

*"I'm forgiven – You're forgiven!"*



*Forgiven*

*Matthew 18:33*

September 17, 2023

**Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church**

**1950 125<sup>th</sup> Street NW**

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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 17, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship/Fall kickoff

10:20 Sunday School

10:20 Voters' Call Meeting

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Hear Our Praises"

Invocation

Pastor: We worship in the name of God the Father, our Creator.

**Congregation: We worship in the name of God the Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

Pastor: We worship in the name of God the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier.

**Congregation: Amen. "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all my inmost being, praise His holy name." (Psalm 103:1)**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Listen to these words from Psalm 103, for they are an encouragement to us to confess our sins to our Heavenly Father, for with these words He promises to forgive us. "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:8, 10-12) So now we can confess our sins to Him.

**Congregation: Abba Father; I confess to You that the way in which I lived this past week was sinful and unclean. I did sin against You in thought and word and deed. I also failed to do that which I knew to be in harmony with Your will. In all of this I have offended You, done harm to my neighbor, and harm to myself. While I do deserve Your punishment, I seek Your forgiveness for the sake of my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. I pray that You will forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Returning to the words of Psalm 103: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him." (Psalm 103:13). In love and out of His compassion for a world of sinners, God gave His only Son to suffer and die and so pay for the sins of the whole world, including yours and mine. In His name, and through His blood, the name and the blood of Jesus, I tell you that all your sins have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day-For the Calling of a Pastor

Pastor: Merciful Lord, for the benefit of Your people You call faithful men and women to serve in a variety of offices in Your Church.

**Congregation: Grant that Your Holy Spirit may lead and guide us in calling a pastor to serve among us according to Your gracious will and Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

# Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Genesis 50:15-21 (Page 54)

Epistle – Romans 14:1-12 (Page 1124)

Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35 (Page 975)

## Sermon Song

“Freely, Freely”

### Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“I’m forgiven – You’re forgiven!”

Matthew 18:33

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

“Change My Heart Oh God”

**Noisy Offering:** The noisy offering today will be given to the Quilters.

**Prayer** (Family this week: Brenda & Keith 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 Benediction

## Closing Song

“The River is Here”

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Matthew 20:1-16



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

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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.

**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 17th 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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In Acts 6:1-9 as the Apostles needed 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 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 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 four spots open for election on the Board of Lay Ministry. They are currently held by Kyle Hackett, finishing his second term; Ron McKeever (treasurer position), finishing his first term; Joan Ramey, finishing her first term & Paul Tschida who filled in for one year.** 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, 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 10<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. **The congregation will elect four people from the list of nominations at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.**

## Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School at 10:20-11am
  - Bible Study 10:30-11am
  - Quilters meet Tuesday 9am and Thursday 9am
  - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
  - We will have a Mom/Son Harvest Adventure on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open and will close on this **Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - Sunshine Group first meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday morning Bible study will start on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM
  - 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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### **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 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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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!

# Thank you notes to the Quilters for Quilts

Dear Ladies -

Thankyou so much for all of  
the hard work you put into the  
"Beautiful" Blankets that you make  
for all of us who are struggling to  
stay clean.

Thank you again so much.

Rick J.



Thank you for the wonderful  
Blankets. We feel very blessed!  
Keep up the wonderful work  
you do! God Bless,

Shawn  
G.

Hello,  
my name is Stephen  
Im here at Bridge  
Recovery for my addictions  
to Alcohol. I writing to  
you lovely ladies to  
Sent a hug and a  
Big Thank You for  
making us blankets!  
Homemade blankets

are the best!  
they are made with  
love and care.  
Thank you for your  
Love, Care and kindness.  
I remember where I  
got it everytime #1  
Cuddle with it.

Stephen


  
 Dear Quilters,  
 I received one of  
 your quilts when I  
 was going thru rehab  
 at the St. Cloud VA.  
 It is beautiful!  
 And I need it as  
 was cold! It is  
 on display on my  
 couch & is a good  
 reminder for me  
 (over)
   


of all the good  
 people in the  
 world.  
 Thank you for  
 your hard work,  
 thoughtfulness &  
 generosity.
   


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 Dear 'Shepherd  
 of the Flocks'
   


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 I would like to  
 Thank you for  
 your kindness for  
 providing me with  
 such a beautiful  
 quilt.  
 I love it!
   


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 It will always  
 remind me of the  
 kindness of others
   


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 Thank You!  
 Michael
   


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**Ashley & Finance**

moved from Iowa to St. Cloud so  
 he could attend St. Cloud VA. All  
 they had was what they could fit  
 in their car. When they went to  
 St. Cloud VA they received a quilt  
 from Rice Area Quilters. All Quilts  
 have a card with Proverbs 3:4-5  
 written on it. She said that they  
 are clinging to that bible verse  
 and wrapped in quilt. You could  
 tell she was crying on the phone  
 and she wanted quilters and the  
 congregation to know that what  
 the Rice Area Quilters are doing  
 is so important.

# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (Music- Praise Team)**

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

## **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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## **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

## **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Deadline to register for Mom/Son Event**

6:30 PM	Confirmation for 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
6:30 PM	Event Team Meeting

## **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>9:00-Noon</b>	<b>Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office</b>
9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

## **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> Julie will be out of the office**

## **Sunday, September 24<sup>rd</sup> (Music- Lyric Videos)**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This 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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
September 24<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Lloyd & Ronita Walburn  
Projectionist: Levi Brenny  
Reader: Mary Bulthuis  
Ushers: Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren

**Worship Leader:** Jerry Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Kyle Hackett

**Fellowship** D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson