



# 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**

Blake Daniel Andres  
Piper Mary Efraimson  
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  
Kye John Roelofs

### **Date of Baptism**

October 18, 2020  
November 1, 2020  
January 17, 2021  
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 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 5<sup>th</sup>

Scriptures:  
Psalm 66:1-12  
Philippians 1:1-11  
Luke 3:1-20

December 12<sup>th</sup>

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



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)



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.

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

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**UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!**

Here is the schedule for this Fall for Fellowship. We ask if you can't do 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 5<sup>th</sup> Ke Hackett, Ky Hackett, J Hackett**
  - 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**
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**December NOISY OFFERING!**



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

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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 if you are 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.



**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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## SOTP Drop Site for Toys for Tots

Please consider a donation! All toys and monetary donations will stay in the St. Cloud area. If you have any questions please call the United Way at 800-543-7709. Please have donations here by December 11<sup>th</sup>!





Join us for Advent Services "The Miracles of Christmas" on Wednesdays; December 8th, 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.

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**Giving Tree!!**  
**There are 12 families from the Rice area to be adopted. Please consider helping those in need this Christmas Season!**

## **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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Our heartfelt thank you to the congregation of Shepherd of the Pines for opening your door and your hearts, so we could celebrate the life of our Mom, Dorothy Groth, this past Saturday. Pastor Dave your message touched us all! Thank you Heather for playing Mom's favorite hymns! To all the members that served us an excellent lunch.....thank you! All family and friends felt comfortable and welcomed.

The Family of Dorothy Groth

As difficult as these days have been... there was so much comfort and love that you all shared with me and my family. Thank you for the hugs, the conversations, food, cards, and gifts. To all the Kitchen Team: I could not have been more overwhelmed by your presence and your time and talent that was shared. When we welcomed our family and friends to SOTP it made us so proud to be a member of this church. It is sincerely appreciated and will be cherished. You are all truly Brothers and Sister in Christ!

Jeff & Joanny Ramey & Family



## This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

### **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**(Music- Heather Statz)**

#### **Poinsettia Order Due!!**

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:15 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:25 AM	Adult Bible Study
11-5 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved

### **Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Quilters
5:30 PM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Advent Service

### **Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Pastor Strohschein in the office</b>
9:00 AM	Quilters

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

**(Music- Bethany Mears)**

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
December 5<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Projectionist: Levi Brenny  
Reader: Janet Maleska  
Greeters: Tom & Jen Ollman

**Worship Leader:** Brenda Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Dave Perleberg

**Fellowship:** Ke Hackett, Ky Hackett, J Hackett

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next 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