



"Are You Expecting?"

*Matthew 24:44*

November 27, 2022

**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 located 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 27, 2022

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

NO Sunday School

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Invocation

Pastor: Today as we enter into the season of Advent we worship against the backdrop of these words of Jesus in the Gospel lesson. "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him." (Matthew 24:44)

**Congregation: "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day the Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)**

Pastor: So it is that we begin our worship with the name that was placed upon us at our Baptism, when we were given the gift of faith in Jesus, the One Who is to come.

**Congregation: We worship as His redeemed and forgiven children in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: This is God's promise. If we confess our sins, He will be faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Congregation: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray that You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. By His grace, He has removed your sins from you as far as the east is from the west. With His grace, He remembers them no more. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome.

**Congregation: By the power of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to profess Christ and shine as lights of Your grace and mercy to all, that more people may come to know the Hope that is in Jesus.**

Pastor: In His name we pray.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 2:1-5 (Page 676)

Epistle – Romans 13:8-14 (Page 1123)

Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44 (Page 982)

## Sermon Song

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein  
"Are You Expecting?"  
Matthew 24:44

Notes:

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### 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

Offering Song

"Even So Come"

Prayers (Family this week: Randa DeMarais)

## 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

## Holy Communion

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

## Communion Songs

"All Who Are Thirsty & Amazing Grace"

## Communion Dismissal & Benediction

Closing Song

"Forever"

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12



We are glad to have you with us today!  
Please sign our guest book.  
Fellowship will be after church service.

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## Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

[www.sotpministries.com/give](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)

or call the office at

320-393-4295 for help setting this up!

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## Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Quilting Tuesday & Thursday
  - Bible Studies, Wednesday morning 9:30am
  - Confirmation Wednesday at 6:00pm
  - Join us Wednesday for Advent Service @ 6:30pm with supper served before, from 5-6:15pm November 30<sup>th</sup> December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>
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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!

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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 a group to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



**November 27<sup>th</sup> K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher. P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> B. Jasmer, H. Jasmer, A. Ostendorf**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/J.Popp**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> No Fellowship**

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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.

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 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	393-3342
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever Treas.	492-5043	Garry Loidolt	393-2097

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

## **Executive Ministry Team**

Open Position(s) - Service 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

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### **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 prayer 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**

Kye John Roelofs  
Blakelyn Rose Gangl  
Mädchen Cate Smallfield  
Emily May Moulzolf  
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux  
Griffin Dale Maass

#### **Date of Baptism**

November 21, 2021  
March 27, 2022  
April 3, 2022  
June 19, 2022  
July 24, 2022  
October 17, 2022

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

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## **Central MN Foster Grandparent Program**

**Calling all volunteers age 55+!! You have many opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child at local schools, childcare centers or KIDSTOP programs.**

### **Help children succeed**

- Only 260 hours per year
- Tax-free stipend
- Travel reimbursement
- Training provided

**Contact Sue at 320-229-4589 or email at [sue.feliciano@ccstcloud.org](mailto:sue.feliciano@ccstcloud.org) for more information.**

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## **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 you would like more information. Our next event will be in February (Daddy/Daughter Dance) Looking for people interested in helping. Please sign up on Narthex counter.

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## **AA at SOTP**

AA will start meeting back at SOTP on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM. They will be meeting weekly. If you have any questions or would like more information, reach out to Dan Cairns. 320-293-9213

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## **Bible Studies have begun!**

### † **After service Sunday mornings**

A study of the Scriptures of the Day led by Pastor Dave Strohschein

### † **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

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## **Youth Group News and information**

- On Saturday Dec 3rd, Country Manor - Assisted Living has invited the youth group to help put up Christmas decorations and get into the Christmas spirit with the residents.
- On Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will serve the Advent Soup Supper.



## Holiday Worship Schedule

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

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Looking for a group/individuals to sign up  
for Advent Suppers.

Supper will be served from 5pm to 6:15pm.  
Service will be at 6:30pm

November 30<sup>th</sup> BOLM

December 7<sup>th</sup> Quilter/Bible Study

December 14<sup>th</sup> Youth

December 21<sup>st</sup> OPEN

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## Homework Hour

If you or your child is interested in a homework hour please reach out to the church office. This time will be for any student that has questions or needs help with their homework. We are looking at Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm. We will have adults here to help you with questions or if you just want to study with another peer this is a great time and place to get that done. Currently we are going to do week by week if anyone is signed up.

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# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (Music- Lyric Videos)**

8:00 AM Prayer Time  
9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
**No Sunday School/Youth Group**  
**No Bible Study**

## **Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM Praise Team  
7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

## **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting

## **Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Bible Study: Book of Matthew  
9:30 AM Woman's Study: Mothers and Daughters  
5-6:15 PM Soup Supper  
6:00 PM Confirmation  
6:30 PM Advent Service

## **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 AM Pastor Dave in the Office**  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

## **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (Music- Heather Statz)**

8:00 AM Prayer Time  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:20 AM Sunday School/Youth Group  
10:30 AM Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
November 27<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Keith & Brenda Hackett  
Projectionist: Sarah Anderson  
Reader: Ron Woods  
Ushers: Keith & Kathy Craft

**Worship Leader:** Dennis Arntson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Garry Loidolt

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
December 4<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Tom & Jen Ollman  
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly  
Reader: Janet Maleska  
Ushers: Keith & Brenda Hackett

**Worship Leader:** Brenda Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Garry Loidolt

**Fellowship** B. Jasmer, A. Ostendorf