

"Small Talk....Big Results!"

John 4:5-26

March 12, 2023

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

About Our Worship Service

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

What About My Kids?

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is located in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery and they will gladly show you around.

Do I Have to Give an Offering?

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

Can I Take Communion?

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

March 12, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

Congregation: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the peace we have with You through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Remind us, especially if we are in a time of suffering, that the hope You have given us in Jesus will not disappoint us, for You have poured out Your love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit You have given us.

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Exodus 17:1-7 (Page 71)

Epistle – Romans 5: 1-8 (Page 116)

Gospel – John 4: 5-26 (Page 1052)

Sermon Song

“Beautiful Savior”

Sermon

Pastor Paul Cloeter

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Notes:

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"Goodness of God"

Prayers (Family this week: John & Annette Elliott)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of our Lord

Holy Communion

(Grape juice is available for those who prefer not to take wine.
Gluten free wafers are also available)

Communion Songs "Alas! And did my Savior Bleed,
Broken Vessels, & Drawn to the Cross"

Communion Dismissal

Benediction

Closing Song

"Everlasting God"

Next Week's Readings:

Psalms 142

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book. Also, Join us for fellowship after Service.

Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

www.sotpministries.com/give



or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up!

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
- Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
- Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
- March 15th Lent Service with Supper beforehand from 5-6:15pm
- Choir Practice after service on Wednesdays
- Event Meeting March 15th

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule 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!



March 12th	M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson
March 19th	B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf
March 26th	J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp
April 2nd	J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz
April 9th	Easter Breakfast
April 16th	A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand
April 23rd	D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman
April 30th	J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

Wednesdays March 15th-March 29th

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

April 6th

Good Friday Service 6:30pm

April 7th

Easter Sunday Services

April 9th , 7:00am & 9:30am

*** Easter Breakfast 8am-9:15am

***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th at 10am

Lenten Supper

Join us for Lent Services March 15th - March 29th

Supper will be served from 5-6:15pm before 6:30 Lent Services.

Freewill offering will be given to the ministry of the server's choice



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, comprised 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 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.

Board of Lay Ministry/Elders

Kyle Hackett, Pres.	266-1700	Joan Ramey	217-4431
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever Treas.	492-5043	Paul Tschida	360-5241

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

Executive Ministry Team

Open Position(s) - Service Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

March Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joanny Ramey

March Counters: Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



Shepherd of the Pines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Shepherd has a clipboard for prayer requests.

You will find the clipboard in the narthex before you enter the church sanctuary. Prayer requests are important, and we encourage you to get your prayer requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name

Blakelyn Rose Gangl
Mädchen Cate Smallfield
Emily May Moulzolf
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux
Griffin Dale Maass
Bryce Nathan Leyk
Maverick Lee Wolff
Coen Maxwell Line
Cal Nicholas Cervenka
Barrett James Eggert
Amelia Rose Wentland

Date of Baptism

March 27, 2022
April 3, 2022
June 19, 2022
July 24, 2022
October 17, 2022
December 18, 2022
January 8, 2023
January 8, 2023
January 29, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 26, 2023

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 at least 4 individuals on each team. Please contact me, and we will go over what would be required....we are also responsible for decorating the church for all seasons, which is really fun. See Joanny Ramey at church or call 320 217-4431.

MARCH NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, March 19th**, for the **Rice Area Food Shelf**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



AA Meeting at SOTP

We are meeting on Thursdays at 7pm. If you have questions reach out to Dan Carins 293-9213.

Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on March 17th for "Peter Rabbit". Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snack available to share as well.



Open Position: Service/Event Team Looking for volunteers

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 you would like more information. Our next event will be Easter Egg Hunt!

Meeting on March 15th after Church Service

2023 Events

Easter Egg Hunt – April 8

Mom/Son Event - Unsure of when

Trunk or Treat Event - October



New Members Class

Join us March 18th 9-11am

Topics will include

- *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 Our Creator
- *Living a life of faith

This class is for those interested in becoming a member at SOTP or current members as a study refresher for their faith

Day care will be available for those who are in need of that service.

Membership Class will be **Saturday March 18th** from **9-11am**.

This class is for anyone interested in becoming a member of SOTP. 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.

We will offer Daycare during the class for those who would like to attend and need daycare during that time.

Current members are also invited to join this study as a refresher for their faith.

Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Henry Biar – Skokie, IL
Rev. Derek Broten Hastings MN
Rev. Dale Critchley – West St. Paul, MN
Rev. Chris Escher – Port St. Lucie, FL
Rev. David Ficken – Plover, WI
Rev. David Groth – Watertown, WI
Rev. John Huss – Milpitas, CA
Rev. Jeff Lee – Staples, MN
Rev. Marty Mably – Elk River, MN
Rev. Shawn Nettleton – Fort Collins, CO
Rev. John Otte – Blue Springs, MO
Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe – Perham, MN
Rev. Michael Saylor – Convoy, OH
Rev. Michael Thress – Elkton, MD
Rev. Matthew Albright-Blaine, MN
Rev. Scott Jensen -Riverfalls WI
Rev Bradley Knorr Easton CT
Rev Brett Matz Plymouth WI
Rev. Keith Buelmann Riverton IL
Rev. Craig Donofrio Parma OH
Rev. Robert Jones Riverside CA
Rev. Doug Mauss Ellisville MO
Rev. James Thomas St. Louis MO
Rev Brad Zerkel Independence MO

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, March 12th (Music-Lyric Videos) Pastor Paul Cloeter

8:00 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:20 AM Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM Bible Study

Monday, March 13th

7:30 PM Praise Team
7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, March 14th

9:00 AM Quilters
6:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday March 15th

9:30 AM Bible Study
5:00 PM Supper
6:30 PM Wednesday Service
Event Team Meeting after Church Service
Choir will meet after Church Service

Thursday, March 16th

9:00 AM Quilters
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, March 17th

6:30 PM Movie Night

Saturday, March 18th

9:00 AM New Membership Class

Sunday, March 19th (Music-Praise Team) Noisy Offering

8:00 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:20 AM Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
March 12th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Charlie & Nancy Anderson
Projectionist: Sarah Anderson
Reader: Peg Manea
Ushers: Lenarz Family

Worship Leader: Paul Tschida

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
March 19th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Brenda & Keith Hackett
Projectionist: Dennis Arntson
Reader: Ron Woods
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

Worship Leader: Keith Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Kyle Hackett

Fellowship B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf



We will be placing our order for Easter Lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday on April 9th. Plants will be purchased from Buds to Blossoms, Royalton. If you are interested in purchasing one, please fill out the information below and place it along with your payment in the basket on the counter in the lobby.

___ Easter Lilies	\$18.00	___ Begonias	\$18.00
___ Hyacinth	\$15.00	___ Daffodil	\$15.00
___ Tulips	\$15.00	___ Mum	\$20.00
___ Cyclamen	\$18.00	___ Kalanchoe	\$18.00
Hydrangea	___	Pink or	___ Blue \$33.00

We ask that you leave your plant(s) at church for all the Easter services.

1. Family Name _____
 2. Phone # _____

Plant given In Memory of or In Honor of:

Checks should be made out to: **Shepherd of the Pines...use memo line (Easter Lilies)**. Payment is required with order. If you have any questions, please call Joan Ramey at (320) 217-4431

Order deadline is Monday, March 22nd

Thank you!!