



December 25, 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.

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9am Worship Service

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Joy to the World!"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin our worship this Christmas morning in the name of Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem, and in the name of the Father Who so loved us that He gave us His Son, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, Who has brought us to faith in Immanuel, "God with us!"

Congregation: Amen.

Christmas Carol

"What Child is This?"

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Using the words of Psalm 32: Blessed is the person whose transgressions are forgiven, Whose sins are covered.

Congregation: Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah.

Congregation: Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will Confess my transgressions to the Lord" – and You forgave the guilt of my sin."

Pastor: The next word in the Psalm is “selah.” For us, it is a word of grace, telling us to pause and receive this good news and assurance from our God. He is truly “Immanuel” and He did come to save us. For the sake of the Christ Child, all of our sins have been forgiven.

Children’s Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 52:7-10 (Page 730)

Epistle – Hebrews 1:1-6 (Page 1184)

Gospel – John 1:1-14 (Page 1049)

Christmas Carol

“Away in a Manger”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“Has God ever talked to you?”

Hebrews 1:1-2

Notes:

Offering Announcement

Christmas Carol

“We Three Kings”

Prayers (Family this week: Gary Donabauer

Children: Grant & Henry)

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

“O’ Little Town of Bethlehem & Silent Night”

Communion Dismissal & Benediction

Closing Song

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 63:7-14

Galatians 4:4-7

Matthew 2:13-23



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

Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

www.sotpministries.com/give

or call the office at

320-393-4295 for help setting this up!



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
 - Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
 - January 8th - congregational meeting with President Finnern after service
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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!

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!



December 25th No Fellowship

- January 1st** P. Tschida & R. Brutcher
January 8th D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman
January 15th J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle
January 22nd Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett
January 29th R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp
February 5th P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki
February 12th Sweetheart Breakfast
February 19th J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland
February 26th D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson
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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

We want to thank everyone who was involved with the Giving Tree this year. The families and school in our community truly appreciate your generosity.

With deepest Gratitude,

We would like
to *Thank you*
and Wish You
Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year!



Looking for volunteers

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 would like more information. Our next event will be a Daddy/Daughter Dance in February.

We are going to meet on January 4th at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come.

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

December Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joanny Ramey

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 prayer 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

Blakelyn Rose Gangl
Mädchen Cate Smallfield
Emily May Moulzolf
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux
Griffin Dale Maass
Bryce Nathan Leyk

Date of Baptism

March 27, 2022
April 3, 2022
June 19, 2022
July 24, 2022
October 17, 2022
December 18, 2022

Open Position Event Team

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AA at SOTP

AA will start meeting back at SOTP on Thursday, December 1st 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

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.

Bible Studies Info!

Check the back of your bulletin for this week's schedule for Bible Studies and other events.

Sunday mornings during Sunday School there is 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

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day (Music- Lyric Videos)

8:00 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Christmas Worship Service

Monday, December 26th Office Closed for Christmas

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

Tuesday, December 27th

9:00 AM Quilters
5:30 PM Quilters
6:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday December 28th

9:30 AM Bible Study: Book of Matthew
9:30 AM Woman's Study: Mothers and Daughters
No Confirmation

Thursday, December 29th

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

Sunday, January 1st (Music- Heather)

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
December 25th

9:00am Worship:

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

Worship Leader: Volunteer Needed

Worship Service Shepherd: Ron McKeever

Fellowship NO FELLOWSHIP

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
January 1st

9:00am Worship:

Greeters:	Scott & Peg Manea
Projectionist:	Sara Anderson
Reader:	Peg Manea
Ushers:	Keith & Brenda Hackett

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads

Fellowship P. Tschida & R. Brutcher



Merry Christmas
From Shepherd of the Pines