



# 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.

### Pre-Service Worship

We will be playing a couple worship songs about 15 minutes prior to the start of each service. If you wish to participate, please arrive accordingly!



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

### **Child's Name**

Spencer Jeffrey Timm  
Watson Mitchell Koenig  
Reid Jordan Giambrone  
Joshua James Johnson  
Lillian Elizabeth Brannen  
Brady Jay Hallanger  
Sophie Rae Gangl  
Savannah Skys Cole  
Linnèa Ann Maslonkowski  
Wendy Lee Hicks  
Meghan Alice Hicks  
Steffen Joseph Hicks  
Cindy Marie Christensen  
Riley Lynn Gruba  
Blake Daniel Andres  
Piper Mary Efraimson

### **Date of Baptism**

December 22, 2019  
December 22, 2019  
January 19, 2020  
January 19, 2020  
February 2, 2020  
March 7, 2020  
June 14, 2020  
July 12, 2020  
July 26, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
September 26, 2020  
October 18, 2020  
November 1, 2020

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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, comprising 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 to 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

David Perleberg V.P. 360-5147 Janet Maleska 249-4467

Sarah Anderson, Sec. 267-2628 Deb Erdmann 249-4804

Curt Kvamme, Treas. 393-4519 Bev Gerads 761-1894

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

## **Executive Ministry Team**

Jen Ollman - Service Team Leader

Brenda Hackett – Education & Small Group Team Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

**December Altar Guild:** Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joan Ramey

**December Counters:** Ron McKeever, Wayne Anderson, & Juli Popp

December 6<sup>th</sup> Scriptures:  
Old Testament – Isaiah 35:8-10  
Epistle – Romans 6:1-4  
Gospel – Mark 11:1-10

December 13<sup>th</sup> Scriptures:  
Old Testament – Genesis 12:1-5  
Epistle – Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16  
Gospel – John 14:1-6

Pastor David will read one scripture in the video, feel free to check out the other scriptures on your own.



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book and pick up a Visitors' Guide. Fellowship will be after Church service.

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## Now Introducing Online Giving

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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)

Reminder: If you unable to come to in person worship  
you can mail in your offering or give online.

Donations for the Week  
Total Received \$1,498  
Weekly Needed \$4,943  
Attendance 21

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2021 God's Creation Calendars are available for sale. This year and proceeds will be going to the VBS fund. Calendars cost only \$7 each and we have limited supplies. These calendars will make great Christmas gifts! Thank you for your support!

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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 know of families that are need of this or any other service over the Holiday Season, please call the United Way at 800-543-7709. Please have donations here by December 10<sup>th</sup>!

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## We will be putting Fellowship & Sunday School on hold until January 10th

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Interested in preplanning your funeral?

We have Funeral Preplanning forms available in the church office or online through Breeze.

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## Winter Gear Needed for Rice area Kids!

We have a donation box set up. We are looking for winter gear for Rice area kids.

## Holiday Worship Schedule

Advent Services – December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Children's Sunday Service- December 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

Christmas Eve Services – December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

There will be no Christmas Day Service but Pastor David is preparing a devotional for the day that will be on our Website and on Facebook!!!



## Poinsettias

We will not be placing a poinsettia order through the church this year. However, we invite you to bring a plant to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!

There will be note cards on the Narthex for you to attach to the plant. Please bring them in on or after December 13<sup>th</sup> Thank you!!!



## [This Week at Shepherd of the Pines](#)

### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (Music –Heather)**

9:00 AM                      Worship  
10:15 AM                    NO Sunday School  
                                    Online Services  
6:00 PM                      Bridge Church

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

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

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

6:00 PM                      Al-Anon Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom)

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

6:30 PM                      NO Confirmation  
6:30 PM                      Advent Service

### **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> (Music- Bethany)**

9:00 AM                      Worship with Holy Communion  
                                    Children Christmas Service  
10:15 AM                    No Sunday School  
                                    Online Services  
6:00 PM                      Bridge Church

## SOTP Worship Team Serving, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### **9:00am Worship:**

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|----------------|----------------|
| Projectionist: | Levi Brenny    |
| Reader:        | Janet Maleska  |
| Greeters:      | Shelley Pintok |

**Worship Leader:** Pastor David

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Deb Erdmann

## SOTP Worship Team Serving, December 13<sup>th</sup>

### **9:00am Worship:**

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|----------------|------------------------|
| Projectionist: | Ian Cairns             |
| Reader:        | Lois Perleberg         |
| Greeters:      | Travis & Marlys Lenarz |

**Worship Leader:** Jerry Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Sarah Anderson