

December

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Church

2021

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 PENDING APPROVAL

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

BOLM MEMBERS PRESENT: Kyle Hackett, Bev Gerads, Deb Erdmann, Joan Ramey, Ron McKeever, Garry Loidolt, Colleen Woods, Pastor Stroschein, Keith Peterson, Secretary Julie Kiraly Absent Dave Perleberg

OPENED WITH PRAYER: Pastor Dave Strohschein

READ MISSION STATEMENT: Kyle Hackett

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron reviewed the treasurer's report. We paid our bills. We are on a good track. Bev made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Colleen Woods second.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: This report was reviewed. Bev corrected the time of the annual meeting from 10:30 A.M. To 10:15 A.M. Ron made a motion to accept this report and Deb second.

PROPERTIES REPORT: Keith Peterson presented his report. At this time he changed up some lights. Other items to be discussed in the upcoming months.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Dave reported on a Pre-Marriage Class and Marriage Enrichment Class on January 15 & 16, 2022.

New Member Class: January 22 9A.M. - Noon followed by a lunch.

Tentative March 30th & April 6 (Wednesdays) Communion Class.

First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Trunk and Treat was a huge success. Over 500 attended. This group made a list of suggestions for next year's event. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this Outreach event a success.

A motion was made by Colleen, second by Deb to sell the camera equipment we won't use for \$1500 to Pastor David Edge.

After discussion it was decided to split the EMT Education position and the Small Group position. Brenda Hackett will lead the EMT Education Position and Colleen Woods will manage Small Groups.

The Visitors Guide will be edited. We discussed ideas to welcome visitors.

We continue to seek an individual for the Wedding Coordinator Position. There are 3 upcoming weddings for 2022.

2 Positions are available for election of 3 yr. Terms. Bev Gerads and Colleen Woods are the nominees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Dave shared information about the "Call" process.

Upcoming Classes are posted in this newsletter.

We reviewed our Worship Shepherd Schedule

We discussed Christmas Advertisements in local Newspapers and will continue that tradition.

Pastor Dave's salary for December on 4 extra services was noted.

Also we discussed our Congregational meeting agenda.

NEXT BOLM MEETING: December 16, 2021 at 7P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Ron, second by Deb to adjourn. 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Gerads BOLM Secretar



"Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105

The position, "EMT Education and Small Group Leader" in the past has included all aspects of Bible Study, including Sunday School and Small Group adult studies. This is too much for just one person, so Brenda Hackett has agreed to continue with the children, and I have agreed to work with adult small groups, including Bible Studies and Triads.

Currently there is a small group meeting in homes on Monday evenings, a men's study on Creation and Science meeting at church on Wednesday evenings, and women interested in starting "The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children" at church on Wednesday mornings after Christmas.

There are 3 options. 1) A small "Book of Prayers" containing a prayer, a scripture and space for your own prayer notes. 2) The main book I call the "text book" with 15 chapters by Stormie Omartian containing many Scripture verses and her own experiences as she learned effective prayers. 3) The "Prayer and Study Guide" with 15 chapters to accompany the 'text book' with thought-provoking questions, many Scripture verses and space to write your own prayers for your adult children.

I will bring all three to the first class on January 5. However, if you want to get a good deal on your book, cdb book distributors.com has a cyber deal on the 'text book' regularly \$16.99 for \$8.49 on Cyber Monday. We will start by reading the book and decide after you see the accompanying books if we want to use either of those as well.

I have compiled a small list of studies I think may be of interest to our members, including a few that are available FREE to our SOTP members through RIGHT NOW MEDIA from the wealth of resources I discovered there. The list will be available on the counter in the narthex, or Check out Right Now Media for yourself. There are MANY video studies available in our own SOTP resource Library as well, including "You Are Never Alone!" (Which the men's group and the women's group each did last winter/spring.)

Please connect with me if you are interested in being involved in a Bible Study or Triad. I can help you find resources and connect you with others!

Colleen Woods 320-685-4389
Small Group Leader



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday December 19th
at 9:00 AM Service

Greetings all and Merry "Christ"mas!!!

Oh what a wonderful time of the year to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! We will be having a Sunday Children's Christmas Message on the 19th for Sunday School. In the weeks leading up to the 19th the teachers will go over what the kids will be doing. No memory work, just some fun for the kids. The last two weeks of December we will NOT be having Sunday School so you can celebrate with your family. Sunday School will resume January 9th. We hope to see the children!

If anyone is interested in working on VBS in the planning and prep work please talk to me! I enjoy this event so very much and it warms my heart to begin planning for 2022. God blessed the socks off us last year when we resumed and I am hoping to reach more children this new year!

Watch the bulletin and emails for announcements for upcoming events for the kids, like First Communion, Confirmation, and New Members Class. Pastor Dave will be gone in February so I will be filling in for him for confirmation class. We will continue on until he returns.

May the blessings fill your hearts and homes this year, the thanks and praise for even the smallest of blessings and challenges for this last year be remembered, and may His peace lead you into 2022!

Serving the Lord,
Brenda Hackett, Education

Greetings,



I want to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. We will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy; I pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. 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. I pray you have a fantastic Christmas!



There will be a Christmas Giving Tree in the month of December. There will be approximately nine families from the Rice area to be adopted. More information to follow.

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

Women's Winter Gathering

Sunday, January 16th @ 3:00PM

Jordie's Trailside Cafe

Sign-up Sheet in Narthex



October Church Income Statement

	September	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$24,288	\$190,133
Expenses	(\$17,052)	(\$182,540)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$6,786	\$7,593



November NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, December 12**, for the **Giving Tree**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

December Distribution is
Thursday, December 9th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!



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!

Wedding Coordinator @ 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.



We will have a class for anyone interested in becoming a member of SOTP on Saturday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Topics will include what we believe about: the Bible as the Word of God; the person and work of Jesus; the means of Grace and the work of the Holy Spirit; prayer; God as our Creator; living a life of faith. If you are a member of SOTP, you are also invited to join this study as a refresher for your faith. Please let Julie at SOTP know if you plan on attending.



THE ART OF MARRIAGE

This is a class for everyone who is planning on being married at SOTP in 2022 as well as for couples who are already married and who would like to enrich their marriage. It will

be held Friday, January 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and will continue through Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There is no fee for this class other than to come and be involved in learning more about the art of building a Christ-centered marriage. Please let Julie at SOTP know if you plan on attending.



Worship Team

Worship Help Schedule

Hello again. Here we are in December. We will continue to have 1 worship service at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings. We are also having Advent services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P.M.

We will also have 2 services Christmas Eve. They will be at 3:00 P.M. and at 5:00 P.M. A very big thank you to all of the volunteers that are helping with the worship services. The help is appreciated .

As we go through this month and look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior on Christmas, may we all see those around us that we can help to have a better Christmas season.

Keith Hackett
Worship Team Leader

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 Amtson		Steve Ree
12/26/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Dennis Amtson	Jerry Nelson		Jane Nelson

Baby Jesus and the Shepherds Word Search

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

A S T R U D D O L O R E M V E
N F E T F A D I T F I U A C I
G L T S A V I O R E F D R L I
S O N I M F D A L E S S Y N T
F C O F D O L N R T I S I T F
D K T F Q U A G E T F W I S I
F S L A N F I E L D S F I H C
I P H E R A T L U T F W I E F
J O S E P H N I S F A U T P T
I S F M E D O L O B O R F H U
S T R U D P E R F A M F N E L
L U T B E T H L E H E M F R L
A N D R E M F A F V E L F D O
L U M F Z Z R I L I T Q U S T
I E F M O L E S E F J E S U S

ANGEL
BETHLEHEM

FIELDS
FLOCK

JESUS
JOSEPH

MARY
SAVIOR

SHEEP
SHEPHERDS

Worship Shepherds

December 5	Dave Perleberg
December 12	Joanny Ramey
December 19	Joanny Ramey
December 26	Dave Perleberg



Advent Services

December 1 st 6:30 pm	Garry Loidolt
December 8 th 6:30 pm	Deb Erdmann
December 15 th 6:30 pm	Colleen Woods
December 22 nd 6:30 pm	Ron McKeever

December 24th Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Kyle Hackett 5:00 pm Garry Loidolt

December 5	9AM	Janet Maleska
December 12	9AM	Sandie Resch
December 19	9AM	Dennis Arntson
December 26	9AM	Jerry Nelson



December 5	9AM	Tom & Jen Ollman
December 12	9AM	Milt & Marlene Popp
December 19	9AM	Dean & Karie Giese
December 26	9AM	Keith & Kathy Craft



DECEMBER

Ron McKeever, Wayne Anderson,
Juli 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 December we will be praying for:**

December 5-	Erin Topitzhofer
December 12-	Pauk & Lila Tschida
December 19-	Heidi Vaillancourt
December 26-	Charyl Walberg



ALTAR GUILD

DECEMBER

Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, &
Joanny Ramey

December 5th
Psalm 66:1-12
Philippians 1:2-11
Luke 3:1-20

December 19th
Micah 5:2-5
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-56

December 12th
Psalm 85
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 7:18-35

December 26th
Psalm 111
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:22-40



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!



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

December 5	Brenda Hackett
December 12	Jerry Nelson
December 19	Steve Ree
December 26	Jane Nelson



Musicians

December 5	Heather Statz
December 12	Bethany
December 19	Praise Team
December 26	Volunteer/ Videos



PROJECTIONISTS

December 5	9AM	Levi Brenny
December 12	9AM	Isabelle Cairns
December 19	9AM	Sarah Anderson
December 26	9AM	Dennis Arntson



Christmas Eve Service

3 & 5 pm

December 24th

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

Volunteers Needed for Advent Service Wednesday at 6:30pm



The SOTP Church Office will be closed on December 24th for (Christmas)

Confirmation is Wednesdays evenings from 6:00-6:30. Advent Service will be part of Confirmation.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Plans for Children Christmas Message December 19th

**Advent Services: 6:30pm
The Miracles of Christmas**

December 1st The Miracle of a virgin Mother
Psalm 96
Luke 1:26-38

December 8th The Miracle of Joseph's Dream
Psalm 25
Matthew 1:18-25

December 15th The Miracle of Bethlehem
Psalm 122
Luke 2:1-5

December 22nd The Miracle of that Night
Psalm 98
Luke 2:1-5

There will be no Christmas Day Service

December Birthdays		
Bill	Paradeis	December 02
Blake	Taylor	December 02
Dennis	Arntson	December 03
Kathy	Craft	December 03
Bonnie	Gottwalt	December 04
Linda	Dirks	December 05
Nolan	Kreifels	December 05
Gary	Kapsner	December 06
Karie	Giese	December 08
Margaret	Manea	December 10
DeAnne`	Maslonkowski	December 10
Bruce	Resch	December 10
Alexa	Newman	December 13
Lacey	Brenny	December 14
Luke	Brenny	December 14
Keith	Hackett	December 15
David	Koep	December 15
Aspen	Cole	December 16
Maci	Radika	December 18
Keith	Huhne	December 19
Hunter	Brannen	December 20
Carson	Dumonceaux	December 20
Peggy	Feia	December 20
Craig	Maslonkowski	December 20
Cory	Brouns	December 21
Sandi	Koep	December 26
David	Perleberg	December 26
Hunter	Jasmer	December 27
Duane	Albrecht	December 28
Tonya	Soltis	December 29
Kiaya	Hoelt	December 30
Courtney	Petron	December 30
Quinn	Efraimson	December 31

December Anniversaries		
Don & Gail	Diehl	December 07
Jeremy & Ellissia	Manea	December 20
Brian & Heather	Statz	December 30



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com		 Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00	1	2	3	4
			6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service	9:00 Quilters 7:00 Elder's Meeting		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:25 Adult Bible Study Fellowship Reserved 11:30-5pm	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 5:30 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service	9:00 Quilters		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Noisy Offering Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 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 5:30 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service	6:30 Prayer and Praise 7:00 BOLM Meeting		 3PM Christmas Caroling
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Children Christmas Program 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship No Sunday School/Youth Group 10:25 Adult Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6:00 Al-Anon	6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Service		OFFICE CLOSED 3:00 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 Christmas Eve Service	 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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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, 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.