



December 11, 2022

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

About Our Worship Service

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

What About My Kids?

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is located in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery and they will gladly show you around.

Do I Have to Give an Offering?

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

Can I Take Communion?

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

December 11, 2022

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group

10:30 Bible Study

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

Congregation: I confess to You that I am a sinner, and that I have offended You with my thoughts and my words and my deeds. I have broken Your Commandments. I have failed to love my neighbor as myself. I know that I deserve Your

temporal and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, I ask You to have mercy on me and to be gracious to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and blesses us with His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father, we praise You, that through Your Word we have been blessed to see and hear all that Jesus the Messiah has done. He truly is the Christ.

Congregation: Use us as His witnesses. Make us people of grace, so that those who don't know of Your salvation in Jesus may also see and hear and be brought to faith in Him.

Pastor: In His name we pray.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 35:1-10 (Page 709)

Epistle – James 5: 7-11 (Page 1199)

Gospel – Matthew 11: 2-15 (Page 965)

Sermon Song

“Do You Hear What I Hear”

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"Faith or Feelings?"
Matthew 11:6

Notes:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Prayers (Family this week: Jeremy & Candance Dingmann)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of our Lord

Holy Communion

(Grape juice is available for those who prefer not to take wine.
Gluten free wafers are also available)

Communion Songs

"Mary, Did You Know?" & His Mercy Is More"

Communion Dismissal & Benediction

Closing Song

"Joy To The World"

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-17

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25



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

Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

www.sotpministries.com/give

or call the office at

320-393-4295 for help setting this up!



**Thank you Everyone who served and joined us
for Hotdish Supper!! We appreciate your help
and donations Rice Quilters**



Congratulations First Communion Class of 2022

May the Holy Spirit continually pour His love, comfort, and guidance into the lives of those who are taking Communion for the first time.

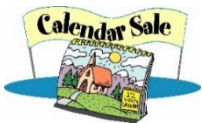
Wyatt Alstrup
Koriana Hackett
Maci Radika

Brielle Elyea
Awbrilynne Manea
Teegan Sauer

Galatians 5:22-23 ²²But the fruit **of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Noisy Offering for Giving Tree is TODAY!
 - Quilting - Tuesday & Thursday
 - Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
 - Confirmation- Wednesday at 6:00pm
 - Join us Wednesday for Advent Services @ 6:30pm with supper served before, from 5-6:15pm, December 14th & 21st
 - Choir Practice - 7pm after Advent Service
 - December 16th is Movie Night with dinner. Registration is required for dinner.
 - Christmas Eve Service - 3pm & 5pm. Volunteers needed
 - Christmas Service – Sunday, December 25th, 9am. Volunteers needed.
 - January 8th - congregational meeting with President Finnern after service
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2023 God's Creation Calendars will be 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!

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

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| Kyle Hackett, Pres. | 266-1700 | Joan Ramey | 393-3342 |
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| Ron McKeever Treas. | 492-5043 | Garry Loidolt | 393-2097 |

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

Executive Ministry Team

Open Position(s) - 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



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 requests 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

Blakelyn Rose Gangl
Mädchen Cate Smallfield
Emily May Moulzolf
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux
Griffin Dale Maass

Date of Baptism

March 27, 2022
April 3, 2022
June 19, 2022
July 24, 2022
October 17, 2022

There will be a Christmas Giving Tree during the month of December. There are several items on the tree that are needed for families in need in our community. Please consider choosing an item or making a monetary donation to the giving tree. Items need to be at SOTP church office by **December 19th**.



December NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, December 11th**, for the **Giving Tree**. We are a week earlier this month in order to have time to pick up items that need to be purchased. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule 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 11th J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/J.Popp

December 18th J. Amundson, M. Popp, B. Statz

December 25th No Fellowship

January 1st P. Tschida & R. Brutcher

January 8th D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman

January 15th J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

January 22nd Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett

January 29th R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp



Are you interested in Choir??

SOTP Choir will meet on Wednesdays after Advent service in the choir room. They will decide what day will work best for meeting once Advent is over. We invite anyone to join choir. Please reach out to Heather Statz with any questions.

Open Position Event Team

We are looking for a group of people to be on the service team. This group would help plan and organize events at SOTP. Please speak to a board member if this is something that you would be interested in, or if you would like more information. Our next event will be a Daddy/Daughter Dance in February.

AA at SOTP

AA will start meeting back at SOTP on Thursday, December 1st at 7PM. They will be meeting weekly. If you have any questions or would like more information, reach out to Dan Cairns.

320-293-9213

Advent Services: 6:30pm

“From the Beginning: A Closer look at Infancy Narratives of Jesus”

Holiday Worship Schedule

Advent Services – 14th & 21st 6:30pm

Children’s Message @ Sunday Service- December 18th 9:00am

Christmas Eve Services – December 24th at 3:00pm and 5:00pm

Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25th 9am

Looking for a group/individuals to sign up for
Advent Supper on December 21st. Supper will be
served from 5pm to 6:15pm. Service will be at
6:30pm

December 14th Youth
December 21st OPEN



Advent Soup Supper

Join us November 30th, December 7th, 14th, & 21st
for Advent Soup Suppers.

Supper will be served from
5-6:15pm before 6:30 Advent Service.

Freewill Offering will be
given to the ministry
of the server's choice.



Youth Group News and information

- On Wednesday Dec 14th, the youth group will serve the
Advent Soup Supper.
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Homework Hour

If you or your child is interested in a homework hour please reach
out to the church office. This time will be for any student that has
questions or needs help with their homework. We are looking at
Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm. We will have adults here to help
you with questions, or if you just want to study with another peer
this is a great time and place to get that done. Currently we are
going to do week by week if anyone is signed up.



Bible Studies Info!

Check the back of your bulletin for this week's schedule for Bible Studies and other events.

Sunday mornings during Sunday School there is a study for parents led by Richael Weinand

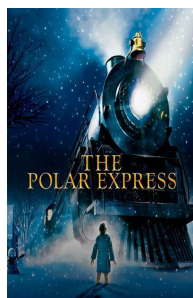
I encourage everyone to join a Small Group this winter! Whether it be connecting with two others to form a **Triad** to pray for each other, joining a **Bible Study**, starting a **Bible Study**, working on a **Mission project**, such as quilting, joining with others to serve a meal once a month at **Place of Hope**, gathering with others to **pray for children in public schools...**

Talk to me about your ideas, interests, and concerns!

320-685-4389 - Please leave a message if there is no answer.
Colleen Woods



Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on December 16th for dinner & a double feature, "The Star" & "The Polar Express". Registration will be required if you would like dinner. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket and snacks if you would like. Some snacks are available to share as well.



ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We have openings for Altar Guild. This will introduce you to belonging to a group with minimal time commitment. We currently have 4 teams that each cover 3 months per year. We would like to have at least 4 individuals on each team. 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 me at church or call me at 320 217-4431.

Joanny Ramey

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, December 11th (Music- Praise Team) NOISY OFFERING: GIVING TREE

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| 8:00 AM | Prayer Time |
| 9:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| 10:00 AM | Fellowship |
| 10:20 AM | Sunday School/Youth Group |
| 10:30 AM | Bible Study |

Monday, December 12th

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

Tuesday, December 13th

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

Wednesday December 14th

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| 9:30 AM | Bible Study: Book of Matthew |
| 9:30 AM | Woman's Study: Mothers and Daughters |
| 5-6:15 PM | Soup Supper Youth Group |
| 6:00 PM | Confirmation |
| 6:30 PM | Advent Service |

Thursday, December 15th

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| 9:00 AM | Pastor Dave in the Office |
| 6:30 PM | Elder's Meeting |
| 7:00 PM | BOLM Meeting |
| 7:00 PM | AA Meeting |

Friday, December 16th

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| 6:00 PM | Dinner and Movie Night Double Feature "The Star" & "The Polar Express" |
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Sunday, December 18th (Music- Bethany)

Children Christmas Message

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| 8:00 AM | Prayer Time |
| 9:00 AM | Worship |
| 10:00 AM | Fellowship |
| 10:20 AM | Sunday School/Youth Group |
| 10:30 AM | Bible Study |

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
December 11th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Milt & Marlene Popp
Projectionist: Denise Leahy
Reader: Lois Perleberg
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Kyle Hackett

Fellowship J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
December 18th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Dean & Karie Giese
Projectionist: Cal Ollman
Reader: Paul Tschida
Ushers: Jeremy & Candace Dingmann

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship J. Amundson, M. Popp, & B. Statz