



# 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**

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**

April 4, 2021  
June 13, 2021  
August 22, 2021  
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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

**January Altar Guild:** Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joanny Ramey

**January Counters:** Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann, Sandie Resch

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Scriptures:  
Psalm 19:1-4  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
Luke 4:16-30

January 30<sup>th</sup>

Scriptures:  
Psalm 71:1-11  
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13  
Luke 4:31-44



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)

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

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# Movie Night Tonight!!!

## 6:30pm

# Raya and The Last Dragon!

## 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!



**January 23<sup>rd</sup> M. Barringer, D. Skajewski, K. Peterson**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> B. Jasmer, H. Jasmer, L. Saldana, A. Ostendorf**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K.Huhne/Popp**

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

**February 20<sup>th</sup> J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup**

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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



The men's Bible Study is currently on hold looking at changing the day of the week. Any questions reach out to Garry Loidolt.

## Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Woman's Wednesday morning adult Bible Study starting back on January 5<sup>th</sup>
- Movie Night tonight January 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30PM  
"Raya & The Last Dragon"
- Daddy Daughter Dance February 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM-8:30PM
- **New Member Class Postponed to the end of March/ beginning of April**
- Men's Bible Study on hold watch for information to come an questions reach out to Garry Loidolt.

**There will be a Special Congregational meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to consider extending Pastor Edge severance by 2 months and discuss the call process at Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church.**



### *Daddy/Daughter Dance*

Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles bring your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to a fun night of Dancing (with a DJ), Crafts, Photo Booth and Snacks.

**Friday, February 11 6:30pm-8:30pm**



**Shepherd of the Pines  
Lutheran Church**

1950 125th St NW Rice, MN 56367

This is a Free Event!! If you would like a picture on the slideshow during the dance, please email it to the church @ [office@sotpministries.com](mailto:office@sotpministries.com)

## This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

### **Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:15 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:25 AM	Adult Bible Study

### **(Music- Gabby Dingmann)**

### **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	Woman's Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation

### **Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM** **Pastor Strohschein in the office**

9:00 AM	Quilters
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### **Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
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### **(Music- Praise Team)**

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Projectionist:

Reader:

Greeters:

Ruth Brutcher

Garry Loidolt

**Worship Leader:**

Dennis Arntson

**Worship Service Shepherd:**

Garry Loidolt

**Fellowship:**

M. Barringer, D. Skajewski, K. Peterson

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
January 30<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Projectionist:

Reader:

Greeters:

Sarah Anderson

Jeff Ramey

Ronita Walburn

**Worship Leader:**

Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:**

Deb Erdmann

**Fellowship:**

B. Jasmer, L. Saldana, A. Ostendorf

**God Chose You ...**  
**and that changes**  
**everything!**







## God Chose You ...

Choice is a divine gift to humankind.

That means choice isn't a right.

And death isn't a decision.

It's everyone's inevitable destiny.

You can't "choice" your way out of death.

We won't keep our own deaths from happening by making anyone else's death happen.

Thanks be to God Jesus displaces freedom **of** choice and replaces it with freedom **from** choice.

The choice we need is not a choice we make but the choice we are.

What saves, what gives life, is not choosing but being chosen.

The choice we can't make, the one that matters most, is the one we don't have to.

God chose you, and that changes everything.

No matter who's left you alone, the Almighty Maker chose you.

No matter what makes you afraid, the Lord God chose you.

No matter why you feel ashamed, the Heavenly Father chose you.

God chose you into existence. Your body proves it. You are a privilege.

God chose you into forgiveness. Jesus' body proclaims it. He is a gift.

God chose you into making a difference.

Every neighbor portrays it. They are your invitation.

You're not an accident or an afterthought, even in sufferings or difficulties. You're special. No human life is a joke or a mistake, not even in surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses. Each one's precious, from fertilization to forever. None of us is hand-me-down or half-hearted, not embryos, not impaired persons, not elderly ones. We're all priceless, whatever our ages, abilities, and appearances.

God chose you to embody and to enact the sanctity of human lives.

Christians advocate this kind of choice.

**"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit."** (John 15:16)

We are equipping **Lutherans** and their neighbors  
to be Gospel-motivated voices **For Life**



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