



# Shepherd of the Pines

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **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 request 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**

Tilla Rae Steffes

Vera Autumn Berg

Colter Wayne Rogge

Edward Jeffrey Salzbrun

Ella AnnMarie Salzbrun

Emma Luella Taylor

Lakelynn Jean Struffert

Elyza Johanna Manea

Libbie Kay Seppelt

Cole Jordan Morgan

Olivia Pearl Morgan

Kye John Roelofs

### **Date of Baptism**

January 17, 2021

April 4, 2021

June 13, 2021

August 22, 2021

August 22, 2021

August 29, 2021

September 19, 2021

October 3, 2021

October 17, 2021

November 14, 2021

November 14, 2021

November 21, 2021

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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.

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.	393-2524	Garry Loidolt	393-2097

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

## **Executive Ministry Team**

Jen Ollman - 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, & Juli Popp

December 12<sup>th</sup>

Scriptures:  
Psalm 85  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 7:18-35

December 12<sup>th</sup>

Scriptures:  
Micah 5:2-5  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-56



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

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## Now Introducing Online Giving Available Now

Go to SOTP website:  
[www.sotpministries.com/give](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)  
or call the office at  
320-393-4295  
for help setting this up!

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Online Giving Through Checking

Give One Time      Set Up Recurring

[www.sotpministries.com/give](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)

The graphic is a dark brown rectangle with white text and icons. At the top, it says "Online Giving Through Checking". Below that is a circular icon with a checkmark and a dollar sign. Underneath are two options: "Give One Time" with a hand icon holding a coin, and "Set Up Recurring" with a circular refresh icon. At the bottom is the website URL.

## December NOISY OFFERING!

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

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## **Giving Tree!!**

**Thank you to Everyone who adopted families from the Rice area who are in need this Christmas Season! Noisy Offering today will also be for the Giving Tree.**

**Some important information:**

**Please have all items unwrapped and to the church by December 15<sup>th</sup> Label items with sticky note or have everything written down on a sheet of paper with who gets what, Example D3 for that family member.**

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**Join us for Advent Services "The Miracles of Christmas" on Wednesdays; December 15th, & 22nd at 6:30pm. Jesus is the true reason for this season! Let's focus our hearts and truly celebrate Him throughout this Advent Season. We welcome you to join together with your SOTP family as we celebrate the true reason for this season.**



**Fellowship will be after church Service.**

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**Join us at church on December 18th at 3pm. We will be going Christmas Caroling. When we are done we will have fellowship at Church with Hot Cocoa and Snacks.**

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## Interested in Volunteering?? Opportunities for Adult and Kids. Please sign up on the Narthex counter.

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### THE SALVATION ARMY



Salvation Army is in dire need of twin flat and fitted sheets, they do not need matching sets. – No stains, no tears and twin fitted sheets must have good elastic. Please donate clean with no fragrances (for people with allergies). As always towels are needed. Please give items to Ardelle or leave in the church sewing room. Thank you!

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### UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this winter 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 12<sup>th</sup> Ar. Betker, B. Betker, J. Dingmann**

**December 19<sup>th</sup> J. Nelson, R. McKeever, L. Popp**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> No Fellowship**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Koep, M. Lenarz, T. Lenarz**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> J. Hanebuth, S. Wood, B. Novitzki**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> J. Clasen, R. Hemple, T. Hovland**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> M. Barringer, D. Skajewski, K. Peterson**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> B. Jasmer, H. Jasmer, L. Saldana, A. Ostendorf**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> Sweetheart's Breakfast Tentative**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K.Huhne/Popp**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz**

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We are looking forward to starting Small Groups for Bible Study and Triads for Prayer beginning in January! Please connect with Colleen Woods if you are interested in starting or joining a Small Group and/or Triad. I will help you choose a study and/or help you connect with others with similar interests. I am especially interested in connecting with those of you who may be willing to lead a Small Group. God does not need you to be an expert, He just needs you to be willing. (The leader actually learns the most! And others in the group extend grace because you were brave enough to lead!)

A group of Women are ready to begin studying "The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children" Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00am starting January 5.



The men's Bible Study will resume meeting again at 7pm on Wednesday evenings in January.

Crusade Choir of First Presbyterian St Cloud presents A Celtic Christmas on



Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ Child! His love will endure...  
Free Will offering (no tickets)

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## 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, January 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.

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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. You are also invited, as a member of SOTP, to join this study as a refresher for your faith. Please let Julie at SOTP know if you plan on attending.

# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**(Music- Bethany Mears)**

**Noisy Offering**

9:00 AM

Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Fellowship

10:15 AM

Sunday School/Youth Group

10:25 AM

Adult Bible Study

## **Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM

Praise Team

7:30 PM

Bible Study – in homes

## **Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM

Quilters

5:30 PM

Quilters

6:00 PM

Al-Anon Meeting

## **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM

Confirmation

6:30 PM

Advent Service

## **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

**Pastor Strohschein in the office**

7:00 PM

BOLM Meeting

## **Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 PM**

**Christmas Caroling**

## **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**(Music- Heather**

**Children Christmas Program)**

9:00 AM

Worship

10:00 AM

Fellowship

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:25 AM

Adult Bible Study



SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
December 12<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Projectionist:	Isabelle Cairns
Reader:	Sandie Resch
Greeters:	Milt & Marlene Popp

**Worship Leader:** Jerry Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Joanny Ramey

**Fellowship:** A Betker, B Betker, & J Dingmann

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
December 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Projectionist:	Sarah Anderson
Reader:	Dennis Arntson
Greeters:	Dean & Karie Giese

**Worship Leader:** Jane Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Joanny Ramey

**Fellowship:** J. Nelson, R. McKeever, L. Popp