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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE  
HONOR OUR VETERANS

*Matthew 25:1-2*

November 12, 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.

November 12, 2023

Today is First Communion Sunday

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"All Hail the Power"

Invocation

Pastor: In preparation for the Lord's return, we remember our baptisms, for in that moment God the Holy Spirit gave us faith and made us each a child of our heavenly Father and an heir of everlasting life in Jesus.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our own unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

**Congregation: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive my sins and lead me to everlasting life. I ask this in the name of my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## 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

## Recognition of our Veterans

## Offering Song

“God Bless the USA”

## Prayer

(Family this week: Patrick & Wendy Hicks  
Children: Joe & Meghan)

# 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

# Those Receiving First Communion Today

Cecilia Kiraly, Ella Salzburn, & Skylar Sauer

# Holy Communion

(Grape juice is available for those who prefer not to take wine. Gluten free wafers are also available)

# Communion Songs "Before the Throne of God Above, In Christ Alone, & My Song is Love Unknown"

# Communion Dismissal

# The Benediction

# Closing Song

"Even So Come"

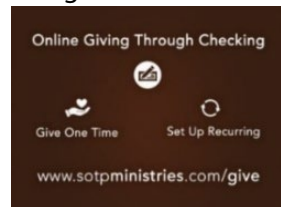
Next Week's Readings: Psalm 90  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30



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

## Online Giving

Available Now, Go to SOTP website: [sotpministries.com](http://sotpministries.com) or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up.



## Annual Congregational Meeting



The annual congregational meeting of SOTP will be held after service on **Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 10:20** in the church sanctuary. Thank you for attending and lending your voice. Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.

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## Congratulations to First Communion Class of 2023



May the Holy Spirit continually pour His love, comfort, and guidance in the lives of those who are taking Communion for the first time.

Annalyse Dubbin

Brayden Dubbin

Joselynn Dubbin

Cecilia Kiraly

Isabelle Lindeman

Ella Salzburn

Skylar Sauer

Peter Seppelt

**Galatians 5:22-23** <sup>22</sup>But the fruit **of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

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**Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on November 17<sup>th</sup> for The Little Mermaid. Come in pjs, bring a blanket and snacks if you would like. Some snacks are available to share as well.**



**SOTP Drop Site for Toys for Tots**



Please consider a donation! All toys and monetary donations will stay in the St. Cloud area. If you have any questions please call the United Way at 800-543-7709. Please have donations here by December 7<sup>th</sup>!

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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

**November Altar Guild:** Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg, & Brenda Pressnall

**November Counters:** Barb McKeever & Juli Popp





# 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**

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  
Barrett Charles Cole

### **Date of Baptism**

December 18, 2022  
January 8, 2023  
January 8, 2023  
January 29, 2023  
February 5, 2023  
February 26, 2023  
May 14, 2023  
May 21, 2023  
October 8, 2023

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### **Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!**

- Sunday School from 10:20-11am
  - Sunday Bible Study from 10:30-11am
  - Tuesday New Membership Class 6-7pm
  - Quilters meet Tuesday 9am and Thursday 9am
  - Wednesday morning Bible study 9:30am
  - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
  - Movie Night November 17<sup>th</sup> "The Little Mermaid"
  - 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!

**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**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> No Fellowship**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> Volunteers Needed**

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**SOTP will be the church of the month for Terebinth Refuge**



Check out the table in the narthex for items in need, which include:

- Gift Cards to Walmart or Kwik Trip in amounts of \$10 or \$20
- Grocery Gift Certificate or cards in amounts of \$10 or \$20
- Toilet Paper
- Napkins
- Desk Lamps
- Radio Alarm Clocks
- 2024-2025 Day/Monthly planners
- Cute 3 ring binders
- Picture Frames 5x7 or 8x10

Items can be brought to the church office all month long. We will also have a Noisy offering on November 19<sup>th</sup> for Terebinth Refuge.

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## Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Grant Bode, New Ulm, MN

Rev. Leonard Payton, Brookfield, IL

Rev. Scott Roberts, Seymour, IN

Rev. Douglas Stowe, Hartford, WI

If any member of SOTP has a concern about any of the pastors on the list, they can register their concern in writing for the Call committee to consider. Deadline for the objection period is November 20<sup>th</sup>

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### 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

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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Sunshine Group at SOTP will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and we will be sending out birthday cards. **We will meet this Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.**

We are looking for volunteers and unused birthday cards with matching envelopes.

Please reach out to Gloria Hendrickson 320-393-2698 or Evelyn Kirchner 320-290-5478.

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## Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve Service –

November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm

Advent Services –

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Service- Date TBD

Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion –

December 24<sup>th</sup> 9am and

Candlelight Service at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

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**Join us on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm for our Thanksgiving Eve Service at Shepherd of the Pines.**

In Philippians 4:6, the Apostle Paul tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God" We welcome you to join together with your SOTP family as we give thanks to our Lord.

**We will be setting up and decorating the Christmas Tree after Service!! Please join us; help is needed and appreciated!**



# Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays  
Dec. 6th, 13th, & 20th  
@ 6:30PM

Join us for Advent Services on Wednesdays; December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Jesus is the true reason for this season! Let's focus our hearts and truly celebrate Him throughout this Advent Season. We welcome you to join together with your SOTP family as we celebrate the true reason for this season.

**Looking for Groups/People to sign up for Advent Suppers. Suppers will be served from 5pm to 6:15pm. Service will be at 6:30pm**

December 6<sup>th</sup> OPEN

December 13<sup>th</sup> OPEN

December 20<sup>th</sup> OPEN

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# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (Music-Lyric Videos)**

### **First Communion Sunday**

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

## **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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## **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting
6:00 PM	New Membership Class

## **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	Bible Study
10:00 AM	Sunshine Group
6:30 PM	Confirmation

## **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00-Noon**                      **Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office**

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

## **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> (Music-Praise Team)**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting
10:20 AM	Children Bingo

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
November 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Joyce Saldana  
Projectionist: Dennis Arntson  
Reader: Wyatt Alstup  
Ushers: Ron & Barb McKeever

**Worship Leader:** Keith Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Bev Gerads

**Fellowship** D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
November 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Bruce & Sandie Resch  
Projectionist: Levi Brenny  
Reader: Jerry Nelson  
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Paul Tschida

**Fellowship** J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstup, G. Welle