

# "Living the Dream!"



*1 John 3:3*

## April 14, 2024

**Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church**

**1950 125<sup>th</sup> Street NW**

**Rice, MN 56367**

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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 14, 2024

8am Prayer Time

9am Worship Service with Holy Communion

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School/Youth Group

10:20 Voters Meeting

Gabby, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"What a Beautiful Name"

Invocation

Pastor: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

**Congregation: And that is what we are!**

Pastor: Dear friends, now we are the children of God , and what we will be,  
has not yet been made known.

**Congregation: But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He Is." (1 John 3:1-2)**

Pastor: And so we worship in the name placed upon us in our baptism, when He adopted us as His children.

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Today we baptize Chase Jerry Dean Miller & Isabella May Miller  
Children of Louis & Cari Miller

# 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.

# Children's Message

## Scripture Readings

First Lesson – Acts 3:11-21 (Page 1080)

Epistle – 1 John 3:1-7 (Page 1208)

Gospel – Luke 24:36-49 (Page 1048)

## Sermon Song

“Good, Good Father”

## Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“Living the Dream!”

1 John 3:3

Notes:

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## Offering Announcement

### Offering Song

“Great are You Lord”

Prayer (Family this week: Randy & Jami Kreifels

sons: Nolan & Reed)

## Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Since we are about to come, and in the fellowship of this altar receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is good for us to consider our own unworthiness and confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His children let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, saying:

**Congregation: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I tell you He has forgiven you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: 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

“Who You Say I Am”,  
“How Can I Keep from Singing”, & “Blessed Assurance”

## Communion Dismissal

## The Benediction

## Closing Song

“This I Believe”

Next Week’s Readings: Acts 4:1-12  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18



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!

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson**

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

**Pastor Timothy Schiller, Hinkley, MN**

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

**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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Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236

Janet Maleska 320-249-4467

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Colleen Woods 320-557-5367

Brenda Hackett 320-267-6472

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Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992

Levi Brenny 320-777-9478

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

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**Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!**

- Today April 14<sup>th</sup> Special Voters Congregational Meeting
  - Monday night Small Group
  - 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 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Group
  - April 21<sup>th</sup> Noisy Offering
  - April 22<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Marriage Class
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> National Day of Prayer
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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.

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.	630-5241	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		

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





# 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.

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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

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## 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.

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## APRIL NOISY OFFERING!



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

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### 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 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm, and April 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### SEWERS!

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

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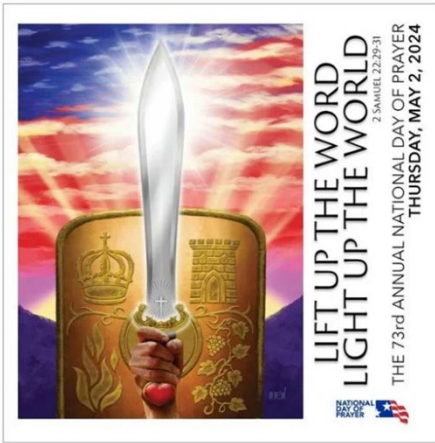


**American  
Red Cross**

## Rice Area Community Spring Blood Drive

The spring Rice Area blood drive is coming up on **Monday, April 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

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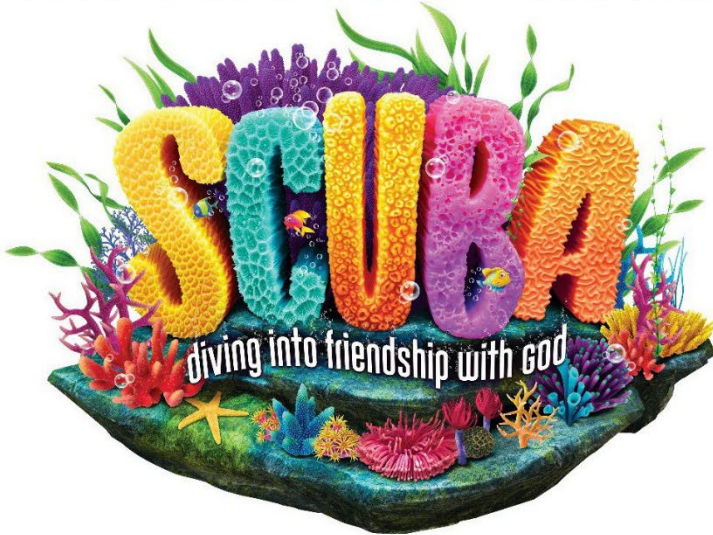
The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> . Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. Our theme for the 2024 National Day of Prayer is **“LIFT UP THE WORD, LIGHT UP THE WORLD”** The theme comes from the 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 2<sup>nd</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 9 spots left for 4yr old's!!**

**RICE AREA COMMUNITY VBS**  
**Registration is open!!**  
**4YR OLDS TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**



**[WWW.SOTPMINISTRIES.COM/VBS](http://WWW.SOTPMINISTRIES.COM/VBS)**

**JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

**1950 125<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW**  
**RICE, MN 56367**

# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM

## **(Music-Gabby)**

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

## **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM

Bible Study – in homes

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

9:00 AM

Quilters

6:30 PM

Al-Anon Meeting

## **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM

Bible Study

6:30 PM

Confirmation

7:30 PM

Youth Group

## **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00-Noon**

**Pastor Dave Stroschein in the office**

9:00 AM

Quilters

6:30 PM

Elder's Meeting

7:00 PM

Joint EMT/BOLM Meeting

7:00 PM

AA Meeting

## **Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Pastor Paul Cloeter**

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  
April 14<sup>th</sup>

**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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
April 21<sup>st</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:** Dave Perleberg

**Fellowship** D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson