

November



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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2021

JOINT EMT/BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING

PENDING APPROVAL Minutes **Thursday October 21, 2021 7 P.M**

Meeting Called to Order: Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

BOLM MEMBERS PRESENT: Kyle Hackett, Bev Gerads, Deb Erdmann, Colleen Woods, Joan Ramey, Dave Perleberg, Garry Loidolt, Ron McKeever, Pastor Strohschein, Keith Peterson Properties, Brenda Hackett, Keith Hackett, EMT, Absent: Jen Ollman. Julie Kiraly, SOTP Secretary.

OPENED WITH PRAYER: Garry Loidolt

READ MISSION STATEMENT: Dave Perleberg

EMT REPORTS: Keith Hackett lead a discussion on bringing ushers back or not, or passing the offering plate. For now we are good. We need more volunteers. Discussion of Noisy Offering placement plate, Holiday services. Thanksgiving service will be Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 P.M.

Brenda Hackett reported that there are 34 children in Sunday School. It's running smoothly. We need more substitute teachers. Calendars will be available for fundraising in November. There are no extra rooms needed for Sunday School at this time.

Jen Ollman is working on Trunk or Treat for October 30, 5P.M.-7P.M. and the possibility of a Christmas Giving Tree for local families in need.

PASTORAL ACTIVITY REPORT: Pastor David Strohschein will be in the SOTP office on Thursday mornings. Sunday morning Bible Study will be at 10:15 A.M. Pastor performed 2 baptisms this past month, and 1 funeral.

TREASURERS REPORT: As more congregants are returning we are headed in the right direction. Motion to approve this report by Bev, second by Joan.

PROPERTIES REPORT: Keith Peterson reported on the replacement of the exterior doors. These doors are rotting from the bottom. Locks were changed; new keys have been distributed. Snow plowing will be same as last year.

SECRETARY REPORT: Report was approved as read. Dave made a motion to approve, Ron second.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN POSITIONS: EMT Education & Small Group & Wedding Coordinator

Weddings Coming Up: There are 4 upcoming weddings for 2022.

NEW BUSINESS: Board Nominations were reviewed. Bev Gerads, Colleen Woods and Scott Manea.

Volunteers needed for projectionists and readers for Advent Services. Kids can sign up for the Communion job of holding the containers for the cups following Communion.

The SOTP ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

Worship Schedule was reviewed.

NEXT BOLM MEETING: November 18 at 7 P.M.

Visitor Guide books will continue to be mailed out to newcomers who move into the area, also given to newcomers who come to SOTP.

BOLM MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:57 P.M. Motion by Dave, Second by Deb.

Pastor Strohschein closed with Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Bev Gerads BOLM Secretary



Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of SOTP will be held **Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 10:15am in the church sanctuary.** We will have our normal service time on Sunday, November 21st 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.

Proverbs 22:6 KJV "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We've chosen to view and discuss Ray Vander Laan's video series "That the World May Know" together on Sundays in the Youth Room. We are discussing the Bible stories youth have learned about in previous years of Sunday School at a new level with the help of the DVD's which take us on video to the places where Jesus grew up and led his disciples. We're looking forward to seeing more youth participate in our Sunday morning discussions.



Sarah Anderson
Youth Group Leader

Greeting and Blessed Thanksgiving!



Just a word from the Sunday School Program! We have 34 young people involved in Sunday School this year which is so refreshing! I want to thank Jessica, Nicole, Garry, Lois & Dave and Sarah & Josh for dedicating your Sunday morning to the kids! We are in need of substitute teachers. We currently have 3, so we need about 5 more. If God moves your heart to be "on call" for Him and the children, please see the sign-up sheet on

the counter in the Narthex or give the church a call. Volunteering is so rewarding for the heart...I encourage you, please take a pause and see where YOU can share your talents and time at SOTP! As I help out with Sunday school my heart is happy, come see if your heart needs some refreshing!+



Also, the beautiful calendars for 2022 will go on sale starting in November. All proceeds will go towards VBS! They will be \$7.00 each and make wonderful Christmas gifts!!!

Have a blessed day and Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!
Brenda Hackett

Greetings,



November is typically a time for reflection on thankfulness - recognizing the things, people, and aspects of life that we appreciate. Expressing gratitude is a proven way to lift your spirits, reduce stress, and improve overall health.

So, to celebrate the season and give thanks, I wanted to encourage you to a 30 day gratitude challenge. So for the 30-day gratitude challenge, cut up 30 slips of paper. Each day write down one thing you're grateful for and put it in a jar. At the end of the 30 days, gather your family around, empty the jar, and read all 30 notes.

The holidays can be stressful, but taking a step back to acknowledge the positives can make a difference, not only to yourself but also to others. Your thanks could be the one ray of sunshine in someone else's day.

A couple of reminders: Lefse making will take place **on November 6th.** I am currently working on a giving tree for local families in December, as well as and doing a Christmas Caroling event in December. Please get in touch with me if you would like to help in planning these events.

Blessings to you all!
Jen Ollman
320-247-2803

September Church Income Statement

	September	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$24,919	\$165,845
Expenses	(\$22,446)	(\$165,038)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$2,473	\$807



November NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, November 14th**, for the **Terebinth Refuge**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

September Distribution is
Thursday, November 4th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

Men's Bible Study



Men's Bible study meets
Wednesday Nights at 7pm-8pm
Study is on creation & science

Woman's Bible Study will be on
hold for a little bit until things get
settled



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 Send us your Email Address](#) 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!

**Confirmation is Wednesdays
evenings from 6:30-7:30pm.**

Bible Studies

**Sunday Morning Bible
Study meets at 10:25 in the
Sanctuary**



Wedding Coordinator Needed for SOTP

Fun paid position. We have three weddings scheduled and would like to have our wedding coordinator in place. Approximately an 8 hour commitment per wedding. Please see Joanny Ramey for details or call 393-3342. Training will be provided.

Homeless Shelters



Homeless shelters are in dire need of twin flat and fitted sheets, they do not need matching sets. – No stains, no tears and twin fitted sheets must have good elastic. Please donate clean with no fragrances (for people with allergies). As always towels are needed. Please give items to Ardelle or leave in the church sewing room. Thank you!

Place of Hope Needs

- Ankle length socks for Men
- Beach, Bath, & Hand towels
- New Wash cloths
- New Men's underwear sizes L to 3XL
- Large coats- new/clean gently used

**Please Leave in Evelyn's sewing Room or
give to Ardelle**



Worship Team

Worship Help Schedule

Greetings and blessings to you all! With only a couple of months left of this year we are trying to finish things up with getting people back on the volunteer list. Many have said they want to be added so we went back to pre-Covid and added some names back on. If this doesn't work for you, please let me or the church office know. Also, it was discussed at the October BOLM meeting to have Ushers possibly come back. We have put that on hold as what we are doing right now is working fine. We will see what happens in the near future to see if we go back to 2 services.

We are in need of musicians! If you know of anyone willing to serve in this area, please let me know. It is always good to have back-up and we give thanks that we have the recorded music to fill some voids!

Please check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the Thanksgiving Eve service. We will be having a service to give Thanks for all the blessings we receive each and every day! If you plan to be there, please consider helping out! Thank you!

We appreciate all the helping hands that have helped to make SOTP run smoothly over the course of this year and thank you ever so much. May the Lord bless you and your family as we enter Thanksgiving!

Keith Hackett
Worship Team Leader

November	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
11/07/21	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Dennis Arntson	Ron Woods		Jane Nelson -
11/14/21	9:00am	Joyce Saldana	Cynthia Ollman	Lois Perleberg		Jerry Nelson -
11/21/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Julie Kiraly	Ruth Brucher		Steve Ree
11/28/21	9:00am	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Ian Cairns	Jane Nelson		Dennis Arntson

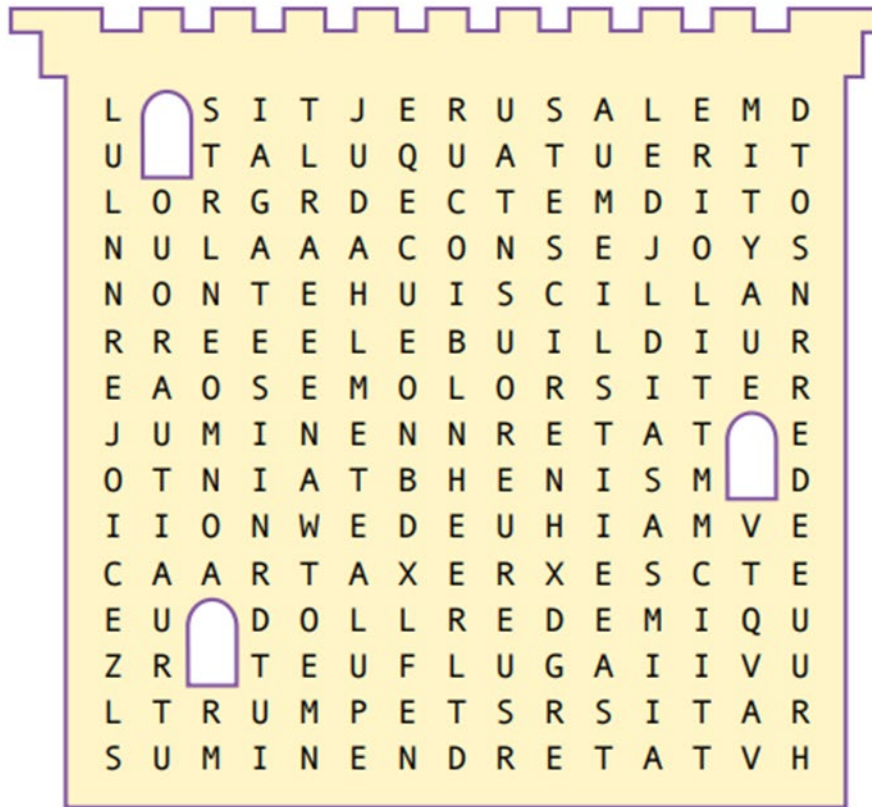
December	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
12/05/21	9:00am	Tom & Jen Ollman	Levi Brenny	Janet Maleska		Brenda Hackett -
12/12/21	9:00am	Milton & Marlene Popp	Sarah Anderson	Sandie Resch		Jerry Nelson -
12/19/21	9:00am	Dean & Karie Giese	Isabelle Cairns	Dennis Arntson		Steve Ree
12/26/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Dennis Arntson	Jerry Nelson		Jane Nelson

"Give thanks to the Lord
for He is good."
Psalm 107:1



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.



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 7	Colleen Woods	
November 14	Joanny Ramey	
November 21	Deb Erdmann	
November 24	6:30pm Bev Gerads	
November 28	Kyle Hackett	

November 7	9AM	Ron Woods	
November 14	9AM	Lois Perleberg	
November 21	9AM	Ruth Brutcher	
November 28	9AM	Jane Nelson	

November 7	9AM	Shelly Pintok	
November 14	9AM	Joyce Saldana	
November 21	9AM	Bruce & Sandie Resch	
November 28	9AM	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	

NOVEMBER

Barb McKeever, Milt Popp,
Marlene Popp



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 7-	Adam & Erica Steffes Child: Tilla
November 14-	David & Serina Stockoski Children: Lilytha & Mia
November 21 -	Tyler Struffert & Fiancée Kara Billig Child: Lakelynn
November 28 -	Adam & Nicole Taylor Children: Blake & Emma

November 7th	November 21st
Psalm 149	Psalm 93
Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 1:4-8
Matthew 5:1-12	Mark 13:24-37

November 14th	November 28th
Psalm 16	Psalm 25:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-25	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Mark 13:1-13	Luke 19:28-40

Thanks Giving Eve- November 24th 6:30 PM

Psalm 67- Philippians 4:6-20 Luke 17:11-19



UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this Fall/Winter for Fellowship. We ask if you can't do 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!



November 7th

D Arntson, R Woods, T Ollmann

November 14th

A Gerads, S Manea, M Hinderscheid

November 21st

D Erdmann, J Brenny, D Mickelson

November 28th

K Kirchner, R Brutcher, P Tschida, R Weinand

December 5th

Ke Hackett, Ky Hackett, J Hackett

December 12th

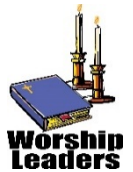
A Betker, B Betker, J Dingmann

December 19th

J Nelson, R McKeever, L Popp

December 26th No Fellowship

November 7	Jane Nelson
November 14	Jerry Nelson
November 21	Steve Ree
November 28	Dennis Arntson

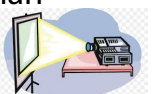


<u>Musicians</u>	
November 7	Heather Statz
November 14	Matthew Neutz
November 21	Praise Team
November 28	Matthew Neutz



PROJECTIONISTS

November 7	9AM	Dennis Arntson
November 14	9AM	Cynthia Ollman
November 21	9AM	Julie Kiraly
November 28	9AM	Ian Cairns



NOVEMBER

Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg, &
Brenda Pressnall

**Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Eve
Service October 24th 6:30pm**



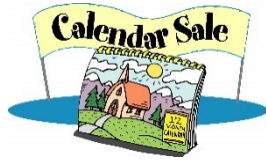


Will Be Closed:

The SOTP Church Office will be closed on November 25th and 26th (Thanksgiving)

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

2022 God's Creation Calendars will be for sale this year starting November 7th 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!



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Join us on **Wednesday, November 24, 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 24th at 6:30pm
 Advent Services – December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd at 6:30pm
 Plans for Children Christmas Message December 19th
 Christmas Eve Services – December 24th at 3:00 & 5:00pm
 There will be no Christmas Day Service

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



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November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Alanon	6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting		9:00 Making Lefse at SOTP
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:25 Adult Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Alanon	6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Men's Bible Study	 Veteran's Day 9:00 Quilters		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:25 Adult Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Alanon	6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Prayer and Praise 7:00 BOLM Meeting		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Noisy Offering Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship No Sunday School 10:15 Annual Congregational Meeting	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Alanon	6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	
28	29	30	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">GIVE <i>Thanks</i></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">to the LORD,</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">FOR HE IS GOOD:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">HIS <i>love</i> ENDURES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">FOREVER!</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 5px 0 0 0;"><i>Psalm 107:2</i></p> <p style="font-size: 0.9em; margin: 0;">Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com</p> <p style="font-size: 0.9em; margin: 0;">Monday- Friday 9:00-3:00</p>			
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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; Joan Ramey 393-3342; Ron McKeever Treas. 393-2524; Colleen Woods 685-4389; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; Garry Loidolt 393-2097

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Jen Ollman- Service Team Leader, Open Position – Education & Small Group 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.