



Dear SOTP family,

I have to admit that over the years I've struggled a bit in terms of how to address the members of the congregation I was serving whenever I would write a note for the newsletter. Do I simply say "Hi!" or "My dear sisters and brothers in Christ" or "To whom it may concern"? (Please don't take that last one seriously...I was just trying to be funny.)

But just now, when I used the word "family", it seemed to be a good fit. For that is what you are by the grace of God and the power of the Spirit...family...His family...a family of faith in Christ. And I want to thank you for temporarily adopting me into your family. You've been a blessing to me in many, many ways.

Now, the reason I bring this up is to encourage you to keep growing as a family. Keep growing in your care and concern for one another. Keep growing in your prayers for one another. Keep growing in your encouragement of one another. Keep growing in the grace and the forgiveness that you share with one another and extend to one another.

Here's how Paul said what I would like to say to you and have tried to say to you. "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:16-19)

Can all of this happen here, within and to the SOTP family? Here's how Paul answered my question. "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Eph. 3:20-21)

We've got a lot to look forward to for our church family of SOTP, don't we!

- ✝ Please note that our first midweek Lenten service will not be until Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. There will be a meal served prior to each of our 4 Lenten services. For our worship we will be centering on the conversations Jesus had with the 2 men who were crucified with Him. Under the general theme of "Guaranteed" the messages will be:
 - March 16 – Guaranteed: You are loved unconditionally by God!
 - March 23 – Guaranteed: You are not your past!
 - March 30 – Guaranteed: This is not on you!
 - April 6 – Guaranteed: You will live with Him forever!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave Strohschein

Ash Wednesday Services for nearby Churches. March 2nd

Love Of Christ
Service @ 7PM

Messiah
Service @ 6:30

Trinity
Services @ 4pm & 6Pm

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING
PENDING APPROVAL MINUTES
February 17th, 2022

Members present were Kyle Hackett, Colleen Woods, Deb Erdmann, Dave Perleberg, Joanny Ramey, Garry Loidolt, Ron McKeever on zoom. Also, Keith Peterson, Julie Kiraly and Sarah Anderson. Absent Pastor Dave and Bev Gerads.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Kyle Hackett. Colleen Woods opened with prayer.

Dave Perleberg read the Mission Statement.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron. Motion by Garry and seconded by Dave to accept the report. Motion carried.

Properties Report. Keith reported that the exterior doors in the sanctuary and fellowship hall have been replaced. New towel dispenser has also been put up. Curt said the computer in the treasurer's office is very slow. Ron will have Pete come check it out and give us a price on a new one.

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Motion by Joanny and seconded by Deb to accept the report. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report- Pastor Dave was on vacation but left his report of activities.

Old Business:

Church camera- Colleen has purchased a camera that will serve the needs of our church. There will a few volunteers trained on how to run the camera so we can get pictures of all our great events.

Old Laptop- Garry and Deb will be getting estimates on the value of the old laptop. When we know the value of the laptop it will be sold. A new laptop that will serve the needs of the church will be purchased.

Open Position – Still looking for Wedding Coordinator. This is a paid position per wedding. If interested please contact any Board member.

The special request from Lin Hancock to stay overnight in the church as he passed through on a fundraiser for a non-profit has been canceled. His route has changed so he won't be coming through the Rice area.

Sarah Anderson came to the Board with a few Youth Group questions on upcoming events. The Youth will be having a garage sale May 19th- 21st. More information to come.

Easter Schedule was reviewed. Soup suppers will be served before each Lenten service. Please consider helping out or donating for the suppers. Sign up sheets are on the counter. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 16th 10am. Easter Breakfast will be served 8-9:15am. Sign up sheets for donations to the breakfast are out also.

New Business:

Worship Shepherd schedule was reviewed. Next BOLM meeting will be Thursday March 17th 7pm.

Birthdays and Anniversaries will now be added to the weekly emailed announcement.

The Simple Church Accountability of Offices chart was reviewed and will update.

Ron made a motion to donate \$140 as requested to the 2023 LCMS National Convention. Seconded by Dave. Motion passed.

SOTP will continue our membership to the Rice Area Chamber of Commerce. Yearly dues are \$30.

Dave made a motion and Garry seconded it to update the Church directory. Updated pictures will be taken on Easter Sunday. If you like your current picture that one can be used in the new book.

New Member Class will be April 2nd 9- noon with lunch provided.

Julie's yearly review was completed. Julie is doing an amazing job for Shepherd of the Pines!

Ron made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm. Garry closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Erdmann, Acting Secretary.

A Letter From Pastor Edge

To the saints at Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you for your generosity in extending my family's severance. This was wonderful news for my family, and we feel grateful to the Board of Lay Ministry, Pastor Dave Strohschein, and the congregation for supporting us.

My family has grown by the birth of our baby boy, Jonah Warren Edge, who was born on January 18, 2022. He came a little early, so he spent a few nights in the NICU and has a low red blood cell count. However, he appears to be on the right track. It was scary for us to hear that he might have a rare blood disease, but after further testing, it appears that he will be okay. We know many at SOTP were praying for him during this time of uncertainty for us and we can thank God that he is watching over Jonah.

While I have been home taking care of the family, I have also been working with our district to receive a call to serve another church. The call process is not something to be rushed, which means it can take some time. This is true for both pastors and congregations as well. We trust that the Holy Spirit will place the right pastor for the right church, and this will happen in His timing.

I'm using this time to grow as a pastor and to make sure I will be able to serve the next congregation as well as I can. This is not an easy process, but we know that God works all things for good, according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

Thank you again for supporting my family and we will keep SOTP in our prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Edge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor David Edge and Jillian, Hava, Zoe, Elianna, and Jonah.



Education / Small Group Team

Oh Happy March to you All!

I cannot believe we are at the 3rd month for 2022!!! That means only 3 to go until VBS!!!!!! We have our kits in hand and we will begin ordering supplies, materials, thing-a-ma-jigs and much more to make this a great experience for the children! "Monumental" is the theme for 2022! Please start to consider who you can ask to come, how your hands could help, and to continue to pray....pray for endurance for the team, children to fill the church, volunteers to step up, and safety and health for this time! We can only have 24 in the Preschool age 4 room so early registration is very important. We will have that open by the end of March on the church website.

Sunday school feels like it has been really interrupted for class times this year and I appreciate all the understanding given from the teachers. Things happen and flexibility has been such a gift! I thank you for that teachers!!!! We will not have class on Easter Sunday so that all can enjoy the Easter breakfast and then family after church services!

The Confirmation class will continue via Zoom until Pastor Dave returns from vacation! Yup...he is Zooming from vacation to meet with our kids! "THANK YOU" Pastor Dave for holding this program in your heart and being there for the Confirmands! You are very appreciated!

The Easter Breakfast will have a different look this year! We will be serving from 8:00 – 9:15. Easter Service times are 7 and 9:30 so be sure to make note of that! Sign up sheets for donations and helping hands will be on the counter the first Sunday of March. Please consider to help! Proceeds for the breakfast will go towards VBS!

In closing, may the clovers of March remind you of the Triune God we worship...Our Risen Lord....the Trinity Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and may He walk beside you each and every day! Blessings to you!

Brenda Hackett
Education Team Leader



Thank you to all the youth who participated in making the Sweetheart Breakfast a huge success! The breakfast raised \$561.00, which will be used during our trip to SD this summer with Pastor Dave. [Please watch your email for updates on when we start planning this trip.](#)

Colossians 1:15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Verse 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

This is the first two verses from our new Sunday morning Bible Study called Salt: Creating Thirst. We will be talking about how to talk about our great and glorious God to others who don't know Him. Please join us in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings at 10:15am to learn more!

We're looking forward to Easter! Watch for an opportunity to volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt. When our Sunday morning study on "Salt" ends, we will start a study on "Why Easter Matters" and we would love to see all of you for that study.

After Sunday School ends in May we will be preparing for a Youth Group Garage Sale. This is another opportunity to volunteer and raise funds for the trip to SD. Watch your email for updates!

Thanks to you who serve our church as projectionists, musicians, ushers, candle lighters and helping in so many other ways! You are each very valuable to our church community and we love you very much!

Sarah Anderson
Youth Group Leader



Greetings to you Brothers and Sisters In Christ!

As We continue on for 2022, we continue to tweek and fix. The computer for service went out on us so we had to replace the hard drive and update to the current format. It set us back a bit, but we are up and running and sermons can be obtained again on the website for church. A huge "Thank You" to Josh for the time he spent helping with his computer programing knowledge. He also found and installed the new program to work with the recording device, editing them, and posting to the web! What a blessing this was!!! Thank you to Julie also for being so giving of your time to assist with all the "Extras"!

We will be having Lent Services, but just a reminder that Pastor Dave will not be here for the first two Wednesdays of Lent and we will have Ashes on the 3rd Wednesday and continue services for the next 3 weeks. So we will have 4 instead of 6 Wednesday night services. We also will be having soup suppers provided we have teams that will do them. The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex. Also...heads up that Easter Sunday Services will be = Sunrise Service @ 7:00 a.m. Breakfast from 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. and then Easter Service at 9:30 a.m. Service time is moved back ½ hour to accommodate the breakfast time.

We continue to update the volunteer sheet for Greeters, Readers, Projectionist and the Worship Leader. If you would like to be added please call the church or talk to me and we will get you on the schedule. We so appreciate the helping hands to make service go smoothly! Thank you to all the little hands who have volunteered to help out lighting candles and with communion! ALL size hands are a blessing when serving for the Lord!

Have a blessed March and we look forward to our risen Lord!

Serving for Him,
Keith Hackett
Worship Team Leader

2022 Worship Team Schedule

March	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
03/06/22	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Dennis Arntson	Peg Manea		Brenda Hackett
03/13/22	9:00am	Charlie & Nancy Anderson	Ian Cairns	Ron Woods		Dennis Arntson
03/20/22	9:00am	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Levi Brenny	Lois Perteberg		Steve Ree
03/27/22	9:00am	Scott & Peg Manea	Sarah Anderson	Ruth Brutcher		Keith Hackett
April	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
04/03/22	9:00am	Barb Zapzalka	Isabelle Cairns	Jane Nelson		Brenda Hackett
04/10/22	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Dennis Arntson	Jane Nelson		Jerry Nelson
Palm Sunday						
04/17/22	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Cal Ollman	Janet Maleska		Steve Ree
Easter						
04/24/22	9:00am	Jen & Tom Ollman	Cynthia Ollman	Richael Weinand		Dennis Arntson

MARCH NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, March 20th**, for the **Rice Area Food Shelf**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

January's Church Income Statement

	January	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$20,586	\$20,586
Expenses	(\$20,195)	(\$20,195)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$391	\$391

Rice Area Food Shelf

March Distribution is
Thursday, March 10th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars during February by phone at 1-800-847-4836 or online at Thrivent.com. Fill out the form in the Church Entrance to indicate how you would like your choice dollars designated, and give the form to Curt or Church Secretary Julie. Members should apply for their Choice Dollars before March 31st, 2022.



Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on March 18th for Luca. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snack available to share as well.

Thread Recycling!

Ardelle is looking for New or Partially used regular spools & serger cones of thread. Leave items on the table in the sewing room. We appreciate your generosity!



Quilting News!



Quilters donated 1,758 quilts in 2021 they went to homeless shelters, VA Facilities, Food Shelves, and Drug Treatment Facilities



Worship Team

Lent Services Scriptures

March 16 –	Psalm 6 Luke 21:1-23
March 23–	Psalm 32 Luke 22:24-38
March 30-	Psalm 143 Luke 22:39-62
April 6 th –	Psalm 130 Luke 22:63-23:33



Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

March 16th -April 6th

Maundy Thursday Service

April 14th, 6:30pm

Good Friday Service

April 15th, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Services

April 17th, 7:00am & 9:30am

***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th at 10am

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



Bible Studies

✝ Sunday Morning we have a Bible study for Parent from 10:20-11:00 The Power of a Praying Parent Please Join us!



✝ Sunday Evening Starting March 6th at 7PM "The God I Never Knew: How Real Friendship with The Holy Spirit can Change your Life" All are welcome .

✝ If you are interested in starting a study or joining one in progress contact Colleen Woods 320-685-4389.



✝ Women have begun to study "The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children" on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11am. There is a small group meeting in homes on Monday evenings, and another group meets to study "Raising Your Children with Love and Logic".

✝ Men's Bible Study Sunday's evenings at 7:00pm.



✝ A powerful way to connect with others is through triads- choose 2 others to meet regularly preferable each week to lift each other up in prayers. For more information on triads contact Jeff Ramey.

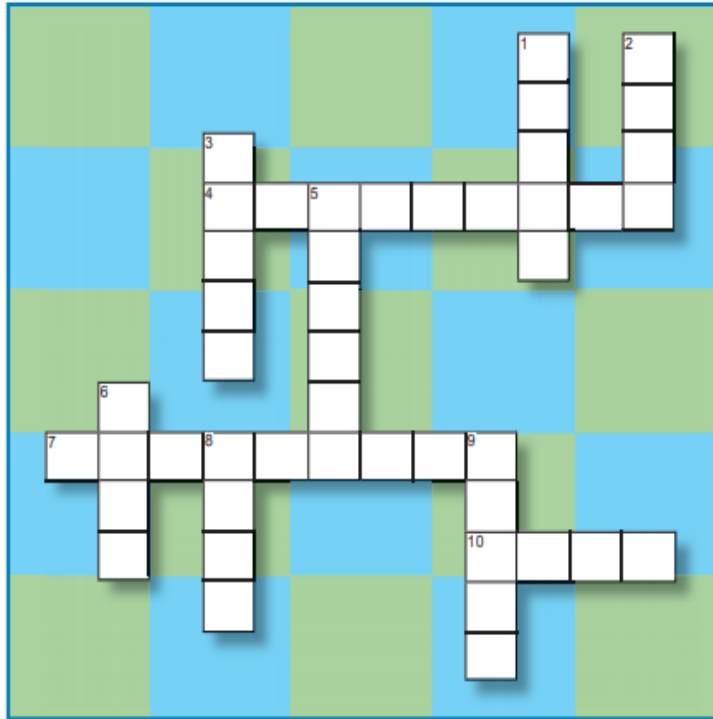
March Birthdays

Carter	Hovland	March 06
Gabriella	Seppelt	March 06
Ron	Bulthuis	March 06
Jen	Ollman	March 07
Amos	Ostendorf	March 08
Mary	Bulthius	March 10
Steve	Ree	March 10
Jerry	Nelson	March 12
Kira	Brouns	March 12
Brenda	Hackett	March 13
Nancy	Forer	March 13
Brenda	Pressnall	March 14
Savanna	Cole	March 14
Noah	Ellefson	March 15
Don	Dubbin	March 17
Abigail	Seppelt	March 19
Ann	Hovland	March 19
Judy	Anderson	March 20
Austin	Petron	March 21
Robin	Hemple	March 23
Joyce	Saldana	March 24
Colton	Popp	March 25
Lori	Dubbin	March 26
Roxanne	Peterson	March 26
Julie	Kiraly	March 27
Jessica	Brenny	March 29
Macey	Mickelson	March 30

March Anniversaries

David and Joni	Hoeft	March 07
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Jesus Calmed the Storm Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. Feeling of wonder or awe
- 7. These people went with Jesus.
- 10. Follow commands

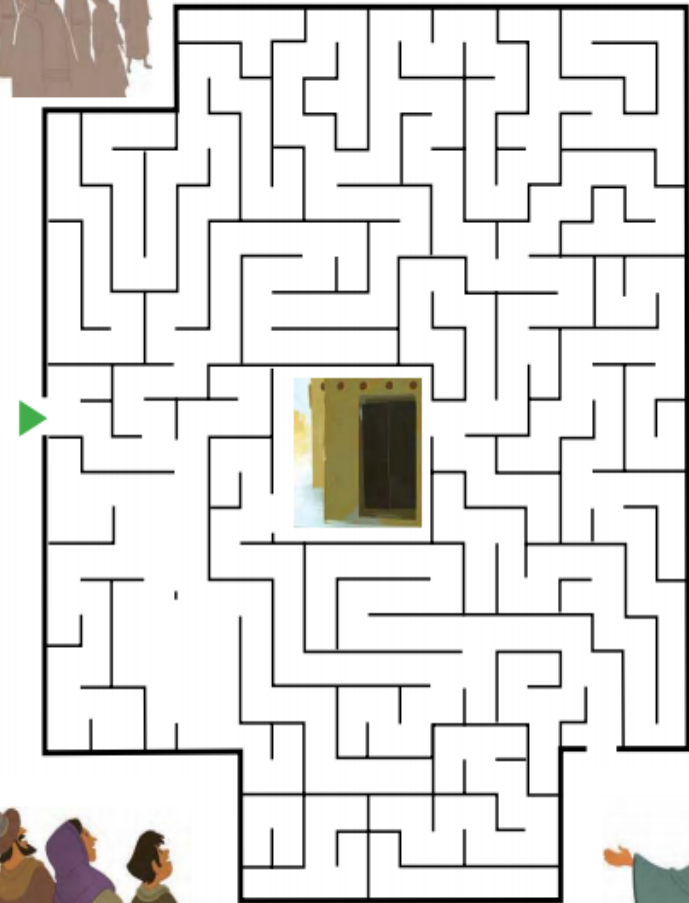
DOWN

- 1. A lake is full of this.
- 2. They rode across the lake on this.

- 3. Jesus asked "Where is your _____?"
- 5. Jesus was _____ when the windstorm hit.
- 6. Blowing air
- 8. Not stormy
- 9. Bad weather

Maze for Jesus Began the Church

Find your way through the church to Peter.



Worship Shepherds

Sun. March 6	Joanny Ramey
Sun. March 13	Dave Perleberg
Wed. March 16	Deb Erdmann
Sun. March 20	Garry Loidolt
Wed. March 23	Ron McKeever
Sun. March 27	Kyle Hackett



UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this Spring 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!



March 6	9AM	Peg Manea
March 13	9AM	Ron Woods
March 20	9AM	Lois Perleberg
March 27	9AM	Ruth Brutcher



March 6	9AM	Shelley Pintok
March 13	9AM	Charlie & Nancy Anderson
March 20	9AM	Brenda & Keith Hackett
March 27	9AM	Scott & Peg Manea

MARCH

Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



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 March we will be praying for:**

March 6-	Neil & Melissa Abel	Children: Lucas & Logan
March 13-	Justin & Katie Abraham	Children: Zach, Hope, Danielle, Isabelle & grandchild Hannah
March 20 -	Darren & Jenny Adamek	Children Henry & Cameron
March 27-	Rollie & Mary Adkins	

MARCH

Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp & Joanny Ramey



March 6th
 Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Romans 10:8-13
 Luke 4:1-13



Scripture Readings

March 20th
 Ezekiel 33:7-20
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9

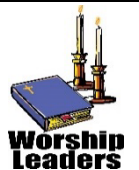
March 13th
 Jeremiah 26:8-15
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 13:31-35

March 27th
 Isaiah 12:1-6
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

- March 6th**
B. Jasmer, R. Woods, T. Ollman
March 13th
A. Gerads, S. Manea, M. Hinderscheid
March 20th
D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson
March 27th
Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett
April 3rd
J. Hanebuth, S. Wood, B. Novitzki
April 10th

- K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, R. Weinand,**
G. Hendrickson
April 17th
Easter Breakfast
April 24th
J. Clasen, R. Hemple, T. Hovland

March 6	Brenda Hackett
March 13	Dennis Arntson
March 20	Steve Ree
March 27	Keith Hackett



Musicians

March 6	Gabby Dingmann
March 13	Bethany Mears
March 20	Praise Team
March 27	Gabby Dingmann



PROJECTIONISTS

March 6	9AM	Dennis Arntson
March 13	9AM	Ian Cairns
March 20	9AM	Levi Brenny
March 27	9AM	Sarah Anderson





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March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Website: sotpministries.com Email: office@sotpministries.com Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00		1	2	3	4	5
		9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	 Ash Wednesday 9:30-11:00 Woman Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation zoom	9:00 Quilters		
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Music: Gabby 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:20 Adult Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study/Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 5:30 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30-11:00 Woman Bible Study 6:30 Confirmation zoom	9:00 Quilters		
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity.</p> </div>	
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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Jesus brings joy to...

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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.