

John 20:30-31

A stone archway frames a landscape at sunset. In the distance, three crosses stand on a hill. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

“Got doubts?”

April 7, 2024

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.

April 7, 2024

8am Prayer Time

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School/Youth Group

10:30am Bible Study

Heather, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"As We Gather"

Invocation

Pastor: "On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19)

Congregation: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Remembering our baptism, whereas Paul says since we were "united with Him in His death we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection,"

Congregation: We gather to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Here is the reason you and I can now be honest before God and make a confession of our sins. From 1 John 2: "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin, But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense –Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

Congregation: Heavenly Father, the truth would not be in me if I was to claim that I have been without sin this past week. Then the truth would not be in me. I have sinned. I have sinned against You and the people in my life, in my mind and with my heart, with sinful thoughts and words and deeds. Your Holy Spirit has convicted me of my sin and He brings me now to You to seek Your forgiveness for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, my crucified and risen Lord. Father, forgive me for His sake. Amen.

Pastor: True and faithful to His gracious promise in Christ, God will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Have no doubts about this. In and through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven of all your sins. This forgiveness is yours in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Risen Lord Jesus,

Congregation: Renew us in the power of Your Spirit that we may open the doors of our hearts to bring words of peace to others and that we may be faithful in prayer and care in Your name. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

First Lesson – Acts 4:32-35 (Page 1081)

Epistle – 1 John 1:1-2:2 (Page 1207)

Gospel – John 20:19-31 (Page 1075)

Sermon Song

“Open Our Eyes Lord”

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"Got doubts?"
John 20:30-31

Notes:

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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Prayer (Family this week: Kyle Koep; Daughter Sophia)

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

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 3:11-21

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49



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!

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!

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



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Quilters- Tuesday & Thursday 9am.
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm.
 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study; 9:30am; we are studying the book of Malachi
 - April 3rd & 17th Youth Group
 - April 10th Introduction meeting at 10:00 & 6:30
 - April 10th & 24th VBS Work Nights
 - April 11th Membership class
 - April 14th Special Voters Congregational Meeting
 - April 21th Noisy Offering
 - April 26th & 27th Marriage Class
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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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Levi Brenny 320-777-9478

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

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

Paul Tschida	Pres.	360-5241	Joan Ramey	217-4431
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Keith Peterson - Church Properties

Executive Ministry Team

Jami Kreifels - Activity Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

April Altar Guild: Deb Erdmann, Judy Hackett, & Gloria Hendrickson

April Counters: Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea



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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.



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.

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.

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!

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 9am-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.

SEWERS!

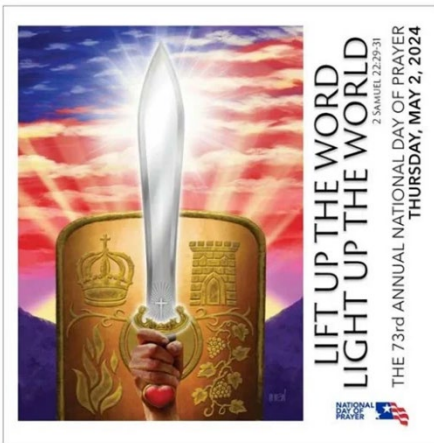
There is a need for baby supplies- receiving blankets (any size), burp cloths, and bibs. Questions-Ardelle Amundson 656-5858



**American
Red Cross**

Rice Area Community Spring Blood Drive

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

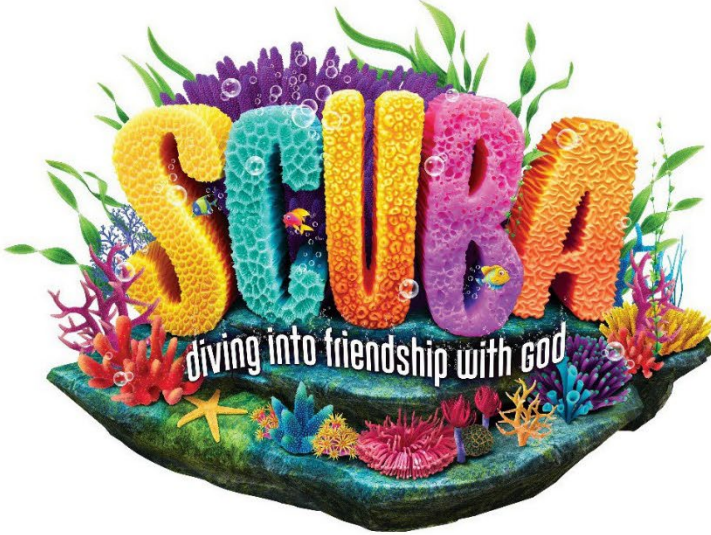


The 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 2nd . Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. Our theme for the 2024 National Day of Prayer is **“LIFT UP THE WORD, LIGHT UP THE WORLD”** The theme comes from the words of David in 2 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 those who 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 11 spots left for 4yr 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

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, April 7th

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

Monday, April 8th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, April 9th

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:30 PM	Al-Anon Meeting
6:30 PM	VBS Meeting Night

Wednesday, April 10th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
10:00 AM	Introduction Meeting: Pastor Schiller
6:30 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Introduction Meeting: Pastor Schiller

Thursday, April 11th

9:00-Noon

Pastor Dave Stroschein in the office

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:30 PM	Membership Class
7:00 PM	AA Meeting

Sunday, April 14th

(Music-Gabby)

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Special Congregational Meeting
10:20 AM	Sunday School and Youth Group

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This 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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
April 14th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Ron & Barb McKeever
Projectionist: Levi Brenny
Reader: Wyatt Alstrup
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf