

November



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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2020

Pray For Our Leaders

1 Timothy 2:1 “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

This November, we have an election again. Elections are always divisive, but it seems that in recent years the races get more heated. This might be due to social media, where arguments from long time relatives or friends can get explosive and caustic. As our country is divided and tensions are running so high, I have been trying to think how we, as the Church, can approach this differently.

1) Elections have always been contentious in our country.

In the founding days, political rivals would settle disputes with a duel. In the years leading up to the civil war, the country was so divided it was hard to see the United States as anything but united. In the 1960's, riots, unrest and assassination were all too common.

2) At least our president isn't Nero.

When Paul wrote most of his epistles, Nero would have been the emperor in Rome. Nero brought persecution to the church throughout the Roman empire that resulted in many Christians facing horrific and unspeakable suffering. Even worse, Christians had to endure harsh discrimination and persecution for two and a half centuries before Christianity would at least be tolerated

Whatever complaints you might have about our current administration or government leaders, at least they're not Nero or any of the Roman despots.

3) The Church still has her mission.

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”

The Church should have active civilians, but she has a unique vocation that the state cannot fulfill. This is to bring the Gospel to all nations and to change the hearts of people to receive God's grace. The vocation of the state cannot bring this about which is why God has placed our congregation in Rice and why he has placed you in your neighborhood.

It's easy to feel nervous or anxious over the results of the elections, but I encourage you to still pray for all of our leaders and that God would give us the humility and perspective the early church had. Praying for our leaders and showing grace to others will allow the Church to shine in our world!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David Edge

Joint EMT & Board of Lay Ministry

Pending Approval Minutes – October 22, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order by at 7:06 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Kyle.

Worship – Keith H. did not have a lot to report. Julie has been arranging volunteers through the Breeze software. There have been no new volunteers.

Education & Small Groups – Brenda reported that Sunday school has been up to 10 children meeting in the sanctuary with a children's message, bible memory verse and a craft to take home. Christmas program planning has started and Brenda is looking for ideas on how this will look this year.

Service Team – Jen was not at the meeting to report. Pastor updated the group on the plans for Trunk or Treat event.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities in the month of September including Confirmation. Bridge Church is now using our church for their worship on Sunday afternoons/evenings. Pastor David requested to add Communion to the Nov. 1st Worship Service in celebration of All Saint's Day.

Treasurer's Report – August & September financial reports were reviewed. Deb moved to accept the August and September Treasurer's reports, Bev seconded. Motion carried.

Properties – Keith reported the light is out on the sign by the road and he is working on a new fixture.

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

Old Business:

COVID-19 Update – nothing to update this month.

Policy Binder Review – The group reviewed the documents which are currently the binder and named other documents that should be added. Pastor David will work with Julie to see if some of them exist on the Secretary's computer.

Wedding Coordinator – There are several people interested in this position. Subcommittee of Deb, Janet and Pastor David were chosen to help the church fill this position.

New Business

The next BOLM meeting will be on November 19th at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing. The

worship shepherd schedule was reviewed through December 15th.

The annual congregational meeting will be on November 22nd. Kyle announced to the group that Wayne Anderson has resigned from the BOLM. The congregation will need to elect a board member to finish out the last year of his term. There are currently six nominations for board members and one nomination for Treasurer.

Budget plan for 2021 – Curt made some minor adjustments to 2020 budget to develop the 2021 budget plan. The BOLM reviewed and discussed several small changes to the 2021 budget.

Financial Audit – Janet Maleska will conduct the audit.

Pastor David announced that there is a collection box for winter clothing for elementary children in the Rice area.

Leader's comments – We are thankful to Wayne Anderson for his service to our church on the BOLM.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Janet, seconded by Deb. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 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.**

Annual Congregational Meeting



The annual congregational meeting of SOTP will be held between services [Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 10:15am](#) in the church sanctuary. We will have our normal service times for Sunday, November 22nd at 9:00am. Thank you for attending and lending your voice. Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.

Greetings and may the blessings of this month be with you and your family!

As I enter into November, I reflect on the month and what it stands for...not Black Friday shopping, not one more month until Christmas or shopping, but giving thanks! I am thankful for all of those who have been part of my journey this side of heaven! I am thankful for so many "Things" that sometimes I get too caught up in the "thing" part of it. Do you sometimes do that? This month I want to focus on the "blessings" that God gave to me...us, on this journey! I challenge each of you to take a paper and each day write down just one blessing that isn't a material "Thing"! You will be amazed at what you will see past if you do this!

As far as the Small Group / Education Team Ministry, we have no new news to report. We continue to offer the large group Sunday School in the Sanctuary each Sunday morning at 10:15-10:45 following 9:00 a.m. service. Some have asked what or if we will have a Christmas Program with the children, Pastor David and I have talked, and we are looking at doing a Children's Sunday Service. This would mean that for that Sunday, the service would be geared towards the children with the songs that are sung, the message and such. The not knowing of "the what's next" with the mandates, makes things more difficult. Watch the newsletters, the emails, and church notices for updates.

May the blessings of Thanksgiving fill your hearts, may you remember that darkness does not overcome light, may His peace fill your hearts in the days ahead!
Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Serving the Master,
Brenda Hackett
Small Group/Edu Team Leader



Worship Update

This is a really good winter we are having this fall...

Worship service at SOTP will plan to continue to be a single service at 9:00 A.M. until the new year. We are planning to have a Thanksgiving Eve service and Lenten services. Times will be forthcoming for these services. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the worship services. You can call the Church office 393-4295 or call me at home 393-4531.

Thanks to everyone who is helping through this season!

Keith Hackett



Worship Team

Worship Help Schedule

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

November Birthdays

Ilexa	Merten-Flagstad	November 01
Isabella	Ramey	November 02
Mackenzie	Ramey	November 04
Kyle	Barringer	November 06
Mitchell	Merten	November 07
Karlee	Popp	November 07
Brody	Soltis	November 12
Bev	Gerads	November 14
Shelley	Pintok	November 14
Darlene	Albrecht	November 15
Peggy	Herman	November 17
Dale	Skajewski	November 18
Nathan	Wagner	November 18
Samie	Dubbin	November 19
Dave	Brannen	November 20
Caleb	Jasmer	November 21
Donna	Klaphake	November 21
June	Plumski	November 21
Sheri	Douvier	November 22
John	Elliott	November 22
Linda	Omann	November 22
Raina	Herrmann	November 23
Diane	Barringer	November 24
Lois	Perleberg	November 25
Don	Diehl	November 26
Noah	Hackett	November 27
Marlys	Lenarz	November 27
Doug	Newman	November 27
Marlene	Shane	November 27
Lloyd	Walburn	November 27
Hannah	Eggert	November 28
Kyle	Hemple	November 28
Cole	Douvier	November 29
Milton	Popp	November 29

November Anniversaries

Nick & Jenna	Gangl	November 17
Charles & Nancy	Anderson	November 27

ANNOUNCING Prayer and Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on BOLM Thursday November 19th** 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!!

August's Church Income Statement

	August	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$16,514	\$146,648
Expenses	(\$17,076)	(\$153,714)
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$562)	(\$7,066)

September's Church Income Statement

	September	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$16,722	\$163,370
Expenses	(\$18,563)	(\$172,277)
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$1,841)	(\$8,907)



Join us on Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30pm for our Thanksgiving Eve Service at Shepherd of the Pines. In Ephesians 5:19 - 20, the

Apostle Paul encourages us to, "speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." We welcome you to join together with your SOTP family as we give thanks to our Lord.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve Service – November 25th at 6:30pm

Advent Services – December 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Service- December 13th 9:00am

Christmas Eve Services – December 24th at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

There will be no Christmas Day Service but Pastor David is preparing a devotional for the day that will be on our Website and on Facebook!!!



November NOISY OFFERING!

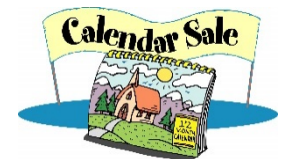
We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, November 15th**, for the **Terebinth Refuge**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

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



The SOTP Church Office will be closed on November 26th and 27th (Thanksgiving)

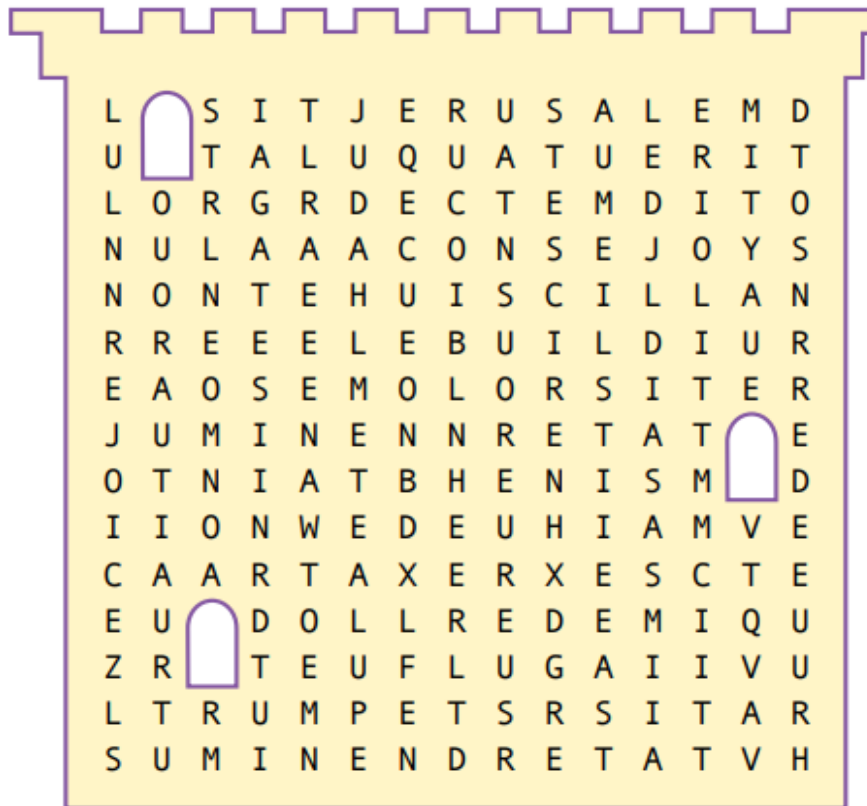


2021 God's Creation Calendars will be for sale this year and proceeds will be going to the VBS fund. Calendars cost only \$7 each and we have limited supplies. These calendars will make great Christmas gifts! Thank you for your support!

Nehemiah and the Wall Word Search



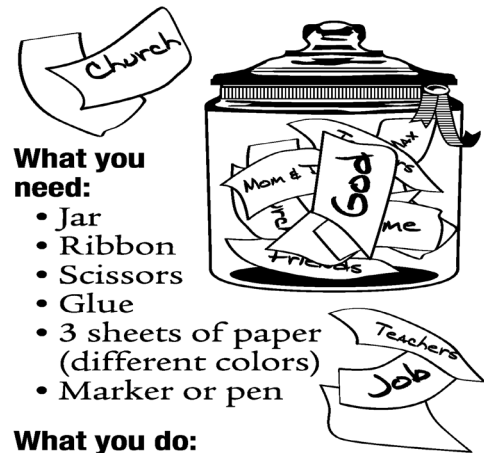
Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



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| ARTAXERXES | GATES | JOY | NEHEMIAH | TRUMPETS |
| BUILD | JERUSALEM | JUDAH | REJOICE | WALL |

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.




What you need:


- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen


What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.

Worship Shepherds

November 1	Dave Perleberg	
November 8	Deb Erdmann	
November 15	Bev Gerads	
November 22	Deb Erdmann	
November 29	Janet Maleska	


November 1	9:00am	Lois Perleberg	
November 8	9:00am	Ruth Brutcher	
November 15	9:00am	Dennis Arntson	
November 22	9:00am	Janet Meleska	
November 29	9:00am	Jeff Ramey	

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November 8	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	
November 15	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	
November 22	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Caft	
November 29	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	


NOVEMBER COUNTERS

Milton Popp, Barb McKeever,
& Colleen Peterson



FAMILY
 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 November we will be praying for:**

November 1-	Craig & DeAnnè Maslonkowski
	Children: Linnèa & Alli
November 8 -	Armon & DuReine Matheny
November 15 -	Ron & Barb McKeever
November 22 -	Kelly & Ileana Merten
	Children: Ilexa, Johanna, & Mitchell
November 29 -	Davis & Jessica Mickelson
	Children Korra, Macey, Sadie

November 1 -	Revelations 7:9-17	
	1 John 3:1-3	
	Matthew 5:1-12	
November 08-	Amos 5:18-24	
	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	
	Matthew 25:1-13	



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!

November 1 -	Pastor David
November 8 -	Jerry Nelson
November 15 -	Steve Ree
November 22 -	Dennis Arntson
November 29 -	Jane Nelson



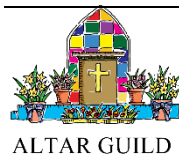
Musicians

November	1	Heather Statz
November	8	Bethany Mears
November	15	Praise Team
November	22	Bethany Mears
November	29	Volunteer Needed



November

Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg
Brenda Pressnall



PROJECTIONIST

November 1	9:00am	Levi Brenny
November 8	9:00am	Ian Cairns
November 15	9:00am	Sarah Anderson
November 22	9:00am	Isabelle Cairns
November 29	9:00am	Dennis Arntson





November 15-	Zephaniah 1:7-16
	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
	Matthew 25:14-30
November 18 -	Isaiah 2:1-5
	Romans 10:11-17
	Luke 24:44-53
November 25-	Micah 5:2-4
	1 Peter 1:17-21
	Matthew 28:16-20



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Music: Heather Statz 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group			6:30 Elders Meeting		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Alanon	 Veteran's Day 6:30 Confirmation			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Noisy Offering Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Alanon	6:30 Confirmation	6:30 Prayer and Praise 7:00 BOLM Meeting		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Music: Bethany Mears 9:00 Worship No Sunday School 10:15 Annual Congregational Meeting 6:00 Bridge Church	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Alanon	6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	
29	30	<p style="text-align: center;"> GIVE <i>Thanks</i> to the LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS <i>love</i> ENDURES FOREVER! <small>Psalm 107:2</small> </p>			<p style="text-align: center;"> This Calendar is tentative and is subject to change due to COVID-19 Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com Monday- Friday 9:00-3:00 </p>	
Music: Volunteer Needed 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group					

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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Sarah Anderson, Secretary 267-2628; Janet Maleska 249-4467; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; 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.