



Mark 1:4

"What do you do after you've sinned?"

December 10, 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.

December 10, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group

10:20 Special Voters Meeting

Praise Team Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

Pastor: We gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Pastor: Father, prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus joyfully!

Congregation: We thank You for your faithfulness; doing what You promised long ago when You sent Your Son to earth so that we might become part of Your family.

Pastor: Let the promise of His second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose.

Congregation: Help us to find our rest in You in the midst of what feels like chaos in our world.

Pastor: We pray and ask this in the name of Jesus.

Congregation: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Today we baptize Louise Lee Dumonceaux, daughter of Braxton Dumonceaux and Kayla Loehrer; & Rowen Wes Skajewski son of Eric & Brittny Skajeski.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 40:1-11 (Page 714)

Epistle – 2 Peter 3:8-14 (Page 1206)

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8 (Page 990)

Sermon Song

“Away in a Manger”

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We join together to make a confession of our sins and to receive God's Word of grace and forgiveness.

Congregation: O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Pastor: Be assured of this; for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has forgiven you all your sins. Come now to His table to receive that very gift and to be strengthened in your faith.

Congregation: Amen.

The Words of our Lord

Those Receiving First Communion Today

Annalyse Dubbin, Brayden Dubbin, Joselynn Dubbin &

Peter Seppelt

Holy Communion

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

Communion Songs

"Amazing Grace, Goodness of God, & His Mercy is More"

Communion Dismissal

The Benediction

Closing Song

"Joy to the World"

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28



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.



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 Salzbrun

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.

**We will have a voting congregational meeting
on December 10th after church at 10:20.**

Pastor Russell Kampfer

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Go to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Wausau, WI
Facebook page to review some Pastor Sermon notes

We encourage you to check out the information on Pastor
Kampfer, and prayerfully consider how he might fit into God's
plan for our church.

**If you want to see the PIFs and SETs please contact Julie in
the office to set up a time to look at them. These items
cannot leave SOTP.**

Call Committee Members

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

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School at 10:20
 - Special Voters Meeting today at 10:20
 - Quilters meet Tuesday 9am and Thursday 9am
 - Wednesday morning Bible study 9:30am
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
 - Children's Christmas Program December 17th
 - Donations for the Giving Tree should be brought to the church by December 17th
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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 someone to switch with. Each group is

to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!

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

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

December 24th No Fellowship

December 31st Volunteers Needed

January 7th J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf

January 14th D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

January 21st S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

January 28th M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

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
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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

December Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Karen Ellefson

December Counters: Ron McKeever & Wayne Anderson



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
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January 29, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 26, 2023
May 14, 2023
May 21, 2023
October 8, 2023

Holiday Worship Schedule

Advent Services –

December 13th & 20th 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Message- December 17th

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th 9am with Holy Communion – and
Candlelight Services at 3:00pm and 5:00pm



ADVENT: A Time for Prayer.

Advent services will be 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 13th – Praying for God's timing

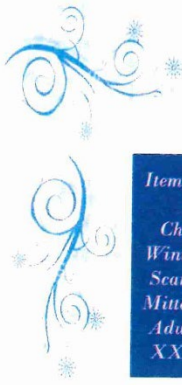
December 20th – Praying to walk faithfully

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

The Service will be at 6:30pm.

December 13th Quilters

December 20th Event Team



THE CRUSADE CHOIR from FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
presents

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Directed by Jullian
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Dates:

Friday, December 8, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 2:00 pm

at First Presbyterian Church
340 5th Ave. South, St. Cloud, MN
320-251-8277

Items in need:
New
Children's
Winter Coats,
Scarves, and
Mittens. Also
Adult XL &
XXL Sizes.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Proceeds will go to the Homeless Children's Ministry

Greetings,



We want to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. We will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy; we pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. As in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us) this

Christmas. Without Christ's presence among us, we would be lost. Instead, we are healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole through God's presence working within us. We pray you have a fantastic Christmas!

There will be a Christmas Giving Tree in the month of December. There are several items on the tree that are needed for families in need in our community. Please consider choosing a card or making a monetary donation to the giving tree. Items need to be at SOTP church office by **December 17th**.

Blessings to you all!

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, December 10th (Music-Praise Team) First Communion

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School
10:20 AM	Special Congregational Meeting

Monday, December 11th

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

Tuesday, December 12th

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, December 13th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
5:00-6:15 PM	Advent Supper (Quilters)
6:00 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Advent Service

Thursday, December 14th

9:00-Noon	Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Sunday, December 17th (Music-Praise Team)

Children's Christmas Message

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
December 10th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Milton & Marlene Popp
Projectionist: Denise Leahy
Reader: Lois Perleberg
Ushers: Brad & Holly Jasmer

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
December 17th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Dean & Karie Giese
Projectionist: Sarah Anderson
Reader: Paul Tschida
Ushers: Jeremy & Candance Dingmann

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Kyle Hackett

Fellowship P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki



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 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 \$ _____