

# September 2021

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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## Title: "Everything Comes From God's Hand"

Man, oh man, it's hot outside! As we would say in Texas, it's so hot outside, hens are laying boiled eggs!

The drought has caused the Mississippi River to run low, which some cities are having restrictions on water and recreational fires. Us "city folk" are inconvenienced by this, but farmers are feeling the brunt of this.

If this isn't bad enough, many are feeling the weight of inflation of the dollar and the supply shortage. These economic factors are outside most of our control. We do what we can to insure and provide for our families, but global economic trade policies, wars, famines, droughts, hurricanes, etc. are outside of our control.

As Americans in modern times, we have become accustomed to a lifestyle with abundance and even luxury. I'm grateful to God for this, but what happens when the pendulum shifts the other way? Where is God in our times of need and why is he no longer giving us what we had before?

Listen to the words of King David when he and all of Israel gave their treasures to God so they could build a temple.

**1 Chronicles 29:14** "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

What strikes me about this prayer is that they say this as they are giving God their gold, silver, and other precious metals to God. They confess that while they are giving God a portion of their money, all their possessions really belong to God. In this case, it's not a sacrificial gift, because it does not belong to them. God has only entrusted it to them.

This might be easy to say when we have abundance, but admittedly it's harder when we barely have enough to get by. We look back to previous seasons when we had a better crop, a higher paycheck, and there was not as much worry to life.

Even in the worst times, we can still confess that everything we have comes from the hand of God. Even if that is only a small bowl of rice, God has brought down his hand into our kitchens to serve us that meal. God is active in our lives and gives us breath in our lungs, which are then used to declare the praises of God!

I'm certainly not perfect at this, but it's in times like these that we learn how to praise God at all seasons in our lives. To God be the glory, whether he gives to us abundance or shortage from his hand!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David Edge

# BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY AND EMT MEETING

PENDING APPROVAL THURSDAY, August 26, 2021

**BOLM MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kyle Hackett, Ron McKeever, Colleen Woods, Garry Loidolt, Deb Erdman, Bev Gerads, Pastor Edge, Keith Peterson. Absent: Dave Perleberg, Joan Ramey

Prayer and Praise at 6:30 P.M. Bible Study of 1 Corinthians 13.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. Pastor Edge Opened with Prayer. Reading of the Mission Statement read by Kyle.

**Treasurers Report:** Ron McKeever presented the treasurers report. The report was approved as presented. Bev motioned to approve Deb seconded.

**Properties Report:** Keith Peterson reported that the security lock was repaired. The playground area with the play set was washed down and repaired by Keith Peterson. Lloyd Walburn stained the entire set; a job well done. We also have a bid on our fellowship area air conditioners. At this point \$8,400 for the pair. We will discuss this over the winter.

**Secretaries Report:** The secretaries report was reviewed and approved by the board. Deb made a motion, seconded by Ron.

**Pastoral Activity Report:** Pastor Edge reported on worship, regular meetings, official acts, visitations, circuit meetings, a Doxology Retreat in Buffalo, The Shepherds Canyon event for Pastor is upcoming.

**Old Business:** Youth Garage Sale was a great success. Thank you to all who donated, set up, worked the sale and the take down. The donations totaled \$2500.

Community Activities were the Rice Parade. Thank you to Troy Popp and Scott and Peg Manea for the use of his classic cars in the parade and all those walked the route and donated candy.

Upcoming is the Rice Craft Fair booth on September 11. Volunteers needed for this stand.

Dave Anderson & Roger Walck Concert August 29<sup>th</sup> 6P.M. Great revues.

**Open Positions:** EMT Education & Small Group Open Positions Sunday School Shepherd needed. Colleen Woods interim. Wedding Coordinator is needed. There are 3 upcoming weddings in 2022.

## **Sunday School Kick Off:**

More volunteers to help set up and are needed for games, and other areas. Will be outside. There will be hot dogs etc. Time is 10:15A.M. **Sunday School starts September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**New Business:** We reviewed the Worship Shepherd Schedule Next BOLM meeting is Thursday September 16 at 7 P.M. We reviewed the Concordia Health Benefits Plans. There is a slight increase in the premium. We decided to leave the **plan options** the same as last year. Ron motioned and Garry seconded. Colleen motioned and Bev seconded to the **slight increase** in the plans.

**BOLM Vacancies AND NOMINATION FORMS need to be out by September 19. Colleen Woods has completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Term vacated by Wayne Anderson. Bev Gerads has completed her First Term.**

We received a Thank you from the Rice American Legion Auxiliary for our donation sponsorship to the Wall that Heals. It was an honor to have this display in our city. We thank Charlie Anderson for his presentation on the facts and details about the Wall.

Motion made by Deb to adjourn, Bev seconded at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Gerads, Secretary BOLM



# Education / Small Group Team

Dear SOTP Family,

At our BOLM Meeting on July 15, I agreed to temporarily step into the position of Education and Small Group Team Leader, working with Pastor David to plan and facilitate Sunday School for this fall. I believe it is important to sow seeds of faith into the lives of our Children.

We need YOUR input too! Especially parents and those who are thinking about volunteering to help with Sunday School in some way. We are praying for you and the children.

Watch for updates thru the Sunday Announcements in the Bulletin.

Colleen Woods

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

[Sunday School Registration](#)

[Volunteer Registration](#)



## Worship Team

### 2021 Worship Team Schedule

Greetings all!

As we enter into fall and school starts back up, I pray that God has refreshed your hearts. I want to again thank all who have volunteered over the summer, and we look forward to Fall. If God is moving your heart to be a servant, please contact me at 267-6213 or Julie at the office 393-4295 and we can get you on board!

Enjoy and blessings to you!

Keith Hackett

Worship Team Leader

September	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
09/05/21	9:00am	Annette & John Elliott	Sarah Anderson	Jerry Nelson		Dennis Arntson
09/12/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Isabelle Cairns	Ron Woods		Pastor David
09/19/21	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Lois Perleberg		Steve Ree
09/26/21	9:00am	Ronita Walburn	Levi Brenny	Ruth Brucher		Jerry Nelson

## ANNOUNCING Prayer & Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on September 16<sup>th</sup>** for a time of prayer and worship songs where we will lift up our church and community!

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## July's Church Income Statement

	June	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$13,077	\$117,267
Expenses	(\$17,316)	(\$126,303)
Over/(Shortfall)	(\$4,239)	(\$9,035)

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## September NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, for the **Quilting!** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

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## Rice Area Food Shelf

September Distribution is  
Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
from 3:00-5:30pm  
at the Old Village Hall!

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**Men's Bible study meets Wednesday Nights at 7pm-8pm Study is on creation & science**

**Women's Bible taking a break for Summer. We will start up in the Fall.**

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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!

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## Bible Studies

"The Power of a Praying Parent" Study by Stormie Omartian will begin Mid September. Please sign up so I know you are interested - then we can set a time that works best. I am available Wednesday mornings OR evenings, but not both... If YOU would like to lead a study, Contact Colleen Woods 320-685-4389. If no answer leave a message and I'll get back to you.



**RICE AREA BLOOD DRIVE** will be at Shepherd of the Pines on **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm -**

**6:45pm.** Give the gift of life so that others may live. To set up an appointment call Lora @ 393-2701 evenings. Thank you for your support!



## PREPARE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

*Start date: Sunday,  
September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Blessing of the Backpacks:  
Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Forms and sign-up sheet on the narthex counter*

## SOTP BOOTH at the Rice Craft Fair

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 6pm  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – 2 adults per 2 hour shift

We will be inviting people to our Fall Kick Off which is the next day. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We do appreciate your help with this!!



Jeremiah 29:11 New International Version **11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth! Starting September 12<sup>th</sup> we welcome you to the Youth Room on Sunday mornings after worship for conversation about our faith. Bring your questions about our faith, our church, or our beliefs and we will review and discuss together using the Bible as our guide to learn how to live out our faith. Also, if you have a Right Now Media Study to suggest for the group, we will consider it along with any other suggestions.

As a reminder from last month, it is time to start considering if you will attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX where thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity in July 2022. If you are 14 to 19 years old and interested in going to the Gathering, please start talking to your parents about attending. Bring your questions to our time of conversation on Sunday mornings. See you there!

Sarah Anderson  
Youth Group Leader



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## Coded Words for Exile Is Coming!

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet.  
Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

2 1 2 25 12 15 14

19 5 22 5 14 20 25

16 18 15 13 9 19 5

15 2 5 25

### Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

### PHRASE:

10 5 18 5 13 9 1 8

20 15 12 4 5 24 9 12 5

23 1 19 1 8 5 1 4

## Word Scramble for Exile Is Coming!

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

EBOY

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GINK

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URTEFU

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EVETSYN

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ROMPEIS

□ ○ □ □ □ □ ○

God promised to \_\_\_\_\_.

September Anniversaries		
Kyle & Ashley	Hackett	September 06
Patrick & Wendy	Hicks	September 09
Adam & Clare	Elyea	September 10
Hunter & Amanda	Jasmer	September 15
Tony & Linda	Omann	September 17
Ryan & Stephanie	Pekarek	Septmeber 19
Josh & Kalley	Wright	September 21
Ron & Mary	Bulthius	September 23
Paul & Lila	Tschida	September 24
Keith & Roxanne	Peterson	September 27
Keith & Kathy	Craft	September 28
David & Lois	Perleberg	September 30

September Birthdays		
Gayle	Plumski	September 01
Andy	Eggert	September 04
Gene	Kubat	September 05
Laurie	Madoll	September 06
Dale	Dirks	September 07
Anna	Herrmann	September 07
Beau	Johnson	September 07
Kim	Kubat	September 07
DuReine	Matheny	September 07
Evan	Ostendorf	September 08
Piper	Efraimson	September 09
Koriana	Hackett	September 09
Cal	Ollman	September 09
Aubrey	Hinderschied	September 13
Wayne	Anderson	September 14
Melissa	Hinderschied	September 14
Marlys	Skudlarek	September 15
Judy	Hackett	September 16
Grant	Donabauer	September 17
Colton	Hinderschied	September 17
McKenna	Brannen	September 19
Karen	Ellefson	September 19
Kris	Foss	September 19
Steve	Pressnall	September 23
Tim	Hinderschied	September 24
Terri	Skajewski	September 25
Brian	Statz	September 27
Katie	Hemple	September 30
Bruce	Knafla	September 30

**News Flash!**  
**Quilters have Wash cloths for  
 sale 5 for \$5 at the quilter tables  
 in the fellowship**

## Worship Shepherds

September 5	Bev Gerads
September 12	Colleen Woods
September 19	Joan Ramey
September 26	Deb Erdmann



September 5	9AM	Jerry Nelson
September 12	9AM	Ron Woods
September 19	9AM	Lois Perleberg
September 26	9AM	Ruth Brutcher



September 5	9AM	Annette & John Elliott
September 12	9AM	Ron & Barb McKeever
September 19	9AM	Jeff & Joan Ramey
September 26	9AM	Ronita Walburn



## SEPTEMBER

Deb Erdmann, Curt Kvamme, & Sandie Resch



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 September we will be praying for:**

September 5-	Dale & Terri Skajewski Child: Haley
September 12-	Eric Skajewski & Fiancée Brittny
September 19 -	Marlys Skudlarek
September 26 -	Darin & Shelia Smallfield

September 5-	Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-10, 14-18 Mark 7:24-30
September 12 -	Ephesians 1:1-23
September 19 -	Ephesians 2:1-22
September 26 -	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 James 5:1-20 Mark 9:35-50



Scripture Readings

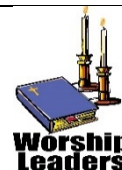
## UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this summer for Fellowship. We ask if you can't do 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!



**September 5<sup>th</sup> K Kirchner, R Brutcher**  
**September 12<sup>th</sup> D Erdmann, J Brenny**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> Ke Hackett, Ky Hackett**  
**September 26<sup>th</sup> A Betker, G Loidolt**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup> J Nelson, R McKeever**  
**October 10<sup>th</sup> J Elliott, K Maleska**  
**October 17<sup>th</sup> J Amundson, M Popp**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> J Ramey, M Kiraly**  
**October 31<sup>st</sup> D Arntson, K Craft**

September 5	Dennis Arntson
September 12	Pastor David
September 19	Steve Ree
September 26	Jerry Nelson



	<u>Musicians</u>
September 5	Heather Statz
September 12	Bethany
September 19	Praise Team
September 26	Bethany



## PROJECTIONISTS

September 5	9AM	Sarah Anderson
September 12	9AM	Isabelle Cairns
September 19	9AM	Dennis Arntson
September 26	9AM	Levi Brenny



ALTAR GUILD

## SEPTEMBER

Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg, & Brenda Pressnall





# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>CHURCH</b> OFFICE HOURS Office Hours M-F 9-3pm Email: <a href="mailto:office@sotpministries.com">office@sotpministries.com</a> Website: <a href="http://sotpministries.com">sotpministries.com</a>			1	2	3	4
			7:00 Men's Bible Study	6:30 Elders Meeting 9:00 Quilters		Fellowship Reserved 10-1 Celebration of Life Jeanette Schotl
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	10:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	7:00 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Quilters		Rice Craft Fair 8-6PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Blessing of Backpacks Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Fall Kick off Picnic	7:30 Small Group Study 7:30 Praise Team	10:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	7:00 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Prayer & Praise 7:00 BOLD Meeting		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Noisy Offering Quilters Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15-10:45 Sunday School/Youth Group	Pastor David out of office Reachable for Emergencies Only.					
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26	27	28	29	30		
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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**

Open Position – 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.