



March 19, 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 19, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Invocation

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Confession and God's Forgiveness

Pastor: When the Lord appeared to Moses in the burning bush, He told Moses to "take off his shoes, for he was standing on holy ground." To take off his shoes would be a way for Moses to acknowledge his sinfulness in the presence of a holy God. Let's do that now by confessing our sins to our heavenly Father, seeking His grace and forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, if I said to You that I have not sinned, the truth would not be in me. But in Your Word You assure me that if I confess my sins, You will be faithful and just and You will forgive my sins. It is because of Your promise and grace in Jesus that I confess to You that I have sinned against You with my thoughts and my words and my deeds. I have also failed to do that which was right. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I desire to live in a way that shows my**

**love for You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive my sins and renew me with the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may live out my love for You.**

Pastor: God is true to His promise. He gave His Son, Jesus, Who took your sin and the punishment you deserved upon Himself. He took it to the cross and there suffered and died to pay for your sin. God has accepted that payment as full payment for the sins of the world, including yours. In and through Jesus, you are forgiven and with that forgiveness comes the power to live out your love for Him. Go in peace...

**Congregation: Serve the Lord. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, thank You for this day and for the opportunity to gather as Your people in this place.

**Congregation: Thank You for Your grace and forgiveness in Christ. Make us people of grace that we may share Your love and mercy with all You bring into our lives this week.**

Pastor: We ask this in Jesus' name, and so that heaven will be as full as possible on the Last Day because of the work You do among us.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Children's Message

**Noisy Offering:** The noisy offering today will be given to the Rice Area Food Shelf. Peggy Herman is here to talk about the Food shelf.

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 142 (Page 620)

Epistle – Ephesians 5:8-14 (Page 1159)

Gospel – John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (Page 1061)

## Sermon Song

"All Who Are Thirsty"

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein  
"Why?"  
John 9:3

Notes:

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## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"More Precious Than Silver"

Prayers (Family this week: Adam & Clare Elyea

Children: Brielle & Donovan)

# 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 Benediction

## Closing Song

"The River Is Here"

Next Week's Readings: Psalm 130  
Romans 8:1-11  
John 11:17-27, 38-53



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](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup> Lent Service with Supper beforehand from 5-6:15pm; (Taco Bar)
- Choir Practice after service on Wednesdays
- Maundy Thursday Service; April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
- Good Friday Service April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
- Easter Egg Hunt April 8<sup>th</sup> 10am (Weather Permitting)
- Easter Service April 9<sup>th</sup> ; 7am & 9:30am
- Easter Breakfast April 9<sup>th</sup> ; 8-9:15am

## 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!



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

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## Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

Wednesdays March 22<sup>nd</sup>-March 29<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday Service 6:30pm

April 7<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunday Services

April 9<sup>th</sup> , 7:00am & 9:30am

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

\*\*\*Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Lenten Supper

Join us for Lent Services March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup>

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.

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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

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## **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.

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## MARCH NOISY OFFERING!



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

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### AA Meeting at SOTP

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

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### 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 15<sup>th</sup>** after Church Service

#### 2023 Events

Easter Egg Hunt – April 8

Mom/Son Event - Unsure of when

Trunk or Treat Event - October

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## Spring Cleaning & Recycling

Looking for a variety of items for shelters.



- ✓ Sheets Fitted & Flat
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Denim Jeans
- ✓ Belts



Please leave in the church sewing room. Thank you!

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## 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

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# New Members Class

Join us April 13th 7-9pm

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 has been rescheduled to  
**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm**

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.

# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

**Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**      **(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

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 PM                  Praise Team  
7:30 PM                  Bible Study – in homes

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00 AM                  Quilters  
5:30 PM                  Quilters  
6:00 PM                  Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
9:30 AM                  Bible Study  
5:00 PM                  Supper Taco Bar  
6:30 PM                  Wednesday Service  
**Choir will meet after Church Service**

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
9:00 AM                  Quilters  
7:00 PM                  AA Meeting

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**      **(Music-Lyric Videos)**  
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 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

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

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Kyle Hackett

**Fellowship** B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
March 26<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Scott & Peg Manea  
Projectionist: Levi Brenny  
Reader: Richael Weinand  
Ushers: Keith & Brenda Hackett

**Worship Leader:** Keith Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Dave Perleberg

**Fellowship** J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp



We will be placing our order for Easter Lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday on April 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Thank you!!