

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church 1950 125th Street NW

2022

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It's been a joy to be with you at Shepherd of the Pines! Thank you for your warm and gracious welcome!

My prayer for us as we enter 2022 is drawn from two Scripture passages. From Psalm 23, I pray that the Lord will be our Shepherd and lead and guide us. And from Hebrews 12, it is my prayer that "we fix our eyes on the Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

Will you join me in those prayers?

I know He will hear and answer those prayers. And, as He does, I know that we will be blessed!

In Christ, Pastor Dave Strohschein

SHEPHERD OF THE PINES LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Call to Order: President Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Open with Prayer: Interim Pastor Dave Strohschein opened our meeting with prayer. Pastor Dave also read a reflection.

Reading of Mission Statement: Mission Statement read by Garry Loidolt.

Reading of Introduction Statement: Dave Perleberg read the Introduction Statement

Reading and Approval of 2020 Minutes: BOLM Secretary Bev Gerads read the 2020 minutes along with the minutes from the Special Meeting on October 3, 2021. Roxanne Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Julie Popp seconded.

Election of Board Members/Read Constitution Qualifications by President Kyle Hackett. Kyle asked for nominations from the congregation. There were no new nominations. Bev Gerads and Colleen Woods were nominated to continue serving on the Board. Jim Amundson made the motion to close the ballots and Deb Erdmann second. A discussion to go with a unanimous ballot was motioned by Peg Manea and second by Keith Hackett. Bev Gerads and Colleen Woods will be serving 3 year terms.

Treasurers Report: Ron McKeever shared accolades to Curt Kvamme who keeps our checkbook and does payroll. The congregation showed their appreciation with applause. Ron gave the report stating "It's been an interesting year, covid gave us challenges. The church books should be in the black at the end of the year. Dave Perleberg motioned to accept the treasurers report, Colleen Woods seconded.

Old Business: Keith Hackett made the motion to destroy the ballots of October voting, Candace Dingmann seconded.

New Business: For 2022 we have a projected surplus; however, that is not considering a full time pastor. When a pastor is called, this will be revisited.

Audit: The audit is completed. The budget explanation is completed. Ron thanked the congregation for their

support. Scripture was read from 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. Garry Loidolt made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, Ron Bulthuis seconded.

Call Process: Pastor Dave explained the call process to the congregation and spoke about a time of healing and a time for calling.

Delegate to District Convention: At this time Bruce Resch will be our delegate representing SOTP. Motion by Deb Erdmann, second Sarah Anderson. The alternate will be Josh Anderson. The Convention is held at Maddens in Gull Lake.

Time Table for Pastor Dave: At this time Pastor Strohschein has committed to the middle of next summer. It is important for members of our congregation to have ongoing conversations with The Board of Lay Ministry. A discussion was had about what a call process looks like. If we are to call a new seminarian, Januuary is the time table to call a new candidate. We will not have a choice per say in whom we get. There will be discussions about proceeding through the Synod. It all takes time. The call process needs a nomination from the congregation when calling from the "field." We can then nominate. We need to trust the Holy Spirit. The Board of Lay Ministry can call a meeting and then go to a call committee. If you know about a candidate to be considered, contact the BOLM.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Properties Team Leader: Keith Peterson reported that it was a light year, low attendance, and we did some small projects. We received bids on 2 exterior doors; \$3,600 for both doors, maybe a third door. Replacing the air conditioners will be at a later date with a bid of \$8,400. Bids on the parking lots will be this year or next year.

Service Team Leader: Jen sent a report of the large turn out for the Out Reach of "Trunk or Treat." Giving Tree will be coming soon. There are 12 families from the area involved, maybe more. More explanation will be at our church services. If you have Questions on Out Reach contract Jen Ollman.

Education/Small Group Leader: Brenda Hackett will serve as leader for Sunday School and Education. Colleen Woods will be in charge of Bible Studies, Triad, Larger or Smaller groups, and studies from Right Now Media. Contact Colleen if you have questions or are interested in being part of any of the above.

Worship Team Leader: Keith Hackett reported that more volunteers are needed for Service Team. Right now we have one service.

Youth Group Leader: Sarah Anderson encouraged youth to participate in Youth Group. She complimented the service that our youth have been actively doing. Kudos to our youth. The National Youth Gathering registration is open. Youth from 5th Grade to age 19 are eligible. It will cost about \$1,000 per person. The Garage Sale was successful in raising funds. For more information see Sarah or the website of LCMS Gathering.

Office: Secretary Julie Kiraly noted that if you have a change of address or phone number, or know someone who has a change, please contact the church office.

An applause was rendered for the great work for our Secretary Julie, and our Interim Pastor Dave!

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Duane Ott, seconded by Deb Erdmann at 11:23 A.M.

Close with Prayer: Pastor Dave Strohschein closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Gerads, BOLM Secretary

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

Pending Approval Minutes-December 16, 2021

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President, Kyle Hackett.

Opened with Prayer: Pastor Dave Stroschein opened with prayer.

Present were Kyle, Garry Loidolt, Ron McKeever, Deb Erdmann, Joanny Ramey, Dave Perleberg, Colleen Woods, Julie Kiraly, Keith Hackett. Absent: Keith Peterson and Bev Gerads. **Mission Statement** was read by Kyle.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron McKeever. Motion made by Garry to accept the report, seconded by Keith; motion carried.

Property's Report: New door was installed in the Sancturary. The outside door for the fellowship hall will be installed in the spring.

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Motion by Colleen to accept, seconded by Ron, motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report: Included midweek Advent services, Sunday Services and Bible Study. Future plans include Marriage Class Starting January 14 with 3 couples signed up so far.

New member class January 22 with 1 family signed up so far. We discussed the possibility of offering child care during that time. Julie will check for someone who will do this.

OLD BUSINESS:

The camera has been sold. Colleen Woods took pictures of Sunday School program with her camera and will purchase a camera after Christmas which will be more suitable for those who will be using it.

Visitor Guides have been updated.

Christmas advertisements have been submitted to Morrison County and Sauk Rapids Herald and paid for.

Open position: Wedding Coordinator - there is a person considering this position. 3 Weddings are currently scheduled for 2022, two in June and one in October. One tentatively set for Feb. 26 has been withdrawn, as our facility is not large enough.

BOLM Members re-elected for 3-year terms: Bev Gerads and Colleen Woods; Pastor will schedule a time during a Sunday service for Prayers of Installation.

Church Activities: Jen Ollmann has been doing an excellent job!

Giving Tree - 12 families in Rice area have been adopted and needs fulfilled. Noisy offering from Dec. 12 raised \$1351.51, each of the families will receive \$110 to use for their Christmas Meal! Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Dec. 18. Motion was made by Garry, seconded by Ron McKeever to purchase a gift card for the person who volunteered to provide hayrides for two of our activities. Motion carried.

Accounts and Credit Cards we no longer use have been cancelled. Garry is working with Julie to evaluate what may yet need to be done with some equipment that we can no longer use.

NEW BUSINESS:

Worship Shepherd Schedule will be updated for the New Year 2022. One man will be scheduled for each Communion Sunday.

NEXT BOLM MEETING: Thursday January 20, 7pm. With ELDERS - Kyle Hackett, Dave Perleberg, Garry Loidolt and Ron McKeever meeting that same evening at 6:30pm.

Visitor Gifts were discussed as well as ways to welcome and follow up with visitors. Dave made a motion, seconded by Colleen, that we include in our announcements: "If you are a visitor, pick up your gift after service, as well as Portals of Prayer and Visitor guide". Gift to include pens or pencils plus a \$10 gift card for The Old Creamery. Motion carried.

Emergency Fund: Because there had been two requests the same week for emergency funds, which were granted, there was discussion of how these requests will be handled in the future with best practices and grace.

WORSHIP- Keith Hackett reported a technical issue with recording sermons; Josh will be contacted to check on it.

Search for new Pastor: There was discussion about suggested hurdles to clear first: grow attendance by reaching out to welcome others - former members and unchurched, grow congregation spiritually, strengthen commitment to the congregation rather than to a Pastor. Some people may need healing. As Kyle stated at our Voter's Meeting in November, we are waiting for the **Congregation to let us know** when you are ready to move on this. Each of you contact a BOLM member with your thoughts please. This conversation will resume at the January BOLM meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Joanny made the motion, Deb seconded it; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Colleen Woods - Sub. for Bev.

Education / Small Group Team

Happy New Year!!!!

We are off and running for 2022! This new year we pray for many blessings for the congregation and the children's ministry! Lots of planning is about ready to begin! The first for the year is VBS! If you would like to partake in the planning, please let me know! The selection of the VBS program needs to be done this month, and then we move forward with ordering and preparing for the children. The months of March – May are when the props and real hands on are needed! This is such a great event for the children of the community...God really provides thru VBS! I will be making some phone calls, but if God is tugging at your heart, talk to me!!!!

The Sunday School Christmas Message was a blessing! Even though we did not know who was going to show up (who can predict illness), short practice experience, and the crazy weather...we did well and "Thank YOU" teachers, Heather, Julie, Roxanne & Judy, and Pastor Dave for being SOOOOO 'go with the flow' and giving God the wheel! You all are my blessings! We will continue with Sunday School, I and I will get out the days of no class time. Listen to the weather reports in case it causes issues to have church or class time!

Colleen Woods is going to start up some Bible Studies, and Pastor Dave is having one during Sunday School time. God wants ALL His children to be in the Word, young and old, so please, find a study for you! Triads are a great way to start if you don't like a group!!!

May this New Year keep you healthy, uplifted, and Giving God The Glory for all you have, all you are, and WHO"S you are!

Happy New Year! Brenda Hackett Education Team Ministry



James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Youth, ages 5th grade and up, please watch your email for a link to a SOTP church survey. We recognize you are at an age where there are a lot of activities to participate in including school extracurricular, jobs and family gatherings. We would like to offer activities that appeal to you and help you feel part of our SOTP community. Your feedback is important

to us. Please complete the five question survey to help us in planning activities that you would like to participate in.

Please watch your email for new events to be scheduled in 2022!

Sarah Anderson Youth Group Leader



Worship Help Schedule

Greetings and Blessings to you

Please contact me at 320-267-6213 or the Church office, if you can help in any 2022 volunteer roles.

Keith Hackett

Worship Team Leader

January	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
01/02/22	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Cynthia Ollman	Peg Manea		Jerry Nelson
01/09/22	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Ian Cairns	Ron Woods		Jane Nelson
01/16/22	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Julie Kiraly	Richael Weinand		Steve Ree
01/23/22	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Levi Brenny	Ruth Brutcher		Dennis Arntson
01/30/22	9:00am	Ronita Walburn	Sarah Anderson	Jeff Ramey		Keith Hackett

February	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	
02/06/22	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Isabelle Cairns	Dennis Arntson		Dennis Arntson
02/13/22	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Dennis Arntson	Jane Nelson		Jane Nelson
02/20/22	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Cal Ollman	Janet Maleska		Steve Ree
02/27/22	9:00am	Deb Erdmann	Cynthia Ollman	Peg Manea		Jerry Nelson
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Women's Winter Gathering

Sunday, January 16th @ 3:00PM

Jordie's Trailside Cafe

Sign-up Sheet in Narthex

Join us on January 16th for Woman's Winter Gathering at Jordie's.. cost is \$10 plus food shelf donations. If you would like to carpool meet at church at 2:30pm



Movie Night is returning to SOTP! Join us on January 21st for Raya and the Last Dragon. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snack available .to share as well.

November's Church Income Statement

	November	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$19,185	\$209,318
Expenses	<u>(\$18,701</u>)	<u>(\$201,240)</u>
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$484	\$8,078



January NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, January 16th**, for the **Pregnancy Resource Center**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

January Distribution is Thursday, January 6th from 3:00-5:30pm at the Old Village Hall!



Have you asked yourself, "How can I have a variety of inspiring Bible based information and teaching on many topics & issues for kids, teens and adults available on my

smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc?" Shepherd of the Pines offers you, <u>for no charge</u>, all of that on RightNow Media. Just Send us your Email Address and you will be able to use all this wonderful stuff to help you grow in your faith! You can refer your friends and family members too!

Wedding Coordinator @ SOTP

Fun paid position. We have three weddings scheduled and would like to have our wedding coordinator in place. Approximately an 8 hour commitment per wedding. Please see Joanny Ramey for details or call 393-3342. Training will be provided.

Portals of Prayer are available on the narthex counter.



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. If you are a member of SOTP, you are also invited to join this study as a refresher for your faith. Please let Julie at SOTP know if you plan on attending.



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, Jan. 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 Christcentered marriage. Please let Julie at SOTP know if you plan on attending.

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UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this winter 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!



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Kyle	Hackett	January 1st
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Devin	Рорр	January 2nd
Charles	Anderson	January 3rd
Emily	Morgan	January 3rd
Ellie	Radika	January 06
Korra	Mickelson	January 6th
Zoe	Edge	January 7th
Mary	Kivi	January 8th
Kalley	Wright	January 9th
Kennedy	Madsen	January 10
Peyton	Soltis	January 12th
Kevin	Maleska	January 14th
Haiden	Manea	January 14th
Stephanie	Pekarek	January 14th
Gabe	Gertken	January 16th
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Beth	Roles	January 18th
Jennifer	Betker	January 19th
Lillian	Brannen	January 19th
Sara	Dubbin	January 19th
Jerome	Nodo	January 19th
Jenalyn	Ostendorf	January 19th
Kathy	Arntson	January 21st
Drew	Efaimson	January 22nd
Julie	Plumski	January 22
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
Logan	Madsen	January 31



January Anniversaries					
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Doug and Muggs	Newman	January 16th			

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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; Joan Ramey 393-3342; Ron McKeever Treas. 393-2524; Colleen Woods 685-4389; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; Garry Loidolt 393-2097

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Jen Ollman- Service Team Leader, Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Team

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 <u>Great</u> <u>Commission</u> (Matthew 28), namely first of all to <u>Go</u>. 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 <u>Make Disciples</u> or in the words of St Paul, "<u>To equip the saints</u>" (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 <u>Baptize</u> 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, <u>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you</u>. 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 <u>rule and norm</u> 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 <u>Make Disciples</u>.