

August 20, 2023

**Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church**

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**Rice, MN 56367**

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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.

August 20, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Forever"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin our worship with the words of Psalm 67.

**Congregation: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us."**

Pastor: "May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You."

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: There's a little word in Psalm 67 that is used twice. It's the word "selah." It means in general to pause and reflect on what's been said in the previous verses. So, as we pause and reflect on our request of God to be gracious to us and to bless us, it will be good for us to have a "selah moment" and pause to reflect on our lives this past week. In particular, it will be good for us to reflect on our need for His grace and blessings in light of our sins. We take that moment now to confess our sins, that God, being true to His promise, will be gracious to us and forgive us all our sins for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Father, in Your Word, You have promised that “if we confess our sins, You will be faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Drawn by Your promise, I humbly come before You now with my brothers and sisters in Christ to seek Your grace. I need Your forgiveness, for I have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed. I am truly sorry for my sins. Trusting only in Your promise, I pray that You will forgive me all my sins for the sake of Your Son, Who gave His life on behalf of all sinners. Renew me with the power of Your Holy Spirit, so that I may live in a way that brings You honor and glory. It is in the name of Jesus that I ask this. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ not only lived a perfect life for you. He died for you. In living and dying for you, He paid for all of your sins. In Him and through faith in Him, you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, God has answered our prayer “to be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us.” Selah!

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father, You have indeed blessed us in giving us Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior.

**Congregation: We pray that Your Way of salvation in Him may be known on earth, especially to our friends and neighbors who do not yet know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Use us to that end. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## Children’s Message

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 67 (Page 570)

Epistle – Romans 11:1-15 (Page 1121)

Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28 (Page 971)

Sermon Song

“You are the One”

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein  
“Prayer Warrior Parents!”  
Matthew 15:22

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Special Song

“One Little Crumb”

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.

Offering Announcement

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Rice Fire & Police Department.

Offering Song

“Jehovah-Jireh”

Prayer (Family this week: Eli Grace)

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

“Rock of My Salvation”

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 11:33-12:8

Matthew 16:13-20



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](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)

or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up



August NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**, for the **Rice Fire & Police Departments**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

## 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!

**August 20<sup>th</sup> R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp**

**August 27<sup>th</sup> Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson**

**September 10<sup>th</sup> P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland**

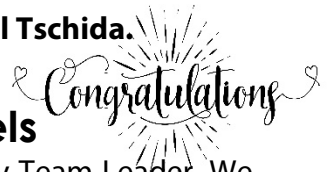
**September 24<sup>th</sup> D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson**

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### Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
  - Blessing of the backpacks on September 10<sup>th</sup>; bring your backpacks to church on that Sunday morning.
  - On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 graders will get their Bibles and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will get their Catechisms
  - Sunday School will start on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open.
  - Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will start on September 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Movie night will return in September.
  - We will have a Mom/Son Harvest Adventure on September 27<sup>th</sup> Registration is open and will close on September 20<sup>th</sup>
  - First Communion Class will be in October for 5<sup>th</sup> graders or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion.
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**If you would like information about the scholarship fund, please reach out to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.**



## Congratulations to Jami Kreifels

She has accepted the position as the Activity Team Leader. We are excited to have you in this special role to be the leader of the Activity Team and keep growing events at SOTP.

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Registration for Mom/Son Event is open. This is a free event and will be on

**September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm**  
**Registration will close on September 20<sup>th</sup>** Please register online!



**Mom/Son Harvest Adventure**  
**Wednesday, September 27th**  
**5:30pm-7:30pm**  
Hosted by  
**Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church**  
Hosted at  
Triple S Pumpkin Patch  
7408 Imperial Rd, Royalton, MN 56373  
**This is a Free Event!**  
Registration is required for this event. You can register at [sotpministries.com/harvestadventure](http://sotpministries.com/harvestadventure)  
Because of the location and food, registration will be open until September 20th. After this date we will not be able to accommodate any add ons.  
Please register early!

## Pastor Names for Consideration

- Rev. Joseph Ferry, Fort Wayne, IN
- Rev. Stuart Freese, Hooper, NE
- Rev. William Hugo, Columbia Heights MN
- Rev. Russell Kampfer, Mosinee, WI
- Rev. Christopher Nitzel, Hartley, IA
- Rev. Derek Paetow, St. Louis, MO
- Rev. Gary Schulte, St. Louis, MO
- Rev. Erik Stadler, Odessa, TX
- Rev. Douglas Zahner, Mayville, WI
- Rev. Robert Zellmer, Lawtown IA

## Call Committee Members

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| Scott Manea 320-267-5409    | Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236 |
| Janet Maleska 320-249-4467  | Jeff Ramey 320-260-5869    |
| Colleen Woods 320-685-4389  | Peg Herman 320-267-1863    |
| Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992 | Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880  |
| John Alstrup 612-839-9490   |                            |

\*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.

Third, 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

Jami Kreifels - Activity Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

**August Altar Guild:** Deb Erdmann, Joan Ramey, & Gloria Hendrickson

**August Counters:** Ron McKeever & Wayne Anderson



# 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 requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.

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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  
Rosallynn 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

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### 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.

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## This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> (Music- Praise Team)**

8:00 AM Prayer Time  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Fellowship

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> Julie is on Vacation**

7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> Julie is on Vacation**

No Quilting  
6:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Julie is on Vacation**

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> Julie is on Vacation**

9:00-Noon Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office  
NO Quilting  
7:00 PM AA

**Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> Julie is on Vacation**

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> (Music- Praise Team)**

8:00 AM Prayer Time  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Fellowship

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
August 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Evie Kirchner  
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly  
Reader: Lois Perleberg  
Ushers: Bruce & Sandie Resch

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Paul Tschida

**Fellowship** R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
August 27<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Garry Loidolt  
Projectionist: Cynthia Ollman  
Reader: Ron Woods  
Ushers: Brian & Heather Statz

**Worship Leader:** Keith Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Ron McKeever

**Fellowship** Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett