



December 24, 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 24, 2023

9am Worship Service with Holy Communion

3:00pm Candlelight Service

5:00pm Candlelight Service

Gabby Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"The First Noel"

Invocation

Pastor: To God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; Three in One.

Congregation: Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Pastor: O grant, Dear Lord of Love, that we receive, rejoicing,

Congregation: The Word proclaimed by John, our true repentance voicing,

Pastor: That gladly we may walk upon our Savior's way

Congregation: Until we live with Him in His eternal day. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

Congregation: Almighty God, I confess to You that I have often turned away from Your Word. Instead I have followed the temptations of the world and my own sinful desires. I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. Have mercy upon me and forgive my sins for the sake of

**Jesus, whose birth I celebrate and whose return I await.
Amen.**

Pastor: God sent His Son to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus suffered the penalty of death we deserved. On the third day He rose from death to give us eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – 2 Samuel 7:1-11 (Page 301)

New Testament – Romans 16:25-27 (Page 1126)

Gospel – Luke 1:26-38 (Page 1012)

Sermon Song

“Amazing Grace”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“The Gift of Child-like Joy!”

Luke 1:44

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

“Make Room”

Prayer (Family this week: Brad & Holly Jasmer)

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 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus,
O Come, O Come Emmanuel, & What Child is This?”

Communion Dismissal

The Benediction

Closing Song

“How Many Kings”

Next Week’s Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40



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.

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Quilters Thursday 9am
- Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
- December 22nd and December 25th Church office closed for Christmas.



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 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

Thank you everyone; the giving tree was a huge success. You are amazing and truly appreciated.

With deepest Gratitude,

We would like
to *Thank you*

and Wish You
Merry Christmas

and
a Happy New Year!



New South America Immigrants are in need of:

1. Size L or smaller clothes for men & woman
2. Kids clothes
3. Hand lotion, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc
4. Towels & hand cloths



Please leave items in the sewing room. Any questions reach out to Ardelle 320-656-5858

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
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever Treas.	492-5043	Paul Tschida	360-5241

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 Lutheran Church 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
Louise Lee Dumonceaux
Rowen Wes Skajewski

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
December 10, 2023
December 10, 2023

Holiday Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Services

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



Thank you everyone for your support and help with the Giving Tree!!

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, December 24th (Music-Gabby) Christmas Eve

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
3:00 PM	Candlelight Service
5:00 PM	Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25th Merry Christmas!! Church office Closed for Christmas

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, December 26th

6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting
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Wednesday, December 27th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
	NO Confirmation

Thursday, December 28th

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

Sunday, December 31st (Music-) Pastor Bob Trinklein Noisy Offering Christian Education

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Prayer & Anointing with Oil
10:00 AM	Fellowship

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
December 24th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters:	Keith & Brenda Hackett
Projectionist:	Sarah Anderson
Reader:	John Herman
Ushers:	Lenarz Family

Worship Leader: Volunteer Needed

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

3:00pm Worship:

Greeters:	Kreifels Family
Projectionist:	Volunteer Needed
Reader:	Lois Perleberg
Ushers:	Volunteer Needed

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Dave Perleberg

5:00pm Worship:

Greeters:	Ramey Family
Projectionist:	Mackenzie Ramey
Reader:	Ruth Brutcher
Ushers:	Volunteer Needed

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Joan Ramey

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
December 31st

9:00am Worship:

Greeters:	Richael Weinand
Projectionist:	Volunteer Needed
Reader:	Lois Perleberg
Ushers:	Volunteer Needed

Worship Leader: Volunteer Needed

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann

Fellowship Volunteer Needed