

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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August

2023

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

There are a couple of thoughts I want to share with you through this format this month.

One has to do with our Sunday morning services. I truly enjoy our worship at SOTP and I am thankful for the privilege of sharing a message from God's Word with you each week. You've probably noticed that I usually select one of the Bible lessons for the day for the message. Honestly speaking, it makes my joy easier in that I don't have to go looking around for things to preach on. Plus, using that system helps to keep me (at least I think it does) from preaching on the same topic or just my favorite topics each week.

But, here's what I'd like to ask you to consider. Is there an issue or a topic that you would appreciate hearing a message about on any given Sunday? If you have a topic or idea to share with me, I would greatly appreciate hearing about it from you. Then I can dig around and see what God's Word has to say about it and hopefully a message will be born. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions.

The second one is on a personal note. As Karen and I celebrate 50 years of God's blessings on our marriage this month, we are so greatly appreciative of the potluck celebration you have planned on August 6th. That is truly a very special gift! Personally, I love potlucks and hotdishes...to me they are a foretaste of the feast to come!

So, as we finished our walk this morning, (July 26), we were talking about what our dreams are for the next years of our life together. Our dream is for good health so that we can live long and be involved in the lives of our grandchildren, (see them graduate, get married, have kids) and pass on THE faith to them. For us that will be the best gift of them all...seeing our grands and greatgrands as their lives unfold (if we live that long) and then having them join us with Jesus in heaven when they finish their lives!

What are your dreams?

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

JOINT EMT BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Present: Kyle Hackett, Dave Perleberg, Colleen Woods, Paul Tschida, Ron McKeever, Bev Gerads, Deb Erdmann, Joan Ramey, Pastor Strohschein. Also present Keith Hackett, Brenda Hackett, Julie Kiraly

Call Meeting to Order: President Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Paul Tschida opened with prayer. Joan Ramey read the Mission Statement.

EMT Team Leaders Reports: Keith Hackett, Service, reported there are more volunteers needed. He is working with Mike Karl for future plans. Brenda Hackett, Education, reported on VBS. There were 94 registered, 74 each night. Children unchurched were 21. Pastor will follow up with these families. We had 54 volunteers and 6 in addition for set up and take down. Thank you to all who assisted in bringing the word of God to the youth. We were able to run VBS on donations and haven't used any budget money from the church in 5 years. Sunday School material is ordered. Kick off Sunday will be September 10. Small Groups: Colleen Woods will make an announcement on Right Now Media. Colleen has selected categories; men, women, youth, children. Activity Teams are forming. Mom and Son event will be in September. A very special outing is planned.

Pastoral Activity Report: A Pastoral report was presented. Pastor Dave reported on services conducted, meetings, hospital visits, shut in visits, phone calls and other activities.

Treasurers Report: Ron McKeever reported that expenses were more than normal because we paid for our air conditioners, Sunday school supplies, guest pastors and general expenses. Dave Perleberg made a motion to accept the treasure's report and Deb Erdmann seconded. Our Sunday offerings are typical for this season of the year.

Properties Report: Keith Peterson reported the sprinklers are fixed. There is a leak in the NE corner of the sanctuary thought to be caused by a sprinkler. This area is being cared for as needed by Jeff Ramey and others. Keith will call the sprinkler company. The stained glass cross was repaired by Bruce Knafla who installed a switch rather than the broken remote. Garbage rates have increased. Keith will check into this. Chip sealing of the parking lot should take place late July or August. Joan Ramey reported that the cleaning activity was well received. Over half of the duties are spoken for. There are still some opportunities so serve.

Secretary Report: The report was reviewed. Joan Ramey made a motion to review the report, Deb Erdmann second.

Old Business: The Congregation extended a call to Pastor Biar which was declined. The next step is for the call committee to look at a new list including 18 considerations. Gabby Dingmann will fill in for Julie Kiraly during her vacation and will be paid in lump sum.

New Business: The Worship Schedule was reviewed. The next BOLM meeting will be on August 17 at 7:00 P.M. It was reported via letter that the Rice Chamber of Commerce will no longer exist as of July 1, 2023. SOTP granted a peaceful release to Allie Christy. Bev Gerads made a motion and Deb Erdmann second.

Motion to Adjourn by Deb Erdmann, second by Ron McKeever. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M. Pastor Strohschein closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Gerads BOLM Secretary



If you would like information about the scholarship fund, please reach out to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

Looking for anyone who would be interested in heading up or being involved in **Operation Christmas Child** this year at SOTP. Please reach out to the church office. Thank you!



Education / Small Group Team

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

Wow!!!! Here we are, the last month of summer, and ALL the fall planning is in full swing!!! Sunday School registration is open online. **Blessing of the Backpacks** AND handing out our Bibles to the 3rd graders & Catechisms to 7th graders will happen on September 10th !!! This will be Sunday School kickoff day and we will have cupcakes for fellowship to start the year off! The sign-up sheet for teachers and substitutes is on the counter in the Narthex. Please consider teaching or lending a helping hand as we will be in need of both! Confirmation will start the Wednesday of the week with Pastor Dave. We invite any child to participate in growing in their faith at SOTP! Invite your neighbor's kids, your grandkids, the child's friends....let's see them grow in the Lord! Please watch through the church website for any Sundays that Sunday School will not happen, and we will try to email in advance also.

I also encourage YOU to grow in faith through Bible study! We have a great opportunity through Right Now Media with MANY topics!! Grow your faith in groups or by yourself using this free tool!

May God bless you and keep you safe and filled with JOY as we close out summer and prepare to get back to fall schedules!

Serving the Lord,
Brenda Hackett
Education Team Leader

Sunday School Registration is open! Please sign-up we have paper slips are on the narthex counter or click below

[Sunday School Registration](#)



Worship Team

Hello again!

“Thank You” to ALL who step up each Sunday to volunteer for service! Without you, things would not run as smoothly as they do!

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list for the Fall please let me know!

Have a great last month of summer!

Keith Hackett

Worship Team Leader

267-6213

2023 Worship Team Schedule

AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/06/23	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Julie Kiraly	Richael Weinand	Ron & Barb McKeever	Jerry Nelson
08/13/23	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Sarah Anderson	Ron Bulthuis	Bonnie Gottwalt & Cheryl Walberg	Ron Bulthuis
08/20/23	9:00am	Evie Kirchner	Julie Kiraly	Lois Perleberg	Bruce & Sandy Resch	Steve Ree
08/27/23	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Cynthia Ollman	Ron Woods	Brian & Heather Statz	Keith Hackett

Psalm 19: 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

August 2nd & 16th, September 6th & 20th will be regular Youth Group meetings at SOTP. The August meetings will start at 6:30pm, we will move to 7:30pm when confirmation starts. All youth 6-12th grade are welcome to join us for any of our activities.

We will participate in the Rice Community Parade on August 19th. We are looking for congregation members who will drive their classic cars as we walk in the parade and distribute goodies. Let Sarah know if you are willing to join us.

Also starting in September is our study on Prayer on Sunday Mornings in the Youth Room during Sunday school time. As Pastor Dave said during a recent sermon, our congregation prioritizes prayer. Join us to learn more about developing a strong prayer life.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text Sarah at 320-267-2628.

Josh & Sarah Anderson

Youth Group Leaders



June's Church Income Statement

	June	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$19,598	\$128,239
Expenses	(\$14,868)	(\$85,219)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$4,730	\$43,020



Check out the recent updates to our Right Now Media Page! This



is a great resource for you and your family. [Just Click here to set it up](#), and you will be

able to use Right Now Media for FREE!! You can refer your friends and family members too! Add the app to smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc. Shepherd of the Pines offers this free to you and your family!

August NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, August 20th**, for the **Rice Fire & Police Departments**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



Rice Area Food Shelf

August Distribution is
Thursday, August 3rd
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

If you signed up for Church cleaning please have the area and items done by August 30th Thank you to everyone who chipped in and helped with the project



Keep your Eyes open for Upcoming Meetings, Classes, and Events!!

- Quilters meet Tuesdays 9 AM and Thursdays 9 AM
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
 - Blessing of the backpacks will be on September 10th bring your backpacks to church that Sunday morning. All Students PreK to College
 - On September 10th 3rd graders will get their Bibles and 7th graders will get their Catechisms
 - Sunday School will start on September 10th. Registration is open.
 - Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th graders will start on September 13th
 - Movie night will return in September.
 - We will have a Mom/Son Harvest Adventure in September. Registration will be required and will open soon.
 - First Communion Class will be in October, this is for 5th grades or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion.
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Worship Shepherds

August 6th Deb Erdmann
 August 13th Dave Perleberg
 August 20th Paul Tschida
 August 27th Ron McKeever



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 August 13th Jeff & Joanny Ramey
 August 20th Evie Kirchner
 August 27th Garry Loidolt



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 August 20th Julie Kiraly
 August 27th Cynthia Ollman



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 August 13th Volunteer Needed
 August 20th Lois Perleberg
 August 27th Ron Woods



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 August 13th Bonnie Gottwalt & Cheryl Walberg
 August 20th Bruce & Sandie Resch
 August 27th Brian & Heather Statz



August 6th Jerry Nelson
 August 13th Volunteer Needed
 August 20th Steve Ree
 August 27th Keith Hackett



FAMILY

 We have been praying for our church families each week as we go through our church directory from A to Z. As you go about your daily tasks lift a prayer for the family of the week as the Lord brings them to mind. **In August we will be praying for:**

August 6th Kyle & Melaina Goetsch Family
 August 13th Don & Bonnie Gottwalt Family
 August 20th Eli Grace
 August 27th Marshall & Kelsay Grams Children:
 Finnegan & Maverick, & Taylor



ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We have 3 openings for Altar Guild. Please contact me, and we will go over what would be required....we are also responsible for decorating the church for all seasons, which is really fun. See Joanny Ramey at church or call 320 217-4431.

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the summer/fall Fellowship schedule. We ask that if you can't serve the Sunday you are scheduled, please find a group to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



August 6th

Pastor Dave & Karen 50th Anniversary Potluck

August 13th

J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

August 20th

R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

August 27th

Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett

September 3rd

K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson

September 10th

P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

September 17th

J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland

September 24th

D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

Musicians

August 6th Heather Statz
 August 13th Gabby Dingmann
 August 20th Praise Team
 August 27th Gabby Dingmann



AUGUST

Ron McKeever & Wayne Anderson

AUGUST

Deb Erdmann, Joan Ramey, & Gloria Hendrickson



August 6th

Isaiah 55:1-6
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

August 20th

Psalm 67
 Romans 11:1-15
 Matthew 15:21-28

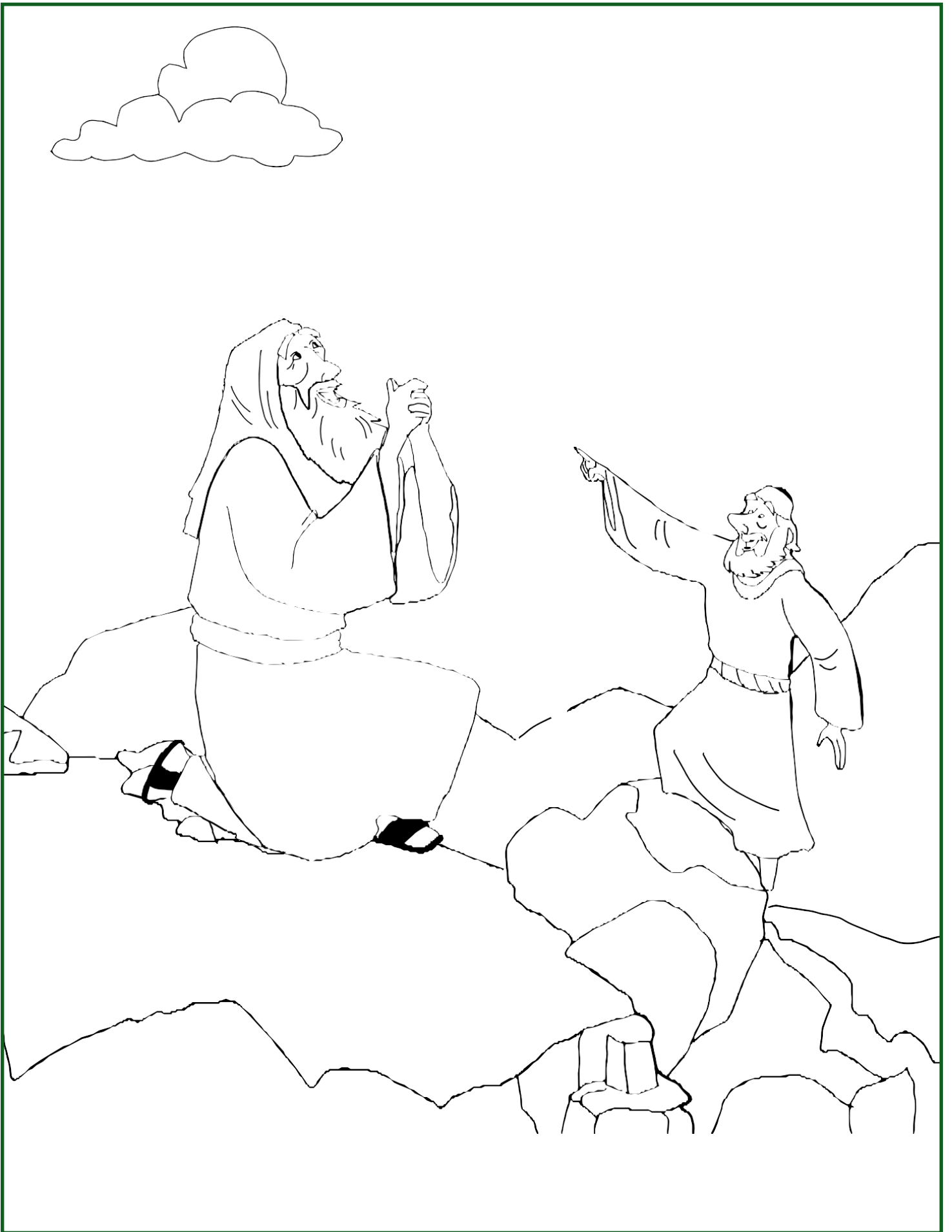


August 13th

Psalm 18:1-6
 Romans 10:5-17
 Matthew 14:22-33

August 27th

Isaiah 51:1-6
 Romans 11:33-12:8
 Matthew 16:13-20





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Bye-bye
 Summer!

AUGUST 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Email: Office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00		1	2	3	4	5
		9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	Youth Group 6:30pm	9:00 Quilters 7:00AA		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Potluck for Pastor Dave & Karen 50th Annivrsary	7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters 7:00AA		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Music: Gabby 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	Youth Group 6:30pm	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders 7:00 BOLM Meeting 7:00AA		 1:00pm for prep. 2pm Rice Parade starts
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Julie out of the Office						
Music: Praise Team NOISY OFFERING Rice Fire & Police Department 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters 7:00AA		
27	28	29	30	31		
Music: Gabby 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship	7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	Church Cleaning deadline!	9:00 Quilters 7:00AA		

August Birthdays			August Birthdays Con.		
Jesse	Johnson	August 01	Ashley	Betker	August 17
Deb	Erdmann	August 02	Emily	Campion	August 17
Troy	Hovland	August 02	Melissa	Siebert	August 17
Rebecca	Jacka	August 03	Gloria	Hendrickson	August 19
Lloyd	Erdmann	August 04	Armon	Matheny	August 19
Judy	Gehrking	August 05	Sarah	Anderson	August 20
D'artagnan	Madsen	August 05	Jeremiah	Dingmann	August 23
Ron	Woods	August 07	Nicole	Taylor	August 23
Linne`a	Maslonkowski	August 08	Mike	Hunter	August 24
Jeremy	Manea	August 10	Ted	Morgan	August 24
Suzanne	Monnier	August 10	Cameron	Schroeder	August 25
Wayne	Peterson	August 10	Marlys	Welle	August 25
Dan	Cairns	August 11	Sadie	Mickelson	August 27
Dannette	Brannen	August 12	Madeline	Popp	August 27
Dan	Reginek	August 13	Richard	Hemple	August 30
Hunter	Novitzki	August 14	Steve	Wood	August 30
Marlene	Popp	August 15	Mark	Larson	August 31

August Anniversaries		
Duane & Darlene	Albrecht	August 01
Steve & Roxann	Ree	August 01
Ben & Nicole	Cole	August 03
Pastor Dave & Karen	Strohschein	August 04
Glen & Christine	Gertken	August 06
Ken & Peggy	Feia	August 06
Brad & Jodi	Dumonceaux	August 08
Tim & Melissa	Hinderschied	August 09
Keith & Brenda	Hackett	August 18
Dan & Denise	Leahy	August 18
Dan & Elli	Reginek	August 19
Ron & Barb	McKeever	August 21
Barret & Nicole	Novitzki	August 21
Michael & Julie	Kiraly	August 22
Wayne & Audrey	Larson	August 22
Garry & Bonnie	Loidolt	August 23
Ron & Jean	Folkerts	August 24
Ed & Shelley	Pintok	August 25
Brad & Holly	Jasmer	August 28
Wayne & Colleen	Peterson	August 28

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Bev Gerads, Secretary 761-1894; Ron McKeever
Treas. 393-2524; Joan Ramey 217-4431; Colleen Woods 685-4389; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; Paul Tschida 360-5241

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Leader, Brenda Hackett – Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Team,
Open Position Service Team Leader

*In case of church cancellation due to bad weather listen to, 98 COUNTRY 98.1, SPIRIT 92.9, KCLD 104.7, WJON
1240, or call the church office and listen to the message.*

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.