

September 2022

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Dear friends in Christ,

We called them the “POP Awards.” This is something we did on the recent youth trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota. A “POP Award” (a tootsie pop) was given out for various noteworthy achievements during the course of the day. For example, we gave out a “POP Award” to the person who asked to pet the most dogs on our hike up Black Elk Mountain. We also gave out a “POP Award” to the person who picked up the most litter around the campground. You get the idea...some of the awards were meant to be funny and some of them were meant to acknowledge good decisions and positive efforts.

So now I'd like to give out a couple more “POP Awards.”

First, a “POP Award” to Sarah and Josh Anderson for their faith-filled passion to work with our SOTP youth! This couple is truly a blessing to SOTP and our ministry to our young people. They beautifully model Christ-like care and compassion and zeal for God's Word. They selflessly invest themselves into our youth. Sarah and Josh (a.k.a Sophia and Doug – you will have to ask them or one of our youth to explain) listen to and encourage the kids...and the list goes on as to why they deserve a “POP Award” and the thanks and gratitude of our congregation!

Then, a “POP Award” to the nine young people who went to South Dakota! It was a joy to be with them. They were well-behaved, cooperative, helpful, considerate, and respectful. I am sure they gave a positive witness to our Lord as they engaged many dog owners in conversation. They worked well with each other and got to know one another better. And, just like Sarah and Josh, the list goes on as to why they each deserve a “POP Award” and our sense of pride in each of them!

The last “POP Award” goes to each of the members of our Call committee. These folks have been putting in lots of hours learning about each of the 12 pastors on our Call list. They've been reading pages of information, participating in interviews via zoom calls, and discussing with each other the various pastors and their gifts and how each pastor might serve in the ministry God is giving to SOTP. For their dedication to the task at hand, they each deserve our thanks and a whole bag of Tootsie Pops!

In light of what I've shared, here is what I want to encourage each of us to do. Pray for our youth ministry – for our youth – for Sarah and Josh. And, pray for our Call committee and the Call process itself. Pray for God's blessings and guidance.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022 7 P.M.
Pending approval

Present: Kyle Hackett, Deb Erdmann, Ron McKeever, Garry Loidolt, Bev Gerads, Dave Perleberg, Joan Ramey, Colleen Woods, also in attendance secretary Julie Kiraly. Pastor Dave is on the South Dakota Youth trip.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by president Kyle Hackett. Colleen Woods opened with prayer. Kyle read the Mission Statement.

Treasurers Report: Ron McKeever gave the treasurers report. Income was lower for a 5 week month. We paid our bills. Bev motioned to accept, Deb 2nd.

Properties: Bruce Knafla will replace the nursery window. Edge donation money will be used to replace the window. Thank you Bruce.

Secretaries Report: The report was reviewed. Ron made a motion to accept, Dave 2nd.

Pastoral Activity Report: We reviewed the Pastoral Activity Report for July on worship services, education, regular meetings, official acts, visitation, circuit and district activity, other activities and upcoming events and projects.

Old Business:

We discussed the **Childrens Educational Meeting**. Ron McKeever and Paul Tschida are in charge. A meeting was held with 2 speakers being from Prince of Peace and Faith Christian. We are tied to these two schools. Interested parents attended a well presented informative meeting. The Christian School Scholarship Fund has raised \$1,400 and will continue as a noisy offering every 5th Sunday.

The **Church Congregational Directory** was reviewed and is finished. We also reviewed 3 different covers.

The Call Process was reviewed and we are down to the final 5 of which would best suit our congregation. These names were in the Sunday bulletin.

New Business:

The Worship Schedule was reviewed and approved.

Our **next BOLM/EMT** meeting will be **September 15**.

We reviewed the form for **families calling for assistance** and how we can best give help needed also referral agencies for further assistance.

Open Positions exist for **Service Team Members** for events such as Trunk or Treat, Daddy Daughter Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, and more of the activities within our congregation or outreach.

Board of Lay Ministry Vacates and Nominations: Dave Perleberg and Deb Erdmann are finishing their first term and are eligible for another, also the nomination box will be out in the narthex by September 15. Nominations need to be submitted by October 15.

Adjourn: Bev made a motion to adjourn, Ron 2nd at 8:55 P.M. We closed with the Lords Prayer, led by Garry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Gerads BOLM Secretary



In Acts 6:1-9 as the Apostles were in need of others to help in the ministry they encouraged the believers to choose those who are known to be full of the spirit and wisdom.

In keeping with this advice from scripture, Article 4 of our Constitution By Laws says, "The Board of Lay Ministry of the church shall be composed of 7 communicant members (male and female), and the treasurer of the church, elected at the annual meeting of the church. They shall be people who have proven faithful to the Lord and His church. They shall also have been communicant members of the church for at least 2 years prior to sitting on the board and shall not be ministry staff members or employees of the church. They also should be people who attend worship faithfully and are involved in ongoing Bible study and a committed life of growing discipleship. Members of the board shall serve three-year terms established on a staggered basis, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Senior Pastor - Director of Ministries shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Lay Ministry."

There are two spots open for election on the Board of Lay Ministry. They are currently held by David Perleberg & Deb Erdmann both finishing their first terms. Please pray that the Lord will guide us to the people He wants to fill these positions. As you are led to someone, contact that person to see if they are willing to serve, and then submit their name in writing and place it in the nomination box on the counter in the church lobby. The nomination box will be available on the counter between [September 11th](#) and [October 16th](#). **The congregation will elect two people from the list of nominations at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 20th** Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.



Education / Small Group Team

Annnndddd.....Here we go!!! September is here and so is back to schedule! I love summer but there is just something about having a schedule that makes things calmer in my world! Sunday school will be off and running on September 11th. We will begin the morning with the blessing of the backpacks during service, so students of all ages, bring your backpacks to church! Followed by cupcakes for fellowship and then classes begin at 10:20 in the sanctuary with large group to send off all to their rooms and let them know who teachers are. The Bibles for 3rd graders and Catechisms for the confirmation students will be given out during service on September 18th. If you have a 3rd grader or a child just beginning confirmation, please be at church on this day to receive your books! I want to thank all the teachers who came forward for the kids! We still do need substitute teachers and the sheet is on the counter in the Narthex or just give me a jingle at 267-6472 and we can get your name down. It would be nice to have about 5 people on this list.

The Library in church is no longer and in its place is are ALL the Bible Studies we have to offer! I encourage you to really consider digging into God's word and joining a group this fall. If you have an interest in a certain topic please let Colleen Woods know and she can get you going! God's word is so important in our walk and survival in life. Please check out what we have! There are also sign-up sheets on the counter for studies in the near future.

I would like to invite anyone who feels moved, to join us in the Hospitality Room on Sunday mornings for prayer! It is very informal and we just offer up prayers to our Heavenly Father. Where 2 or more are gathered the heavens are rocked with petitions and praise! Come join us from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45!

Confirmation Class and first communion class will also be happening, Pastor Dave will keep you informed on that.

In closing I would just like to say a Huge "Thank You" to Pastor Dave & Sarah & Josh Anderson for the great trip to SD with the Youth! What a great way to connect! May God bless your new "School Year" schedule and may each day hold an abundance of blessings!

Brenda Hackett
Education Team Leader

[Sunday School Registration](#)

[Volunteer Registration](#)



Worship Team

2022 Worship Team Schedule

Greetings Everyone!

Well we are back to a set schedule for most families as summer comes to a close! We would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Gabby Dingmann and Bethany Mears for the wonderful music they provided for our services. Bethany has headed off to college in MPLS and Gabby begins her busy senior year at RHS and also jobs! We wish both of the young ladies success and that God blesses this new year for both of them! That being said...we have some shoes to fill in the musician spots at church. If you have the gift of music, please share it or if you know of anyone who would be willing to help out, please let me know! We are excited to see what Fall holds for SOTP this fall! May His blessings be many for you and your family!

Keith Hackett
Worship Team Leader

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 Amtson	Lois Perleberg	Brad & Holly Jasmer	Steve Ree
09/25/22	9:00am	Ronita & Lloyd Walburn	Levi Brenny	Mary Bulthuis	Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren	Jerry Nelson
October	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
10/02/22	9:00am	Travis Lenarz Family	Julie Kiraly	Jane Nelson	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Jane Nelson
10/09/22	9:00am	Keith & Evie Kirchner	Cynthia Ollman	Janet Maleska	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Keith Hackett
10/16/22	9:00am	Brent & Jennifer Betker	Denise Leahy	Ron Woods	Bev & Al Gerads	Steve Ree
10/23/22	9:00am	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Cal Ollman	Dennis Amtson	Jen & Tom Ollman	Dennis Arntson
10/30/22	9:00am	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Sarah Anderson	Peg Manea	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg	Jerry Nelson

September Birthdays			September Birthdays Continued		
Gayle	Plumski	September 01	Marlys	Skudlarek	September 15
Andy	Eggert	September 04	Judy	Hackett	September 16
Gene	Kubat	September 05	Grant	Donabauer	September 17
Laurie	Madoll	September 06	Colton	Hinderschied	September 17
Dale	Dirks	September 07	Elyza	Manea	September 18
Beau	Johnson	September 07	Libbie	Seppelt	September 18
Kim	Kubat	September 07	McKenna	Brannen	September 19
DuReine	Matheny	September 07	Karen	Ellefson	September 19
Evan	Ostendorf	September 08	Kris	Foss	September 19
Piper	Efraimson	September 09	Steve	Pressnall	September 23
Koriana	Hackett	September 09	Tim	Hinderschied	September 24
Cal	Ollman	September 09	Terri	Skajewski	September 25
Aubrey	Hinderschied	September 13	Brian	Statz	September 27
Wayne	Anderson	September 14	Katie	Hemple	September 30
Melissa	Hinderschied	September 14	Bruce	Knafila	September 30

September Anniversaries		
Kyle & Ashley	Hackett	September 06
Patrick & Wendy	Hicks	September 09
Adam & Clare	Elyea	September 10
Hunter & Amanda	Jasmer	September 15
Tony & Linda	Omman	September 17
Ryan & Stephanie	Pekarek	September 19
Josh & Kalley	Wright	September 21
Ron & Mary	Bulthuis	September 23
Paul & Lila	Tschida	September 24
Keith & Roxanne	Peterson	September 27
Keith & Kathy	Craft	September 28
David & Lois	Perleberg	September 30

July's Church Income Statement

	July	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$18,106	\$137,437
Expenses	(\$11,597)	(\$129,952)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$6,509	\$7,485

September NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, September 18th**, for the **Quilting!** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

September Distribution is
Thursday, September 8th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

Bible Studies

It's time to gear up for fall Bible Studies!

Lois Perleberg will lead a study of the Book of Matthew on Wednesday Mornings.

I would like to have two or more people available to lead a study starting the week of **September 19th**. Some have indicated a desire to study "Mothers and Daughters of the Bible" by Shannon Bream, "Get out of your Head" (Stop the spiral of thoughts 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 the Church office for help to obtain the study materials. 320-685-4389 Leave a message please



Have you asked yourself, "How can I have a variety of inspiring Bible based information and teaching on many topics & issues for kids, teens and adults available on my smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc?" Shepherd of the Pines offers you, for no charge, all of that 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!



PREPARE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

Start date: Sunday,

September 11th

*With Blessing of the
Backpacks during Service*

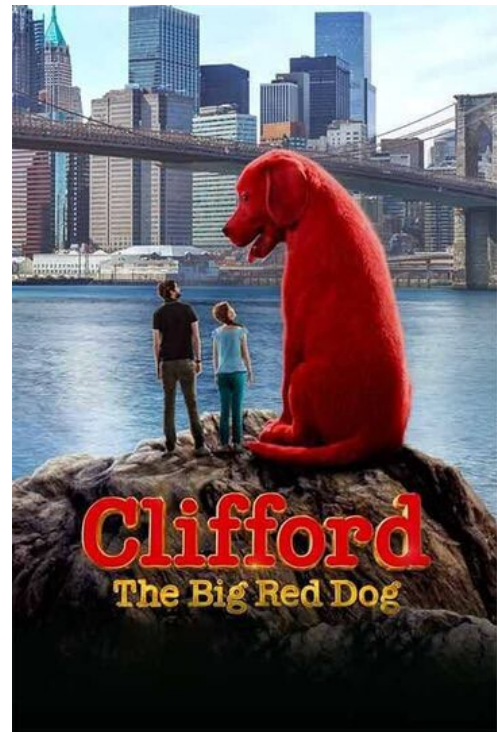
*Forms and sign-up sheet on the narthex
counter*

Fall Kickoff

September 11th at
9am Service with

"Blessing of the backpacks"

Coffee, Cupcakes, & Fellowship
Prior to 10:20 Sunday School!



Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on September 16th for Clifford The Big Red Dog. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snack available to share as well.



What an awesome trip to SD the 12 of us had together in August! A big thank you goes to PD for his leadership on our journey. Another big thank you to Pleasure land RV for the reduced rate on the rental van and not charging mileage! And finally, a big

thank you to those in our congregation who made this trip possible by participating in our fundraisers and by supporting us in prayer during our trip. Praise God for his provisions for the trip and bringing us all home safely. The group will be the worship team for September 18th, and we will share our take-a-ways from the trip during the service. What did you learn? How did God change your perspective? What was your favorite part of the trip?

High School Youth are invited to the youth room on Sunday mornings during Sunday school. As we were studying God's mighty creation and leadership on our trip to SD, we will continue that subject by studying "Philippians - Teen Bible Study Book: Learning to Lead as a Disciple of Jesus" together on Sunday mornings. "This seven-session Bible study dives deeply into this love letter to a people the apostle poured his heart and soul into. It will give you fresh insight into familiar verses and point you to the path of real influence. And it all starts at the feet of Jesus." We're excited to start this new adventure with you. See you on September 11th!

Josh & Sarah Anderson
Youth Group Leaders

Open Positions to create a Service Team

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.

Pastors the Call Committee is Considering

Pastor David Bass, Kerrville, TX
Pastor Ben Braun, Penfield, NY
Pastor Russ Gipson, Huntsville, AL
Pastor Ben Johnson, Urbandale, IA
Pastor Matthew Schilling, Evansville, IN

Call Committee Members

Scott Manea 320-267-5409
Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236
Janet Maleska 320-249-4467
Colleen Woods 320-685-4389
Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992
John Alstrup 612-839-9490
Dan Carins 320-293-9213
Peg Herman 320-267-1863
Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880

If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, here is his contact information as well.
320-241-5806.



RICE AREA BLOOD

DRIVE will be at Shepherd

of the Pines on **Monday,**
October 17th from 1:00pm -

6:45pm. Give the gift of life so that others may live. To set up an appointment call Lora @ 393-2701 evenings.
Thank you for your support!



Coded Words for Exile Is Coming!

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet.
Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

2 1 2 25 12 15 14

19 5 22 5 14 20 25

16 18 15 13 9 19 5

15 2 5 25

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

PHRASE:

10 5 18 5 13 9 1 8

20 15 12 4 5 24 9 12 5

23 1 19 1 8 5 1 4

Word Scramble for Exile Is Coming!

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

EBOY



GINK



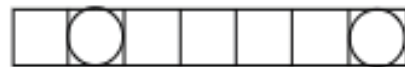
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EVETSYN



ROMPEIS



God promised to _____.

Worship Shepherds

September 4th Joanny Ramey
 September 11th Dave Perleberg
 September 18th Kyle Hackett
 September 25th Garry Loidolt



September 4th Al & Bev Gerads
 September 11th Ron & Barb McKeever
 September 18th Jeff & Joanny Ramey
 September 25th Ronita & Lloyd Walburn



September 4th Jerry Nelson
 September 11th Paul Tschida
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 September 25th Mary Bulthuis



September 4th Keith & Brenda Hackett
 September 11th Travis Lenarz Family
 September 18th Brad & Holly Jasmer
 September 25th Deb Erdman & Grandchildren



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 September we will be praying for:

September 4th Ruth Brutcher
 September 11th Ron & Mary Bulthuis
 September 18th Dan & Ellie Cairns
 Children: Ian & Isabelle
 September 25th Mary Campion

September 4th
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-35



September 11th
 Psalm 119:169-176
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

September 18th
 Psalm 113
 1 Timothy 2:1-15
 Luke 16:1-15

September 25th
 Psalm 146
 1 Timothy 3:1-13
 Luke 16:19-31

SEPTEMBER

Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann
 & Sandie Resch



UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this Fall 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!



September 4th
 K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, G. Hendrickson
September 11th

J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz

September 18th

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

September 25th

D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman

October 2nd

A. Gerads, S. Manea, M. Hinderschied, R. Weinand

October 9th

Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett

October 16th

D. Koep, M. Lenarz, T. Lenarz

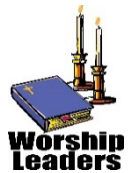
October 23rd

J. Hanebuth, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

October 30th

J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland

September 4th Ron Bulthuis
 September 11th Paul Tschida
 September 18th Steve Ree
 September 25th Jerry Nelson



MUSICIANS

September 4th Heather Statz
 September 11th Lyric Videos
 September 18th Praise Team
 September 25th Lyric Videos



PROJECTIONISTS

September 4th Sarah Anderson
 September 11th Mackenzie Ramey
 September 18th Dennis Arntson
 September 25th Levi Brenny



SEPTEMBER

Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg,
 & Brenda Pressnall





TEREBINTH REFUGE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Together we will **RISE** to support the **RESTORATION** of women and their small children so that they may experience a life of independence and freedom.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
7:30-9:00 AM

The Park Event Center
Join us for an inspiring program
and delicious breakfast!

Exciting ministry updates and stories of rest, rise, and restoration! Invite your friends & family to learn more about Terebinth Refuge!

Learn how your support for Terebinth Refuge is helping women in their journey towards restoration.



PLEASE JOIN US!

During this event, you will learn what is necessary for restoration of the body, mind, soul, and spirit in the lives of survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Survivors who have personally experienced the power of restoration will share their testimonies.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE to thoughtfully and prayerfully join their journey.

SPONSOR THE EVENT

Your generosity will make the event possible.

DECLARE A MATCH

Double the impact of your gift and inspire others to give.

ATTEND THE EVENT

Come listen, learn, and support!

INVITE AND SPREAD THE WORD

Spread the word, invite your friends, and encourage others to do the same.



Event is free | Registration required | Donations optional

To become a sponsor or matching donor, contact:
development@terebinthrefuge.org

Register to Attend by September 12th:
TerebinthRefuge.org/RISE

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11 "FINALLY, BROTHERS (AND SISTERS) REJOICE. AIM FOR RESTORATION, COMFORT ONE ANOTHER, AGREE WITH ONE ANOTHER, LIVE IN PEACE, AND THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Office Hours M-F 9-3pm Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com</p>				1	2	3
				4	5	6
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Blessing of Backpacks Music: Lyric Video 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship/Fall kickoff 10:20 Sunday School 10:25 Bible Study	7:30 Small Group Study 7:30 Praise Team	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting 7:00 BOLM Meeting	 Movie Night @ SOTP 6:30PM	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Noisy Offering Quilters Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School 10:25 Bible Study	7:30 Small Group Study 7:30 Praise Team	9:00 Quilters 1:00 Fellowship Reseved Annette Stamping 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School 10:25 Bible Study	7:30 Small Group Study 7:30 Praise Team	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon New Members Class 6:30-8:00		9:00 Quilters		

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

*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.