

*"Live Your Jesus Story!"*

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**JESUS**

*John 11:43-44*

March 26, 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 26, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Invocation

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I put my hope. (Psalm 130:5)

**Congregation: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. (Psalm 130:6)**

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

**Congregation: Amen**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: We make the words of Psalm 130 our own for our confession of sin.

**Congregation: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**Congregation: O Lord, who could stand? I could not, for I have sinned against You. But with You, there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I put my hope.**

Pastor: Your trust and hope in God's Word and promise are well-placed. For our God is a faithful God even as He is a gracious and forgiving God. So it is that He gave His Son, Jesus Christ to live a perfect life on your behalf and to suffer and die to pay the full price of punishment for your sins. And so this is the promise He will keep and be faithful to again this day. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1) You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day (drawn from Romans 8)

Pastor: We thank and praise You Father for blessing us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: From Your grace He lives in us, and we belong to You.**

Pastor: By the power of Your Spirit, set our minds on what the Spirit desires.

**Congregation: Enable us to submit to You and to live in a way that pleases You, for with the Spirit there is life and peace.**

Pastor: We ask this in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 130 (Page 614)

Epistle – Romans 8:1-11 (Page 118)

Gospel – John 11:17-27, 34-39 (Page 1063)

Sermon Song

"Whom Shall I Fear?"

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein  
"Live Your Jesus Story!"  
John 11:43-44

Notes:

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### 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayers (Family this week: Erica Erdmann)

### 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 &  
The Wonderful Cross”

### Communion Dismissal

### Benediction

### Closing Song

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9

Philippians 2:5-11

John 12:12-19



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 29<sup>th</sup> Last Lent Service with Supper beforehand from 5-6:15pm; (Picnic Dinner)
- Choir Practice after service on Wednesday
- 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
- 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 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>

# **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

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### **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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# Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

Wednesdays 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 22nd & 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



## 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!

#### 2023 Events

Easter Egg Hunt – April 8

Mom/Son Event - September

Trunk or Treat Event - October

## 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!



Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

- Easter Story
- Egg Hunt (Weather Permitting)
- Snack
- Photo Booth

(If there is still a lot of snow or mud we will give the kids eggs to take home and have a hunt at home)

## 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 Bueltmann 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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### Call Committee Members

Scott Manea 320-267-5409	Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236
Janet Maleska 320-249-4467	Jeff Ramey 320-260-5869
Colleen Woods 320-685-4389	Peg Herman 320-267-1863
Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992	Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880
John Alstrup 612-839-9490	

If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, here is his contact information as well. 320-241-5806.

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**PORTALS of PRAYER are available on the narthex counter!**



**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 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **(Music-Lyric Videos)**

## **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Julie Out of Office**

## **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM	Bible Study
5:00 PM	Supper Picnic Dinner
6:30 PM	Wednesday Service

**Choir will meet after Church Service**

## **Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA Meeting

## **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

## **(Music-Heather Statz) Palm Sunday**

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This 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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Barb Zapzalka  
Projectionist: Cynthia Ollman  
Reader: Ruth Brutcher  
Ushers: Deb Erdmann & Grand Children

**Worship Leader:** Brenda Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Ron McKeever

**Fellowship** J. Amundson, K. Ellefsons, B. Statz