

"Where do we go from here?"



John 20:21

April 16, 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.

April 16, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Invocation

Pastor: We begin with words from Psalm 148.

Congregation: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above. Christ is risen!

Pastor: Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

Congregation: Christ is risen! Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars.

Pastor: Praise Him, you highest heavens!

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

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: On the night of His resurrection, our risen Savior appeared to His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Within those words Jesus is inviting us to confess our sins and seek His forgiveness with the promise

that He will bless us with the full forgiveness of our sins. We turn to Him now.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am in need of Your forgiveness. I confess that I have “sinned against heaven and against You and am no longer worthy to be called Your child.” (Luke 15:18-19) “Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Create a new heart within me. Renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.” (Psalm 51:2, 10, 12)

Pastor: God’s mercy is this – that He doesn’t give us what we deserve for our sins. His grace is this – that He gives us what we don’t deserve: forgiveness! Because Jesus Christ lived a perfect life for us and suffered the death we deserved. And because He rose again on the third day, God declares us to be justified...to be forgiven! You and I are forgiven of all our sins in Jesus! He is risen!

Congregation: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your great mercy that You have given us through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Congregation: When we go through trials in this life, strengthen us with the power of Your Holy Spirit so that our faith in You may be proved to be genuine and result in praise when Jesus Christ comes again.

Pastor: We ask this in His name. Amen.

Children’s Message

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. We will have a short video with more information.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 148 (Page 623)

Epistle – 1 Peter 1:3-9 (Page 1200)

Gospel – John 20:19-31 (Page 1074)

Sermon Song

“You Are My King”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

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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 Believe in Jesus"

Prayer

(Family this week: Thomas & Mary Estes)

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

"Every Move I Make"

Next Week's Readings: Psalm 116:1-14
1 Peter 1:17-25
Luke 24:13-35



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!



APRIL NOISY OFFERING!



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

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



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 16th

A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

April 23rd

D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman

April 30th

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

May 7th

Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett

May 14th

R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

May 21st

j. Amundson, P. Dahl, B. Novitzki

May 28th

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

AA Meeting at SOTP

We are meeting on Thursdays at 7pm. If you have questions reach out to Dan Carins 293-9213.

Please take home your flowers!

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

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| 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

April Altar Guild: Deb Erdmann, Gloria Hendrickson & Joanny Ramey

April 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.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name

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

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

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.

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!



April 19th 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 24th. 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 7th 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



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

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 Mom/Son Event new this year in September Last event will be Trunk or Treat Event – October for 2023.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

PRAY FERVENTLY
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B



The 72nd Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 4th. 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 4th 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!



Huge Thank you! to Lois Perleberg. Thank you so much for bringing in your amaryllis plants to share for Easter Sunday. They are lovely.

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

Rice Area Community VBS

STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

www.sotpministries.com/vbs

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

A HUGE "Thank you!" to everyone who supported the Easter breakfast last week. From the food donations, to the helping hands, & to those who financially supported us.... It is so appreciated! We served 154 people and the free will offering for VBS was \$967.00!!! Amazing! Thank you all so very much! Brenda

A BIG
*thank
you*
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This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, April 16th

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| 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 |
| 1:00 PM | Fellowship Reserved |

(Music-Praise Team) Noisy Offering

Monday, April 17th

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

Tuesday, April 18th

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| 9:00 AM | Quilters |
| 5:30 PM | Quilters |
| 6:00 PM | Al-Anon Meeting |

Wednesday, April 19th

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| 9:30 AM | Bible Study |
| 6:30 PM | Confirmation |

Thursday, April 20th

9:00-Noon

Pastor Dave Stroschein in the office

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| 9:00 AM | Quilters |
| 7:00 PM | AA Meeting |
| 7:00-9:00 PM | Membership Class |

Friday, April 21st

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| 6:30 PM | Movie Night “Rio” |
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Sunday, April 23rd

(Music-Lyric Videos)

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| 8:00 AM | Prayer Time |
| 9:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| 10:00 AM | Fellowship |
| 10:20 AM | Sunday School and Youth Group |
| 10:30 AM | Bible Study |

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
April 16th

9:00am Worship:

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| 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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
April 23rd

9:00am Worship:

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| Greeters: | Jen & Tom Ollman |
| Projectionist: | Cal Ollman |
| Reader: | Jane Nelson |
| Ushers: | Mike & Julie Kiraly |

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Dave Perleberg

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