



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Dear friends in Christ,

How's your life? Would you say it's perfect? Is everything going according to your plan? No disappointments? Nothing that is frustrating you? Nothing to complain about?

Silly questions, right?

I don't think so. Rather, I think those question reflect and describe the reality of our lives. Even though we wish it was all perfect, it isn't. And when it isn't, then we groan, and we wish for something better.

Karen and I shared a devotion the other morning that addressed this issue and provided a new insight into all those times we find ourselves groaning beneath the burdens and losses of life that leave us wishing for and seeking something better.

The author said that our groans in those moments are actually our groans and longing for heaven. His words were based on 2 Corinthians 5:4. ***"For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life."***

His words and that Scripture and thought gave me a whole different perspective on so many things. It gave me a new perspective on my last living aunt who was constantly complaining about being placed in a memory loss unit (I used the past tense for her because the Lord did answer her groans for heaven and took her home last Friday). She wasn't complaining about her circumstances. She was expressing her faith and her longing for something better, something perfect...heaven!

And all the time we thought Aunt Nora was simply complaining!

It's been a good reminder for me...of when and where I will finally find the perfect life. It won't be here. This isn't my home. Heaven is my home. I'm on a pilgrimage here. All the longings I have won't find their fulfillment here. But they will when the Lord takes me home!

There won't be anything to groan about in heaven. There won't be any disappointments there. There won't be anything to complain about then. It will all be good. Life will finally, ultimately be good!

Until then, life is still good! God does graciously and abundantly bless us in this life. There is so much to be thankful for...way more than there is to groan about. And my prayer is that when you and I find ourselves in a time of groaning, we will remember what those groans ultimately mean. That we're looking forward to heaven!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING
Thursday September 22, 2022 7 P.M.
Pending Approval

Present: Kyle Hackett, Deb Erdmann, Ron McKeever, Garry Loidolt, Bev Gerads, Dave Perleberg, Joan Ramey, Pastor Dave Strohschein, also present Julie Kiraly. Absent: Colleen Woods, Keith Peterson

Meeting called to order at 7:11 P.M. Pastor Dave opened with prayer. Garry Loidolt read the Mission Statement.

Treasurers Report: Ron McKeever gave the treasurers report for August. We were a little short of our budget prediction. Expenses are down some. Bev moved to accept the treasurers report, Deb second.

Properties Report: Kyle Hackett reported on behalf of Keith Peterson. No big concerns at this time. Discussion of some outdoor railing installed for safety concerns. Usual Fall duties.

Secretaries Report: We reviewed the Secretaries report. After some discussion Dave moved to accept, Joan second.

Pastoral Report: Pastor Dave reported on the Youth South Dakota trip. "What a wonderful group of youth we have!" Pastoral activity for August worship services, education, regular meetings, official acts, visitation, call visits, circuit and district activity and upcoming events/projects.

Old Business:

We discussed the Children's Education Meeting.

The Call Process with availability, the addition of 6 more on the list from previous listing, the interviews continue.

We discussed a **protocol** for families needing assistance. Long term/Short term

Open Position :

Service Team Leader(s) See a board member.

See Joan Ramey regarding interest in the **Altar Guild**.

BOLM Vacates & Nominations Forms are out. Dave Perleberg and Deb Erdmann have finished their first term.

New Business:

We reviewed the Worship Shepherd Schedule.

Next BOLM/EMT joint meeting will be October 20, 7 P.M.

Also reviewed was the EMT proposed budgets.

The Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 P.M.

Leader Comments:

President Kyle Hackett read input from Colleen Woods regarding available Bible Studies and Small Groups. See the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Adjourn: Ron made a motion to adjourn, Deb second at **8:36 P.M.**

Pastor Dave closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Gerads BOLM Secretary



In Acts 6:1-9 as the Apostles were in need of others to help in the ministry they encouraged the believers to choose those who are known to be full of the spirit and wisdom.

In keeping with this advice from scripture, Article 4 of our Constitution By Laws says, "The Board of Lay Ministry of the church shall be composed of 7 communicant members (male and female), and the treasurer of the church, elected at the annual meeting of the church. They shall be people who have proven faithful to the Lord and His church. They shall also have been communicant members of the church for at least 2 years prior to sitting on the board and shall not be ministry staff members or employees of the church. They also should be people who attend worship faithfully and are involved in ongoing Bible study and a committed life of growing discipleship. Members of the board shall serve three-year terms established on a staggered basis, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Senior Pastor - Director of Ministries shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Lay Ministry."

There are two spots open for election on the Board of Lay Ministry. They are currently held by David Perleberg & Deb Erdmann both finishing their first terms. Please pray that the Lord will guide us to the people He wants to fill these positions. As you are led to someone, contact that person to see if they are willing to serve, and then submit their name in writing and place it in the nomination box on the counter in the church lobby. The nomination box will be available on the counter between September 11th and October 16th. **The congregation will elect two people from the list of nominations at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 20th** Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.



Education / Small Group Team

Bible Studies

It's time to gear up for fall Bible Studies! We have a few opportunities for you!

- † **Lois Perleberg will lead a study of the Book of Matthew on Wednesday Mornings starting October 5th 9:30am**
- † **Bible study in the evening "Get out of your head" by Jennie Allen. Contact Colleen Woods**
- † **"Mothers and Daughter of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream Wednesday Morning reach out to Marlene Popp**
- † **If you are interested in a Men's Bible Study please speak to Garry Loidolt.**

If you are interested in a study for "David Barton's Video study of "America's Godly Heritage", "Spiritual Warfare" by Chip Ingram, "Find your People" by Jeanie Allen and "Healing the Wounds of Trauma: How the Church can help."

So gather your group together, choose your topic and contact Colleen Woods or the Church office for help to obtain the study materials. 320-685-4389 Leave a message please



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, for no charge, all of that on RightNow Media. [Just Click here to set it up](#), 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!

August Church Income Statement

	August	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$17,616	\$155,053
Expenses	(\$10,700)	(\$140,652)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$6,916	\$14,401

October NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up 2 noisy offering one on **Sunday, October 16th**, for the **Military Bible Sticks** and one on the **Sunday October 30th** for **Christian Scholarship Fund** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

September Distribution is
Thursday, September 8th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!



Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on October 14th E.T. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snack available to share as well.



Please set aside October 12th as a date for the youth group (6th-12th grades) to come together and plan our upcoming activities. We'll meet directly following confirmation class at 7:30pm. We'll be at the church at 6:30pm if you want

to come early.

We want to encourage all youth 6th grade and up to volunteer to assist with the Trunk or Treat event on October 29th. Please call the church office to volunteer.

High School Youth are invited to the youth room on Sunday mornings during Sunday school. We are studying "Philippians - Learning to Lead as a Disciple of Jesus" together on Sunday mornings. "This Bible study dives deeply into this love letter to a people the apostle poured his heart and soul into. It will give you fresh insight into familiar verses and point you to the path of real influence. And it all starts at the feet of Jesus." We're excited to start this new adventure with you. See you on Sunday morning!

Josh & Sarah Anderson
Youth Group Leaders

Homework Hour

We have decided to start having a homework hour at SOTP. If you have questions or need help with your homework we invite you to come to SOTP on Wednesdays 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.

Any questions just reach out to the church office.

We will do this each Wednesday starting this week. However, we will not have this the week of MEA break October 19th.

Open Positions to create a Service 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 would like more information.

Pastors Names for Consideration

Pastor David Bass, Kerrville, TX
Pastor. Michael Erdman, Madison, WI
Pastor. Michael Grannis, Lincoln Park, MI
Pastor Aaron A.J. Neugebauer, Lafe, AR
Pastor. Nathan Reichle, Manawa, WI
Pastor Timothy Schaeckel Ashland WI
Pastor Matthew Schilling, Evansville, IN

Call Committee Members

Scott Manea 320-267-5409
Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236
Janet Maleska 320-249-4467
Colleen Woods 320-685-4389
Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992
John Alstrup 612-839-9490
Dan Carins 320-293-9213
Peg Herman 320-267-1863
Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880

If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, here is his contact information as well. 320-241-5806.

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 a least 4 individuals on each team. Please contact me and we will go over what would be required....we also are 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



RICE AREA BLOOD DRIVE As you may have heard or read there is a great blood shortage.

Sign up and donate blood on **Monday, October 17, 1:00 – 6:45** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. In accordance with CDC guidelines, donors may be required to wear a face mask regardless of vaccination. Appointments highly recommended as we may not be able to accept walk ins if all appointments are filled, which we hope they will be. Sign up by going to the Red Cross website <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html> and enter 56367 or call Lora at 320-393-2701.

“The Art of Marriage”

Marriage Class

Fri. October 14th 7-9pm
Sat. October 15th 9am-3pm
check out website or bulletin for more information!

New Members Class

Join us on
September 27th & October 4th
from 6:30-8:00PM



Worship Team

Worship Help Schedule 2022

October	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
10/02/22	9:00am	Kiraly Family	Julie Kiraly	Jane Nelson	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Jane Nelson
10/09/22	9:00am	Keith & Evie Kirchner	Cynthia Ollman	Janet Maleska	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Keith Hackett
10/16/22	9:00am	Brent & Jennifer Betker	Denise Leahy	Ron Woods	Bev & Al Gerads	Steve Ree
10/23/22	9:00am	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Cal Ollman	Dennis Arntson	Jen & Tom Ollman	Dennis Arntson
10/30/22	9:00am	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Sarah Anderson	Peg Manea	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg	Jerry Nelson
November	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
11/06/22	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Mackenzie Ramey	Richael Weinand	Bev & Al Gerads	Jane Nelson
11/13/22	9:00am	Joyce Saldana	Dennis Arntson	Ruth Brucher	Ron & Barb McKeever	Keith Hackett
11/20/22	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Levi Brenny	Jerry Nelson	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Steve Ree
11/27/22	9:00am	Keith & Brenda Hackett	Cynthia Ollman	Ron Woods	Keith & Kathy Craft	Dennis Arntson
December	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
12/04/22	9:00am	Tom & Jen Ollman	Julie Kiraly	Janet Maleska	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Brenda Hackett
12/11/22	9:00am	Milton & Marlene Popp	Denise Leahy	Lois Perleberg	Brad & Holly Jasmer	Jerry Nelson
12/18/22	9:00am	Dean & Karie Giese	Cal Ollman	Paul Tschida	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Steve Ree
12/25/22	9:00am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

**TRUNK OR TREAT
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SO PLEASE SPREAD
THE WORD!**

Please consider decorating a trunk for this event!

Sign up on the Narthex counter.

Any candy donations would be greatly appreciated!

Please bring donations to the office.



October Birthdays

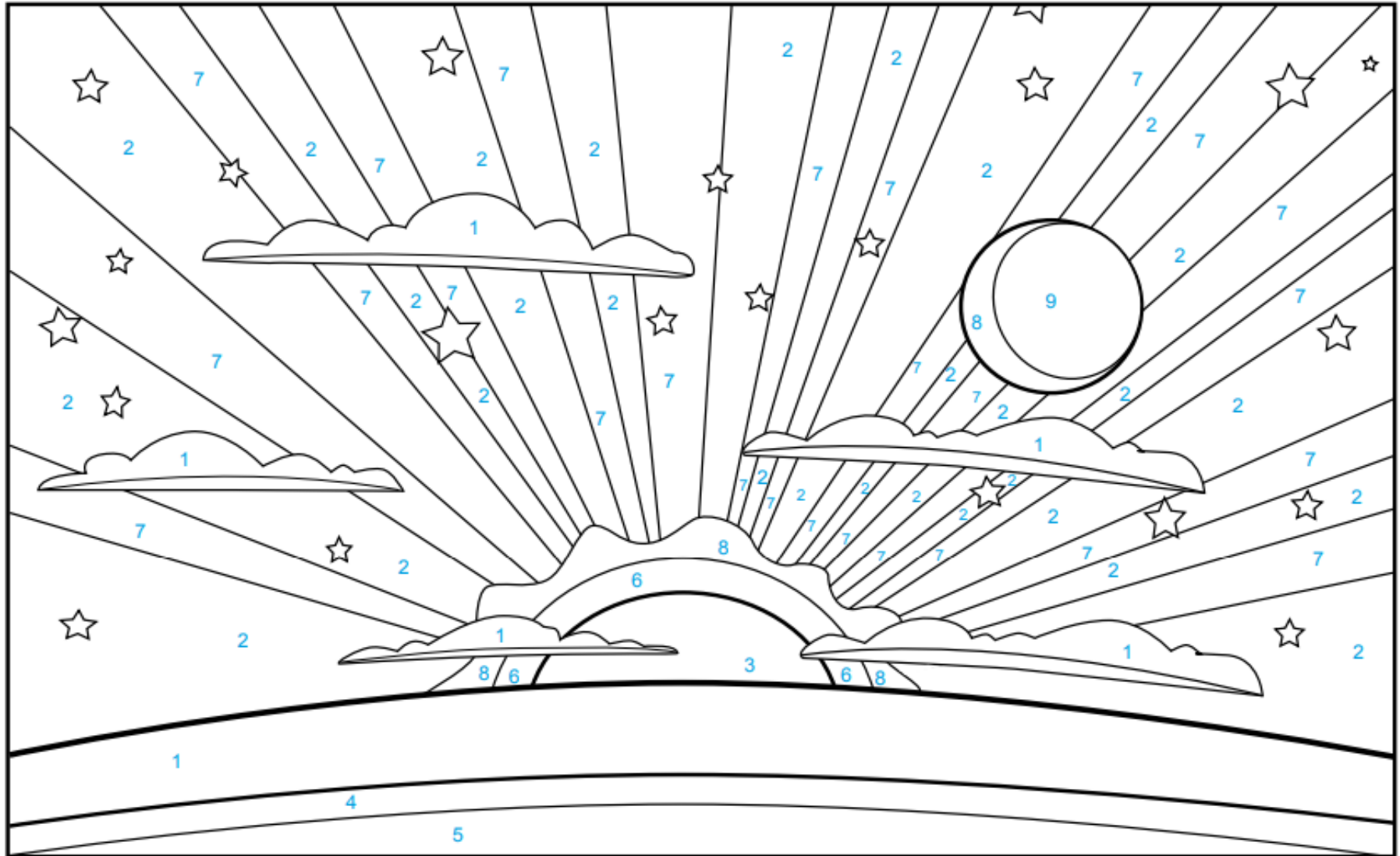
Joni	Hoeft	October 01
Evelyn	Kirchner	October 01
Curt	Kvamme	October 01
Candace	Dingmann	October 02
Kendal	Craft	October 04
Carson	Jacka	October 04
Ellie	Cairns	October 05
Nicholas	Kersting	October 07
Emily	Wunderlich	October 07
Devin	Douvier	October 08
Johanna	Merten	October 08
Meghan	Hicks	October 09
Reid	Giambrone	October 10
Ron	McKeever	October 11
Haley	Skajewski	October 12
Lexi	Romness	October 13
Amanda	Jasmer	Ocotober 14
Peter	Seppelt	October 14
Tom	Ollman	October 16
Cindy	Christensen	Ocotober 17
Nicole	Cole	October 17
Riley	Gruba	October 17
Sherry	Kapsner	October 17
Luke	Barringer	October 18
Clarice	Elyea	October 18
Wyatt	Alstrup	October 19
Ashley	Hackett	October 19
Gabrielle	Dingmann	October 21
Rowan	Hanebuth	October 26
Logan	Douvier	October 29
Holly	Jasmer	October 30
Troy	Popp	October 31

October Anniversaries

Pat & Carol	Rolph	October 02
Bruce & Lora	Knafla	October 06
Jeff & Joanny	Ramey	October 08
Ted & Emily	Morgan	October 10
Randy & Jami	Kreifels	October 12
Cory & Kira	Brouns	October 13
John & Jessica	Brenny	October 14
Jeremiah & Candace	Dingmann	October 15
Dennis & Kathy	Arntson	October 26
Andy & Hannah	Eggert	October 28

Color by Number for God Made the World





Color each section by the colors shown in the list at the bottom of the page. If you don't have all of the colors listed make your best color choice.



1. Light blue 2. Light purple 3. Bright yellow 4. Medium blue 5. Dark blue
6. Orange 7. Dark purple 8. Light yellow 9. Gray

Stars and cloud bottoms can be either yellow or white, your choice.

Worship Shepherds

October	2 nd	Colleen Woods	
October	9 th	Kyle Hackett	
October	16 th	Deb Erdmann	
October	23 rd	Ron McKeever	
October	30 th	Joanny Ramey	
October	2 nd	Travis Lenarz Family	
October	9 th	Keith & Evie Kirchner	
October	16	Brent & Jennifer Betker	
October	23 rd	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	
October	30 th	Jeremy & Candance Dingmann	
October	2 nd	Jane Nelson	
October	9 th	Janet Maleska	
October	16 th	Ron Woods	
October	23 rd	Dennis Arntson	
October	30 th	Peg Manea	
October	2 nd	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	
October	9 th	Kevin & Janet Maleska	
October	16 th	Al & Bev Gerads	
October	23 rd	Tom & Jen Ollman	
October	30 th	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg	

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this Fall 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!



- October 2nd**
J. Ramey, J. Alstrup, M. Kiraly, G. Welle
- October 9th**
Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett
- October 16th**
R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp
- October 23rd**
J. Hanebuth, S. Wood, B. Novitzki
- October 30th**
J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland
- November 6th**
D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson
- November 13th**
S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns
- November 20th**
M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson
- November 27th**
K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson

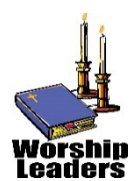


We have been praying for our church families each week as we go through our church directory from A to Z. As you go about your daily tasks lift a prayer for the family of the week as the Lord brings them to mind. **In**

October we will be praying for:

October	2 nd	Cindy Christensen
October	9 th	Kyle & Amy Christy Children: Allie, Carson, & Matthew
October	16 th	Julie Clasen
October	23 rd	Victoria Clemens
October	30 th	Ben & Nicole Cole Children: Aspen, Barrett, Drake, & Savannah

October	2 nd	Jane Nelson
October	9 th	Keith Hackett
October	16 th	Steve Ree
October	23 rd	Dennis Arntson
October	30 th	Jerry Nelson



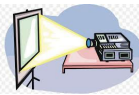
Musicians

October	2 nd	Heather Statz
October	9 th	Lyric Videos
October	16 th	Praise Team
October	23 rd	Lyric Videos
October	30 th	Lyric Videos



PROJECTIONISTS

October	2 nd	Julie Kiraly
October	9 th	Cynthia Ollman
October	16 th	Denise Leahy
October	23 rd	Cal Ollman
October	30 th	Sarah Anderson



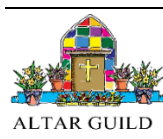
October 2nd	October 9th
Psalm 62	Psalm 111
2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:1-13
Luke 17:1-10	Luke 17:11-19
October 16th	October 23rd
Psalm 121	Genesis 4:1-15
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-17
October 30th	
Psalm 46	
Romans 3:19-28	
Matthew 11:12-19	



OCTOBER
 Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea



OCTOBER
 Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg,
 & Brenda Pressnall





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October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Julie - Will be out of the office reachable by email or cell if needed			
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon New Member's Class 6:30-8:00	9:30 Woman's Bible study of Matthew 5:30 Homework hour 6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30 Woman's Bible study of Matthew 5:30 Homework hour 6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters	 Movie Night ET 6:30 Marriage Class 7-9pm	 Marriage Class 9-3pm Lunch provided
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Noisy Offering Military Biblestick Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	 1:00 - 6:45 Rice Area Blood Drive 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30 Woman's Bible study of Matthew 6:30 NO Confirmation	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting 7:00 BOLM Meeting		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30 Woman's Bible study of Matthew 5:30 Homework hour 6:30 Confirmation	9:00 Quilters		 Trunk or Treat 4-6PM
30	31	 <p>Let your light shine so people everywhere may see your good actions and praise God in heaven because of it. Matthew 5:16</p>				
Noisy Offering Christian Scholarship Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:20 Sunday School & Youth Group 10:30 Bible Study	Halloween					

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; 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, Open Position- 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 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.