

“Setting Boundaries” - Proverbs 22:28 – “Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers.”



January 1, 2023

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

About Our Worship Service

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

What About My Kids?

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is located in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery and they will gladly show you around.

Do I Have to Give an Offering?

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

Can I Take Communion?

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

January 1, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

Heather, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Father Welcomes"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin the year of our Lord 2023 with worship and praise to His holy name, the name which was put upon each of us in our baptism.

Congregation: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins and God's Grace and
Forgiveness

Pastor: It's a new year! For many of us, this is the first day of seeking to keep the resolutions we've made in hopes of changing the things which need to be changed about ourselves, or that we want to change about ourselves. It's also true that for many of us, we've already come up short on keeping our resolutions. But as we look back at our lives this past year, we can see more than broken resolutions. We can see broken commandments. We can see the times we've sinned against God and against each other. God invites us now to make a genuine confession of our sins. And as He invites us to confess, so He extends to us the gracious promise that He will forgive us of all our sins for the sake of His Son, Jesus.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, as I look at myself in the mirror of the Ten Commandments, I see my sins against You and against my neighbor. Sins of thoughts. Sins of words. Sins of deeds. Your Word tells me that even if I've only broken one of the Commandments, I then have broken them all. I am truly sorry that I have sinned against You. I am also truly grateful that You sent Your Son to suffer and die and pay the full price of my sin so that I might be forgiven. I ask Your forgiveness in His name. And I ask for the power and presence of Your Holy Spirit that I might leave behind my sinful ways and live a life of faith, bringing glory to Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In a few moments we will hear these words from Galatians 3: "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." To be clothed with Christ means His perfect life covers you from head to toe. It means that all of your sins have been washed away. It means you are forgiven and that you belong to Christ. Such is His promise. And in Jesus, all of God's promises have their "Amen."

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, as we begin this new year, there are so many uncertainties that we face. Yet, we want to live lives of faith in You.

Congregation: So it is we pray that You will be our Shepherd...that You will guide us and lead us in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Numbers 6:22-27 (Page 135)

Epistle – Galatians 3:23-29 (Page 1153)

Gospel – Matthew 2:13-23 (Page 956)

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

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Notes:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayers (Family this week: Cole Douvier)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9
 Romans 6:1-11
 Matthew 3:13-17



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book. Fellowship will be after church service.

Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

www.sotpministries.com/give

or call the office at

320-393-4295 for help setting this up!



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
 - Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
 - January 4th Event team meeting at 6:30pm
 - January 8th - congregational meeting with President Finnern after service
 - January 18th Youth meeting at 7:30
 - January 20th Movie Night “Home Alone”
 - February will bring Daddy/Daughter Dance, & Sweetheart breakfast
 - Youth lock in night will be in February or March
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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 st	P. Tschida & R. Brutcher
January 8 th	D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman
January 15 th	J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle
January 22 nd	Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett
January 29 th	R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp
February 5 th	P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki
February 12 th	Sweetheart Breakfast
February 19 th	J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland
February 26 th	D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

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 at least 4 individuals on each team. Please contact me, and we will go over what would be required....we are also 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

Looking for volunteers

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 you would like more information. Our next event will be a Daddy/Daughter Dance in February.

We are going to meet on January 4th at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come.

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, comprised 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 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.

Board of Lay Ministry/Elders

Kyle Hackett, Pres.	266-1700	Joan Ramey	393-3342
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever Treas.	492-5043	Paul Tschida	360-5241

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

Executive Ministry Team

Open Position(s) - Service Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

January Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joanny Ramey

January Counters: Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann, Sandie Resch



Shepherd of the Pines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Shepherd has a clipboard for prayer requests.

You will find the clipboard in the narthex before you enter the church sanctuary. Prayer requests are important, and we encourage you to get your prayer requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name

Blakelyn Rose Gangl
Mädchen Cate Smallfield
Emily May Moulzolf
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux
Griffin Dale Maass
Bryce Nathan Leyk

Date of Baptism

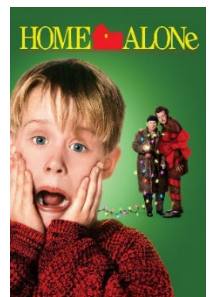
March 27, 2022
April 3, 2022
June 19, 2022
July 24, 2022
October 17, 2022
December 18, 2022



January NOISY OFFERING!

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

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



Open Position: Event Team

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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.

Homework Hour

If you or your child is interested in a homework hour please reach out to the church office. This time will be for any student that has questions or needs help with their homework. We are looking at Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm. We will have adults here to help you with questions, or if you just want to study with another peer this is a great time and place to get that done. Currently we are going to do week by week if anyone is signed up.

Bible Studies Info!



Check the back of your bulletin for this week's schedule for Bible Studies and other events.

Sunday mornings during Sunday School there is a study for parents led by Richael Weinand

I **encourage everyone to join a Small Group** this winter! Whether it be connecting with two others to form a **Triad** to pray for each other, joining a **Bible Study**, starting a **Bible Study**, working on a **Mission project**, such as quilting, joining with others to serve a meal once a month at **Place of Hope**, gathering with others to **pray for children in public schools...**

Talk to me about your ideas, interests, and concerns!

320-685-4389 - Please leave a message if there is no answer.
Colleen Woods

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, January 1st

8:00 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship

(Music- Heather)

Monday, January 2nd

7:30 PM Praise Team
7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

Office Closed for New Years

Tuesday, January 3rd

9:00 AM Quilters
5:30 PM Quilters
6:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday January 4th

9:30 AM Bible Study: Book of Matthew
9:30 AM Woman's Study: Mothers and Daughters
6:30 PM Confirmation
6:30 PM Event Planning Meeting

Thursday, January 5th

9:00 AM Pastor Dave in the Office
9:00 AM Quilters
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Sunday, January 8th

8:00 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:20 AM Sunday School/Youth Group
10:20 AM Congregational meeting with President

(Music- Lyric Videos)

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SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
January 1st

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Scott & Peg Manea
Projectionist: Sarah Anderson
Reader: Peg Manea
Ushers: Keith & Brenda Hackett

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads

Fellowship P. Tschida & R. Brutcher

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
January 8th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Ron & Barb McKeever
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey
Reader: Ron Woods
Ushers: Al & Bev Gerads

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Kyle Hackett

Fellowship D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman