

A church family where you already **belong**



Shine is Deer Lake Church's ministry for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. No church background needed. No "good behavior" required. Just come — **we're saving you a seat.**

Every ability • Every age • Always free • Always welcome ☀️

What to expect



A buddy, if you'd like one

Trained Shine Buddies offer friendly one-on-one support during services and activities.



A warm, easy arrival

Greeters meet you at the door, help with check-in, and show you exactly where to go.



Real participation

Not a separate corner — singing, serving, and friendship alongside the whole church family.



Sensory-friendly options

A quiet room, fidgets, and noise-reducing headphones are available anytime — no questions asked.



We follow your lead

Tell us what helps — routines, seating, communication style. We'll listen and adapt.



Support for caregivers too

Parents and caregivers get to actually worship, rest, and connect while loved ones are cared for.

"Movement, sounds, and stims are all okay here. There is no version of you that isn't welcome at Deer Lake."

Coming for the first time?

1. **Just show up** any Sunday — 9:00 AM (traditional) or 10:40 AM (contemporary) — or
2. **Email or call ahead** and we'll have a buddy and a plan ready: info@deerlakechurch.org • (850) 668-0314
3. **Tell us what works for you.** A short conversation about likes, needs, and routines helps us make your first visit great.

Good to know

- Wheelchair-accessible facility & seating
- Leaving early (or arriving late!) is fine
- Caregivers may stay alongside anytime
- Adults with disabilities: ask about serving roles — greeters, welcome team & more