



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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2020

Opportunities to Practice Hospitality

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. – Romans 12:13

As God's people, we are called to practice hospitality. This is done in various ways, with opportunities presenting themselves as time goes on. As a church, we have a new opportunity to help a fellow congregation.

Bridge Church has been meeting in Rice Elementary for a number of years now. They have been meeting in a portable setting as they continue to save up for their building. A couple of weeks ago, they paid off the land they have purchased, which means they are now saving toward their building. Their property is located by the Field of Dreams ball field.

Due to the COVID pandemic, they have been unable to meet at Rice Elementary as the school is not having outside organizations meet on their property. During this summer as "In-Person" worship resumed at Bridge Church, they met in a tent on their property. However, they will not be able to meet in a tent outside for much longer in our climate.

Our church's Board of Lay Ministry met with Bridge Church's Board in August to see how we can help them. They are in need of a building to use temporarily and the Holy Spirit used our church as a way to answer this prayer. In August, we had a "Town Hall" after church on Sunday to talk with members of our congregation about us helping Bridge Church.

As I've been processing and praying for our opportunity to show them hospitality, I have a couple of points I want to share.

First, we offer gratitude to our members and to God for giving us this building. This building was built to be used for God's purposes and lots of sacrifice went into this.

Second, we want our facility to be a blessing to others. God has given us a beautiful sanctuary and we want others to be blessed by this.

I recognize that this is not something that we *have* to do. However, I ask that you consider how we can be a blessing to others in our community. Additionally, I pray that this would be a good witness to those in our area. We are showing our community that we want to offer hospitality and help each other. And I pray that God would continue to use us for his purposes!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David Edge

Board of Lay Ministry

Pending Approval Minutes – August 20, 2020

BOLM members present: Sarah Anderson, Kyle Hackett, Bev Gerads, Wayne Anderson, Pastor David Edge, Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdman, Keith Peterson
Absent: Dave Perleberg

Meeting was called to order by at 7:41 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Kyle.

Bible Study of 1 Corinthians 3 was reviewed as a group study.

Bridge Church – Three representatives from Bridge Church joined our meeting to share their needs and talk through their expectations and Sunday schedule. Keith, Jeff and Pastor David will meet to organize a cleaning plan, security and equipment use.

Treasurer's Report – July income was \$14,606.20 and expenses were \$18,694.01. Wayne made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Sarah seconded. Motion carried. We are thankful for all of the people who are faithfully providing financially to the church, we are doing better financially than last year.

Properties – Keith reported that the committee met to plan projects around the church. They will be taking down a couple of dead trees. The picnic tables have been stained. The fire ring will be repositioned this fall. Keith will be soliciting bids for seal coating the parking lot. Jeff does a wonderful job at keeping our building clean.

Secretary's Report – Wayne made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written, seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities in the month of July including baptisms, meeting new people in the community and calling members. Pastor David shared the summary results of the survey on fall planning which was sent out the previous day with the BOLM, it was very consistent with what was heard at the town hall meeting.

Old Business

COVID update – A reminder that our church is operating under the executive order for people to wear masks unless a medical condition prevents them.

Policy Binders – Deb made a motion to table this topic to our next in person meeting. Janet seconded. Motion carried.

Confirmation – Three students have taken instruction for confirmation. October 25th is the suggested date.

Tech Plus Conference – October 3rd, 9am-3pm the congregation is invited to participate.

New Business

Next BOLM meeting will be on September 17th at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing. The worship shepherd schedule was reviewed through October 11th.

Wedding Coordinator – This position has been open and dormant for a time. This opening will be announced at services again.

Health Insurance – Pastor David reviewed the offered health plans with the group. Wayne moved to offer the same insurance plans to the Pastor and Secretary, seconded by Bev. Motion carried. Wayne moved to pay the increase on the plans for the Pastor and Secretary, seconded by Janet. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Deb, seconded by Bev. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Anderson, BOLM Secretary

Board of Lay Ministry

minutes- pending approval- September 17, 2020

BOLM members present: Sarah Anderson, Kyle Hackett, Bev Gerads, Wayne Anderson, Pastor David Edge, Janet Maleska, Deb Erdman, Dave Perleberg, Keith Peterson Absent: Curt Kvamme

Meeting was called to order by at 7:04 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Janet.

Bible Study of 1 Corinthians 4 was reviewed as a group study.

Treasurer's Report – August financial reports were not available for review at the meeting.

Properties – Keith reported that the fogger has arrived for cleaning.

Secretary's Report – Janet Maleska's name was omitted from attendee list on the August meeting minutes. Deb made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as corrected, seconded by Bev. Motion carried.

Policy Review – Sarah made a motion that the person with the binder in their hand lead the committee to review and update the policy binder. Wayne seconded. Motion failed. Janet made a motion to ask Julie to scan the policies and email them to the board for review before the next meeting. Bev seconded. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities in the month of August including baptisms, On-line and in person worship, On-line Children's messages. Pastor David is active in the Sunday School program which started on 9/13/20.

Old Business

Confirmation – Three students have taken instruction for confirmation. October 25th at 11 am will be the special Confirmation Service. The congregation is welcome to participate in this service.

Tech Plus Conference – This has been cancelled.

Printer/Copier – New machine has been installed and is in use. This machine has added capabilities to fold and saddle staple which will reduce the labor involved in completing the weekly bulletins.

Wedding Coordinator – This position has been open and dormant for a time. Please contact the church office if you are interested in this position.

Bridge Church – We are moving forward with the request from Bridge Church to use our facility on Sundays after our service and Sunday school concludes starting in October. The sanitation plan has been documented and communicated. The two churches are separate entities with different identities and we expect each church will advertise worship services accordingly.

COVID update – A reminder that our church is operating under the executive order for people to wear masks unless a medical condition prevents them.

New Business

The next joint EMT/BOLM meeting will be on October 22th at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing.

The worship shepherd schedule was reviewed through November 15th. The annual congregational meeting will be on November 22nd.

Membership - Sarah moved to grant a peaceful release to Linda Grainger as requested. Wayne seconded. Motion carried.

Health Insurance – Julie removed her health and dental insurance plan coverage this month and will not need

the plan in 2021.

Budget plan for 2021 – This process will start by the EMT reviewing their prospective areas and proposing a 2021 plan. The BOLM will review the plans next month.

Trunk of Treat – This activity is planned for October 24th from 5-7pm. Hayrides, campfire, vehicle trunks decorated to distribute Halloween treats are all planned. The congregation is encouraged to participate and invite family, friends and neighbors.

Pastor Appreciation Month –October is the month to show Pastor and his family our gratitude! The congregation is encouraged to show them you appreciate them in your own personal way.

Chamber of Commerce Sign – Wayne asked about the sign the commerce was installing. We gave the chamber the money to advertise on the sign. We have not had any update recently.

Leader's comments – Deb commented that the change in communion distribution procedure was good.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Wayne, seconded by Janet. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Anderson, BOLM Secretary



In Acts 6:1-9 as the Apostles were in need of 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 also 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 also 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 three spots open for election on the Board of Lay Ministry. They are currently held by Janet Maleska and Kyle Hackett finishing their first terms, also Sarah Anderson finishing her second term. There is also the Treasurer spot open with Curt Kvamme finishing his second term. 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, and 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 27th and October 11th](#). **The congregation will elect four people from the list of nominations at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 22nd. Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.**

Greetings All!

Well happy Fall!!!!!! As we prepare for the colder weather on the farm it brought back thoughts of needing to prepare our hearts for Jesus! This has been for sure trying times and very emotional for many! Kids are back to school, parents are working and balancing the "What's next" and where is your heart for Jesus in all this? Max Lucado just put out a book and Study Guide called "You are Never Alone". If you are feeling stressed...maybe this is the book for you! You can order it online through Amazon or Christian Book! Check it out!!

We also kicked off Sunday School and have a small group on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary. It is a time to sing, and learn about Jesus. At this time we will remain doing class this way until this mandate is lifted. Please consider bringing the children pre-K – 5th grade. At this time we do not have class for the older children and we are trying to come up with a safe way to do this. If you have any ideas or want to volunteer, please give me a call. Youth Group is also on hold because of mandate and how to meet the rules to gather. I apologize for this, but our hands are tied by the governor and until things are lifted, we respect those decisions made by our volunteers. We will meet as a team in October to evaluate how this is going.

May Gods peace fill your hearts, May you find comfort in His words of Scripture, and may the blessings of Fall and the beautiful canvas of colors renew your souls! Peace to you...

Brenda Hackett
Small Group/Edu Team Leader

There will be **NO** Confirmation Wednesday or Sunday School October 14th -18th (MEA Weekend)

Join us as Shepherd of the Pines Serves a Meal
at Place of Hope!!

2nd Saturday of every month

1:30pm-6:00pm

(We will serve on **October 10th**)

This is a servant opportunity that is sure to fill you up in many ways. A great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Cooking begins at 1:30, circle prayer at 4:30, and serving at 4:45. You can choose to work the whole time or simply pick the first or second half of the timeframe. If interested, please contact Sandie Resch at 360-4563. Please prayerfully consider.



RICE AREA BLOOD DRIVE will be at
Shepherd of the Pines on **Monday, October 26th**
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!

ANNOUNCING Prayer and Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on BOLM Thursday October 22nd** for a time of prayer and worship songs where we will lift up our church and community! This prayer and worship time will continue each month the half hour prior to our BOLM Meeting!!

Wedding Coordinator Needed for SOTP

If you have interest in this responsibility for our church family, please see Pastor David. This is a way to help that isn't overly demanding or time consuming but is vital!



OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, October 18th**, for the **Military Biblestick**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

October Distribution is
Thursday, October 8th
from 3:00-5:30pm



Worship Team

Worship Help Schedule

October	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
10/04/20	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Ian Cairns	Dennis Arntson	Dennis Arntson
10/11/20	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Sarah Anderson	Janet Maleska	Jane Nelson
10/18/20	9:00am	Al & Bev Gerads	Isabelle Cairns	Jeff Ramey	Steve Ree
10/25/20	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Dennis Arntson	Pastor David	Pastor David

November	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
11/01/20	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Levi Brenny	Lois Perleberg	Pastor David
11/08/20	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Ian Cairns	Ruth Brutcher	Jerry Nelson
11/15/20	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Dennis Arntson	Steve Ree
11/22/20	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Isabelle Cairns	Janet Maleska	Dennis Arntson
11/29/20	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Jeff Ramey	Jane Nelson

December	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
12/06/20	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Levi Brenny	Pastor David	Pastor David
12/13/20	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Ian Cairns	Lois Perleberg	Jerry Nelson
12/20/20	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Ruth Brutcher	Steve Ree
12/27/20	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Isabelle Cairns	Dennis Arntson	Dennis Arntson

Volunteers needed for Service Confirmation Sunday

Service will be at 11Am on October 25th

Sign-up Sheet is on the Narthex counter



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

Please Consider decorating a trunk for this event!

Sign up on the Narthex counter.

Any candy donations would be greatly appreciated!

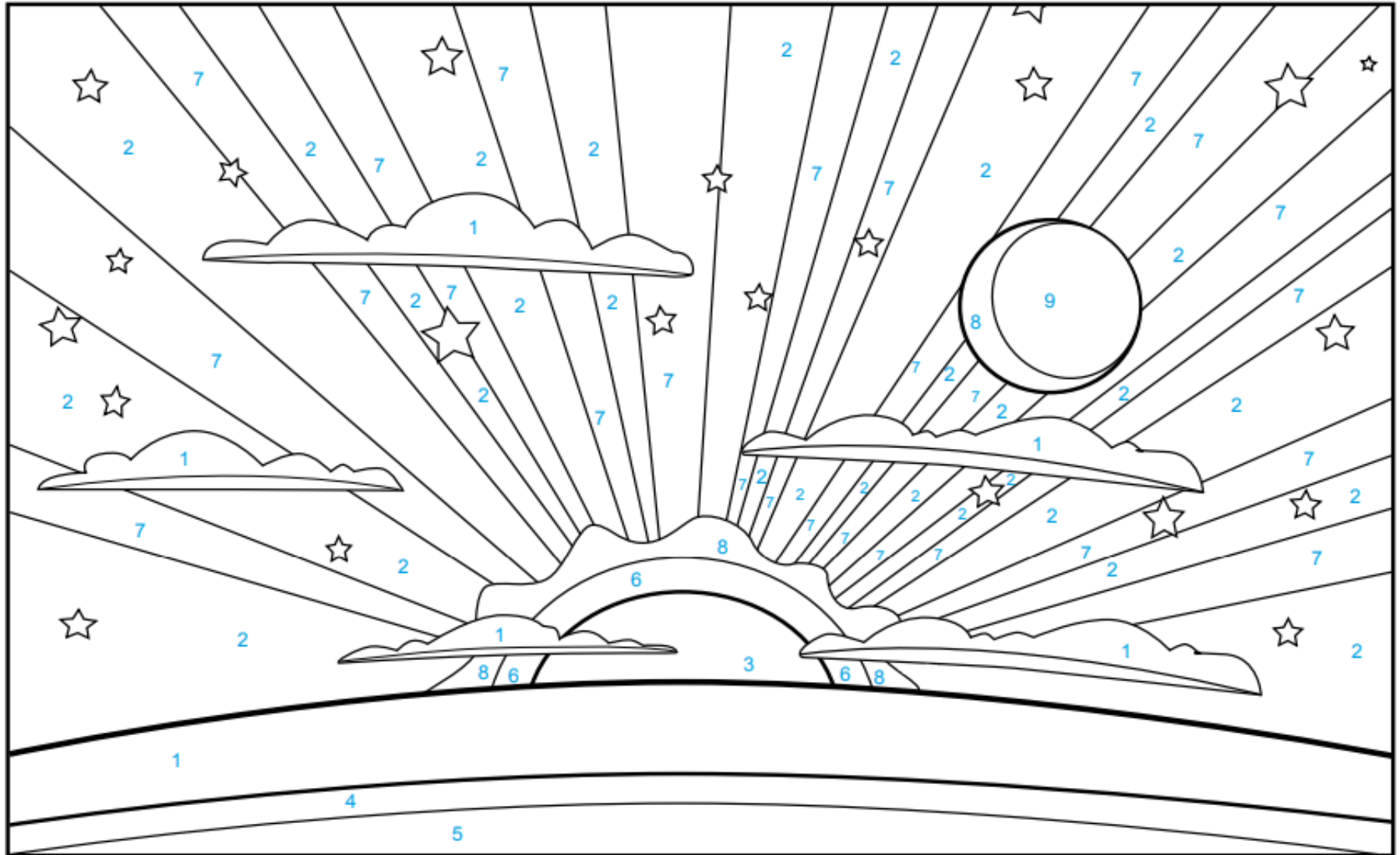
Please bring donations to the office.

October Birthdays		
Joni	Hoeft	October 01
Evelyn	Kirchner	October 01
Curt	Kvamme	October 01
Candace	Dingmann	October 02
Kendal	Craft	October 04
Ellie	Cairns	October 05
Nicholas	Kersting	October 07
Emily	Wunderlich	October 07
Devin	Douvier	October 08
Johanna	Merten	October 08
Meghan	Hicks	October 09
Reid	Giambrone	October 10
Ronald	McKeever	October 11
Haley	Skajewski	October 12
Lexi	Romness	October 13
Barbara	Swenson	October 13
Amanda	Jasmer	October 14
Peter	Seppelt	October 14
Tom	Ollman	October 16
Nicole	Cole	October 17
Sherry	Kapsner	October 17
Luke	Barringer	October 18
Clarice	Elyea	October 18
Ashley	Hackett	October 19
Gabrielle	Dingmann	October 21
Rowan	Hanebuth	October 26
Logan	Douvier	October 29
Holly	Jasmer	October 30
Troy	Popp	October 31

October Anniversaries		
Pat & Carol	Rolph	October 02
Bruce & Lora	Knafla	October 06
Bill & Kay	Paradeis	October 08
Jeff & Joan	Ramey	October 08
Ted & Emily	Morgan	October 10
Randy & Jami	Kreifels	October 12
Cory & Kira	Brouns	October 13
John & Jessica	Brenny	October 14
Jeremiah & Candace	Dingmann	October 15
Dennis & Kathy	Arntson	October 26
Andy & Hannah	Eggert	October 28

Color by Number for God Made the World

Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. If you don't have all of the colors listed make your best color choice.



1. Light blue 2. Light purple 3. Bright yellow 4. Medium blue 5. Dark blue
6. Orange 7. Dark purple 8. Light yellow 9. Gray

Stars and cloud bottoms can be either yellow or white, your choice.

Worship Shepherds

October 4 Sarah Anderson
 October 11 Kyle Hackett
 October 18 Bev Gerads
 October 25 Janet Maleska



We started Fellowship back up.

We need one family to volunteer for serving and clean up. Snack will be provided by the church and will be individually wrapped. Coffee, Juice, & water will be served. Will start after 9AM service and go until Sunday School is over at 10:45.

Reminder we need Volunteers to have fellowship.

Please consider signing up.

Sign up sheet on the Narthex counter!

October 4 9:00am Dennis Arntson
 October 11 9:00am Janet Maleska
 October 18 9:00am Jeff Ramey
 October 25 9:00am Pastor David
 11:00am Volunteer Needed



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OCTOBER COUNTERS

Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea



We have been praying for our church families each week as we go through our church directory from A to Z. As you go about your daily tasks lift a prayer for the family of the week as the Lord brings them to mind. **In October we will be praying for:**

October 4- Kevin & Janet Maleska

October 11 - Jeremy & Ellissia Manea
 Children: Avie, Awbrilynne, Haiden, & JJ

October 18 - Scott & Peg Manea

October 25 - JP Martin

Musicians
 October 4 Heather Statz
 October 11 Bethany Mears
 October 18 Praise Team
 October 25 Bethany Mears

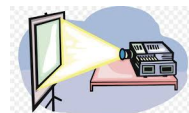


OCTOBER

Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg
 Brenda Pressnall

PROJECTIONIST

October 4 9:00am Ian Cairns
 October 11 9:00am Sarah Anderson
 October 18 9:00am Isabelle Cairns
 October 25 9:00am Dennis Arntson
 11:00am Volunteer Needed



October 4 - Isaiah 43:1-7
 Galatians 3:23-29
 Matthew 28:16-20



October 18 - Isaiah 44:6-8
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 15:9-17

October 11 - Exodus 20:1-6
 Colossians 1:9-14
 John 3:16-21

October 25- Isaiah 55:10-11
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 John 16:12-15



October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="color: orange;">This Calendar is tentative and is subject to change due to COVID-19</p> <p style="color: orange;">Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com Office Hours M-F 9-3pm</p>				1	2	3
				7:00 Elders Meeting		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Alanon	6:30 Confirmation			1:30 Place of Hope
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Alanon	6:30 NO Confirmation			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Noisy Offering Military Biblestick Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship NO Sunday School	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Alanon	6:30 Confirmation	6:30 Prayer & Praise 7:00 Joint EMT/BOLM Meeting		5:00-7:00 TRUNK OR TREAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary 11:00 Confirmation Service with Holy Communion	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">1:30 - 6:45 Rice Area Blood Drive</p>	6:00 Alanon	6:30 Confirmation			

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

Sarah Anderson, Secretary 267-2628; Janet Maleska 249-4467; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Wayne Anderson 393-2128; Curt Kvamme Treas. 393-3353; Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700; Bev Gerads 761-1894

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Brenda Hackett – Education & Small Group Team Leader, Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Jen Ollman- Service Team Leader

*In case of church cancellation due to bad weather listen to, 98 COUNTRY 98.1, SPIRIT 92.9, KCLD 104.7, WJON 1240,
or call the church office and listen to the message.*

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, comprising 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.

Thirdly, 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 to 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.