

January

2021

How Has God Blessed Shepherd of the Pines in 2020?

As the year 2020 draws to a close, it's easy to complain about the year in review. While each year is tempting to complain about, 2020 is universally frustrating to everyone in at least one way. However, I thought it would be good for my soul to stop grumbling and instead see how God has blessed our church this year.

1) The Ministry of the Church didn't stop

We welcomed 14 new members, had 12 baptisms and had 2 students confirmed. Even though our church was not meeting in person for the first couple of months in the spring, our church has continued to welcome new members, baptize and catechize new Christians this year. We also had a number of new guests and visitors attend worship.

While we were not able to have all of our church activities, we still were able to have some events that were modified. For instance, we delivered bags of Easter Eggs to all of our homes with children, so they can have their own Easter Egg Hunt at their own homes. If you haven't had time to look through our Annual Report, I encourage you to do so, to find the activities we were able to have and you can see the ways that our church continued to hear and share God's Word, even with some safety restrictions.

2) Financially we are able to stay open

This year our giving was down, and this is understandable. Since we knew our giving would be less, we were more careful about our spending.

I want to thank God for you and others who have continued to give your tithe and offerings to our church. This has allowed us to stay open and to continue the work God has given us to do in our community

3) The Internet has increased our reach

Finally, the internet and social media have allowed God's Word to travel to more people than ever before. With just about every church having an online presence now, and through the organic sharing on social media platforms, it's possible that God's Word has been brought into more people's homes in 2020 than any other year in church history.

Our church has put up worship services online each week (without music because of copyright claims) and has had meetings and Bible studies online. This has increased our audience in ways that we may not fully know. For instance, on Facebook, we had new people watch our Christmas Eve services because our members shared the videos. God was using us to bring hope to people all over the world.

I hope that 2021 will be a better year, but at least we can end 2020 giving God praise for what He has given us!

Blessings and Happy New Year,
Pastor David Edge

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting
Pending Approval Minutes-December 17, 2020

BOLM members present in person and via Zoom: Sarah Anderson, Kyle Hackett, Pastor David Edge, Janet Maleska, Deb Erdman, Curt Kvamme, Dave Perleberg, Bev Gerads, Guests Joanny Ramey, Colleen Woods, Garry Loidolt, Keith Peterson

Meeting was called to order by at 6:58 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Kyle.

Bible Study of 1 Corinthians 6 was reviewed as a group study and discussion.

Treasurer's Report – November reports were reviewed. Curt reported that the PPP loan has been forgiven in November. Income for November was \$19,239.16, expenses were \$15,572.41. Sarah made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Deb seconded. Motion carried.

Properties – Keith reported the outside lights were repaired by an electrician and they are working much better now. Bridge church put stakes in the ground for the flags they use on Sundays. Keith will be looking for a janitorial back up to fill in when Jeff may not be available.

Secretary's Report – Janet made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities in the month of November including his quarantine, the hybrid congregational meeting, and a baptism. Pastor David is active with the upcoming Christmas service and devotion preparations.

Old Business

COVID update – Fellowship and Sunday School has been paused until January 10th.

Policy Review – Janet made a motion to accept the job descriptions and policies which were updated and previously distributed for review, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Wedding Coordinator – The subcommittee has not met yet. Pastor David will set up a meeting for the committee after the new year.

Bridge Church – Everything is going well with Bridge using our facility on Sunday evenings.

Congregational meeting – The BOLM welcomed the new members. Thank you for your willingness to serve our congregation!

New Business

The next BOLM meeting will be on January 21st at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing. The worship shepherd responsibilities and schedule was reviewed through February 17th.

District Convention – Our District normally convenes this coming year before the National Convention in 2022. The National Convention may be moved out to 2023, which may require a congregational vote. Pastor David will do some research on this topic and email the BOLM members.

ProPresenter Software – This program was originally made only for Mac users, however it was changed to allow use by Windows users before we purchased it. It is not as friendly to use through Windows as it is on a Mac. The company has released a \$700 update which will make the software easier to use for Windows users (the program is sometimes very slow and sometimes freezes during use). Kyle will talk to Keith Hackett to determine if this upgrade will fit in the Worship Team budget for 2020.

Youth Group leader – This volunteer position is open.

Small Group EMT leader – This volunteer position will be open at the end of the school year.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Deb, seconded by Janet. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Pastor David closed the meeting with the benediction.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Anderson, BOLM Secretary



Education / Small Group Team

Greetings and Happy New Year!

May the blessings for a new year be ever so present in your homes! As we begin this new year, I ask if anyone is interested in the children's ministry to give me a call, I would love to visit with you. We will remain without Sunday School as long as we do not have fellowship. We are also open for the Youth Group Leaders spot. Once we get back to a new normal, if God is moving your heart for the youth, please connect with me or Pastor David. I will be stepping down from ministry at the end of this school year. It has been a great journey, but I feel it is time to pass the baton to the next generation! It is a blessed roll and I will help anyone willing to get started! Again, please contact me or Pastor David and we can give more information.

The Covid restrictions have pretty much shut down a lot of activity for this ministry and that saddens my heart. I pray that as parents YOU are giving your children a Christian education at home. Be it good movies, reading from the Bible, or even going to Sermons 4 Kids web site...it offers lots of great items to teach your children. I pray that as this new year continues, we get to resume the activities we once had. In the meantime, May God's peace fill your hearts!

Sincerely,
Brenda Hackett
Small Group/Edu Team Leader

If you are interested in the Youth Group Leadership Please contact the office or Pastor David.



January
NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, January 17th**, for the **Pregnancy Resource Center**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

ANNOUNCING
Prayer and Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on BOLM Thursday January 21st** for a time of prayer and worship songs where we will lift up our church and community! This prayer and worship time will continue each month the half hour prior to our BOLM Meeting!!

Rice Area Food Shelf

January Distribution is
Thursday, January 7th
from 3:00-5:30pm

**November's Church
Income Statement**

	November	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$19,239	\$198,115
Expenses	(\$15,572)	(\$206,526)
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$3,667	(\$8,411)



The SOTP Church Office will be closed on January 1st New Years Day!

Portals of Prayer are available on the Narthex counter.



Worship Team

Worship Help Schedule

2021 Worship Team Schedule

January	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
01/03/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Sarah Anderson	Jeff Ramey	Dennis Arntson
01/10/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Isabelle Cairns	Jerry Nelson	Pastor David
01/17/21	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Lois Perleberg	Steve Ree
01/24/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Levi Brenny	Ruth Brutcher	Jerry Nelson
01/31/21	9:00am	Ronita Walburn	Julie Kiraly	Sandie Resch	Pastor David

February	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
02/07/21	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Ian Cairns	Jane Nelson	Dennis Arntson
02/14/21	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Sarah Anderson	Janet Maleska	Jane Nelson
02/21/21	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Isabelle Cairns	Jeff Ramey	Steve Ree
02/28/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Dennis Arntson	Sandie Resch	Pastor David

March	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
03/07/21	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Levi Brenny	Lois Perleberg	Pastor David
03/14/21	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Julie Kiraly	Ruth Brutcher	Jerry Nelson
03/21/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Dennis Arntson	Steve Ree
03/28/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Isabelle Cairns	Janet Maleska	Dennis Arntson

April	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
04/04/21	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Levi Brenny	Jerry Nelson	Pastor David
04/11/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Ian Cairns	Lois Perleberg	Jerry Nelson
04/18/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Ruth Brutcher	Steve Ree
04/25/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Julie Kiraly	Sandie Resch	Dennis Arntson


Greetings and Blessings to you


Please contact me at 320-267-6213 or the Church office, if you can help in any 2021 volunteer roles.


Keith Hackett

Worship Team Leader

Worship Shepherds

January 3	Colleen Woods	
January 10	Joan Ramey	
January 17	Deb Erdmann	
January 24	Kyle Hackett	
January 31	Garry Loidolt	


January 3	9:00am	Jeff Ramey	
January 10	9:00am	Jerry Nelson	
January 17	9:00am	Lois Perleberg	
January 24	9:00am	Ruth Brutcher	
January 31	9:00am	Sandie Resch	

January 3	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	
January 10	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	
January 17	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	
January 24	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	
January 31	9:00am	Ronita Walburn	



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 January we will be praying for:**

- January 3- Doug & Muggs Newman
- January 10 - Jerome Nodo
- January 17 - Barret & Nicole Novitzki
Children: Hunter, Mason, & Spencer
- January 24 - Tom & Jen Ollman
Children: Cal, Celeste, & Cynthia
- January 31- Marge Oltz

January 3 -	Isaiah 30:15-17	
	Romans 8:31-39	
	Luke 12:35-40	
January 10-	Isaiah 60:1-6	
	Ephesians 3:1-12	
	Matthew 2:1-12	
January 17-	1 Samuel 3:1-10	
	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	
	John 1:43-51	


We are putting a hold on Fellowship until

January 10th for sure.


Please stay tune for any possible changes.

We need one family to volunteer for serving and clean up. Some snack will be provided by the church and will be individually wrapped.

(Donations Welcome) Coffee, Juice, & water will be served. Will start after 9AM service and go until Sunday School is over at 10:45. Reminder we need Volunteers to have fellowship. Please consider signing up. Sign-up sheet on the Narthex counter!

January 3 -	Dennis Arntson	
January 10 -	Pastor David	
January 17 -	Steve Ree	
January 24 -	Jerry Nelson	
January 31-	Pastor David	

Musicians

January	3	Heather Statz	
January	10	Bethany Mears	
January	17	Praise Team	
January	24	Bethany Mears	
January	31	Volunteer Needed or Lyric	



ALTAR GUILD

January

Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp
& Joan Ramey


January COUNTERS

Deb Erdmann, Curt Kvamme,
& Sandie Resch



OFFERING COUNTERS

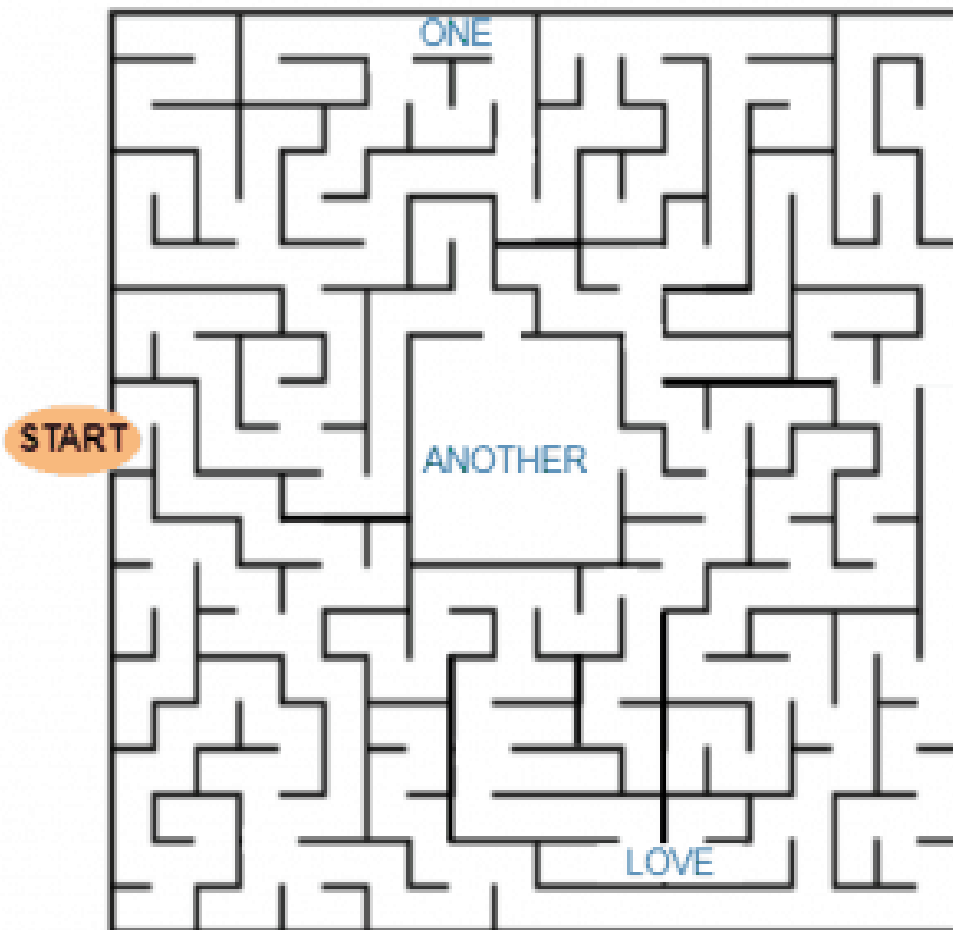
PROJECTIONISTS

January 6	9:00am	Sarah Anderson	
January 13	9:00am	Isabelle Cairns	
January 20	9:00am	Dennis Arntson	
January 27	9:00am	Levi Brenny	
January 31	9:00am	Julie Kiraly	
January 24-		Jonah 3:1-5, 10	
		1 Corinthians 7:29-31	
		Mark 1:14-20	
January 31-		Deuteronomy 18:15-20	
		1 Corinthians 8:1-13	
		Mark 1:21-28	

Love One Another Word Maze

Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

Love one another. John 15:17b HCSB



January Birthdays		
Kyle	Hackett	January 1st
Edris	Weinand	January 1st
Devin	Popp	January 2nd
Charles	Anderson	January 3rd
Emily	Morgan	January 3rd
Korra	Mickelson	January 6th
Zoe	Edge	January 7th
Mary	Kivi	January 8th
Kalley	Wright	January 9th
Peyton	Soltis	January 12th
Kevin	Maleska	January 14th
Haiden	Manea	January 14th
Stephanie	Pekarek	January 14th
Gabe	Gertken	January 16th
Waylon	Dingmann	January 17th
JJ	Newman	January 18th
Beth	Roles	January 18th
Jennifer	Betker	January 19th
Lillian	Brannen	January 19th
Sara	Dubbin	January 19th
Jerome	Nodo	January 19th
Jenalyne	Ostendorf	January 19th
Kathy	Arntson	January 21st
Drew	Efaimson	January 22nd
John	Brenny	January 24th
Connie	Efraimson	January 24th
Jean	Folkerts	January 24th
Lauren	Eggert	January 25th
Joe	Hicks	January 26th
Barret	Novitzki	January 26th
Kinslee	Hackett	January 27th
Jeff	Ramey	January 28th
Karen	Wood	January 29th
LuAnn	Legatt	January 30th

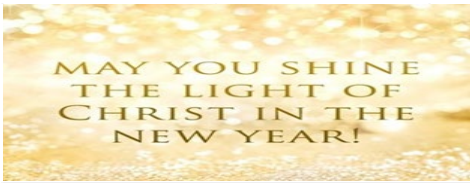


Angel Connect the Dots

Begin with number 1 and draw a line to the next highest number to complete the puzzle. After that, you can also color the angel!

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January Anniversaries		
Randy and Donna	Klaphake	January 11th
Doug and Muggs	Newman	January 16th



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January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00</p> <p>This Calendar is tentative and is subject to change due to COVID-19</p>					1	2
					Office Closed	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Music: Heather Statz 9:00 Worship 6:00 Bridge Church</p>	<p>7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group</p>	<p>6:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>6:30 Elders Meeting</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church</p>	<p>7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group</p>	<p>6:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>6:30 Confirmation</p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Noisy Offering Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church</p>	<p>7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group</p>	<p>6:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>6:30 Confirmation</p>	<p>6:30 Prayer and Praise 7:00 BOLM Meeting</p>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church</p>	<p>7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group</p>	<p>6:00 AI-Anon</p>	<p>6:30 Confirmation</p>			
31						
<p>Music: Volunteer Needed 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church</p>						

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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Lutheran Church

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Jesus guides...

Pastor David Edge

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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

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Bev Gerads 761-1894; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Ron McKeever Treas. 393-2524; Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Brenda Hackett – Education & Small Group Team Leader, Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Jen Ollman- 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.