

**"An 'Out-of-Water' Experience"**



**January 7, 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 7, 2024

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School/ Youth Group

10:30 Bible Study

Heather Statz, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Father Welcomes"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin this first time of worship in the year of our Lord 2024 in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Congregation: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as I have loved myself. I justly**

**deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given – Jesus, our Savior.

**Congregation: As we leave one year behind and look with hope to this new year, help us to live and give ourselves as those who know every day what a great gift we have been given.**

Pastor: In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Today we baptize Marie Dawn Moulzolf, daughter of Daniel & Lisa Moulzolf

## 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.

## Children's Message

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Genesis 1:1-5 (Page 1)

Epistle – Romans 6:1-11 (Page 1116)

Gospel – Mark 1:4-11 (Page 990)

## Sermon Song

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

## Sermon

Pastor Paul Cloeter

“An ‘Out-of-Water’ Experience”

Mark 1:9-11

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## Offering Announcement

## Offering Song

“More Precious than Silver”

Prayer (Family this week: Hunter & Amanda 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

“Here I Am, Lord”

Next Week's Readings: Psalm 139:1-10  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51



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](http://sotpministries.com) or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up.

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## **Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!**

- 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
  - Confirmation Wednesday at 6:30pm by zoom
  - January 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Moring Bible Study 9:30am
  - January 17<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Group meet at 10:00am
  - January 21<sup>st</sup> Noisy Offering F.A.C.T feeding area children together
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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 7<sup>th</sup> J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf

January 14<sup>th</sup> D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

January 21<sup>st</sup> S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

January 28<sup>th</sup> M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

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

February 11<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*Sweetheart Breakfast\*\*\*\*

February 18<sup>th</sup> J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

February 25<sup>th</sup> A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

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## JANUARY NOISY OFFERING!



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

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The Sunshine Group at SOTP will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and we will be sending out birthday cards.

We are looking for volunteers and unused birthday cards with matching envelopes. Our next meeting will be **January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

Please reach out to Gloria Hendrickson 393-2698 or Evelyn Kirchner 320-290-5478.

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# **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**

Josh Anderson	260-0808	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

**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.

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Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

### Child's Name

### Date of Baptism

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

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# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> (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

## **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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## **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	<b>Confirmation by zoom</b>

## **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM	AA meeting
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## **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> (Music-Lyric Videos) Pastor Paul Cloeter**

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
January 7<sup>th</sup>

**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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
January 14<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Keith & Roxanne Peterson  
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey  
Reader: Ron Woods  
Ushers: The Lenarz Family

**Worship Leader:** Jane Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Paul Tschida

**Fellowship** D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson