soul into. It will give you fresh insight into familiar verses and point you to the path of real influence. And it all starts at the feet of Jesus." We're excited to walk this new adventure with you. See you on Sunday morning!

Josh & Sarah Anderson  
Youth Group Leaders



# Worship Help Schedule

Happy new year to everyone!

We had a few issues to close out 2022 with the sound system and we will continue to work to get the problem resolved. We appreciate your understanding at our services! Shepherd of the Pines will continue to have 1 worship service at 9:00 on Sunday mornings, and we will continue to be blessed with Pastor Strohschein leading us in worship! Worship services give us the opportunity to continue to grow in faith. Being together as a community, continuing to hear, learn, and live God's word and support each other in our struggles as well as share and rejoice in our blessings, helps us in our daily walk in life. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

Just a reminder, we are still looking for volunteers to help make the service run smoothly. Greeters, ushers, readers, and projections are needed. If interested contact me or Julie at the church office so we can get you on the schedule!

Thank you to all who are currently helping in these volunteer positions! Your time is very appreciated!

Keith Hackett  
Worship Team Leader

January	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
01/01/23	9:00am	Scott & Peg Manea	Sarah Anderson	Peg Manea	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Jerry Nelson
New Years						
01/08/23	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Mackenzie Ramey	Ron Woods	Travis Lenarz Family	Jane Nelson
01/15/23	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Richael Weinand	Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren	Steve Ree
01/22/23	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Levi Brenny	Ruth Brucher	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Dennis Arntson
01/29/23	9:00am	Keith Hackett	Cynthia Ollman	Paul Tschida	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Paul Tschida
February	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
02/05/23	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Julie Kiraly	Dennis Arntson	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg	Dennis Arntson
02/12/23	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Denise Leahy	Jane Nelson	Ron & Barb McKeever	Jane Nelson
02/19/23	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Cal Ollman	Janet Maleska	Keith & Kathy Craft	Steve Ree
02/26/23	9:00am	Deb Erdmann	Keith Hackett	Lois Perleberg	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Keith Hackett
March	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
03/05/23	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Sarah Anderson	Jerry Nelson	Brian & Heather Statz	Jerry Nelson
03/12/23	9:00am	Charlie & Nancy Anderson	Mackenzie Ramey	Peg Manea	Travis Lenarz Family	Paul Tschida
03/19/23	9:00am	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Dennis Arntson	Ron Woods	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Steve Ree
03/26/23	9:00am	Scott & Peg Manea	Levi Brenny	Richael Weinand	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Keith Hackett

## November's Church Income Statement

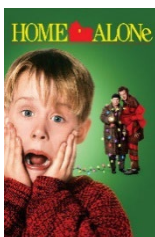
	November	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$18,739	\$222,009
Expenses	(\$12,241)	(\$179,190)
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$6,498	\$42,819

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### Rice Area Food Shelf

January Distribution is  
Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:00-5:30pm  
at the Old Village Hall!

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Movie Night is returning to SOTP!  
Join us on January 20<sup>th</sup> for Home  
Alone! Come in Pjs, bring a blanket,  
and snacks if you would like. Some  
snack available .to share as well.

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### Open Positions to create a Service Team

**We are looking for a group of people to be on the service team. This group would help plan and organize events at SOTP. Please speak to a board member if this is something that you would be interested in, or if would like more information.**

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### Hospital & Nursing white blankets

Do you have a personal connection with anyone who works in a hospital or nursing home? The quilters need additional blankets  
Call Ardelle 656-5858.

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A huge thank you to the congregation for the Christmas gifts, I truly appreciate everything. My family is blessed by SOTP. Thank you!  
Julie Kiraly



## January NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**, for the **F. A.C.T (Feed Area Children Together)** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

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Have you asked yourself, "How can I have a variety of inspiring Bible based information and teaching on many topics & issues for kids, teens and adults available on my smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc?" Shepherd of the Pines offers you, for no charge, all of that on RightNow Media. [Just Send us your Email Address](#) and you will be able to use all this wonderful stuff to help you grow in your faith! You can refer your friends and family members too!

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### ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We have openings for Altar Guild. This will introduce you to belonging to a group with minimal time commitment. We currently have 4 teams that each cover 3 months per year. We would like to have a least 4 individuals on each team. Please contact me and we will go over what would be required...we also are responsible for decorating the church for all seasons which is really fun. See me at church or call me at 320 217 4431

Joanny Ramey

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### Homework Hour

Looking to see if there is an interest in a homework hour at SOTP. Thinking of 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday Nights. Kids would come with homework and questions, and we would have people here to help them with whatever they are struggling with.

Please Sign up or reach out to the Church office.

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**Portals of Prayer are available on the narthex counter.**

## Worship Shepherds

January	1	Bev Gerads
January	8	Kyle Hackett
January	15	Deb Erdmann
January	22	Dave Perleberg
January	29	Joanny Ramey



## UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for fellowship. We ask that if you can't serve the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find a group to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



January	1	Peg Manea
January	8	Ron Woods
January	15	Richael Weinand
January	22	Ruth Brutcher
January	29	Paul Tschida



January	1	Scott & Peg Manea
January	8	Ron & Barb McKeever
January	15	Jeff & Joan Ramey
January	22	Garry Loidolt
January	29	Keith Hackett



January	1	Ron Woods
January	8	Al & Bev Gerads
January	15	Ron & Barb McKeever
January	22	Keith & Roxanne Peterson
January	29	Keith & Kathy Craft



We have been praying for our church families each week as we go through our church directory from A to Z. As you go about your daily tasks lift a prayer for the family of the week as the Lord brings them to mind. **In January we will be praying for:**

January	1-	Cole Douvier
January	8-	Sheri Douvier & Family
January	15 -	Gary & Julie Dubbin Children: Anna, Brayden, Dylann, & Joselynn
January	22-	Braxton Dumonceaux & Kayla Loehrer Child: Bridger
January	29	Brad & Jodi Dumonceaux Child: Carson

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Matthew 2:13-23



Scripture Readings

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Micah 6:1-8  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Romans 6:1-11  
Matthew 3:13-17

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Isaiah 9:1-4  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-25

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**P. Tschida & R. Brutcher**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett**

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp**

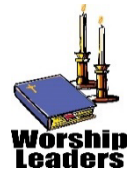
**February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sweetheart Breakfast**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson**

January	1	Jerry Nelson
January	8	Jane Nelson
January	15	Steve Ree
January	22	Dennis Arntson
January	29	Paul Tschida



<u>Musicians</u>		
January	1	Heather Statz
January	8	Volunteer/Videos
January	15	Praise Team
January	22	Volunteer/ Videos
January	29	Volunteer/Videos



<u>PROJECTIONISTS</u>		
January	1	Sarah Anderson
January	8	Mackenzie Ramey
January	15	Dennis Arntson
January	22	Levi Brenny
January	29	Cynthia Ollman



JANUARY  
Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann, Sandie Resch



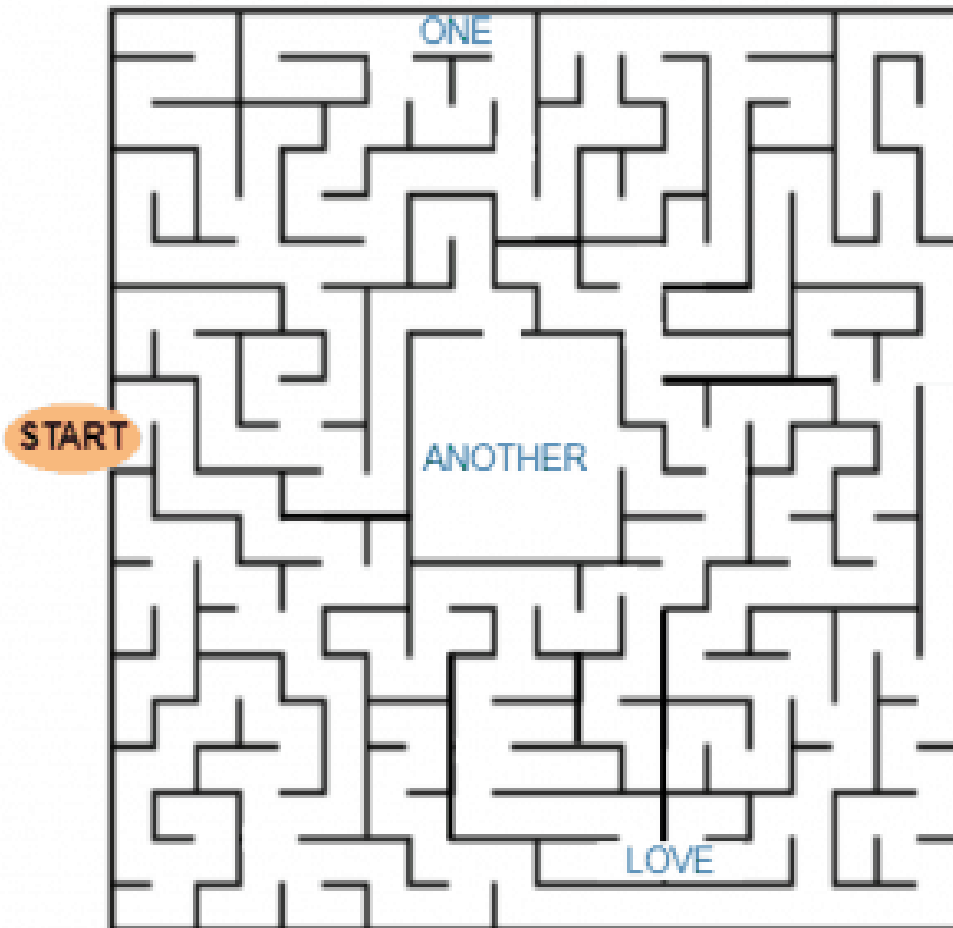
ALTAR GUILD

JANUARY  
Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joanny Ramey

## Love One Another Word Maze

Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

Love one another. John 15:17b HCSB





January Birthdays		
Kyle	Hackett	January 1st
Edris	Weinand	January 1st
Devin	Popp	January 2nd
Charles	Anderson	January 3rd
Emily	Morgan	January 3rd
Ellie	Radika	January 6th
Korra	Mickelson	January 6th
Mary	Kivi	January 8th
Kalley	Wright	January 9th
Kennedy	Madsen	January 10th
Peyton	Soltis	January 12th
Kevin	Maleska	January 14th
Haiden	Manea	January 14th
Stephanie	Pekarek	January 14th
Gabe	Gertken	January 16th
Waylon	Dingmann	January 17th
JJ	Newman	January 18th
Beth	Roles	January 18th
Jennifer	Betker	January 19th
Lillian	Brannen	January 19th
Sara	Dubbin	January 19th
Jerome	Nodo	January 19th
Jenalyn	Ostendorf	January 19th
Kathy	Arntson	January 21st
Drew	Efaimson	January 22nd
Julie	Plumski	January 22nd
John	Brenny	January 24th
Connie	Efraimson	January 24th
Jean	Folkerts	January 24th
Lauren	Eggert	January 25th
Joe	Hicks	January 26th
Barret	Novitzki	January 26th
Kinslee	Hackett	January 27th
Jeff	Ramey	January 28th
Karen	Wood	January 29th
Luann	Legatt	January 30th
Logan	Madsen	January 31st



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January Anniversaries		
Adam & Nikki	Taylor	Januar 7th
Randy & Donna	Klaphake	January 11th
Doug & Muggs	Newman	January 16th



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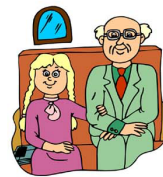
# New Years Resolutions



I will learn more about God.



I will help my family with \_\_\_\_\_



I will invite someone to my church.



I will give some of my money to \_\_\_\_\_



I will tell a friend about Jesus.

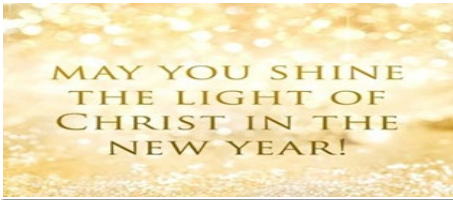


I will learn \_\_\_\_\_ new Bible verses.



I will pray for others.

I will.....



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# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship No Sunday School/Bible Study	<b>Office Closed</b>	9:00 Quilters 5:30 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Event Team Meeting	9:00 Quilters 7:00 AA		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:20 Congregational Meeting with President Finneran	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 5:30 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters 7:00 AA		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>Noisy Offering F.A.C.T. (feeding area children together)</b> Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:30 Adult Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 5:30 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting 7:00 BOLM Meeting 7:00 AA	 <b>Family Movie Night 6:30pm</b>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

**EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM**

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Jen Ollman- Service Team Leader, Brenda Hackett – Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Team

*In case of church cancellation due to bad weather listen to, 98 COUNTRY 98.1, SPIRIT 92.9, KCLD 104.7, WJON 1240,  
or call the church office and listen to the message.*

**Shepherd of the Pines Mission Statement: Connecting People to God...To Others...and To Service**

The purpose of this congregation is mandated for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as found in the words of the Great Commission (Matthew 28), namely first of all to Go. To leave our walls of refuge, going into all the world, comprising of our families and neighbors. We plan to achieve our purpose by identifying persons with whom we are particularly well-equipped to serve and reach with the challenge of becoming Disciples of Christ.

Second, to Make Disciples or in the words of St Paul, “To equip the saints” (Ephesians 4:12). This is to be understood as helping people to live the Christian life here on earth. Preparing and encouraging young and old alike to find and to use their God given gifts and abilities for the extension of His Kingdom, and to grow in fervent love for God and for others.

Thirdly, to Baptize as commanded by Jesus Himself. As God reaches down to mankind with His means of grace, He would have us baptize His people, bringing them into His family and Kingdom, granting to them life, forgiveness of sins, and eternal salvation.

And lastly, to continue steadfast in His Word, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. A continued zeal for the study of His Word, the Bible, is necessary for the growth of any Christian congregation. Thus, the Word of God will be taught and studied in full measure and His Word shall be the rule and norm of this congregation’s faith and life.

To that end, our every effort and energy will be used in motivating, training, and putting to use our time, and talents and treasures to Make Disciples.