



*"Even When I  
Can't See Him!"*

*Job 23:8-10*

January 22, 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 22, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

“Lord, I lift Your Name on High”

Invocation

Pastor: We gather for worship, praise, and fellowship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Confession and the Grace of Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God Our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**Congregation: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**Congregation: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You. I justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the holy,**

**innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, I pray that You will be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, and by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we pray that You will bless us with the presence and the power of Your Holy Spirit so that in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we agree with one another.

**Congregation: Keep us from any divisions, that we may be perfectly united in mind and in thought and in service to You. We ask this for the sake of those who don't know You, that You use us to share the Good News of Jesus with them.**

Pastor: We ask this in His name.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 9:1-4 (Page 683)

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Page 1128)

Gospel – Matthew 4:12-25 (Page 958)

## Sermon Song

"Day by Day"

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein  
"Even When I Can't See Him!"  
Job 23:8-10

Notes:

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### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the

prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering Announcement

## Offering Song

"Shout to the Lord"

Prayers (Family this week: Braxton Dumonceauz &  
Kayla Loehrer Child: Bridger)

## 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.

## The Words of our Lord

## Holy Communion

(Grape juice is available for those who prefer not to take wine.  
Gluten free wafers are also available)

## Communion Songs

"Whom Shall I Fear? & Good, Good Father"

## Communion Dismissal

## Benediction

## Closing Song

"In the Eye of the Storm"

Next Week's Readings:

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12



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](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)

or call the office at

320-393-4295 for help setting this up!



## January NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**, for the **Christian Education Fund**.

Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

## Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
- Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Sweetheart Breakfast
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Woman Winter Gather 3pm at Jordie's
- Youth Lock-in Night will be in February or March

## Open Position: Event Team

### 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.

2023 Events

Daddy/Daughter Dance – February 10

Easter Egg Hunt - April

Mom/Son Event - Unsure of when

Trunk or Treat Event - October

# 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

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### **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.

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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  
Maverick Lee Wolff  
Coen Maxwell Line

### **Date of Baptism**

March 27, 2022  
April 3, 2022  
June 19, 2022  
July 24, 2022  
October 17, 2022  
December 18, 2022  
January 8, 2023  
January 8, 2023

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### **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.

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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 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**

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## **HHH (Homeless Helping Homeless)**

Homeless Helping Homeless is in need of gloves, coats, hats, boots, & socks. Please check with Ardelle if you are able to help or would like more information.

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## **Sunday Parents Bible Study info**



Parents, bring your coffee and a snack and meet other parents who are looking for something to do while your kids are in Sunday School!

Our Goal is to create a place where we can come together as parents to encourage and help and support each other in the gift of Christian parenting.

We will meet in the youth group room located at the end of the hall of classrooms. Please feel free to wander on down even if your child or children are too young to go to Sunday school. And yes! you can bring your littles with you! All are welcome!

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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 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 Joanny Ramey at church or call 320 217-4431.

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## *Daddy/Daughter Dance*

Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles bring your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to a fun night of Dancing (with a DJ), Crafts, Photo Booth and Snacks.

**Friday, February 10th 6:00pm-8:00pm**



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Lutheran Church

Free Event - Register at [sotpministries.com/dance](http://sotpministries.com/dance)  
If you would like a picture on the slideshow during the dance, please email it to the church @ [office@sotpministries.com](mailto:office@sotpministries.com)

## Donations Needed for Sweetheart Breakfast

There is a sign-up sheet for donations that are needed for the Sweetheart Breakfast. Please look it over and help where you can. Donations need to be at church by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Sweetheart breakfast will be served by the Youth on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Youth Invite You To the

*Sweetheart Breakfast*



Sunday February 12th @ 10am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have Freewill offering to  
support the Youth Group

# Women's Winter Gathering

Sunday, February 26th @ 3:00PM  
Jordie's Trailside Cafe

We need to have a minimum of 15 signed up  
by February 22nd or event will be canceled.

Cost is \$12.00 & please bring a foodshelf donation.  
This will cover the buffet and a drink.  
Sign-up Sheet in Narthex

If you are interested in joining us on February 26<sup>th</sup> for Women's  
Winter Gathering please sign up by February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Where** Jordie's Trailside Café

**When** February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Cost is** \$12.00 includes buffet and drink (Please also bring a food  
shelf donation.)

(We need a minimum of 15 woman signed up by February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
or this event will be canceled.)

Also if interested in carpool please be at church by 2:15pm on  
February 26<sup>th</sup>

# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

## **(Music- Lyric Videos)**

## **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

## **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation

## **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Pastor Dave in the Office</b>
9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA Meeting

## **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

## **(Music- Lyric Videos) Noisy Offering Christian Education Fund**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Prayer & Anointing with Oil
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Ruth Brutcher  
Projectionist: Levi Brenny  
Reader: Ruth Brutcher  
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

**Worship Leader:** Dennis Arntson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Dave Perleberg

**Fellowship** Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
January 29<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Keith Hackett  
Projectionist: Cynthia Ollman  
Reader: Paul Tschida  
Ushers: Kevin & Janet Maleska

**Worship Leader:** Paul Tschida

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Joanny Ramey

**Fellowship** R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp