

A photograph of a person wearing a white robe, seen from the side, with their hands held out in a gesture of offering or prayer. The background is a bright, cloudy sky. The text "The Guardian of My Soul" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

“The Guardian of My Soul”

Romans 8:39

July 30, 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.

July 30, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

Gabby Dingmann, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Holy Spirit"

Invocation

Pastor: "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

Congregation: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people both now and forevermore."

(Psalm 125:1-2)

Pastor: This is the name of the Lord we trust and worship now:

Congregation: We trust in the Father and in the Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We are given the assurance in Romans 8 that "it is God Who justifies" and that "it is Christ Jesus, who died, who was raised to life, is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." It is that assurance which enables us now to confess our sins and through faith in Jesus and receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, You already know all of my sins from this week now past. And yet it is good for me to confess to You that I have sinned against You in my thinking and in my speaking and in my doing so that I do not consider my sins to be of no consequence. My sins have hurt others. I have also done harm to myself. And, I have offended You.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, I seek Your forgiveness and the grace to lead me to change my sinful ways and live in a way that brings You honor and glory.

Pastor: Again from Romans 8. "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?; Out of His unconditional love for us, and true to His nature, for "God is Love." Our heavenly Father did sacrifice His own Son upon the cross so that you and I and all sinners would be forgiven. And you are! You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: Father, give us understanding of the kingdom of heaven.

Congregation: Make us as wise as the man who found the pearl of great price and then went away and sold everything he had in order to possess it.

Pastor: Or the man who found the treasure hidden in a field.

Congregation: In joy lead us to sell all we have and buy that field.

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Him Who is that treasure and pearl of great price, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 125 (Page 613)

Epistle – Romans 8:28-39 (Page 1119)

Gospel – Matthew 13:44-52 (Page 969)

Sermon Song

“Who Am I”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“The Guardian of My Soul”

Romans 8:39

Special Song

“The Guardian of My Soul”

Notes:

Offering Announcement

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Christian Education Fund, if you would like information, speak to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

Offering Song

“All My Hope”

Prayer (Family this week: Dean & Karie Giese Son Nathan)

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 Benediction

Closing Song

“Less Like Me”

Prayer & Anointing with Oil

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21



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



If you would like information about the scholarship fund, please reach out to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Quilters meet on Tuesdays 9 AM and Thursdays 9 AM
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
 - Blessing of the backpacks on September 10th; bring your backpacks to church on that Sunday morning.
 - On September 10th 3 graders will get their Bibles and 7th graders will get their Catechisms
 - Sunday School will start on September 10th. Registration is open.
 - Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th graders will start on September 13th
 - Movie night will return in September.
 - We will have a Mom/Son Harvest Adventure in September. Registration will be required and will open soon.
 - First Communion Class will be in October for 5th graders or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion.
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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 someone to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!

July 30th

A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

August 6th

Pastor Dave & Karen 50th Anniversary Potluck

August 13th

J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

August 20th

R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

August 27th

Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett

September 3rd

K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson

September 10th

P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

September 17th

J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland

September 24th

D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. James Bender, Hudson, WI
Rev. Jeffrey Doria, Hempstead, TX
Rev. Karl Fay, Palatine, IL
Rev. Joseph Ferry, Fort Wayne, IN
Rev. Stuart Freese, Hooper, NE
Rev. Nathaniel Hill, Winchester TX
Rev. William Hugo, Columbia Heights MN
Rev. Russell Kampfer, Mosinee, WI
Rev. Dennis Kootz, Salina, KS
Rev. Joel Morgan, West Chester, OH
Rev. Derek Paetow, St. Louis, MO
Rev. Carl Rockrohr, Ridgeville Corners, OH
Rev. Robert Schroeder, Whittier, CA
Rev. Gary Schulte, St. Louis, MO
Rev. Phillip Schultz, Cheektowaga, NY
Rev. Jason Shaw, Millerville, MO
Rev. Nathan Spaulding, Green Bay, WI
Rev. Erik Stadler, Odessa, TX
Rev. David Woolsey, Avon, OH
Rev. Anthony Yearyearn, Moreno Valley, CA
Rev. Douglas Zahner, Mayville, WI
Rev. Robert Zellmer, Lawtown IA

Call Committee Members

Scott Manea 320-267-5409	Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236
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If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, this is his contact information as well. 320-241-5806

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

July Altar Guild: Mary Bulthuis, Joan Ramey

July Counters: Barb McKeever, Juli Popp



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

Griffin Dale Maass
Bryce Nathan Leyk
Maverick Lee Wolff
Coen Maxwell Line
Cal Nicholas Cervenka
Barrett James Eggert
Amelia Rose Wentland
Joel Richard Page IV
Rosalyann Grace Hall

Date of Baptism

October 17, 2022
December 18, 2022
January 8, 2023
January 8, 2023
January 29, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 26, 2023
May 14, 2023
May 21, 2023



ALTAR GUILD

ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We have 3 openings for Altar Guild. 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.

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, July 30th

8:00 AM
9:00 AM
10:00 AM
10:00 AM

Noisy Offering
(Music- Gabby Dingmann)
Prayer Time
Worship
Prayer & Anointing with Oil
Fellowship

Monday, July 31st

7:30 PM

Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, August 1st

9:00 AM
6:00 PM

Quilting
Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, August 2nd

9:00-Noon

Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office

6:30 PM

Youth Group

Thursday, August 3rd

9:00 AM
7:00 PM

Quilting
AA

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 AM
9:00 AM
10:00 AM

(Music- Heather Statz)
Prayer Time
Worship
Potluck for Pastor Dave and Karen 50th
Wedding Anniversary

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
July 30th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Deb Erdmann
Projectionist: Dennis Arntson
Reader: Paul Tschida
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

Worship Leader: Paul Tschida

Worship Service Shepherd: Kyle Hackett

Fellowship J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
August 6th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Ron & Barb McKeever
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Richael Weinand
Ushers: Ron & Barb McKeever

Worship Leader: Paul Tschida

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann

Fellowship Potluck for Pastor Dave & Karen 50th
Wedding Anniversary