

EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN

"A Celebration of Life!"

Mark 16:1

March 31, 2024

Service at 7am & 9:30am

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 31, 2024

7am Sunrise Worship

8-:915 Easter Breakfast

9:30 Worship Service

Heather, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

Invocation (using some of Psalm 77)

Pastor: I will remember the deeds of the Lord;

Congregation: Yes, I will remember Your miracle of long ago.

Pastor: What God is so great as our God?

Congregation: You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the peoples.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Music Lyric Video "Raise a Hallelujah!"

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Loving, powerful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, joy floods over our souls on this day!

Congregation: Christ is risen!

Pastor: Open our hearts and our souls to receive fully the joy given to us in the risen Christ.

Congregation: Let us celebrate the victory we have in Christ and His promise of our resurrections.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Congregation: Hallelujah! Amen!

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Listen to these words of Paul from 1 Corinthians which tell us what our reality would be if Christ has not been raised from the dead. There would be no forgiveness for us for there would be no such thing as the forgiveness of sins. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." (1 Cor.15:17)

Congregation: "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!" Hallelujah! (1 Cor.15:20)

Pastor: So it is that we can come before God, confess our sins, and seek His forgiveness in the name of the risen Lord Jesus. As Paul assures us in Romans 4:25 – "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."

Congregation: Gracious Father, You sent Your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end, and that I might live a new life in Him. Yet I confess that I, too often, have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By my thoughts, words, and actions, I have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in me. Father, forgive me for Jesus' sake, and enable me by His resurrection power to live no longer for myself, but for Him who died and rose again for me. Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen! Hallelujah! You are forgiven! You are forgiven in the name of the Father and in the name of His risen Son, Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 25:6-9 (Page 698)

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Page 1139)

Gospel – Mark 16:1-8 (Page 1010)

Sermon Song

“There is a Redeemer”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“A Celebration of Life!”

Mark 16:1

Notes:

Confession of Faith – The Second Article

ALL: I believe 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.

P: What does this mean?

ALL: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Offering Announcement

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Christian Education Fund. If you would like information, speak to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

Offering Song

“Celebrate Jesus”

Prayer (Family this week: Dave & Sandi Koep)

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

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!”

Prayer and Anointing with Oil

Next Week's Readings: Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31



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!



Please leave Easter Lily or Flowers here for both Easter Services!

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- No Sunday School or Bible Study TODAY... Happy Easter!!
 - Quilters- Tuesday & Thursday 9am.
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm.
 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study. 9:30am studying the book of Malachi
 - April 3rd & 17th Youth Group
 - April 10th & 24th VBS Work Nights
 - April 11th Membership class
 - April 21th Noisy Offering
 - April 26th & 27th Marriage Class
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APRIL NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, April 21st**, for the **Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

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.

Third, 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

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Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

March Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Karen Ellefson

March Counters: Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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 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

Date of Baptism

Joel Richard Page IV

May 14, 2023

Rosalynn Grace Hall

May 21, 2023

Barrett Charles Cole

October 8, 2023

Louise Lee Dumonceaux

December 10, 2023

Rowen Wes Skajewski

December 10, 2023

Marie Dawn Moulzolf

January 7, 2024

Emersyn Lynn Pekarek

January 14, 2024

Olivia Lynn Dancer

February 4, 2024

Bennett David Leyk

March 3, 2024

Keagan George Roelofs

March 17, 2024

SAVE THE DATE FOR POP Legacy Auction:

Our Auction will be on **Sunday, April 21st** this year. Please save the date. Tickets and more information will be coming out in March.



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 someone to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



March 31st **Easter Breakfast******

April 7th P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki, T. Smith

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

May 5th M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

May 12th J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

May 19th J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

May 26th K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson

A blue poster for a 'Membership Class'. At the top left is a white cross on a wooden post. Below it is a white church steeple. The text on the poster reads: 'Membership Class Thursday, April 11th 6:30-8:30pm'. Below this is a list of topics: '*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', and '*Living a life of faith'. At the bottom, it says: '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.'

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. 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.

Childcare will be available during this class.

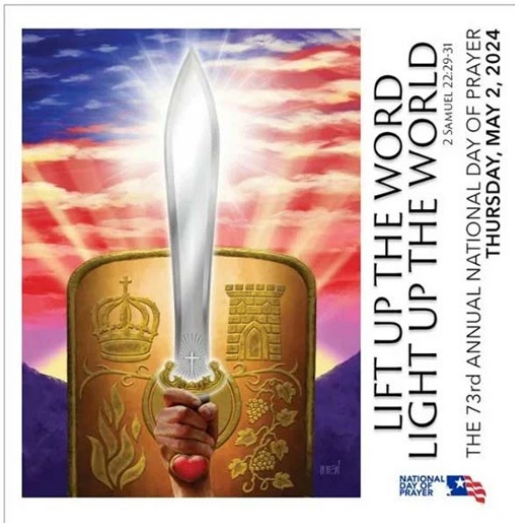
Rice Area Community Spring Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

The spring Rice Area blood drive is coming up on **Monday, April 22, 1:00 – 6:45** at Shepherd of the Pines

Church, Rice. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control in accordance with CDC guidelines. Appointments are highly recommended as we may not be able to accept walk ins if all appointments are filled, which we hope they will be. Sign up by going to the Red Cross [website:https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html) and enter 56367 or call Lora at 320-393-2701

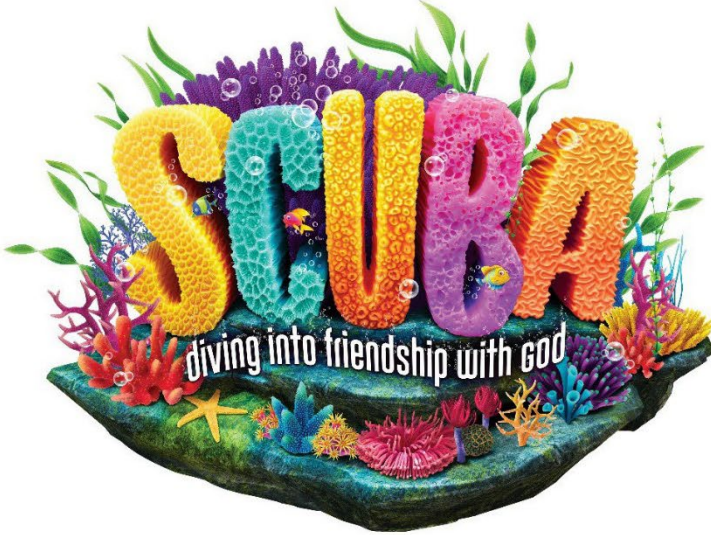


The 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 2nd . Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. Our theme for the 2024 National Day of Prayer is **“LIFT UP THE WORLD, LIGHT UP THE WORLD”** The theme comes from the words of David in 2 Samuel 22:29-31 For thou art my lamp,

O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: He is a buckler to all them that trust in him. [Please join us on Thursday, May 2nd , at SOTP for the Rice National Day of Prayer.](#) We will have supper from 5:00-6:15pm. If you feel the tugging of the Holy Spirit to be involved with others in praying for God to move and work in our Community, you are invited!

We only have 20 spots for 4 year old's!!

RICE AREA COMMUNITY VBS
Registration is open!!
4YR OLDS TO 5TH GRADE



WWW.SOTPMINISTRIES.COM/VBS

JUNE 2ND - 6TH

6:30-8:30 PM

1950 125TH STREET NW
RICE, MN 56367

We will have a voting congregational meeting on April 14th after church at 10:20.

Pastor Timothy Schiller, Hinkley, MN

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnskroschel> to check out his sermons.

We will have introduction meetings on **Wednesday April 10th at 10am and 6:30pm.** We encourage you to check out the information on Pastor Schiller, and prayerfully consider how he might fit into God's plan for our church.

If you want to see the PIFs and SETs please contact Julie in the office to set up a time to look at them. These items cannot leave SOTP.

Call Committee Members

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

The Art of Marriage



Marriage Class

Fri, April 26th 7-9pm

Sat, April 27th 9-2pm

Sign-up on the Narthex or
reach out to Julie in the office

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THE MARRIAGE CLASS.

We will be having a marriage class on April 26th from 7-9pm and April 27th from 9-2pm. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. This class is for anyone getting married soon, or if you are married and you would like to join this class as a study. Please let Pastor Dave or Julie in the office know.

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, March 31st **(Music-Heather Statz) Easter Sunday**
Noisy Offering Christian Education Fund
7:00 AM Sunrise Service
8:00 AM Prayer & Anointing with Oil
8-9:15 AM Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Prayer & Anointing with Oil

No Sunday School or Bible Study

Monday, April 1st **Office Closed**
7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, April 2nd
9:00 AM Quilters
6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, April 3rd
9:30 AM Bible Study
6:30 PM Confirmation
7:30 PM Youth Group

Thursday, April 4th
9:00-Noon **Pastor Dave Stroschein in the office**
9:00 AM Quilters
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Sunday, April 7th **(Music-Heather)**
8:00 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:20 AM Sunday School and Youth Group
10:30 AM Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
March 31st Easter Sunday

7:00am Worship:

Greeters: Kiraly Family
Projectionist: Volunteers Needed
Reader: Lois Perleberg
Ushers: Ron & Barb McKeever

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Ron McKeever

Easter Breakfast 8-9:15am

9:30am Worship:

Greeters: Jerry & Jane Nelson
Projectionist: Volunteers Needed
Reader: Roxann Ree
Ushers: Al Gerads

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
April 7th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Joyce Saldana
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey
Reader: Ruth Brutcher
Ushers: Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren

Worship Leader: Brenda Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship S. Wood, P. Dahl, B. Novitzki, T. Smith