



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Well, here we are, and it is already October, the tenth month of the year of our Lord 2023!

There is something that I want to encourage each of you to consider prayerfully, and then prayerfully give it a try. It has to do with October being the 10th month of the year.

I'll start with this. When it comes to what you and I give back to the Lord from all that He has blessed us with, there is no hard and fast rule set in the Bible. Certainly it is suggested, especially in Malachi, that it is in keeping with our faith to give a tenth of what we have back to the Lord as our offering. But that is just a suggestion, not a command or a law. Per what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:7, when it comes to our giving back to the Lord, here is the principle our Lord wants us to follow. "Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

So here is something for you to prayerfully consider and then make a personal decision about as it pertains to your offering and what you give to the Lord. I share this with this in mind: that you will give it a try to grow in the grace of giving.

This month, this tenth month of the year, if you are not in the habit of giving a tithe or a tenth of your income, prayerfully consider trying it for this one month. Or, during this tenth month of the year, increase your offering by a certain amount. Maybe that's to give \$5.00 more each time or perhaps \$10.00 or possibly \$25.00. Try it for this one month and see how it goes. Or, if you have never tried what I call "percentage giving" (setting aside a certain percentage of your income to give to the Lord, be it 2% or 3% or 5%. . .you get the idea.) Maybe this is the month – the tenth month - for you to give that a try. Whatever the amount, let it be the first check you write or the first amount of your income you set aside...let it be a "firstfruits offering" to the Lord.

In reality, if you choose to do this, you do have a safety net...the faithfulness and promise and generosity of your Lord! Here's how Paul put it just after telling us that "God loves the cheerful giver." In the very next verse (2 Corinthians 9:8) – "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

On a personal note, Karen and I have discovered this over the years. We cannot out-give God! We do seek to give cheerfully and generously. We do percentage giving with a tithe of our income being our minimum goal. We do this because a long time ago a married couple from our first congregation in Oregon sat down with us and shared their approach to giving to the Lord and gave us their encouragement to try it. We are so thankful they did!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Pending Approval

Present: Kyle Hackett, Colleen Woods, Dave Perleberg, Deb Erdmann, Bev Gerads, Joan Ramey, Ron McKeever
Absent: Paul Tschida. Also present Keith Peterson Pastor Dave Strohschein, Keith Peterson, Julie Kiraly

Call Meeting to Order: President Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Pastor Dave Strohschein opened with prayer; Dave Perleberg read the Mission Statement.

Treasurers Report: Ron McKeever presented the Treasurers report. It was identical to last month with income and expenses. Ron delivered the Noisy Offering to City Hall from SOTP. We are paying our regular expenses. Bev Gerads made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Colleen Woods second.

Property Report: Keith Peterson gave the report on Properties. Parking lot will be chip sealed, fogging, stripping, and add 1 or 2 more handicap stalls. There was a discussion on the parking situation for Trunk or Treat. Keith is looking into some changes to better accommodate safe parking. Tree cutting will be Saturday, October 7th though removal of branches and such on Friday afternoon. Volunteers are needed. Joan Ramey reported that WACOSA can come to SOTP with their truck to shred many no longer pertinent papers for \$150. We will recycle florescent bulbs locally at Rice Hardware.

Secretary's Report: The report was reviewed by the board of directors. Ron McKeever made the motion to approve, Deb Erdmann second.

Pastoral Activity: We reviewed the Report on Pastoral Activity on Worship Services, Meetings, Official Acts, Visitation, Phone Calls and Other Activities.

New Business: Call Process was reviewed. We discussed and approved a Compensation Package for Reverend Joseph Ferry. Bev Gerads made a motion to approve this Compensation Package; Colleen Woods second. We reviewed the Worship Shepherd Schedule and made any necessary changes.

Our next BOLM meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 P.M.

Our Emergency fund is being replenished with gas and grocery gift cards for families in need.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron McKeever, second by Deb Erdmann at 8:20 P.M. Pastor Dave Strohschein closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Gerads BOLM Secretary



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 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.**



Education / Small Group Team

I pray that this finds you and your family enjoying the colors of fall and the "back to" schedule!!! We are blessed with having our teaching spots filled for Sunday School this year, BUT I am in need of substitute teachers. Please consider putting your name down to be a sub for our children. With winter approaching and the sickness that could arise, we need to have about 4 people who would be able to substitute.

Calendar sales will also begin at the end of the month and the proceeds will go to the VBS fund! I am excited to be able to offer them again! We will have 100 to sell so make sure if you want one you don't wait!!

May God bless this month for you as you prepare your hearts for Thanksgiving and all we have to be thankful for!

Serving for the Lord,
Brenda Hackett
EDU Team Leader

August Church Income Statement

	August	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$17,413	\$163,392
Expenses	(\$12,982)	(\$109,570)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$4,431	\$53,500

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!

Rice Area Food Shelf

September Distribution is
Thursday, October 5th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

Homework Hour

If anyone is interested in Homework hour help at SOTP please sign up or reach out to the church office.

ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We have openings for Altar Guild. This will introduce you to belonging to a group with minimal time commitment. We currently have 4 teams that each cover 3 months per year. We would like to have at least 4 individuals on each team. 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 me at church or call me at 320 217 4431

Joanny Ramey



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!



Psalm 66:19 "But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer."

Youth group, there are lots of activities to take part in this month!

Our regular meetings are on October 4th and 18th at 7:30pm at the church.

Fall Fling is Oct 6-8 at Camp Shamineau.

Pastor invites us to participate as the confirmation class discusses gender identity on October 11th at 6:30pm.

Trunk or Treat is on Saturday the 28th, and we encourage all the families to decorate a trunk and dress up to join in on the fun!

All High School students are welcome to join us for a study on Prayer on Sunday Mornings in the Youth Room during Sunday school time. Join us to learn more about developing a strong prayer life.

In November, our regular meetings will be on the 1st and 15th at 7:30pm.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text Sarah at 320-267-2628.

Josh & Sarah Anderson
Youth Group Leaders

It's time to gear up for fall Bible Studies! We have a few opportunities for you!

✝ **Lois Perleberg will lead a study of the Book of Matthew on Wednesday Mornings starting October 25th 9:30am**



Have you asked yourself, "How can I have a variety of inspiring Bible based information and teaching on many topics & issues for kids, teens and adults available on my smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc?" Shepherd of the Pines offers you, for no charge, all of that on RightNow Media. [Just Click here to set it up](#), and you will be able to use all this wonderful stuff to help you grow in your faith! You can refer your friends and family members too!

Worship Help Schedule 2023



Worship Team

October	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
10/01/23	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Mackenzie Ramey	Jane Nelson	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Jane Nelson
10/08/23	9:00am	Keith & Evie Kirchner	Julie Kiraly	Janet Maleska	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Keith Hackett
10/15/23	9:00am	Brent & Jennifer Betker	Denise Leahy	Ron Woods	Bev & Al Gerads	Steve Ree
10/22/23	9:00am	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Mackenzie Ramey	Dennis Amtson	Jen & Tom Ollman	Dennis Amtson
10/29/23	9:00am	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Sarah Anderson	Peg Manea	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg	Jerry Nelson
November	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
11/05/23	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Mackenzie Ramey	Ruth Brutcher	Bev & Al Gerads	Jane Nelson
11/12/23	9:00am	Joyce Saldana	Dennis Amtson	Richael Weinand	Ron & Barb McKeever	Keith Hackett
11/19/23	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Levi Brenny	Jerry Nelson	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Steve Ree
11/26/23	9:00am	Scott & Peg Manea	Denise Leahy	Wyatt Alstrup	Keith & Kathy Craft	Dennis Amtson
December	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
12/03/23	9:00am	Tom & Jen Ollman	Julie Kiraly	Janet Maleska	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Brenda Hackett
12/10/23	9:00am	Milton & Marlene Popp	Denise Leahy	Lois Perleberg	Brad & Holly Jasmer	Jerry Nelson
12/17/23	9:00am	Dean & Karie Giese	Sarah Anderson	Paul Tschida	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Steve Ree
12/24/23	9:00am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
12/31/23	9:00am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Quilting Tuesday & Thursday 9am
- Al-Anon meets Tuesdays at 6pm & AA meets Thursdays at 7pm
- Sunday School 10:20am to 11:00am
- Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:30-11:00
- Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th graders on Wednesday at 6:30am
- Sunshine Group will meet on October 18th at 10AM
- Save the Date: Trunk or Treat event will be October 28th; Volunteers & Donations Needed.
- First Communion Class will be in November for 5th graders or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion



We will be starting a Sunshine Group at SOTP. Starting in November we will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, and we will be sending out birthday cards.

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.

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



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
Barrett	Cole	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
Ron	McKeever	October 11
Haley	Skajewski	October 12
Lexi	Romness	October 13
Amanda	Jasmer	Ocotober 14
Peter	Seppelt	October 14
Tom	Ollman	October 16
Cindy	Christensen	Ocotober 17
Nicole	Cole	October 17
Sherry	Kapsner	October 17
Luke	Barringer	October 18
Clarice	Elyea	October 18
Wyatt	Alstrup	October 19
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
Jeff & Joanny	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

SHEPHERD OF THE PINE'S

TRUNK OR TREAT



Hayride, Camp Fire with S'mores,
Photo Booth, & Hot Apple Cider

Saturday October 28

4:00pm - 6:00pm

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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!

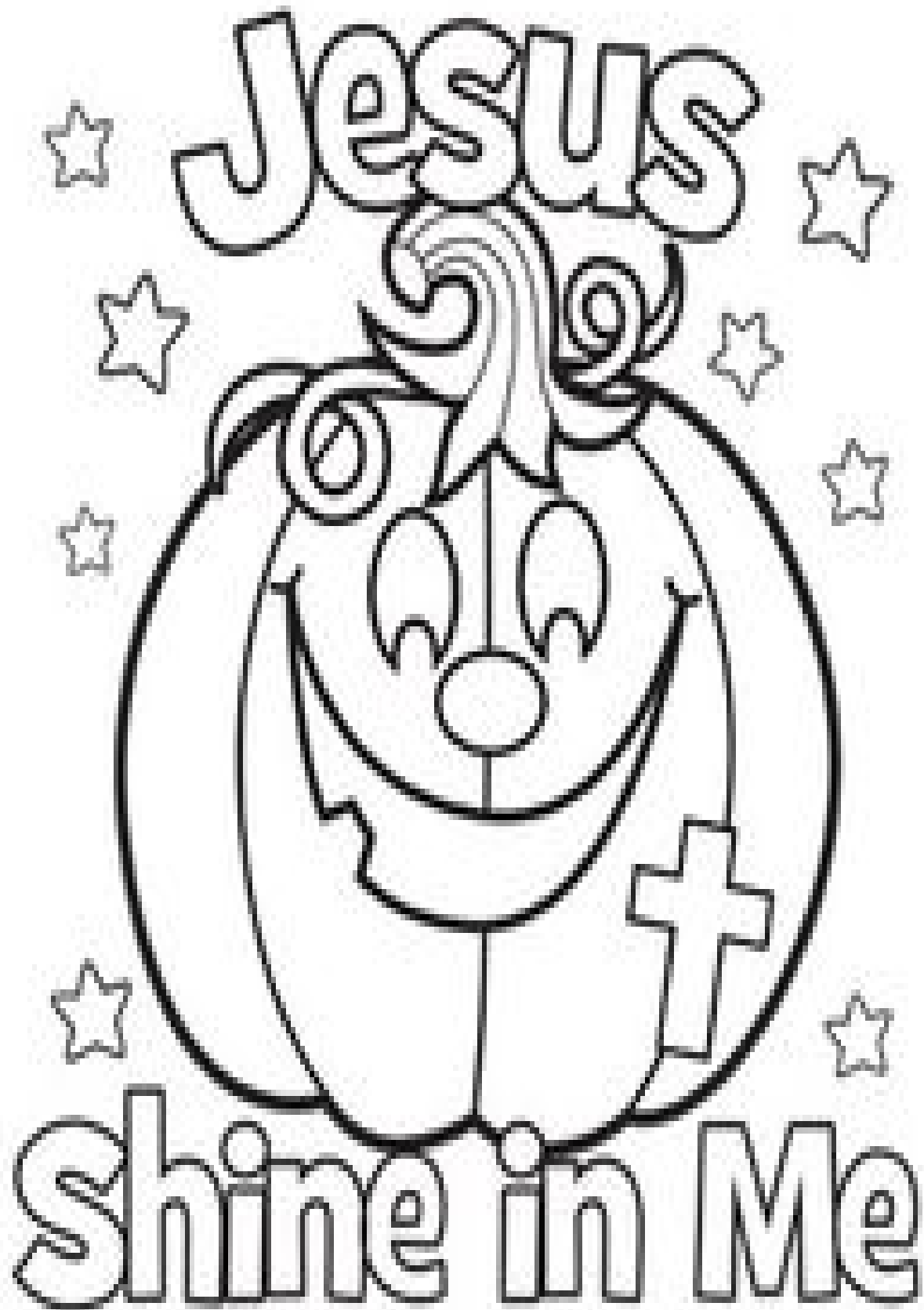
Sign up on the Narthex counter.

Any candy donations would be greatly appreciated!

Please bring donations to the office.

Shine with
His Light





Worship Shepherds

October	1 st	Deb Erdmann
October	8 th	Joanny Ramey
October	15 th	Bev Gerads
October	22 nd	Ron McKeever
October	29 th	Colleen Woods



October	1 st	Lenarz Family
October	8 th	Keith & Evie Kirchner
October	15 th	Brent & Jennifer Betker
October	22 nd	Keith & Roxanne Peterson
October	29 th	Jeremy & Candance Dingmann



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October	8 th	Julie Kiraly
October	15 th	Denise Leahy
October	22 nd	Cal Ollman
October	29 th	Sarah Anderson



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October	29 th	Jerry Nelson



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	1 st	Tyler & Tami Hackett
October	8 th	Joe Hallanger & Misti Ganz Son: Brady
October	15 th	Jake & Jenny Hanebuth Children: Amilia, Jaxson, & Rowan
October	22 nd	Rich & Robin Hemple Children: Katie & Kyle
October	29 th	Gloria Hendrickson

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this Fall for Fellowship. We ask that if you can't serve the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find a group to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



October 1st S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns
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

Musicians

October	1 st	Heather Statz
October	8 th	Lyric Videos
October	15 th	Lyric Videos
October	22 nd	Lyric Videos
October	29 th	Lyric Videos



OCTOBER

Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea



OCTOBER

Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg, & Brenda Pressnall






October 1st Psalm 25:1-10 Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 Matthew 21:23-27	October 8th Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4-14 Matthew 21:33-46
October 15th Psalm 23 Philippians 4:4-13 Matthew 22:1-14	October 22nd Psalm 96:1-13 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
October 29th Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	 Scripture Readings



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October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 AI-Anon	6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters 7:00 AA	12:00 PM Tree cutting and grounds clean up	8:00am-2:00pm Tree cutting and grounds clean up
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 AI-Anon	6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters 7:00 AA		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Noisy Offering Foley Area Care Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 AI-Anon	10:00 Sunshine Group NO Confirmation	9:00 Quilters 7:00 AA		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion NO Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	 1:00 - 6:45 Rice Area Blood Drive 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 AI-Anon	9:30 Woman's Bible study of Matthew 6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting 7:00 BOLM Meeting 7:00AA		 Trunk or Treat 4-6PM
29	30	31	 <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> Let your light shine so people everywhere may see your good actions and praise God in heaven because of it. Matthew 5:16 </p>			
Noisy Offering Christian Education Fund Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship 10:00 Prayer & Anointing with Oil 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 AI-Anon				

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Bev Gerads, Secretary 761-1894; Ron McKeever
Treas. 393-2524; Joan Ramey 217-4431; Colleen Woods 685-4389; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; Paul Tschida 360-5241

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Leader, Brenda Hackett – Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Team,
Jami Kreifels Activity 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.