

"A Life With Benefits!"



Psalm 103:1-5a

December 31, 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 31, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Prayer & Anointing with Oil

10am Fellowship

Matthew Neutz & Steve Ree Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Above All"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin this last worship service of the year in and with the name placed upon us when we were baptized, making us His forgiven and redeemed children.

Congregation: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Congregation: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto

all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord 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: Jesus, guard and guide Thy members, fill them with Your boundless grace, hear their prayers in every place.

Congregation: Fan to flame faith’s glowing embers; grant all Christians, far and near, Holy peace, a glad new year. Amen. (LSB 897, vs. 4)

Children’s Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (Page 739)

Epistle – Galatians 4:4-7 (Page 1153)

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40 (Page 1015)

Sermon Song

“10,000 Reasons”

Sermon

Pastor Bob Trinklein

“A Life With Benefits!”

Psalms 103:1-5a

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

Special Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Christian Education Fund. If you would like information, speak to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

Offering Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Prayer (Family this week: Caleb & Mikayla 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 Benediction

Closing Song

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Prayer and Anointing with Oil

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 1:1-5
 Romans 6:1-11
 Mark 1:4-11



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.

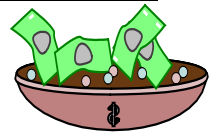


Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Monday Office Closed
- Quilters Tuesday & Thursday 9am
- Wednesday morning Bible study 9:30am
- Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
- Save the Date for Daddy/Daughter Dance February 9th

October NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up a noisy offering on **Sunday, October 29th** for **Christian Scholarship Fund**.



Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

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 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

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

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

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
Bryce Nathan Leyk	December 18, 2022
Maverick Lee Wolff	January 8, 2023
Coen Maxwell Line	January 8, 2023
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

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, December 31st (Music- Matthew Neutz & Steve Ree)

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

Monday, January 1st Office Closed

7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, January 2nd

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

Wednesday, January 3rd

9:30 AM	Bible Study
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No Confirmation

Thursday, January 4th

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Sunday, January 7th (Music-Heather) 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
December 31st

9:00am Worship:

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

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship Volunteer Needed

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
January 7th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Kyle & Ashley Hackett Family
Projectionist: Sarah Anderson
Reader: Wyatt Alstrup
Ushers: Brenda & Keith Hackett

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf