

"There's NO Place Like Home!"



Psalm 90:1

November 19, 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 19, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Annual Congregation meeting

10:20 Children Bingo

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Forever"

Invocation

Pastor: "Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Congregation: Before the mountains were born You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God." (Psalm 90:1-2)

Pastor: We worship in the name of the one true eternal God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In Psalm 90 we are told this about our sins and God's knowledge of them. "You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence." (Psalm 90:8) Even though He already knows all our sins and each of our sins, our Heavenly Father desires for us to confess our sins to Him, more for our sake than for His. Confession is good for the soul. Being forgiven is even better. Knowing Him to be a gracious and forgiving God as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, let us make a sincere confession of our sins and seek His forgiveness.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, You have seen all of my sins, even the ones I have tried to hide. You know them all. I am truly sorry for them. I am sorry that I have tried to hide them from You. All I can say to You and ask of You is this: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Pastor: Let these words of Psalm 90 remind you of Jesus. "You have set our iniquities before You." Even as our heavenly Father saw our sins, so in His grace He placed all of our sins upon His Son, Jesus. Isaiah tells us: "The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." So it is that in and through Jesus, your sins have been paid for. In Jesus, your sins have been forgiven. In Jesus, God's favor rests upon you.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are King and You rule over all.

Congregation: Reign in our hearts, Lord. Bless us with Your Spirit that we might live in a way that brings You honor and glory.

Pastor: We ask this not only for ourselves but also for the sake of those who do not know You.

Congregation: May our lives shine forth the light of Your love and who You are, that they too might learn to know You and be brought to faith and given the gift of eternal life. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Terebinth Refudge. Aliyah Ewing will be here to talk more about Terebinth.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 90 (Page 588)

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Page 1171)

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30 (Page 983)

Prayer (Family this week: Tim & Melissa Hinderschied
Children: Aubrey & Colton)

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

"Thank you Lord"

Next Week's Readings: Psalm 95:1-7
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Matthew 25:31-46



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 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 Today 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.

October NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up a noisy offering on **Sunday, November 19th**, for **Terebinth Refuge**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Annual meeting today at 10:20am
 - Children BINGO at 10:20am
 - Tuesday, New Membership Class 6-7pm
 - Quilters meet Tuesday 9am and Thursday 9am
 - Wednesday 6:30 Thanksgiving Service (We will decorate the Christmas Tree after Service. All are welcome)
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
 - Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday
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Congratulations to First Communion Class of 2023

May the Holy Spirit continually pour His love, comfort, and guidance into 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 ²²But the fruit **of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

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
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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.



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

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 7th!



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

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

December 3rd Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett

December 10th R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

December 17th P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

December 24th No Fellowship

December 31st Volunteers Needed

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 Certificates 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 19th for Terebinth Refuge.

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 20th

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

Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve Service –
This Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30pm
Advent Services –
December 6th, 13th, & 20th 6:30pm
Children's Sunday Service- December 17th
Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion –
December 24th 9am and
Candlelight Service at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Thanksgiving

Eve Service

Join us on **Wednesday, November 22nd 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!



ADVENT: A Time for Prayer

Advent services will begin on Wednesday, December 6th . We will also have a service on December 13th and 20th with each service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our theme this year will focus on prayer as prayer is a great way to prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

December 6 th – Praying when you feel overwhelmed

December 13 th – Praying for God's timing

December 20 th – Praying to walk faithfully

Looking for groups/people to sign up for Advent Suppers. Supper will be served from 5pm to 6:15pm. The Service will be at 6:30pm.

December 6th Youth Group

December 13th OPEN

December 20th Event Team

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, November 19th (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

Monday, November 20th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, November 21st

6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting
6:00 PM	New Membership Class

Wednesday, November 22nd

9:00-Noon	Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office NO Confirmation
6:30 AM	Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 23rd **Office Closed** **NO AA meeting**

Friday, November 24th **Office Closed**

Sunday, November 26th (Music-Lyric Videos)

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
November 19th

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
November 26th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Scott & Peg Manea
Projectionist: Denise Leahy
Reader: Wyatt Alstrup
Ushers: Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdman

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



We will be placing our order for Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing one, please fill out the information below.

We ask that you leave your plant(s) at church for all the Christmas services, and take home only the plant with your name tag.

1. Family Name

2. Phone #

Plant given In Memory of or In Honor of:



Please fill out the price sheet form on the back side with your plant purchase. Plants will be purchased from Buds to Blossoms.

Checks should be made out to: Shepherd of the Pines with Christmas flowers on the memo line. Payment is required with your order.

The deadline for ordering is December 10th . Thank you!
If you have any questions please call Joan Ramey at (320) 217-4431

Holiday Floral Order

Plant	Price	Quantity	Total \$
6" Red Poinsettia	\$16.00	_____	\$ _____
		Total \$	_____