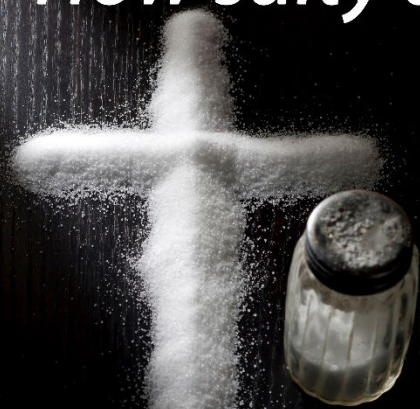


"How salty are you?"



Matthew 5:13

February 5, 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.

February 5, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Heather, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Here I Am, Lord"

Invocation

Pastor: Let's begin our worship today by acknowledging the gracious and powerful work of the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, for without His work, we would not know the thoughts of God. (1 Corinthians 2:11)

Congregation: He has opened the eyes of our hearts and given us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2)

Pastor: So our faith does not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. (1 Corinthians 2:5)

Congregation: This is the God we worship: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Have we lost our saltiness? That is a question prompted by what we will hear Jesus say in today's Gospel lesson. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, How can it be made salty again?" (Matthew 5:13). Together let's confess some of the ways in which we may have lost our saltiness.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, salt is meant to makes things taste better. Forgive me for the times when my words have left others feeling hurt. Salt is meant to preserve. Forgive me for the ways in which I have contributed to the downfall and lack of morals in our world. And salt is meant to be an agent of healing. Forgive me for the times I have instead deepened the wounds of someone You have brought into my life. Only Your grace and forgiveness can restore me. For the sake of Your Son and my Savior, Jesus Christ, I ask You to forgive me of all my sins and with the power of Your Spirit to restore me that I may again be the salt of the earth. Amen.

Pastor: While earthly salt, once it loses its saltiness, cannot be restored, people who seek God's forgiveness in Christ can be and in fact, are restored! For God is gracious, and He is forgiving, and for the sake of His Son, He forgives us of all our sins. In His stead, and by His command, I tell you that you are forgiven and restored in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father, we praise You for Your grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. You have shone into our hearts with the light of the Gospel, bringing us to faith in Him.

Congregation: And now we ask that by the power of Your Holy Spirit the light of our faith would shine forth so that through the witness of our lives others may praise You and live with You forever in heaven.

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Congregation: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Today We baptize Barrett James Eggert son of Andy & Hannah Eggert.

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.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 112:1-9 (Page 603)

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (Page 1129)

Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20 (Page 958)

Sermon Song

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“How salty are you?”

Matthew 5:13

Notes:

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"I Love You, Lord"

Prayers (Family this week: Connie Efraimson)

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

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Next Week's Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

I Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:20-37



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
 - Feb 10th Daddy/Daughter Dance
 - Feb 12th Sweetheart Breakfast
 - Feb 17th Movie Night "Zootopia" at 6:30pm
 - Feb 26th Woman's Winter Gathering 3pm at Jordie's
 - Youth Lock in March 10th-11th
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Open Position: Service/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

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!



February 5th P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

February 12th Sweetheart Breakfast

February 19th J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland

February 26th D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

March 5th S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

March 12th M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

March 19th B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf

March 26th J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

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	217-4431
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

February Altar Guild: Deb Erdmann, Joanny Ramey & Gloria

Hendrickson

February Counters: Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea



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
Maverick Lee Wolff
Coen Maxwell Line
Cal Nicholas Cervenka

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
January 29, 2023

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.

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.

February NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, February 19th**, for the **Pregnancy Resource Center**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



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!



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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Free Event - Register at sotpministries.com/dance
If you would like a picture on the slideshow during the dance, please email it to the church @ 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 10th. Sweetheart breakfast will be served by the Youth on February 12th.

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

“RAISE RIGHT” is coming to SOTP on Sunday, February 26th ! What is “Raise Right”? It is an opportunity for you to support Prince of Peace Lutheran School by purchasing gift cards to give as gifts or for your personal use. Gift cards are available for 45 different dining, retail, gas and grocery locations. You pay the face value of the card, and the school receives a percentage of the value for every card. This will be available after the service that morning. Copies of the order form will be available in advance so you can see what the various merchants are. Talk with Pastor Dave or Karen for more information.

If you are interested in joining us on February 26th for Women’s Winter Gathering please sign up by February 22nd

Where Jordie’s Trailside Café

When February 26th 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 22nd or this event will be canceled.)

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

Women’s Winter Gathering

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

We need to have a minium 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



Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday 6:30pm

February 22nd

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

Wednesdays March 1st -March 29th

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

April 6th

Good Friday Service 6:30pm

April 7th

Easter Sunday Services

April 9th , 7:00am & 9:30am

***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th at 10am

*** Easter Breakfast 8am-9:15am

Lenten Soup Supper

Join us February 22nd-March 29th for Lenten Suppers

Supper will be served from 5-6:15pm before 6:30 Lent Services.

Freewill offering will be given to the ministry of the server's choice



This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, February 5th

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

(Music-Heather Statz)

Monday, February 6th

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

Tuesday, February 7th

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

Wednesday February 8th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation

Thursday, February 9th

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

Friday, February 10th

6:00-8:00 PM	Daddy/Daughter Dance
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Sunday, February 12th

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Sweetheart Breakfast Served by Youth

(Music-Lyric Videos)

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
February 5th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Lenarz Family
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Dennis Arntson
Ushers: Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walburg

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship S. Wood & B. Novitzki

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
February 12th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Kevin & Janet Maleska
Projectionist: Denise Leahy
Reader: Jane Nelson
Ushers: Keith & Brenda Hackett

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship Sweetheart Breakfast