

# EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN

*"It's a Red Letter Day!"*

*Luke 24:6-8*

April 9, 2023

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.

April 9, 2023  
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

Pastor: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: I know that my Redeemer lives!

**Congregation: What comfort this sweet sentence gives!**

Pastor: He lives! He lives Who once was dead!

**Congregation: He lives as my ever-living head!**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son

**Congregation: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!**

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit.

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

SOTP Choir "On that Resurrection Morning"

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 16 (Page 538)

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

Gospel – John 20:1-18 (Page 1074)

Sermon Song

"He Lives!"

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein  
"It's a Red Letter Day!"  
Luke 24:6-8

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

"Celebrate Jesus"

Prayer (Family this week: Michael Erdmann &

Amanda Brousseau)

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: One of the grand truths of the resurrection of Jesus is shared by Paul in Romans 4. Writing about Jesus, Paul stated this as fact. "He was raised again for our justification." Paul put that a little differently in 1 Corinthians 15. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." Knowing and believing the truth of Scripture, that Jesus Christ did indeed rise from the dead, we come to our heavenly Father at His invitation to confess our sins and receive His forgiveness in Christ.

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have sinned against You. I have broken each of Your Commandments. I have not loved You with my whole heart and I have not loved my neighbor as I have loved myself. I deserve only Your punishment, both now and forever. For the sake of Your Son, my risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I pray and ask to be forgiven. I also ask for the power and guidance of Your Holy Spirit, that I may truly repent of my sins and seek to live a new life in Christ.**

Pastor: The words of Paul: "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all people. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." (1 Cor. 15:19-20) Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And therefore there is forgiveness of all of our sins! Christ lives, and we are forgiven! Christ lives, and you are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son

**Congregation: He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: And of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 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 “Christ is Risen & Mighty to Save”

The Dismissal

The Benediction

Closing Song

“I Know that My Redeemer

Lives!”

Next Week’s Readings: Psalm 148  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
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](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)

or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up!



**APRIL NOISY OFFERING!**



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**, for the **Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

**Easter Lily or Flowers. Please leave them here for both Easter Services!**

## 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
  - Movie Night April 21<sup>st</sup> Move will be Rio
  - April 30<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer
  - Youth Garage Sale May 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Donations can be brought to church starting April 24th
  - VBS June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Registration is open!
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Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on April 21<sup>st</sup> for Rio. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snack available .to share as well.

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### 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!

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Breakfast**

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**j. Amundson, P. Dahl, B. Novitzki**

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson**

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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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# **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:** Deb Erdmann, Gloria Hendrickson & Joanny Ramey

**March Counters:** Ron McKeever & Wayne Anderson





# 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...

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Date of Baptism</b>
Emily May Moulzolf	June 19, 2022
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux	July 24, 2022
Griffin Dale Maass	October 17, 2022
Bryce Nathan Leyk	December 18, 2022
Maverick Lee Wolff	January 8, 2023
Coen Maxwell Line	January 8, 2023
Cal Nicholas Cervenka	January 29, 2023
Barrett James Eggert	February 5, 2023
Amelia Rose Wentland	February 26, 2023

## 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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# 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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## 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.



April 19<sup>th</sup> the Youth Group will meet at SOTP at 7:30pm  
If you've been collecting things for the Youth Group Garage Sale in May, items can be brought to the church starting April 24<sup>th</sup>. Garage Sale items should be placed in the first Sunday school room off the fellowship hall at that time. The garage sale will be May 11-12-13 and set up will start on May 7<sup>th</sup> after worship service. If you have any questions about the garage sale, please contact Sarah at 320-267-2628  
Josh & Sarah Anderson Youth Group Leaders

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American  
Red Cross

## Rice Area Community Spring Blood Drive

The spring Rice Area blood drive is coming up on **Monday, April 24, 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> and enter 56367 or call Lora at 320-393-2701

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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

Mom/Son Event - September

Trunk or Treat Event - October

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THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

PRAY FERVENTLY  
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS  
AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B



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The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. Our theme for the 2023 National Day of Prayer is **“Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much”** The theme comes from the words of James in James 5:16 “The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” [Please join us on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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**We only have 23 spots for 4 year old's!!**

*Rice Area Community VBS*



[www.sotpministries.com/vbs](http://www.sotpministries.com/vbs)

*June 4th-8th*  
*6:30pm -8:30pm*



## 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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## This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

### **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 Am

8:00 AM

8-9:15 AM

9:30 AM

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

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Prayer Time

Easter Breakfast

Worship Service w/Holy Communion

### **No Sunday School or Bible Study**

### **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM

7:30 PM

### **Office Closed**

Praise Team

Bible Study – in homes

### **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Quilters

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Al-Anon Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM

6:30 PM

Bible Study

Confirmation

### **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **9:00-Noon**

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

7:00-9:00 PM

### **Pastor Dave Stroschein in the office**

Quilters

AA Meeting

Membership Class

### **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:20 AM

10:30 AM

1:00 PM

### **(Music-Praise Team) Noisy Offering**

Prayer Time

Worship

Fellowship

Sunday School and Youth Group

Bible Study

Fellowship Reserved

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 7am & 9:30am

**7:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Garry Loidolt  
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey  
Reader: Ruth Brutcher  
Ushers: Open

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Bev Gerads

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

**9:30am Worship:**

Greeters: Ron & Barb McKeever  
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly  
Reader: Paul Tschida  
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

**Worship Leader:** Jerry Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Kyle Hackett

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
April 16<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Bruce & Sandie Resch  
Projectionist: Denise Leahy  
Reader: Dennis Arntson  
Ushers: Ron & Barb McKeever

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Deb Erdmann

**Fellowship** A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand