



## Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Dear members of God's family at SOTP,

I'd like to share a few words of encouragement with you about our life together as God's redeemed people at Shepherd of the Pines.

This summer we had over thirty (30) children come to our VBS from families who do not have a church home. If you know one of those families. If you brought one (or more) of those children, please be sure to reach out to them in the coming weeks and invite them to come and be a part of our Sunday School! Your personal invitation can make all the difference!

Our Call Committee has begun their work of learning more about the 12 pastors who are on the Call List provided to us by our Minnesota North District President, Rev. Brady Finnern. There is a lot of information to digest and lots of praying to be done. Please pray for the members of our Call committee, especially asking for the gift of discernment for them. Their work will ultimately result in bringing a list of 3 to 6 pastors to the congregation for your consideration and a decision as to who to extend a Call to become the pastor of SOTP.

It's also drawing near to back to school time for students and teachers. I want to encourage you to pray for the teachers of our schools. These are challenging and changing times to be an educator, and they need our prayers. And, pray for our children as they return to school.

Finally, I truly want to provide pastoral care to you if and when you find yourself in a time of need. Please don't hesitate to contact me either by phone (320-241-5806) or email ([dpstrohs@gmail.com](mailto:dpstrohs@gmail.com)).

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

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### JOINT EMT/BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022 7P.M.

**Present:** Kyle Hackett, Bev Gerads, Joan Ramey, Deb Erdmann, Colleen Woods, Ron McKeever, Pastor Dave Stroschein, Keith Peterson, EMT Keith Hackett, Brenda Hackett,. **Not Present:** Dave Perleberg, Garry Loidolt, Jen Ollman

Meeting called to order by President Kyle Hackett at 7:10 P.M. Pastor Dave opened with Prayer, Kyle read the Mission Statement

**EMT TEAM LEADERS REPORTS:** Keith Hackett reported on **Worship**. Some of our current musicians will no longer be available on a regular basis. We will appeal to our congregation for this gift and others that may be interested. Also, we will revisit the salary of our musicians. We have gained some volunteers and lost some. We have electronics that need attention, thus we will get an analysis of our technology. We are using old equipment on our new technology.

Brenda Hackett reported on **Education**. VBS was great. 10 churches were represented, and 31 kids were unchurched. There was an average of 75 per night. Sunday School kick off will be September 11. We will go back to 2 grades per room, teachers are coming back. 8 third graders will get Bibles. Materials will be ordered next week for Sunday School.

Colleen reported on **Bible Studies** being shifted to the Board Room. There are many materials in the Board

Room to select from. There are at least 3 studies that are being considered at this time.

**Service:** Jen Ollman was not present, no report given.

Joan Ramey reported that the Altar Guild will shift from the balcony to the north equipment room.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Dave gave his report on worship, meetings, official acts, visitations, other activities and upcoming events.

**Properties:** Keith Peterson reported on a new locking mailbox. Board room has been painted along with the Altar Guild room by Brenda Hackett and Roxanne Peterson.

**Treasurers Report:** Ron McKeever gave the treasurers report. We paid our bills, paid for the air conditioners. Motion by Bev, second by Deb to accept the report as stated.

**Secretary Report:** Deb subbed in Bevs absence. The report was reviewed. Ron made a motion to approve, Joan second.

**Old Business:** We discussed Children's Christian Education. A noisy offering will be held every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday for a scholarship fund to help families with children in need to attend a Christian School. We discussed various tuitions of area Christian Schools. Principals coming from these schools will have a meeting for interested families. Date to be announced.

Colleen Woods and Josh Anderson are finished taking pictures for the **Directory** . Contact them with any questions.

**Call Process:** District President Brady Finneren sent a letter and a list of 12 names to consider in the call process. They are posted in the Sunday bulletin. The list will be narrowed to 6 after viewing information provided by the district. There are 2 weeks for objections to any of the names on the list. See Pastor or Kyle.

**New Business:** The Worship Shepherd Schedule was reviewed.

**Next Board Meeting:** Next BOLM meeting will be August 18, 7 P.M.

**Peaceful Release:** A peaceful release was granted to Rebecca Peterson & 2 children Anna Herrmann & Raina Herrmann. Bev motioned, Deb second.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Joan to adjourn at 9:14 P.M. Second by Ron. Bev Gerads closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bev Gerads BOLM Secretary Greetings All!

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Please Join us on Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 PM. There will be a meeting where speakers from Prince of Peace and Faith Christian Schools will talk about their schools and about the benefits of Christian Education.

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

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# Education / Small Group Team

Well here we are in the final month of Summer and I say "Where did Summer go?" The planning starts for Fall and back to routine! We will be having Sunday School starting on September 11 this year so mark your calendars! The morning begins with the **"Blessing of the Backpacks"** during the service at 9:00 a.m. Have the students bring their backpacks to church that Sunday. We will have cupcakes during fellowship and then Sunday School class will begin at 10:20 in the sanctuary and split off to the rooms. You can pre-register your child/ren for Sunday School on the church website, or the paper copy will be on the counter in the Narthex. This year we will be going back to 2 grades per classroom. So...Preschool & KDGN. 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7&8, and then Sr. High. I ask if your heart is moved...I need a teacher for the 5&6<sup>th</sup> grade class AND I would like to have a Sunday School Shepherd. This person would be doing the morning activity to run Sunday School (put out the offering cans and attendance sheets, gather them & record attendance) and assist in the ordering of materials and plan the year. If God is moving your heart to help with the children's education, it would be very much appreciated! Please talk to me and I can fill you in more.

3rd graders will be getting their Bibles and First year confirmands will be getting their catechisms during service the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September.

Colleen Woods is lining up Bible Studies and we have moved all the Bible Studies to the area the library used to be. Feel free to go check out the study material topics! If you want to be in a study or want to do a study, please let her know and she will help you out!

Confirmation classes are to be announced so watch the church bulletin, and website for following information.

Have a great rest of summer and may the "SON"-shine each and every day for you!

Brenda Hackett  
Education Team Leader

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Sunday School Registration is open! Please sign-up we have paper slips are on the narthex counter or click below

[Sunday School Registration](#)

[Volunteer Registration](#)

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Hello again!

The days are getting shorter once again, and we start to look forward to all Fall has in store for us at church. We will remain with one service as we enter Fall and will bring it before the congregation if we or when we need to go to two services. I would like to say a HUGE "THANK YOU" and shout out to Gabby Dingmann and Bethany Mears for sharing their gift of music with us over the last years. Gabby is a senior and very busy with work and school, and Bethany is going to school in MPLS, so she is uncertain when she will be home on weekends. We may be blessed periodically with their talents in the future, but we wish them only the best and are so very grateful for these gals and their talents they shared. Just an update on the volunteer list for service in Projection, usher, greeter, reader, and worship leader spots. We have gone back to the names pre-covid and filled out the schedule. If you do not wish to volunteer please call me, send an email, or call the church office and we can take you off the list. Also...we invite anyone who is interested in using their talents in these areas. We would gladly welcome you! Speaking of talents...MUSIC!!!! If God has given you the gift, please share it! We have lost 2 and we really would like to get more. If singing, you could lead with your voice and the lyric videos...there are many options! Just let me know! We will be looking at analyzing the entire sound/ speaker/ projection system in the future, so that it is a complete system instead of patchwork system. In closing, I want to again say "Thank You" to ALL who step up each Sunday to volunteer for service! Without you, things would not run as smoothly as they do! Have a great last month of summer!

Keith Hackett  
 Worship Team Leader  
 267-6213

## 2022 Worship Team Schedule

SEPTEMBER	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
09/04/22	9:00am	Al & Bev Gerads	Sarah Anderson	Jerry Nelson	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Ron Bulthuis
09/11/22	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Mackenzie Ramey	Paul Tschida	Travis Lenarz Family	Paul Tschida
09/18/22	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Lois Perleberg	Brad & Holly Jasmer	Steve Ree
09/25/22	9:00am	Ronita & Lloyd Walburn	Levi Brenny	Mary Bulthuis	Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren	Jerry Nelson

AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/07/22	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Julie Kiraly	Richael Weinand	Ron & Barb McKeever	Jerry Nelson
08/14/22	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Ron Bulthuis	Bonnie Gottwalt & Cheryl Walberg	Ron Bulthuis
08/21/22	9:00am	Evie Kirchner	Mackenzie Ramey	Lois Perleberg	Bruce & Sandy Resch	Steve Ree
08/28/22	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Cynthia Ollman	Ron Woods	Brian & Heather Statz	Keith Hackett



2 Samuel 22:31 "As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields [all who take refuge in him.](#)"

We will be traveling to Custer South Dakota on August 16<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 6am! We will return August 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Youth Group, please be prepared to be at church on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> to be a part of the blessing Pastor Dave will do for the group. Our goals for the trip are to 1) Build up our

youth group at SOTP and 2) Grow in our personal understanding of how great and awesome our God is from what we will see in nature. A BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Dave for arranging this trip! We will have time to explore God's word, time to explore God's creation, and time to share our time and talents to entertain each other. We may even have a servant event along the way! We are excited to learn from and about each other and our awesome God! We are expecting to have a lot of fun.

Sunday School will be starting before we know it. All youth of high school age are invited to the youth room on Sunday mornings as we explore God's word together and how to apply it to our daily lives.

Sarah Anderson  
Youth Group Leader

## June's Church Income Statement

	June	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$20,716	\$119,331
Expenses	(\$21,897)	(\$118,356)
Over/(Shortfall)	(\$1,181)	\$975

## August NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, for the **Rice Fire & Police Departments**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



## Rice Area Food Shelf

April Distribution is  
Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:00-5:30pm  
at the Old Village Hall!



Have you asked yourself, "How can I have a variety of inspiring Bible based information and teaching on many topics & issues for no charge; for kids, for teens, and adults"? All of that is available on RightNow Media. [Just Click here to set it up](#), and you will be able to use all this wonderful stuff to help you grow in your faith! You can refer your friends and family members too! Add the app to smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc." Shepherd of the Pines offers this free to you and your family!

## Bible Studies

It's time to gear up for fall Bible Studies! I would like to have two or three people available to lead a study. Some have indicated a desire to study a book of the Bible as well as suggested book studies. Among them are "Mothers and Daughters of the Bible", "Get out of your Head" (Stop the spiral of thought in your head), David Barton's Video study of "America's Godly Heritage", and "Healing the Wounds of Trauma: How the Church can help." So gather your group together, choose your topic and contact Colleen Woods or Church office for help to obtain the study materials



We have finished taking pictures for the Directory. If you have not had us take your picture or have not submitted a current picture yourself, the picture used in the last directory will appear in the new one. We are continuing to update contact information and download pictures for the Directory, and we will let you know when it is finished. Thank you Colleen.

## Worship Shepherds

August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Bev Gerads	
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Colleen Woods	
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Garry Loidolt	
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Ron McKeever	
August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Barb McKeever	
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce & Sandie Resch	
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Evie Kirchner	
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Garry Loidolt	
August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Richael Weinand	
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Bulthuis	
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Lois Perleberg	
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Woods	
August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Barb McKeever	
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Gottwalt & Cheryl Walberg	
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Bruce & Sandi Resch	
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Brian & Heather Statz	



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 August we will be praying for:**

August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Brannen Child: Lillian
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	John & Jessica Brenny Children: Lacey, Levi, Luke
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Cory & Kira Brouns
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew & Melissa Browen

### August 7<sup>th</sup>

Genesis 15:1-6  
Hebrews 11:1-16  
Luke 12:22-34

### August 21<sup>st</sup>

Isaiah 66:18-23  
Hebrews 12:4-24  
Luke 13:22-30

### August 14<sup>th</sup>

Jeremiah 23:16-29  
Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3  
Luke 12:49-53

### August 28<sup>th</sup>

Proverbs 25:2-10  
Hebrews 13:1-17  
Luke 14:1-14



## AUGUST

Ron McKeever & Wayne Anderson



ALTAR GUILD

## UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this Summer 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!



### August 7<sup>th</sup>

S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Carins

### August 14<sup>th</sup>

M. Barringer, D. Skajewski, K. Peterson

### August 21<sup>st</sup>

B. Jasmer, H. Jasmer, L. Saldana, A. Ostendorf

### August 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### September 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### September 11<sup>th</sup>

J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz

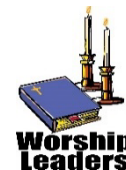
### September 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### September 25<sup>th</sup>

D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman

August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Nelson
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Bulthuis
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Ree
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Hackett



## MUSICIANS

August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Statz
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany Mear
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Praise Team
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Lyric Videos



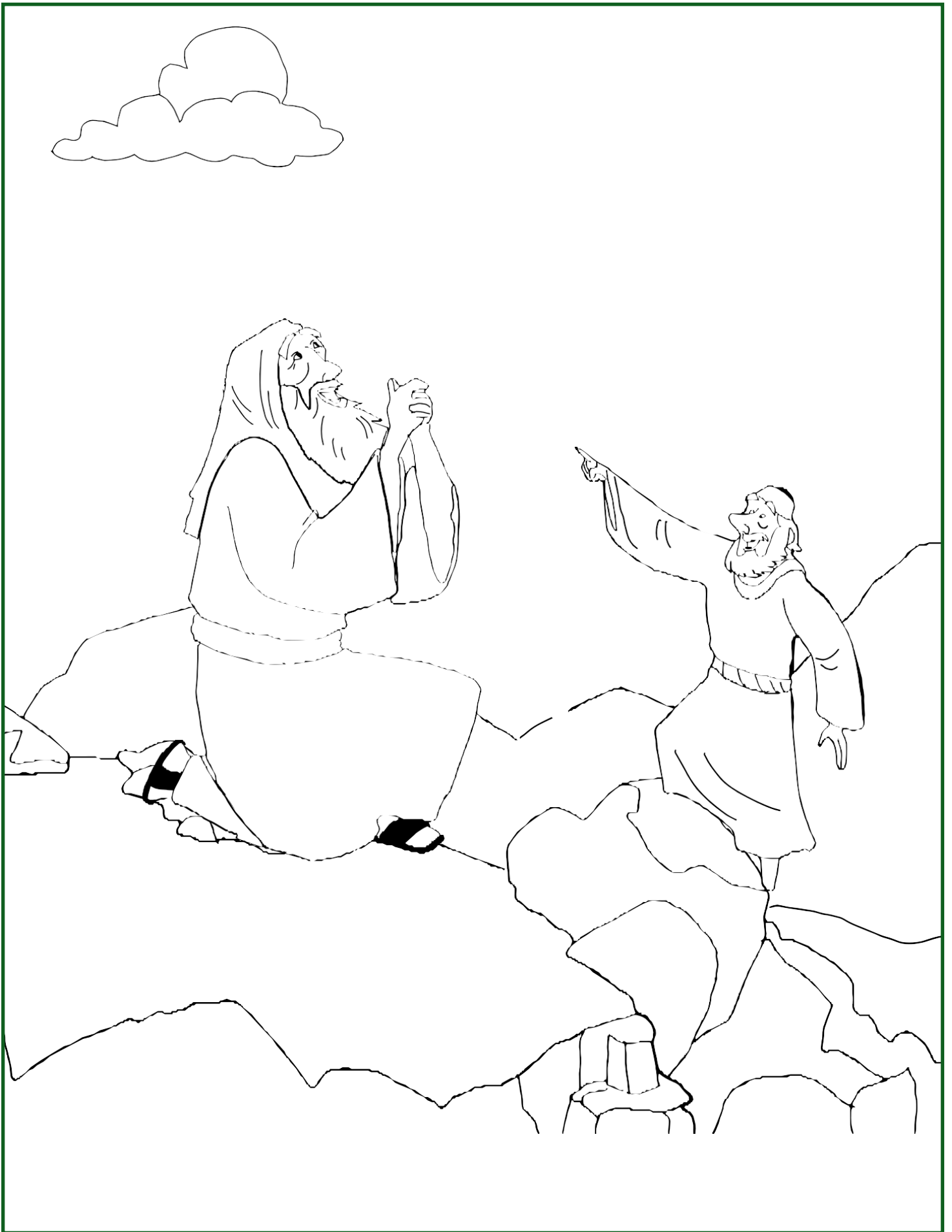
## PROJECTIONISTS

August	7 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Kiraly
August	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Anderson
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mackenzie Ramey
August	28 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia Ollman



## AUGUST

Deb Erdmann & Joanny Ramey





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Bye-bye  
 Summer!

# AUGUST 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:30pm Christian Education Meeting	9:00 Quilters		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting 7:00 BOLM Meeting		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Julie on Vacation Reachable by Phone or Email</b>						
Music: Paise Team NOISY OFFERING Rice Fire & Police Department 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters		
28	29	30	31	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>JESUS ANSWERED,</b>            "I AM THE WAY            AND THE TRUTH            AND THE LIFE. NO            ONE COMES TO THE  <b>FATHER</b> EXCEPT            THROUGH ME."  <b>JOHN 14:6</b></p> <p><small>ChristianQuotes.info</small></p> </div>		
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon				



<b>August Birthdays</b>			<b>August Birthdays Con.</b>		
Jesse	Johnson	August 01	Ashley	Betker	August 17
Deb	Erdmann	August 02	Emily	Campion	August 17
Troy	Hovland	August 02	Melissa	Siebert	August 17
Rebecca	Jacka	August 03	Gloria	Hendrickson	August 19
Lloyd	Erdmann	August 04	Armon	Matheny	August 19
Judy	Gehrking	August 05	Sarah	Anderson	August 20
D'artagnan	Madsen	August 05	Jeremiah	Dingmann	August 23
Ron	Woods	August 07	Nicole	Taylor	August 23
Linne`a	Maslonkowski	August 08	Ted	Morgan	August 24
Jeremy	Manea	August 10	Marlys	Welle	August 25
Suzanne	Monnier	August 10	Sadie	Mickelson	August 27
Wayne	Peterson	August 10	Madeline	Popp	August 27
Dan	Cairns	August 11	Richard	Hemple	August 30
Dannette	Brannen	August 12	Steve	Wood	August 30
Hunter	Novitzki	August 14	Mark	Larson	August 31
Marlene	Popp	August 15			

<b>August Anniversaries</b>		
Duane & Darlene	Albrecht	August 01
Steve & Roxann	Ree	August 01
Ben & Nicole	Cole	August 03
Glen & Christine	Gertken	August 06
Ken & Peggy	Feia	August 06
Brad & Jodi	Dumonceaux	August 08
Tim & Melissa	Hinderschied	August 09
Keith & Brenda	Hackett	August 18
Dan & Denise	Leahy	August 18
Ron & Barb	McKeever	August 21
Barret & Nicole	Novitzki	August 21
Michael & Julie	Kiraly	August 22
Garry & Bonnie	Loidolt	August 23
Ron & Sarah Jean	Folkerts	August 24
Ed & Shelley	Pintok	August 25
Bradley & Holly	Jasmer	August 28
Wayne & Colleen	Peterson	August 28

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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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

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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.