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Philippians 1:21

September 24, 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 24, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship/Fall kickoff

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Video, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Here I am to Worship"

Invocation

Pastor: "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?"

**Congregation: "The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?"**

Pastor: "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:"

**Congregation: "That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple." (Psalm 27:1, 4)**

Pastor: We seek and worship Him now in His temple, recalling our baptism into His family with these words:

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: As we enter into God's house for worship and praise and to be guests at His Table, it is good for us to make a confession of our sins and seek His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. "Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of You, "Seek His face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek." (Psalm 27:7-8)

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, in my heart and with my soul I kneel before You now to seek Your grace and forgiveness of my sins. I am truly sorry for the many ways I have not lived in accordance with Your Word and so have offended You. "Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. Teach me Your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path." (Psalm 27:8-9, 11)**

Pastor: God our heavenly Father has made this promise, and in His Son, Jesus, He is faithful and will be true to His promise. If we confess our sins, He will be faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) In the stead and at the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I tell you that all 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

Pastor: Father, last week we asked that You would guide us in the calling of our next pastor, and with Your Spirit You guided us to call Pastor Joseph Ferry.

**Congregation: We pray for Pastor Ferry now, that You would bless his consideration of our call and that Your good and gracious will would be done in this matter. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 55:6-9 (Page 733)

Epistle – Philippians 1:12-14,19-30 (Page 1161)

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16 (Page 976)

## Sermon Song

"Be Thou My Vision"

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein  
“Your faith words to live by are ....?”  
Philippians 1:21

Notes:

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“Your faith words to live by are...” Check out the following Bible verses as possibilities for you to adopt as your faith words to live by. If none of these seems to fit you, keep looking for a verse that you can paraphrase so that it works for you as faith words to live by. Here’s an example. Taking Romans 12:9-10, it might look like this for you as a paraphrase of faith words to live by: “Love from the center of who you are.” So, here are some possible verses for you to consider

Ephesians 5:15-16	Proverbs 21:21	Acts 20:24
Matthew 6:34	Matthew 10:39	Psalms 119:50
Ecclesiastes 7:14	Luke 11:28	Romans 14:8
Jeremiah 29:11	Philippians 4:13	Proverbs 3:5-6
Lamentations 3:22-23	I Chronicles 16:34	2 Corinthians 9:11
Matthew 18:3	Romans 12:9-10	1 Corinthians 16:14
Philippians 4:8	Colossians 3:2	Hebrews 13:5-6
Philippians 4:4	Psalms 118:24	Colossians 3:17

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering Announcement

### Offering Song

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

Prayer (Family this week: Kyle & Ashley Hackett

Children: Kallen, Kinslee, & Koriana)

# 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 "Just As I Am & His Mercy is More"

# The Dismissal

# The Benediction

# Closing Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Next Week's Readings:

Psalms 25:1-10

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

Matthew 21:23-27



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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**The congregation has voted to extend a call to  
Pastor Joseph Ferry**

## 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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### 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 this Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sunshine Group first meeting is 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 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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# 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  
Rosalynn Grace Hall

### Date of Baptism

October 17, 2022  
December 18, 2022  
January 8, 2023  
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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 shall be people who attend worship faithfully and are involved in ongoing Bible study, and have 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.**

A BIG  
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**Thank you for your generous donations to the Quilters. We truly appreciate your generosity; we are in need of volunteers.**



## 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 24<sup>nd</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

## **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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## **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

5:30-7:30 PM	Mom/Son Harvest Adventure
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## **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (Music- Heather)**

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 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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
October 1<sup>st</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Travis & Marlys Lenarz  
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey  
Reader: Jane Nelson  
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

**Worship Leader:** Jane Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Deb Erdmann

**Fellowship** S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns