

# November



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## 2022

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Dear friends in Christ,

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” Matthew 5:9

This was back in the day of the military draft when you were assigned a number in the draft through a lottery system based on your month and day of birth as to when you might be or would be drafted. It was 1969, and in June of that year I turned 18. My draft lottery number turned out to be 13, meaning I would most certainly be drafted into the military to serve my country. It was also the time of the War in Vietnam.

I never was drafted, for I was given an exemption (I believe it was called a deferment) due to the fact that I was studying to become a pastor. I often wonder what my life would have been like had I been drafted. Where would I have served? Would I have seen combat duty? Would I even be here today to write about this?

I share this, because I personally want to express my gratitude to all those who either enlisted or were drafted to serve our country. My admiration of your selfless bravery and patriotism is great. My wanting to thank you is even greater. Through your service, you helped to preserve our country and the freedoms we enjoy. And there is no answer to the question of “where would we be now without you?” other than to say we wouldn’t want to be there.


So, to all of our veterans and to each of our veterans, especially to you who are my brothers and sisters in Christ at Shepherd of the Pines, please accept this as one person’s heartfelt words of “Thank You!” for your faithful service to our country.

May God bless you even as you have been a blessing to our country!

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

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## Annual Congregational Meeting

 **The annual congregational meeting of SOTP will be held after service Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 10:20am in the church sanctuary.** We will have our normal service time for Sunday, November 20th 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.

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The SOTP Church Office will be closed on  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving)



## JOINT EMT/BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING

October 20, 2022 7P.M.

Pending Approval

**PRESENT:** Kyle Hackett, Garry Loidolt, Ron McKeever, Deb Erdmann, Dave Perleberg, Collen Woods, Bev Gerads, Pastor Dave Strohschein, EMT: Brenda Hackett, Keith Hackett, Julie Kiraly. Dan Cairns Absent: Joan Ramey, Keith Peterson Properties.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M. by president Kyle Hackett. Pastor Dave opened with prayer, Mission Statement read by Dave Perleberg.

**EMT REPORTS:** Worship: Keith Hackett reported doing an audit on technology equipment. Audio Video equipment for preservice video and music, and the ability to have our service streamed over the website. Also there is a rise in service attendance.

**Education:** Brenda Hackett reported on Education. There were more Bibles purchased and Catechisms. Will be ordering some items for the Winter quarter. November 6 Calendar sales for VBS will begin. Small Groups: Colleen Woods reported on the 4 Bible Study Groups. Sunday A.M., Wed. AM (2), Wed. P.M. A parents bible study during Sunday School is beginning. Small Groups and Triads are encouraged! We reviewed budget proposals submitted by the EMT team.

**PASTORAL REPORT:** Pastor Dave gave a report on Pastoral Activity. Worship, Education, Regular Meetings, Official Acts, Visitation, Circuit Activity and Other Activities.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron McKeever presented the treasurer's report. We paid our bills. Motion by Bev, second by Deb to accept report as given. Motion passed.

**PROPERTIES:** In Keiths absence it was brought to our attention there is an issue with the fans. Repair of the issue is being looked into. Purchase of heaters or portable air conditioners for rooms not connected to the sanctuary/fellowship area. Those heaters we have are not working at all well.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** The Secretaries Report was reviewed. Deb made the motion to accept the report as presented, Ron second. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We discussed the call process, the informational meeting on Oct 25, and the October 30 congregational voters meeting at 10:20 A.M. Open positions remain. Service Team Leader position is open as well as Altar Guild people.

**BOLM NOMINATIONS** and VACATES: Dave Perleberg and Deb Erdmann have completed their first terms. Two other congregation members have been nominated. Will be announced upon their approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We reviewed the Worship Shepherd Schedule. There will be Soup Suppers during Advent. Nov 30, Dec 7,14,21. 5P.M. - 6:15P.M.

**AA Meetings** will be starting back up at SOTP more information will be coming soon.

**Next BOLM MEETING** will be November 17 at 7.P.M.

**Audit** being done before annual meeting. A full bulletin will be included on the website.

Motion made by Bev, second by Deb to adjourn at 9:20 P.M.

Garry and Colleen closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Gerads Secretary BOLM



# Education / Small Group Team

Greetings to you all an Happy Blessed Thanksgiving!

My I can hardly believe we are entering November, where has time gone? I pray that this time of the year draws you to stop and pause and reflect at all the blessings you have each day! We celebrate those blessings this time of the year, but do you celebrate those blessings daily?? Food for thought!

John 14:6 is the key and if you look at that verse you will see the importance to bring up a child AND yourself in the ways of the Lord. We have 2 months of Sunday School completed already and I am so very thankful for the dedicated teachers each Sunday! I really encourage you as parents...don't overlook the foundation that Sunday School gives the children. Please, MAKE THE TIME, GIVE the time, for your child to have a foundation. It is the one thing that they can always count on to be there through this crazy life we face. The worldly view and life style that they have to see daily can lead them in a direction far from the Lord....this gift of teaching is one that they will carry with them! So... bring the kids!

We will not be having Sunday School over Thanksgiving weekend and the Sunday before is the Annual Meeting for the congregation. On that Sunday we will again have BINGO for the kids so adults can attend the meeting! We also will be planning for the kids message for Christmas. Watch for that too!

I want to just again say a big "THANK YOU" to all who have been teaching at SOTP through Sunday School, Bible Classes, training up new leaders, Pastor Dave and all the teaching he has given. Blessings to you Brothers and Sisters!

Brenda Hackett  
Education Ministry

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## Bible Studies have begun!

### After service Sunday mornings

\* A study of the Scriptures of the day led by Pastor Dave Stroschein

### 9:30 Wednesday mornings

\* The Book of Matthew, led by Lois Perleberg - all are welcome!

\* "Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak" led by Marlene Popp

### 7 pm Wednesday evenings

"Get Out of Your Head" led by Emily Wunderlich

### ON OUR RADAR:

Sunday mornings during Sunday School

\* A study for Parents led by Richael Weinand



I encourage everyone to join a **Small Group** this winter! Whether it be connecting with two others to form a **Triad** to pray for each other, joining a **Bible Study**, starting a Bible Study, working on a **Mission project**, such as quilting, joining with others to serve a meal once a month at **Place of Hope**, gathering with others to **pray for children in public schools...**

**Talk to me about your ideas, interests, and concerns!** 320-685-4389 - Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Colleen Woods



# Worship Team

## 2022 Schedule

## Worship

## Help

November	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
11/06/22	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Mackenzie Ramey	Ruth Brucher	Bev & Al Gerads	Jane Nelson
11/13/22	9:00am	Joyce Saldana	Dennis Arntson	Richael Weinand	Ron & Barb McKeever	Keith Hackett
11/20/22	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Levi Brenny	Jerry Nelson	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Steve Ree
11/27/22	9:00am	Keith & Brenda Hackett	Cynthia Ollman	Ron Woods	Keith & Kathy Craft	Dennis Arntson
December	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
12/04/22	9:00am	Tom & Jen Ollman	Julie Kiraly	Janet Maleska	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Brenda Hackett
12/11/22	9:00am	Milton & Marlene Popp	Denise Leahy	Lois Perleberg	Brad & Holly Jasmer	Jerry Nelson
12/18/22	9:00am	Dean & Karie Giese	Cal Ollman	Paul Tschida	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Steve Ree
12/25/22	9:00am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Join us on **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

Advent Services – November 30<sup>th</sup> December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Service- December 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

Christmas Eve Services – December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Christmas Day Service Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> 9am



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

November 30<sup>th</sup> BOLM

December 7<sup>th</sup> OPEN

December 14<sup>th</sup> OPEN

December 21<sup>st</sup> OPEN

### November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Philippians 4:6-20

Luke 17:11-19



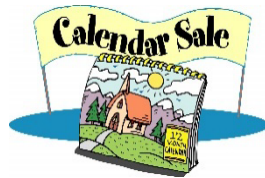
## Call Committee Members

Scott Manea 320-267-5409  
 Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236  
 Janet Maleska 320-249-4467  
 Colleen Woods 320-685-4389  
 Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992  
 John Alstrup 612-839-9490  
 Dan Carins 320-293-9213  
 Peg Herman 320-267-1863  
 Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880

If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, here is his contact information as well. 320-241-5806.

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2023 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!



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!

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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
John	Alstrup	November 11
Brody	Soltis	November 12
Eric	Abraham	November 13
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
Mädchen	Smallfield	November 19
Dave	Brannen	November 20
June	Plumski	November 21
Donna	Klaphake	November 21
Linda	Omann	November 22
John	Elliott	November 22
Sheri	Douvier	November 22
Diane	Barringer	November 24
Lois	Perleberg	November 25
Don	Diehl	November 26
Doug	Newman	November 27
Marlene	Shane	November 27
Lloyd	Walburn	November 27
Marlys	Lenarz	November 27
Noah	Hackett	November 27
Hannah	Eggert	November 28
Kyle	Hemple	November 28
Milton	Popp	November 29
Cole	Douvier	November 29

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

## September Church Income Statement

	September	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$18,827	\$173,881
Expenses	(\$14,718)	(\$155,370)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$4,109	\$18,511

### Rice Area Food Shelf

November Distribution is  
Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:00-5:30pm  
at the Old Village Hall!



**Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on November 18<sup>th</sup> for DC League of Super pets Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snacks are available to share as well.**

### Homework Hour

Looking to see if there is an interest in a homework hour at SOTP. Thinking of 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday Nights. Kids would come with homework and questions, and we would have people here to help them with whatever they are struggling with.

Please Sign up or reach out to the Church office.

### Open Positions to create a Service Team

**We are looking for a group of people to be on the service team. This group would help plan and organize events at SOTP. Please speak to a board member if this is something that you would be interested in, or if would like more information.**



### First Communion Class

First Communion Class is scheduled for Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30pm. Pastor Dave would like your 5<sup>th</sup> grader or 6<sup>th</sup> grader and a parent to attend this class. As of now a First Communion Sunday has not been scheduled. Please email if you have any questions or concerns. Also, email to notify us if your child will be attending the class.



Thank you all who signed up to assist with the Trunk or Treat event on October 29<sup>th</sup>! It is a great way to show the community what kind of leaders we are becoming. No matter what your participation, you are a part of the success of the event!

Please set aside November 16<sup>th</sup> as a date for a youth group activity night. We'll meet directly following confirmation class at 7:30pm.

High School Youth are invited to the youth room on Sunday mornings during Sunday school. We are studying "Philippians - Learning to Lead as a Disciple of Jesus" together on Sunday mornings. "This Bible study dives deeply into this love letter to a people the apostle poured his heart and soul into. It will give you fresh insight into familiar verses and point you to the path of real influence. And it all starts at the feet of Jesus." We're excited to start this new adventure with you. See you on Sunday morning!

Josh & Sarah Anderson  
Youth Group Leaders

### 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 a least 4 individuals on each team. Please contact me and we will go over what would be required....we also are 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

November  
NOISY OFFERING!

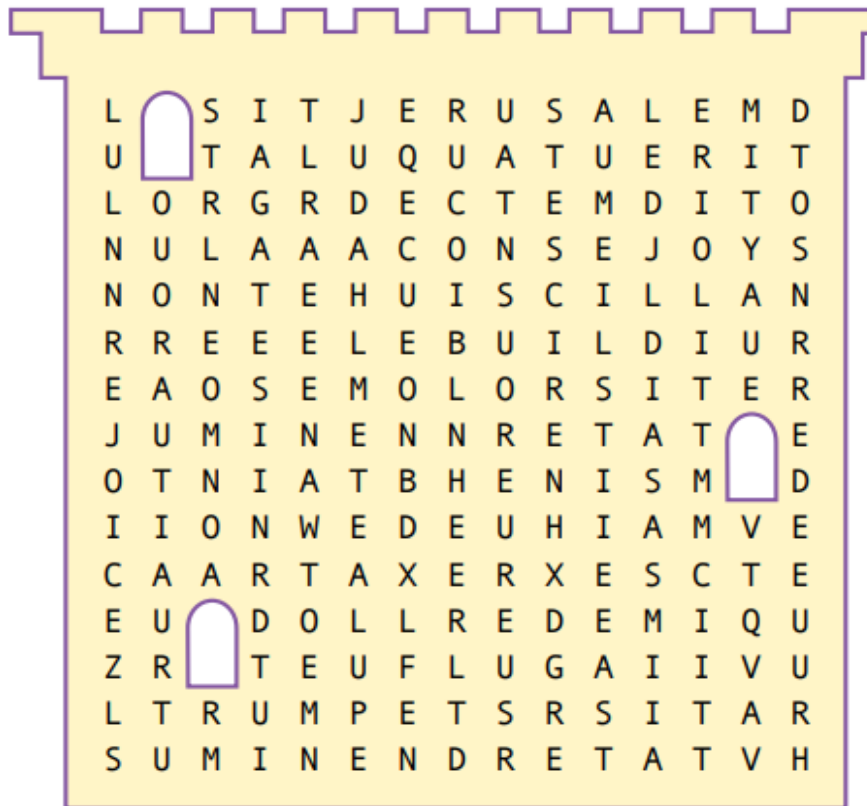


We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** for the **Terebinth Refuge**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

# Nehemiah and the Wall Word Search



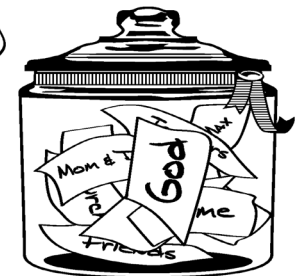
Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



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| ARTAXERXES<br>BUILD | GATES<br>JERUSALEM | JOY<br>JUDAH | NEHEMIAH<br>REJOICE | TRUMPETS<br>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 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bev Gerads	
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Perleberg	
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Colleen Woods	
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Garry Loidolt	
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Shelley Pintok	
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Saldana	
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November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Woods	
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bev & Al Gerads	
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Barb McKeever	
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Keith & Kathy Craft	



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 6 <sup>th</sup>	Keith & Kathy Craft	Child: Kendal
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Paulette Dahl	
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Dase	
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Randa DeMarais	

November 6 <sup>th</sup>	November 13 <sup>th</sup>
Psalm 149	Malachi 4:1-6
Revelations 7:9-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Matthew 5:1-12	Luke 21:5-28
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	November 27 <sup>th</sup>
Malachi 3:13-18	Isaiah 2:1-5
Colossians 1:13-20	Romans 13:11-14
Luke 23:27-43	Matthew 24:36-44

NOVEMBER  
Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



NOVEMBER  
Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg,  
& Brenda Pressnall

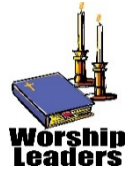
## UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

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!



<b>November 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson</b>
<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns</b>
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson</b>
<b>November 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>K. Kirchner, R. Brucher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson</b>
<b>December 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>B. Jasmer, H. Jasmer, A. Ostendorf</b>
<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp</b>
<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz</b>
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>No Fellowship</b>

November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Nelson
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Hackett
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Ree
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Arntson



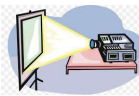
### Musicians

November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Statz
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lyric Videos
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Team
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lyric Videos



### PROJECTIONISTS

November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mackenzie Ramey
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Arntson
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Levi Brenny
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia Ollman








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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Annual Congregational Meeting 10:20 Children Bingo	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Alanon	9:30 Bible Studies <b>NO Confirmation</b> 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	 <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
27	28	29	30	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>GIVE <i>Thanks</i> to the <b>LORD</b>,  <b>FOR HE IS GOOD;</b>            HIS <i>love</i> ENDURES <b>FOREVER!</b></p> <p><small>Psalm 107:2</small></p> </div>		
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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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, Open Position- Service Team Leader,

Brenda Hackett – Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Team

*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.