

1 Corinthians 7:29-35



There is no
time like
the present

January 21, 2024

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.

January 21, 2024

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School/ Youth Group

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Video, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"At the Cross"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin our worship remembering the name placed upon us in Baptism.

Congregation: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In today's Old Testament reading from the book of Jonah, the Lord gave Jonah a second chance to go to the people of Nineveh in order to bring them to repentance. Ultimately, the people of Nineveh did repent. Listen to God's response. "When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction He had threatened." (Jonah 3:10). Knowing our God to be a gracious and compassionate Father through the giving of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, as full payment for our sins, we can now come before Him and repent of our sins, confident that for the sake of Christ, He will forgive us.

Congregation: Merciful and gracious Father, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words and deeds. I am truly sorry for how I have offended You and harmed the people You have brought into my life. I have nothing of my own to offer. I can only ask Your forgiveness for the sake of Your Son, who loved me and gave His life for me. I also ask for the gracious power of Your Holy Spirit to work in my life so that I might leave my sins behind and live in a way that brings You honor and glory.

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, even as You called ordinary men to follow you so that they would become fishers of men.

Congregation: We ask and pray for that same blessing. By the power of Your Spirit, enable us to reach out to the people who live around us and the people we work with or go to school with the message of forgiveness and hope that are only in You. Amen.

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to F.A.C.T. (Feeding Area Children Together). We have a short video.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (Page 917)

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 7:29-35 (Page 1132)

Gospel – Mark 1:14-20 (Page 990)

Sermon Song

“Build My Life”

Sermon

Pastor Paul Cloeter

“No Time Like the Present”

1 Corinthians 7:29-35

Notes:

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.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Prayer (Family this week: Rodney & Lori Johnson)

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 Benediction

Closing Song “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28



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.



JANUARY NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, January 21st**, for the **F. A.C.T (Feeding Area Children Together)** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



Daddy/Daughter Dance

Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles bring your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to a fun night of Dancing (with a DJ), Crafts, Photo Booth and Snacks.

**Friday, February 9th
6:00pm-8:00pm**

 **Shepherd of the Pines
Lutheran Church**

Free Event - Register at sotpministries.com/dance

Register for the Dance at Sotpministries.com/dance

The Youth Invite You To the

Sweetheart Breakfast



Sunday February 11th @ 10am
in the Fellowship Hall.
We will have Freewill offering to
support the Youth Group

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

Paul Tschida	Pres.	360-5241	Joan Ramey	217-4431
David Perleberg	V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads	Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever	Treas.	492-5043	Josh Anderson	260-0808

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

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

January Counters: Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann, Sandi Resch



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

Date of Baptism

Cal Nicholas Cervenka	January 29, 2023
Barrett James Eggert	February 5, 2023
Amelia Rose Wentland	February 26, 2023
Joel Richard Page IV	May 14, 2023
Rosalynn Grace Hall	May 21, 2023
Barrett Charles Cole	October 8, 2023
Louise Lee Dumonceaux	December 10, 2023
Rowen Wes Skajewski	December 10, 2023
Marie Dawn Moulzolf	January 7, 2024
Emersyn Lynn Pekarek	January 14, 2024

Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Joseph Bangert, Sanborn, IA
Rev. Brian Barlow, Quartz Hill, CA
Rev. Tony Booker, Newport News, VA
Rev. Matthew Canaday, Crown Point, IN
Rev. Jace Detrie, Tinton Falls, NJ
Rev. Jack Heino, Marysville, OH
Rev. Richard Henze, Weston, FL
Rev. Elden Kohn, Macon, MO
Rev. Charles Lehmann, Bozeman, MT
Rev. Timothy Martinal, Millington, MI
Rev. Kevin Richter, Reinbeck, IA
Rev. Nathan Ruback, Florissant, MO
Rev. Jonathon Rusche, Toledo, OH
Rev. James Sansom, Green Valley, IL
Rev. Timothy Schaekel, Chaska, MN
Rev. Michael Thress, Elkton, MD
Rev. Lynn Wilson, Blue Springs, MO

If any member of SOTP has a concern about any of the pastors on the list, they can register their concern in writing for the Call committee to consider. Deadline for the Objection Period is February 5th

Call Committee Members

Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236	Janet Maleska 320-249-4467
Jeff Ramey 320-260-5869	Peg Herman 320-267-1863
Colleen Woods 320-685-4389	Bruce Resch 320-360-4562
John Alstrup 612-839-9490	Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880

*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!

- January 21st Noisy Offering F.A.C.T feeding area children together.
 - Sunday School/Youth Group Today at 10:20.
 - Bible study Today at 10:30.
 - Quilters Tuesday & Thursday 9am.
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm.
 - Wednesday Moring Bible Study 9:30am.
 - Confirmation Wednesday at 6:30pm by zoom.
 - February 5th Deadline for objection period on the Pastoral list
 - Daddy/Daughter Dance February 9th 6-8pm.
 - Sweetheart breakfast February 11th after church.
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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!

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

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

February 4th J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

February 11th *Sweetheart Breakfast******

February 18th J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

February 25th A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

We need volunteers for fellowship on February 25th. Please reach out to the office or Evie if you can help.

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, January 21st (Music-Lyric Videos) Pastor Paul Cloeter
Noisy Offering F.A.C.T. (Feeding Area Children Together)

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

Monday, January 22nd

7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, January 23rd

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

Wednesday, January 24th

9:30 AM Bible Study
6:30 PM **Confirmation by zoom**

Thursday, January 25th

9:00 AM Quilters
7:00 PM AA meeting

Sunday, January 28th (Music-Lyric Videos) Pastor Paul Cloeter

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
January 21st

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Jeff & Joan Ramey
Projectionist: Dennis Arntson
Reader: Richael Weinand
Ushers: Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Dave Perleberg

Fellowship S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

SOTP Worship Team Serving Next Sunday
January 28th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Garry Loidolt
Projectionist: Levi Brenny
Reader: Ruth Brutcher
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann

Fellowship M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

RICE AREA MISSION QUILTERS

Shepherd Of The Pines Lutheran Church
1950 125th St NW – Rice, MN 56367

Project Needs

Volunteers

Tie & Pin Quilts

Supplies

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| 1. Fabric – Yardage and Pieces | 5. Polyester Batting |
| 2. Yarn | 6. Towels |
| 3. Thread – Partial Spools ok | 7. Sheets & Pillowcases |
| 4. Double Knit Fabric | 8. Jeans & Denim Fabric |



Quilts, Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Washcloths, Pillowcases, Lap Robes, Receiving Blankets & Hot Pads Are Donated To:

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| † Centro Hispano | † Adolescent Addictions Services |
| † Anna Marie | † Foley Food Shelf (CROSS) |
| † Salvation Army | † Place of Hope |
| † St. Cloud Vet Stand Down | † Dream Center |
| † Bags of Love | † Catholic Charities |
| † Global Health Ministries | † Arch Angel |
| † VA Medical Center | † Lutheran World Relief |
| † Eagles Healing Nest | † Personal Ministry & Benefits |
| † Haiti | † Operation Christmas Child |
| † Terebinth Refuge | † Eden Brook |
| † Teen & Adult Challenge | † Homeless Helping Homeless |
| † Country Manor | † Hagen Ministry |
| † Bridge Recovery | † 180° Youth Shelter |
| † Wacosa | † Sharing and Caring Hands |

Contact: Ardelle (320)656-5858 Cell: (320)333-5858
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We appreciate any & all donations given!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Quilting News!

We have had a very productive year in Quilting! During the year 2023, we were able to deliver 1,737 queen and regular quilts, lap robes, Operation Christmas Child blankets, and receiving blankets. We also deliver miscellaneous pillowcases, sheets, towels, and washcloths free of charge to low-income families.

We want to thank everyone that has donated money, fabric, their time sewing tops and potholders, and ironing sheets. We have accomplished so much with everyone using their wonderful talents. We would really appreciate more people participating in the pinning and tying of the quilts. (We have a lot of fun and laughs!) No need to know how to sew!!

A special thank you to Thrivent Financial, Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church, and Jordie's Trailside Café for supporting our purchase of sheets for our quilts.

We have a list on the back of all the agencies that have received our items. They are all very grateful for all the time and talents of everyone that has taken part in this mission.