



**"Are Your words blessings?"**

*Psalm 141:3*

September 10, 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 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.

September 10, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship/Fall kickoff

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Hallelujah!"

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: These are some of the most difficult words for us to say: "I'm sorry. I was wrong. Will you forgive me?" And yet, until we do speak those words and unless we do speak those words, we will not have peace. In a few moments we will hear King David admit to the difficulties of speaking those words as well as his realization that he did need to speak those words, especially to God. "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long...my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord' – and You forgave the guilt of my sin." (Psalm 32) Let's each sincerely speak the words now and seek God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, I am truly sorry for my sins of thought and word and deed that I have committed this past week. I offer no excuses, for there are none. I was wrong, and it grieves me that I have offended You and caused harm to others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, I ask that You forgive not only my sin, but also the guilt of my sin. I also ask for the grace and power of Your Holy Spirit, that I might walk more closely with You and live in a way that reflects and shares Your unconditional love. Amen.**

Pastor: God is faithful, even as He is gracious. He does keep His promises. In and through His Son, He does forgive you of all your sin. In fact, He has. For the sake of God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day (For the Care of Children)

Pastor: Almighty God our heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children.

**Congregation: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

Blessings of the Backpacks

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 32:1-7 (Page 549)

Epistle – Romans 13:1-10 (Page 1123)

Gospel – Matthew 18:1-20 (Page 974)

Sermon Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Stroschlein  
"Are your words blessings?"  
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Notes:

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### 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

Offering Song

"Lord Reign in Me"

Prayer (Family this week: Judy Hackett Family)

# 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 Words of our Lord

# Holy Communion

# Communion Songs

“Jesus Loves Me & On Eagles Wings”

# The Dismissal

# The Benediction

# Closing Song

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35



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



**Thank you to all the  
Volunteers who helped  
with the Church Cleaning!!  
We appreciate all the help!  
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!

**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**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz**

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### **Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!**

- Blessing of the backpacks Today
  - Today 3 graders will get their Bibles and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will get their Catechisms
  - Sunday School will start today
  - Bible Study will start today from 10:30-11am
  - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
  - Quilters meet Tuesday 9am and Thursday 9am
  - Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will start on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
  - Join us for Movie Night on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The movie will be The Super Mario Bros. Come in Pjs; bring a blanket and snacks if you would like. Some snacks will be available to share as well.
  - 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>
  - Save the Date Trunk or Treat event will be October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.
  - First Communion Class will be in November for 5<sup>th</sup> graders or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion.
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## **Here is the list in the order of the Call Committee's recommendation**

### **Rev Pastor Joseph Ferry**

Fort Wayne, IN

For Sermons go to <https://southwestlutheran.org/>. Go to the middle of the page and find the words "click below to view our Sunday worship livestream" to see the Sunday Sermons

### **Pastor Russell Kampfer**

Mosinee WI

Go to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Wausau WI Facebook page to review some Pastor Sermon notes

### **Pastor Robert Zellmer**

Lawtown, IA

Bethel Lutheran Church

For Sermons go to <https://www.bethellawton.org/home>. Scroll down to the youtube link to watch the sermons.

We will have an introduction meeting on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**. We encourage you to check out the information on these Pastors, and prayerfully consider how they might fit into God's plan for our church.

**If you want to see the PIFs and SETs please contact Julie in the office to set up a time to look at them. These items cannot leave SOTP.**

**We will have a voting congregational meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> after church at 10:20.**

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### **Call Committee Members**

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

Bruce Resch 320-360-4562

John Alstrup 612-839-9490

Gabby Dingmann 320-492-4992

Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880

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

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# 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

**September Altar Guild:** Julie Clasen, Charyl Walber, & Brenda Pressnall

**September Counters:** Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann, & Sandie Resch



# 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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The family of Cara Freese would like to express our gratitude to all people who filled out the pink (and other colored) notes for Cara. They gave her so much courage and comfort as she faced her journey. A special thanks to Pastor Dave and the other members of the congregation who visited and called. The plant from the congregation for her funeral was beautiful and appreciated. Heather's gift of music was amazing and made the service special. Also, a special thank you to those who prepared and served the wonderful luncheon following the service. We are blessed to have such a caring family in Christ!

George & Becky Freese

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**

Moms, Grandmas, and Aunts bring your sons, grandsons, and nephews to a fun evening with a Wagon Ride, Playing, Photo Booth and Food.

**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!

# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> (Music- Lyric Videos)**

### **Blessing of backpacks**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Fellowship/Fall kickoff
10:20 AM	First Day of Sunday School
10:30 AM	Bible Study

## **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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## **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 PM	Pastor introduction meeting

## **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM	Confirmation for 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
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## **Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00-Noon** **Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office**

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

## **Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM	Movie Night Super Mario
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## **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (Music- Praise Team) Noisy Offering**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:30 AM	Sunday School
10:20 AM	Voters Meeting

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
September 10<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Ron & Barb McKeever  
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey  
Reader: Wyatt Alstrup  
Ushers: Lenarz Family

**Worship Leader:** Brenda Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Joanny Ramey

**Fellowship** P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
September 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Jeff & Joanny Ramey  
Projectionist: Dennis Arntson  
Reader: Lois Perleberg  
Ushers: Brad & Holly Jasmer

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Bev Gerads

**Fellowship** J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland