



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 request 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

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

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
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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

December 26th

Scriptures:
Psalm 111
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:22-40

January 2nd

Scriptures:
1 Kings 3:4-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52



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

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

Online Giving Through Checking



Give One Time Set Up Recurring

www.sotpministries.com/give

**Christmas Eve Services
on December 24th at
3pm & 5pm**

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

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!

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.

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 26th No Fellowship

January 2nd J. Hanebuth, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

January 9th J. Clasen, R. Hemple, T. Hovland

January 16th S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

January 23rd M. Barringer, D. Skajewski, K. Peterson

January 30th B. Jasmer, H. Jasmer, L. Saldana, A. Ostendorf

February 6th J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K.Huhne/Popp

February 13th Sweetheart's Breakfast Tentative

February 20th J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz

February 27th J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup



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!)

Women's Winter Gathering

Sunday, January 16th @ 3:00PM

Jordie's Trailside Cafe

Sign-up Sheet in Narthex

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Movie Night returning to SOTP in January
- Woman's Wednesday morning adult Bible Study starting back on January 5th
- Men's Bible study starting back up on Wednesday evenings 7pm
- Marriage Weekend January 14th and 15th
- Woman's Winter Gathering January 16th
- New Member Class January 22nd
- Daddy Daughter Dance February 11th

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.



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.

Orphan Grain Train

The Minnesota North Branch of Orphan Grain Train has sent one semi-load of potatoes from a supplier/donor near Long Prairie. This load was 43,000 lbs. The potatoes have been shipped to Ysleta Mission at

El Paso, Texas. Distribution is done at the Mission for those in need through churches in Texas and Mexico. Ysleta Mission helps feed the hungry, nurtures their ministries, and educates the leaders in 11 affiliated mission sites in El Paso and northern Mexico. **The cost for this load of potatoes was \$3296.00 and shipping cost will be about \$3.650.00**

Please prayerfully consider doing a congregational fundraiser or collection for these costs. (Matt. 25:35-40). Without funds, the branch will not be able to ship these donations. Your gift is greatly appreciated and can be sent to **Orphan Grain Train, P.O. Box 61. Morris, MN, 56267. Make checks payable to Orphan Grain Train.** God's blessings. Please leave memo space on check, blank or write (shipping). Any other word makes it designated money for that item only. Gene Pasche, Chairman, MN North Branch Orphan Grain Train.



A HUGE "Thank You" to Brenda, the children, the parents, the teachers, Heather for playing music, Colleen for taking Pictures, Judy & Roxanne for stage crew! The Christmas Children's Program was such a

blessing! Christmas blessings to you all and may the Reason for the Season rest in your hearts!

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, December 26th

9:00 AM

(Music- Praise Team)

Worship with Holy Communion

No Fellowship

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Adult Bible Study

Monday, December 27th

7:30 PM

7:30 PM

OFFICE CLOSED

Praise Team

Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, December 28th

9:00 AM

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Quilters

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AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, December 29th

No Confirmation

Thursday, December 30th

9:00 AM

Pastor Strohschein in the office

Friday December 31st

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

10:25 AM

(Music- Heather)

Worship

Fellowship

Sunday School/Youth Group

Adult Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
December 26th

9:00am Worship:

Projectionist:	Dennis Arntson
Reader:	Jerry Nelson
Greeters:	Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Ron McKeever

Fellowship: No Fellowship

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
January 2nd

9:00am Worship:

Projectionist:	Cynthia Ollman
Reader:	Peg Manea
Greeters:	Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship: J. Hanebuth, S. Wood, B. Novitzki