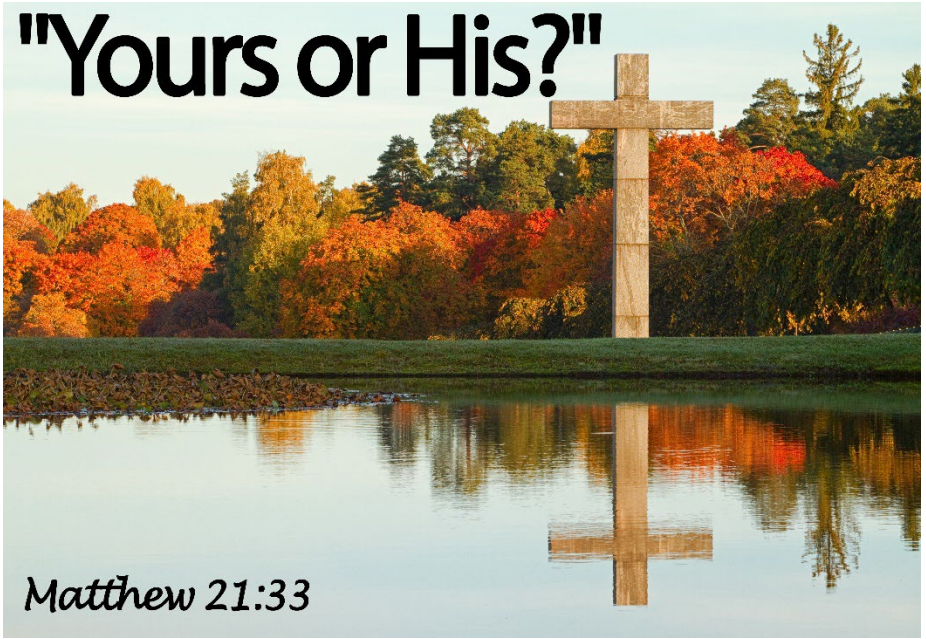


"Yours or His?"



Matthew 21:33

October 8, 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 8, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Come Just As You Are"

Invocation

Pastor: Paul's words in today's New Testament lesson give us the words to use now as to why we have gathered in this place for worship and Christian fellowship.

Congregation: "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection." (Philippians 3:10)

Pastor: So it is we gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: As we make ready to confess our sins to our heavenly Father, again it is what Paul wrote in Philippians which frames what we seek as we confess our sins.

Congregation: I do this because "I want to be found in Jesus, not having a righteousness of my own that comes through the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith." (Philippians 3:9)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to our Father and seek His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I don't have righteousness that I can offer to You. All of my righteousness is as a filthy rag, for I have sinned against You in thought and word and deed. I am truly sorry for all of my sins, for offending You and harming others as well as harming myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive me of all my guilt and all my sins. I want to be found in Him. Amen.

Pastor: In your baptism, Christ Jesus took hold of you. Through His Word, the Holy Spirit has given you faith in Christ. He has washed you clean of all your sins. In and through His grace...by His grace - you are a redeemed and forgiven child of God, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Keep us mindful Lord that we are citizens of heaven and someday will live there forever with You.

Congregation: By the power of Your Spirit, help us to live each day in a way that shares Your grace so that our friends and family members who are living without You may be brought to live with the same blessed hope we have in Jesus.

Pastor: We ask this in His name.

Congregation: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Today We baptize Barrett Charles Cole son of Benjamin & Nicole Cole

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.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 5:1-7 (Page 679)

Epistle – Philippians 3:4-14 (Page 1163)

Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46 (Page 979)

Sermon Song

“Word of God Speak”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“Yours or His?”

Matthew 21:33

Notes:

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

“Step By Step”

Prayer (Family this week: Joe Hallanger & Misti Ganz

Son: Brady)

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

“You Are My All in All”

The Dismissal

The Benediction

Closing Song

“To God Be the Glory”

Next Week's Readings:

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:4-13

Matthew 22:1-14



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

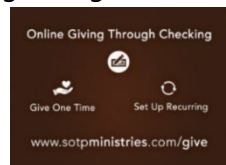
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www.sotpministries.com/give

or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up



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



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 8th M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

October 15th B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf

October 22nd J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

October 29th J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

November 5th A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

November 12th D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman

November 19th J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

November 26th K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher. P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson

We would like to thank and welcome the new Altar Guild Team Members: Kathy Arntson Karen Ellefson, & Judy Hackett.

THANK YOU
Volunteers



October NOISY OFFERING!

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

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.



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
January 8, 2023
January 29, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 26, 2023
May 14, 2023
May 21, 2023



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 10th and October 15th. **The congregation will elect four people from the list of nominations at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19th. 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 23rd 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!



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 3rd Wednesday of each month.** We are looking for volunteers and unused Birthday cards with matching envelopes. Our first meeting will be **October 18th at 10am.** Please reach out to Gloria Hendrickson 393-2698 or Evelyn Kirchner 320-290-5478

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 18th
 - Youth Group meets on October 18th at 7:30pm
 - Wednesday morning Bible study will start on October 25th at 9:30am
 - Save the Date: Trunk or Treat event will be October 28th from 4-6pm.
 - First Communion Class will be in November for 5th graders or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion.
 - Annual Congregational meeting: November 19th
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**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 8th

(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

Monday, October 9th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, October 10th

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

Wednesday, October 11th

6:30 PM	Confirmation
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Thursday, October 12th

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

Sunday, October 15th

(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
October 8th

9:00am Worship:

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

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Joanny Ramey

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
October 15th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Volunteer needed
Projectionist: Denis Leahy
Reader: Ron Woods
Ushers: Bev & Al Gerads

Worship Leader: Keith Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads

Fellowship B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf