



Dear friends in Christ,

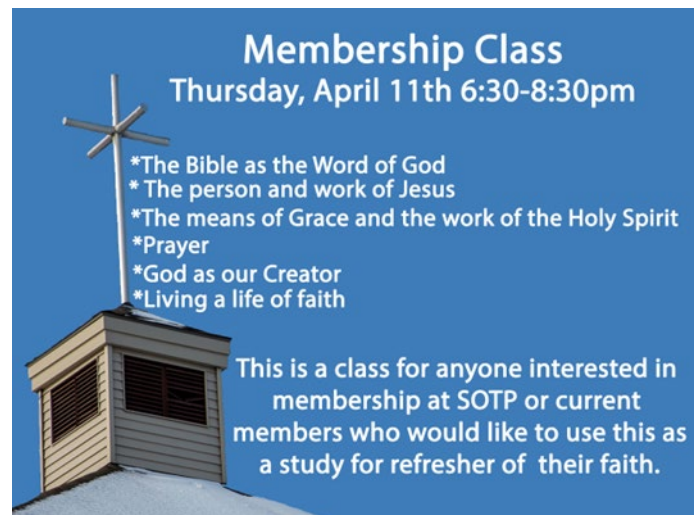
If you are a fan of basketball, especially college basketball, be it women’s or men’s or both, then you are no doubt looking forward to “March Madness!” It will be wall-to-wall basketball until the champions are crowned. As Christians, and due to the fact that Easter is a floating holiday, we will have our own kind of “March Madness” this year. Easter falls on March 31st . We will have additional services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday during Holy Week. Add in Palm Sunday and the mid-week Lenten services each Wednesday in addition to a service each Sunday. In a manner of speaking, it is almost like we will have wall-to-wall worship opportunities until we celebrate the crowning of THE REAL VICTOR and CHAMPION – Jesus Christ, and His resurrection from the grave and His victory over death and the devil!

This is my favorite season of the Church Year. To be sure, there are lots of messages to prepare, but the theme, the message of Lent, the message of the Cross and of a Savior willing to go there to die for us to pay for our sins so that we could be forgiven...WOW! The message of Easter...of a risen Savior...that because He lives we also shall live. What’s not to love and to cherish about this season and the many opportunities to worship and to gather around God’s Word?!

In Christ, and Him crucified! In Christ, and Him risen from the dead!

Pastor Dave

We will have Membership class on April 11th from 6:30-8:30pm If you are interested or would like to sign up for the class please let Julie know in the office. Current members can use this as a study for a refresher of their faith.



Membership Class
Thursday, April 11th 6:30-8:30pm

- *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

This is a class for anyone interested in membership at SOTP or current members who would like to use this as a study for refresher of their faith.



The SOTP Church Office will be closed on Friday March 29th & Monday April 1st (For Easter)

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 2024 7 P.M.

Present: Paul Tschida, Dave Perleberg, Ron McKeever, Colleen Woods, Deb Erdmann, Josh Anderson, Bev Gerads and Joan Ramey (Zoom) Pastor Dave Stroschein, Julie Kiraly

Call meeting to order: Meeting called to order by President Paul Tschida at 7:05 P.M. Pastor Dave Stroschein opened with prayer. Mission Statement was read by Colleen Woods.

Treasures Report: Ron McKeever reported that our expenses were met. Bev Gerads made a motion to accept the report as stated, Deb Erdmann second.

Properties Report: Repairs were made as stated last month.

Secretaries Report: Report was reviewed by the Board. Ron McKeever made a motion to approve, Dave Perleberg second.

Pastoral Activity Report: Pastor Dave presented his activity report. Education, Phone Calls, Upcoming Events of Membership Class, Premarriage Class and Youth. January was a month of vacation for Pastor and Karen.

Old Business: The Call Process is headed by John Alstrup. He continues along with the team to review some of the list that was reviewed earlier and/or new names submitted. Some have joined other congregations or have been called several times by other congregations. There is a shortage of available Pastors. John Alstrup will address the congregation on Sunday with updates. Also, the congregation will be able to submit names of Pastors they feel would be a good fit by filling in the forms that will be available. The congregation will also join together in prayer on the first and third Sunday during the service for the Pastoral Call. The congregation will be given weekly announcements regarding the process. The New Minnesota Law "Sick and Safe Time" was checked into. Vacation time will be PTO time. Annual review for the Secretary will be on forms with spiritual and office environment. BOLM will serve February 21st Lenten Service. Pizza will be the main menu item. The proceeds from Ash Wednesday meal of \$237 will go to Pregnancy Resource Center.

Easter Sunday Schedule will be 7A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Check your bulletin for complete Easter Season schedule. Easter Breakfast will be 8-9:15 A.M. Confirmation Sunday is changed to May 5 at 9 A.M.

New Business: The Worship Shepherd schedule was reviewed. The next BOLM meeting will be Thursday March 21, 7:00 P.M. New Membership class will be Thursday April 11th 6:30-8:30 P.M. Marriage class will be 6 Tuesday nights, April 2-May 7, 7-8:30 P.M.

Deb Erdmann made a motion to Adjourn, Josh Anderson second. Paul Tschida gave a closing prayer. Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Gerads BOLM Secretary



Education / Small Group Team

Greetings and Happy Easter!

Wow, I cannot believe that it is almost Easter...March!! That being said, it is closer to VBS! As I begin to scope out the program I see they have made many changes! They have added things and taken things away so I need to wrap my thoughts around this as we only have a short time each night! I will be asking for thoughts from my team, and we will move forward!!!

We have the Easter sign-up sheet on the counter in the Narthex for Easter Breakfast! Please check it out and see if you can help in any way! We have a food donation sheet and a volunteer sheet, & a sheet for prep and serving! Again...please, if God is moving your heart to help it is greatly appreciated!!

We will not be having Sunday School on Easter Sunday so make sure to mark your calendars!

With Praise and Honor to our risen Lord, I wish you all a very blessed Easter! He is Risen Indeed!!

Blessings!

Brenda Hackett

Education Team Leader



I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'" — Jeremiah 29:11

March Youth Group will be on March 6th and 20th at 7:30pm. April meetings will be April 3rd and 17th. All youth 6th through 12th grades are welcome to join us for the fun activities.

If you haven't already filled out the survey Sarah sent out, please do so today.

High School Youth are invited to the youth room on Sunday mornings at 10:20am.

Josh & Sarah Anderson

Youth Group Leaders

We will be having a marriage class on Tuesday nights starting April 2nd through May 7th. This will be a six week class. If you are getting married soon or if you are married and you would like to join this class. Please let Pastor Dave or Julie in the office know.

The Art of Marriage



Marriage Class

Tuesdays, April 2nd - May 7th

7:00 - 8:30pm

Check out bulletin or

Sign up on the Narthex counter



Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters In Christ!

If you are interested in helping with any of the volunteer positions, please let me know. Youth are also welcome to help with some volunteer roles Talk to me or the Church Office for more information.

Serving for Him,
Keith Hackett
Worship Team Leader

2024 Worship Team Schedule

March	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
03/03/24	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Julie Kiraly	Wyatt Alstrup	Keith & Brenda Hackett	Jerry Nelson
03/10/24	9:00am	Charlie Anderson	Mackenzie Ramey	Peg Manea	Travis Lenarz Family	Dennis Arntson
03/17/24	9:00am	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Dennis Arntson	Ron Woods	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Steve Ree
03/24/24 Palm Sunday	9:00am	Scott & Peg Manea	Levi Brenny	Richael Weinand	Brian & Heather Statz	Keith Hackett
03/31/24 Easter	7:00am	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
03/31/24 Easter	9:30am	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
April	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
04/07/24	9:00am	Joyce Saldana	Mackenzie Ramey	Ruth Brucher	Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren	Brenda Hackett
04/14/24	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Levi Brenny	Wyatt Alstrup	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Jerry Nelson
04/21/24	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Denise Leahy	Dennis Arntson	Ron & Barb McKeever	Steve Ree
04/28/24	9:00am	Kyle & Ashley Hackett Family	Keith Hackett	Jane Nelson	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Jane Nelson

Looking for volunteers for Easter Service at
 7am & 9:30am, also help with donations and
 serving Easter Breakfast.
 Sign-up on the Narthex counter.

MARCH NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, March 17th**, for the **Rice Area Food Shelf**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

January's Church Income Statement

	January	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$21,544	\$21,544
Expenses	(\$23,282)	(\$23,282)
Over/(Shortfall)	(\$1,738)	(\$1,738)

Rice Area Food Shelf

March Distribution is
Thursday, March 7th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars during February by phone at 1-800-847-4836 or online at Thrivent.com. Fill out the form in the church entrance to indicate how you would like your choice dollars designated, and give the form to Curt or Church Secretary, Julie. Members should apply for their Choice Dollars before March 31st, 2024.



Lenten Worship Schedule

[Lenten Services – 6:30pm: Supper from 5-6:15pm](#)

February 28th – March 20th

[Maundy Thursday Service- 6:30pm](#)

March 28th

[Good Friday Service- 6:30pm](#)

March 29th

[Easter Sunday Services](#)

March 31st - 7:00am & 9:30am

***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30th at 10am

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

Lent Services Scriptures



Worship Team

Sunday, March 3rd

. Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 2:13-25

Wednesday, March 6th

Psalms 38
John 18:28-40

Sunday, March 10th -



Scripture Readings

Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Wednesday, March 13th -

Psalms 51
John 19:1-16

Sunday, March 17th -

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Wednesday, March 20th -

Psalms 130
John 19:17-27

Sunday, March 24th -

Zechariah 9:9-12
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 1:1-11

March 28 (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 24:3-11
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Mark 14:12-26

March 29 (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
John 19:17:30

March 31

Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Lenten Soup Supper

Join us March 6th -March 20th for Lenten Suppers

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



March Birthdays

Raquel	Alstrup	March 05
Ron	Bulthuis	March 06
Carter	Hovland	March 06
Gabriella	Seppelt	March 06
Jen	Ollman	March 07
Amos	Ostendorf	March 08
Mary	Bulthuis	March 10
Joselynn	Dubbin	March 10
Steve	Ree	March 10
Kira	Brouns	March 12
Jerry	Nelson	March 12
Dylann	Dubbin	March 13
Nancy	Forer	March 13
Brenda	Hackett	March 13
Savannah	Cole	March 14
Annalyse	Dubbin	March 14
Brenda	Pressnall	March 14
Noah	Ellefson	March 15
Ann	Hovland	March 19
Abigail	Seppelt	March 19
Judy	Anderson	March 20
Austin	Petron	March 21
Robin	Hemple	March 23
Judy	Anderson	March 24
Colter	Rogge	March 24
Joyce	Saldana	March 24
Colton	Popp	March 25
Edward	Salzbrun	March 25
Roxanne	Peterson	March 26
Julie	Kiraly	March 27
Jessica	Brenny	March 29
Macey	Mickelson	March 30



Join us for

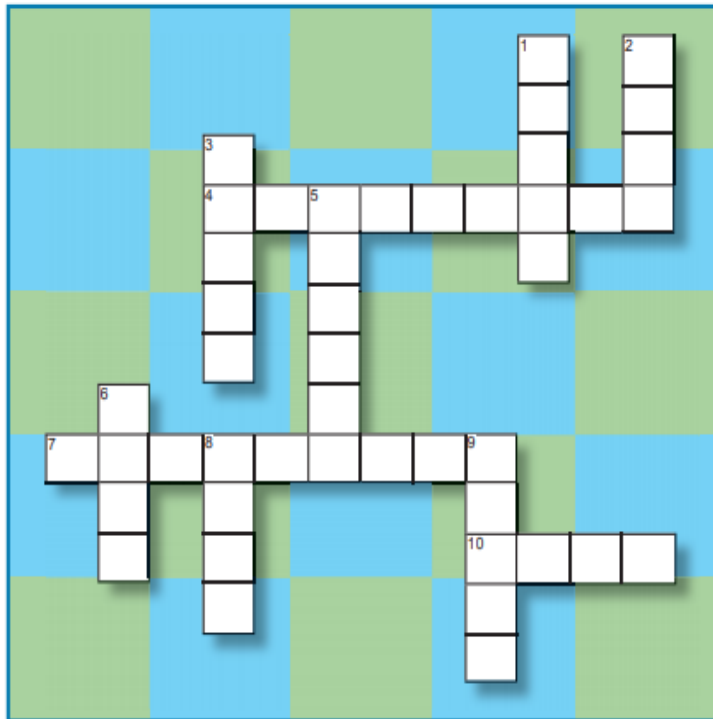


Easter Breakfast
March 31st 8-9:15am
Service at 7 & 9:30am

March Anniversaries

David and Joni	Hoefl	March 07
Brent & Brandi	Seppelt	March 23

Jesus Calmed the Storm Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. Feeling of wonder or awe
- 7. These people went with Jesus.
- 10. Follow commands

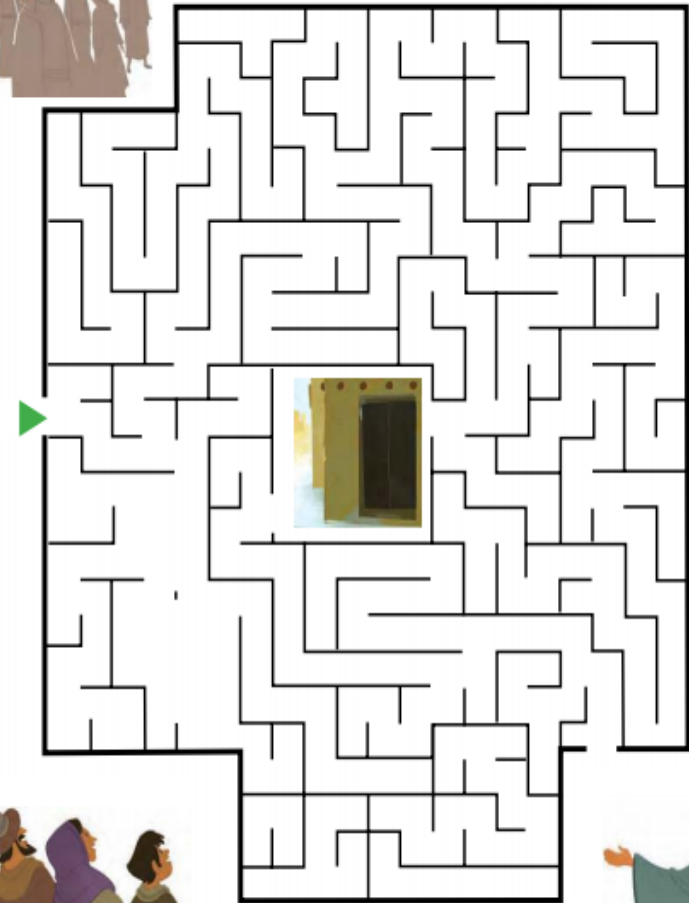
DOWN

- 1. A lake is full of this.
- 2. They rode across the lake on this.

- 3. Jesus asked "Where is your _____?"
- 5. Jesus was _____ when the windstorm hit.
- 6. Blowing air
- 8. Not stormy
- 9. Bad weather

Maze for Jesus Began the Church

Find your way through the church to Peter.



Worship Shepherds

March 3	Joanny Ramey
March Wed 6	Josh Anderson
March 10	Ron McKeever
March Wed.13	Colleen Woods
March 17	Paul Tschida
March Wed. 20	Paul Tschida
March 24	Deb Erdmann
March Thur. 28	Josh Anderson
March Fri 29	Joanny Ramey
March 31 7am	Ron McKeever
March 31 9:30am	Volunteers Needed



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 March we will be praying for:**

March 3-	Randy & Donna Kalphake
March 10-	Don & Jan Klinker
March 17-	Bruce & Lora Knafla
March 24	Mitchell & Kallie Koenig son Watson
March 31	Dave & Sandi Koep

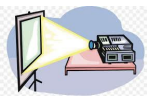
March 3	Shelley Pintok
March 10	Charlie Anderson
March 17	Brenda & Keith Hackett
March 24	Scott & Peg Manea
March 31 st 7am & 9:30am	Volunteers Needed



UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!
Here is the Spring Fellowship schedule. 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 3	Julie Kiraly
March 10	Mackenzie Ramey
March 17	Dennis Arntson
March 24	Levi Brenny
March 31 st 7am & 9:30am	Volunteers Needed



March 3rd
J. Amundson, R. Woods, B. Jasmer
March 10th
J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle
March 17th
Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett
March 24th

March 3	Wyatt Alstrup
March 10	Peg Manea
March 17	Ron Woods
March 24	Richael Weinand
March 31 st 7am & 9:30am	Volunteers Needed



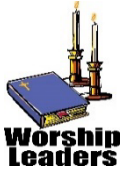
R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp
March 31st

March 3	Keith & Brenda Hackett
March 10	The Lenarz Family
March 17	Keith & Roxanne Peterson
March 24	Brian & Heather Statz
March 31 st 7am & 9:30am	Volunteers Needed



******Easter Breakfast******

March 3	Jerry Nelson
March 10	Dennis Arntson
March 17	Steve Ree
March 24	Keith Hackett
March 31 st 7am & 9:30am	Volunteers Needed



April 7th
P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki
April 14th
J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf
April 21st
D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson
April 28th
S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

MARCH	
Barb McKeever & Juli Popp	



MUSICIANS	
March 3 rd	Heather Statz
March 10 th	Gabby Dingmann
March 17 th	Praise Team
March 24 th	Gabby Dingmann
March 28 th	Volunteer Needed
March 29 th	Volunteer Needed
March 31 st 7am	Volunteer Needed
March 31 st 9:30am	Volunteer Needed



MARCH	
Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp & Karen Ellefson	





Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church
 1950 125th Street NW, Rice, MN 56367
 Church Office: (320) 393-4295



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity.</p>			<p>Website: sotpministries.com Email: office@sotpministries.com Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00</p>		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:30 Adult Bible Study</p>	7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30 Bible Study 5-6:15 Supper 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Lent Service	9:00 Quilters 7:00AA		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Music: Gabby 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:30 Adult Bible Study</p>	7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30 Bible Study 5-6:15 Supper 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Lent Service	9:00 Quilters 7:00AA		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Noisy Offering Rice Foodshelf Music: 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:30 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group</p>	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30 Bible Study 5-6:15 Supper 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Lent Service	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elder's Meeting 7:00 BOLM Meeting 7:00AA		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Sunday School/Youth Group 10:30 Adult Bible Study</p>	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	9:30 Bible Study No Confirmation	<p>9:00 Quilters 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00AA</p>	<p>6:30pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt</p>
31	<p>He is Risen DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM. Rejoice in the resurrection of <i>Jesus Christ.</i> WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!</p>					
<p>Music: Lyric Videos 7:00 Worship 8-9:15 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship No Sunday School or Bible Study</p>						

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

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Treas. 393-2524; Joan Ramey 217-4431; Colleen Woods 685-4389; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; Josh Anderson 320-260-0808

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Leader, Brenda Hackett – Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Team,
Jami Kreifels Activity 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.