

**“Tying a  
string on  
God’s  
finger!”**



**October 1, 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.

October 1, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Video, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"The Church's One Foundation"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: "To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul." (Psalm 25:1)**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: As we enter into God's house and presence today, we each have come with our burdens and needs. One of those burdens we share is the burden of a guilty conscience caused by our sins of this week now past. One of our mutual needs is to receive God's forgiveness for our sins. Let's go to Him now, confessing our sin and seeking His forgiveness for the sake of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Our hope is in You, heavenly Father. "Remember Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old." (Psalm 25:6) Along with my sisters and brothers in Christ, I bring my burden of guilt and sin to You and ask for Your forgiveness. "For the sake of Your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great." (Psalm 25:11)**

Pastor: This is the confidence we can have in our God. "No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame." (Psalm 25:3) The sole basis for such a confident faith is this: "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Therefore, as an ordained servant of Christ, and at His command, 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.

**Congregation: "Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are my God and my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." (Psalm 25:4-5)**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father, as Your people of grace in this place we are bold to ask that by the power of Your Holy Spirit,

**Congregation: You would make us to be like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. (Philippians 2:2)**

Pastor: Bless us that we might hold out Your Word of life to those who do not know or believe in You.

**Congregation: Help us to "shine like stars" (Philippians 2:11) so that there might be more people in heaven with You on the Last Day. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 25:1-10 (Page 545)

Epistle – Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 (Page 1162)

Gospel – Matthew 21:23-27 (Page 978)

## Sermon Song

"Meekness and Majesty"



Prayer (Family this week: Tyler & Tami Hackett)

## 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

“On Eagles’s Wings”

Next Week’s Readings:      Isaiah 5:1-7  
  Philippians 3:4-14  
  Matthew 21:33-46



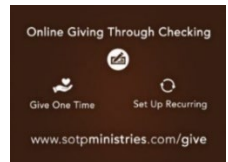
We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book. Also, Join us for fellowship after Service.

### 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
- 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.
- Annual Congregational meeting: November 19<sup>th</sup>

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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!

**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**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher. P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson**

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### October NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up 2 noisy offerings: one on **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** for the **Foley Area Care Center**, and one on **Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>** for **Christian Scholarship Fund**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

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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

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

**October Counters:** Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea





# 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  
Rosalyann 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.**



**RICE AREA BLOOD DRIVE** will be at Shepherd of the Pines on **Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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We will be starting a Sunshine Group at SOTP. This group will be sending out birthday cards each month. **Starting November and we will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of**

**each month.** We are looking for volunteers and unused Birthday cards with matching envelopes. Our first meeting will be **October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** Please reach out to Gloria Hendrickson 393-2698 or Evelyn Kirchner 320-290-5478

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Tree cutting and grounds clean up on **October 6<sup>th</sup> at noon** and then on **October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am until 2pm.**





**TRUNK OR TREAT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
SO PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**

*Please consider decorating a trunk for this event or Helping by  
Volunteering for the event!*

*Sign up on the Narthex counter.*

*Any candy donations would be greatly appreciated!*

*Please bring donations to the office.*

# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **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

## **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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## **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

## **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM	Confirmation
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## **Thursday, October 5<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 8<sup>th</sup> (Music- Praise Team)**

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This 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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
October 8<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Keith & Evie Kirchner  
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly  
Reader: Janet Maleska  
Ushers: Kevin & Janet Maleska

**Worship Leader:** Keith Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Joanny Ramey

**Fellowship** M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson