

"The Heart of the Matter!"



Matthew 5:20

February 12, 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 12, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Sweetheart Breakfast

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"By Grace I'm Saved"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin in the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the forefathers of our faith.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In a few moments we will hear Jesus talk about hearts and what goes on inside of our hearts. Let's spend a few moments now, both reflecting on where our hearts have been this past week and what we have done in our hearts. If it wasn't for God's' gracious promise to meet our confession of sin with His grace and forgiveness in Jesus, we couldn't do this nor even want to do this. So it is that we enter this time of confession and repentance with this promise of our heavenly Father. "If we confess our sins, He is gracious and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Congregation: Heavenly Father, there is not a single commandment that I have not somehow broken this week. Your Word speaks the truth: "Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." (James 2:10) I am truly sorry for my sins.

I have nothing I can put forward save these precious words: I believe Jesus died for me and rose again for me in order that I may be forgiven. For His sake, I ask to be forgiven of all my sins. I also ask that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, I will love You and listen to Your voice and walk in Your ways. (Deuteronomy 30:20)

Pastor: Our God is a gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. No greater proof of that has been given than this: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Because Jesus did live a perfect life for us, and because He then died on the cross to pay for our sins, our sins are forgiven. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, there are so many people who do not know You or of Your forgiveness in Jesus.

Congregation: By the power of Your Spirit, make us people of grace and give us the opportunity to witness and share Your love so that those who don't know You may be brought to faith and be given the gift of eternal life in Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Page 201)

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (Page 1129)

Gospel – Matthew 5:20-37 (Page 959)

Sermon Song

"Behold the Wondrous"

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"The Heart of the Matter!"
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Notes:

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

"Jesus Loves Me"

Prayers (Family this week: Drew & Jessica Efrimson
Children: Pippet, Quinn, & Wyatt)

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

"Reckless Love & Glorious Day"

Communion Dismissal

Benediction

Closing Song

"Goodness of God"

Next Week's Readings:

Exodus 24:8-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book. Also, Join us for Sweetheart Breakfast after 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!

- TODAY Feb 12th Sweetheart Breakfast
- Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
- Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
- Feb 17th Movie Night "Zootopia" at 6:30pm
- Feb 26th Woman's Winter Gathering 3pm at Jordie's
- Youth Lock in March 10th-11th

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

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 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

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| Kyle Hackett, Pres. | 266-1700 | Joan Ramey | 217-4431 |
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| 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
Barrett James Eggert

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
February 5, 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!

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.

Forms are in the Narthex for Raise Right.
Please check it out!!

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 Breakfast 8am-9:15am

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

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 12th (Music-Lyric Videos)

8:00 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM Sweetheart Breakfast Served by Youth
(No Sunday School or Bible Study)

Monday, February 13th

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

Tuesday, February 14th Happy Valentine's Day!!

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

Wednesday February 15th

9:30 AM Bible Study
6:30 PM Confirmation

Thursday, February 16th

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

Friday, February 17th

6:30 PM Movie Night "Zootopia"

Sunday, February 19th (Music-Praise Team)

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This 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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
February 19th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Milt & Marlene Popp
Projectionist: Cal Ollman
Reader: Janet Maleska
Ushers: Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland