



2020

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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COVID-19 and Lent

We Are Limited

We began Lent with the words “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” Ash Wednesday forces us to face our mortality and allows us to use Lent as a time of personal reflection and repentance. The COVID-19 crisis has taken our country by surprise and it reveals how limited we are.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor in Germany in World War 2. In his book, *Creation and Fall*, he points out that one of the aspects of being human is to be limited. Because of the development of technology, we get the illusion that we can overcome barriers that previous generations have had.

For instance, before electricity, the sun set the rhythm of the day. When the sun went down, there wasn't too much that could be done. But with the light bulb, now, you could work 24/7. As technology advances, we become less bound by nature and start to think that we can do anything. This has created in us false senses of our own achievements and powers.

This is exposed when we have a virus crisis like COVID-19. All of a sudden, we are bound by where we can be and who we should be around. Even though a vaccine is being developed now, moments like this show that we are not in control like we think we are.

But God is Not Limited

This is where the comfort of the Gospel comes in. Since humans are limited, we see how Christ chose to give up some of control to fully experience the suffering of humanity. On the cross, Jesus gave himself up for you and me. The weight of sin and death could not keep Jesus in the grave so he rose again.

While you and I are limited, our God is not. This is why we spend time in Lent to reflect further on our need for God.

2 Corinthians 1:5 “For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.”

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David Edge

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

pending approval minutes

February 27, 2020

BOLM members present: Deb Erdmann, Wayne Peterson, Pastor David Edge, Wayne Anderson, Dave Perleberg, Kyle Hackett, Curt Kvamme, Bev Gerads via Skype. Properties Keith Peterson. Brenda Hackett.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Dave.

Treasurer's Report – January income was \$19,050.32 and the expenses were \$17,123.65. Dave made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Wayne seconded. Motion carried.

Property's Report – The water heater was changed and water inspection was completed. Snow plow company came to push snow hills back to help with water issues in parking lot. Stencils are going up in the nursery along with book shelves and a monitor was installed.

Secretary's Report - Wayne A. made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written, seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities for the month of January. He also talked about the upcoming Lent Midweek schedule and New Member Class.

Brenda reported the Easter Breakfast sign up sheets are on the counter in the Narthex. VPS is in the early stages of organizing. Also, Brenda will be putting up laminated Emergency Exit signs in each classroom should we need to vacate the building. She also spoke on the church having a 5-year plan. This would give Shepherd of the Pines direction and goals.

Old Business:

Covered upcoming events.

1. Lent Services 7pm February 26-April 1
2. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday 7pm
3. Easter Sunday- 6:00, 8:00 and 10:30am
4. Soup Suppers 5:30-6:45
5. Easter Breakfast- Youth helping
6. Easter Egg Hunt- Community
7. Early Communion- Wednesdays April 29-May 20th with First Communion Sunday May 24th
8. National Day of Prayer- May 7th
9. VBS May 31-June 4th

Pastor David reviewed days he will be out of the office.

May 13-15 MN Pastor Conference

July 5 and also August 22nd

New Business

Worship Shepherd schedule was reviewed through March.

Next BOLM meeting Thursday March 19 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm.

Membership requests. Motion was made by Wayne and seconded by Bev to have a peaceful release of membership to Craig, Kelly, Caden and Michael Collins. Also, a release of membership to Love of Christ for Cameron and Jeanie Schroder.

A motion was made by Wayne P. and seconded by Dave to cover the cost of 3 nights of hotel costs for the conference Pastor David attended in Arizona.

City of Rice has approved the new City Sign. Sign will go up in the spring.

The 2nd Annual MN North District Technology Workshop will be held at Shepherd of the Pines. It will be Saturday April 25th from 9-3.

Motion was to adjourn the meeting made by Wayne A. and seconded by Wayne P. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Erdmann

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

Pending Approval Minutes

March 19, 2020

BOLM & EMT members present via Zoom meeting: Sarah Anderson, Kyle Hackett, Pastor David Edge, Dave Perleberg, Curt Kvamme, Wayne Peterson, Deb Erdman, Brenda Hackett, Keith Hackett Absent: Wayne Anderson, Bev Gerads, Keith Peterson, Jen Olman

Meeting was called to order by at 7:03 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Sarah.

Treasurer's Report – February income was \$18,920.30 and expenses were \$21,356.56. Deb made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Properties – No Report

Secretary's Report – Deb made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities for the month of February including the Confirmation Retreat and attendance at the Best Practices for Ministry Conference in Phoenix. His current projects are videos for Lenten & Sunday services in response to COVID-19 and sharing resources for personal and family spiritual growth during our time of social distancing.

Old Business

Policy Binders – This topic was tabled to our next in person meeting.

New Business

Worship Schedule was reviewed from early April to mid April as we hope to be worshipping together again at that time. Next BOLM meeting will be on April 16th at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing. The worship shepherd schedule was reviewed through March.

VBS – Brenda reported that the committee has started planning for VBS to happen at our regularly scheduled time in June.

COVID-19 – Pastor shared some updates he has completed on the website to give easier access to making a prayer request. He has also added a page for Lenten videos. Lutheran Hour Ministries, Main Street Living, Right Now Media & Concordia Publishing House are additional resources that can be used at this time for spiritual growth resources.

Vouchers for payment – Pastor brought up that with our social distancing happening, there are vouchers for payments that have not been signed. It was decided that Julie should email the appropriate people to get their approval on payment.

Local Businesses – Wayne Peterson brought up the importance of supporting our local businesses during this time of social distancing. Jordies Café, The Creamery and Main Street Hair Salon are all businesses that have been affected and we encourage the congregation to support them and other local business as they can.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dave, seconded by Deb. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Anderson, BOLM Secretary

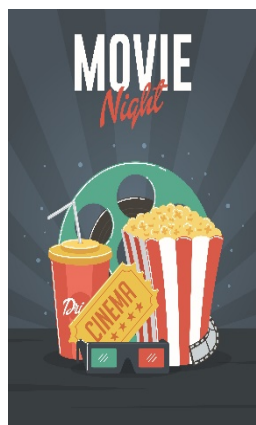
Join us as Shepherd of the Pines Serves a Meal at Place of Hope!!

2nd Saturday of every month

1:30pm-6:00pm

(We will serve on April 11th)

This is a servant opportunity that is sure to fill you up in many ways. A great opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Cooking begins at 1:30, circle prayer at 4:30, and serving at 4:45. You can choose to work the whole time or simply pick the first or second half of the timeframe. If interested, please contact Sandie Resch at 360-4563. Please prayerfully consider.



Movie Night At SOTP

Friday, April 17th at 6:00pm

Frozen 2 (Kid Night!)

Feel free to bring your own snacks, beverages, and blankies. Please be mindful of the church when picking your snacks and beverages, we want to keep it neat and clean. NO colored juices. Hope you can join us!

February's Church Income Statement

	February	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$18,920	\$37,971
Expenses	(\$21,356)	(\$38,480)
Over/(Shortfall)	(\$2,436)	(\$509)

Let's support our local church members' businesses in these tough times. They might have a bit of a limited menu, but their food is still good. If we have missed a business, please let us know and we will email out the information.

Jordies, Bowlus MN
320-584-8193

www.jordiestrailside.com

Creamery, Rice MN
320-393-4100

oldcreameryricemn.com



The Rice Area Blood Drive

will be at Shepherd of the Pines on April 13 from 2-6:15. The need for blood is so great with everything that has been happening around the world. Consider making an appointment when one of our local volunteers calls you or call Lora 393-2701. You are eligible to donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission), at least 110 pounds and in generally good health and have not donated since Feb. 24. We hope to be able to help the blood shortage with our goal of 67. We can only do it with your help.



QUILTING!
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We will be quilting on April 22nd, & 29th at 4pm and April 23rd, & 30th at 12:30 at the church. Contact Ardelle for more information at 656-5858. Anyone is welcome to stop in and join us!



ANNOUNCING Church and Community Prayer and Worship

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on April 16th** for a time of prayer and worship songs where we will lift up our church and community!

This prayer and worship time will continue each month the half hour prior to our BOLM Meeting!!



Lenten Worship Schedule

Easter Sunday Services

April 12, 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:30am

***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11 at 10am

*** Easter Breakfast will be held April 12 7-10am

Plans for Easter Events and Services are still Tentative, we will email when we have more information.

As of Right Now All Church Services and Activities are Canceled though April 10th, with Governor Walz order we will take it week by week after that. Please Check out Website and Facebook for Sermons and Up to date information. The current office hours will be **9-noon Monday – Friday.**

April Anniversaries		
Lloyd & Ronita	Walburn	April 11
Lloyd & Deb	Erdmann	April 27
Chris & Shaunna	Johnson	April 27
Ronald & Colleen	Woods	April 27
Richard & Robin	Hemple	April 28
Tom & Jen	Ollman	April 28
Steve & Brenda	Pressnall	April 28
Dave & Dannette	Brannen	April 29
Brian & Tonya	Soltis	April 29
Scott & Kris	Schlichting	April 30

APRIL NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, April 19th**, for the **Rice Elementary School Staff**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

April Distribution is
Thursday, April 9th
from 3:00-5:30pm

April Birthdays		
Ron	Folkerts	April 01
Heather	Ostendorf	April 01
Travis	Lenarz	April 03
Jodi	Dumonceaux	April 04
Anthony	Omann	April 04
Lilyana	Gerjets	April 05
DelRoy	Shane	April 06
Roxann	Ree	April 08
Jeffrey	Loidolt	April 09
Spencer	Novitzki	April 09
Ronita	Walburn	April 09
Dane	Morgan	April 11
Wyatt	Efraimson	April 13
Arthur	Betker	April 15
Howard	Forer	April 15
Scott	Manea	April 18
Helen	Rotar	April 19
Erica	Erdmann	April 21
Kallan	Hackett	April 22
Wyatt	Johnson	April 22
Jenna	Gangl	April 23
Colleen	Peterson	April 23
Jessica	Mickelson	April 24
Keith	Craft	April 26
Denise	Leahy	April 26
Barb	McKeever	April 26



Education / Small Group Team

Greetings to all!

As we head into April, it is with great anticipation that we will soon be through this earthly rollercoaster ride we are on. As far as church activities, we will continue to plan for VBS May 31 to June 4. That being said...again it is in the hands of the government IF we can have groups together. If we cannot, we will just put things away until next year. We feel as a team that to disrupt any plans for the summer that those may already have, this would just not be successful. Keep watch and we will continue to update. As of now, we move forward as though we will have it and begin props and ordering items needed.

Sunday school will resume when church resumes, and we shall pick up where we left off as the schedule says.

The Easter breakfast is also up in the air, I encourage all of you to stay informed through the church social media announcements and emails. If you were signed up for a food item, wait and make sure we know what we are doing. We did not have hardly anyone sign up to help serve/ cook/ and clean up so IF we have it, it could be a scramble to find helping hands last minute. Please keep this in the back of your mind. May Gods peace fill your hearts and calm them, and we shall weather this storm together.

Serving in His Lead

Brenda Hackett

Small Group/Education Team Leader



Worship Team

Greetings all!

As we move forward with worship in a different manner, please watch as the schedule will be posted for April. I would like to try to set something up with talking to the musicians for the May – August schedule. So please keep in mind what YOUR time looks like presuming we get back to church. We continue to serve God in a different way for the time being. Praying for His peace and understanding and guidance!

Also, I have not talked with Pastor yet, but am wondering about some type of drive up communion.

Keith Hackett

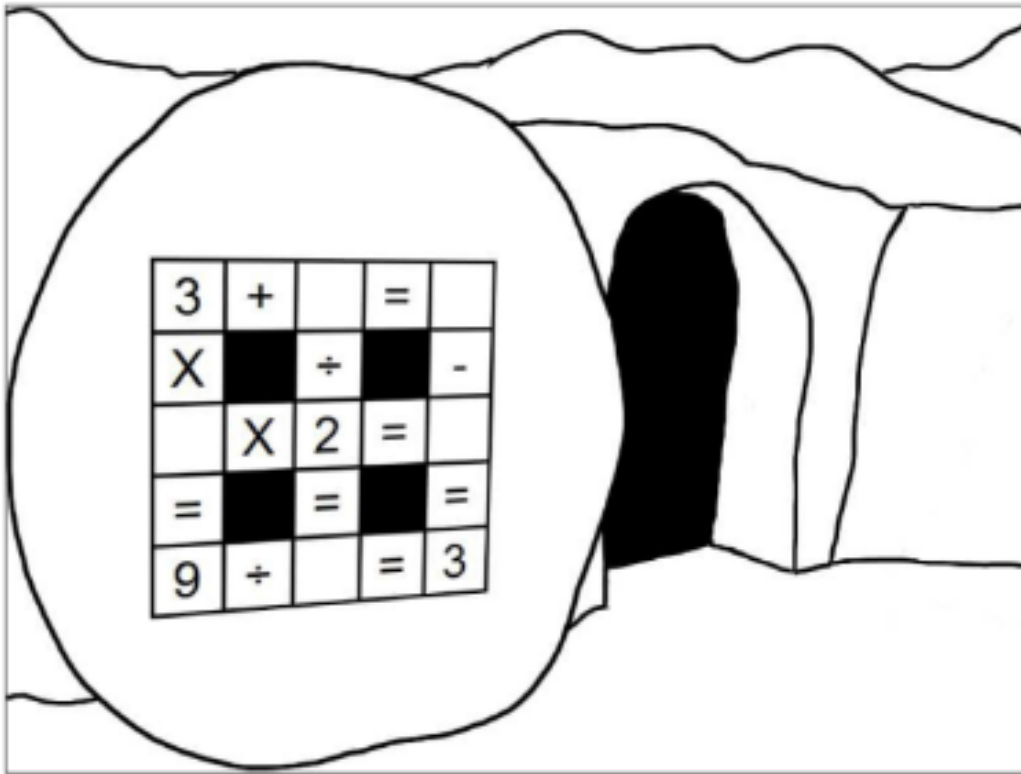
Worship Team Leader

While this quarantine is difficult and stressful, God is with you at home. I pray that the Holy Spirit will make His presence known to you! Check out at home Resources

<https://sotpministries.com/covid>

Jesus is Risen!

Complete the sums on the tomb stone...



... then find the hidden message from Luke 24 v 6



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Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!

- 1 = green
- 3 = blue
- 5 = pink
- 7 = purple
- 2 = brown
- 4 = orange
- 6 = yellow
- 8 = red



Worship Shepherds

April 12 Deb Erdmann
 April 19 Bev Gerads
 April 26 Dave Perleberg



April 12 8:00am Volunteers
 10:30am Needed
 April 19 8:00am Brent & Jennifer Betker
 10:30am Wayne & Colleen Peterson
 April 26 8:00am Evie Kirchner & Lilyana Gerjets
 10:30am Bruce & Sandie Resch



April 12 8:00am Volunteers
 10:30am Needed
 April 19 8:00am Gary Loidolt
 10:30am Celeste Ollman
 April 26 8:00am Lois Perleberg
 10:30am Sandie Resch



April 12 8:00am Volunteers
 10:30am Needed
 April 19 8:00am Ron & Barb McKeever
 10:30am Dean & Karie Giese
 April 26 8:00am Scott & Peg Manea
 10:30am Tom & Jen Ollman



APRIL

Ron McKeever, Wayne Anderson
 Juli Popp



ALTAR GUILD

APRIL

Deb Erdmann & Joan Ramey



We have been praying for our church families each week as we go through our church directory from A to Z. As you go about your daily tasks lift a prayer for the family of the week as the Lord brings them to mind. **In April we will be praying for:**

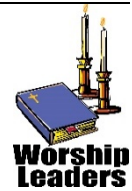
April 5- Tim & Melissa Hinderschied
 Children: Aubrey & Colton
 April 12 - Joni Hoeft
 Children: Kiaya, Lexi, Rylie
 April 19 - Troy & Ann Hovland
 Children: Carter, Shelby
 April 26 - Keith Huhne



If it is your turn to serve fellowship, please bring some treats to share and arrive early to help set up. If your name is first on the list, please arrive 30 minutes prior to the 8:00am service to make coffee. The directions for making coffee are posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. When you serve fellowship, please plan on serving coffee and treats and cleaning up the kitchen after the first service. The others serving with you would appreciate it!

April 12 TENATIVE EASTER BREAKFAST
 April 19 D. Arntson, B. Zapzalka,
 W. Anderson, G. Plumski, C. Kvamme
 April 26 J. Ramey, J. Clasen, S. Pressnall,
 C. Dingmann, M. Campion

April 12 Volunteers Needed
 April 19 Jerry Nelson
 April 26 Steve Ree



Worship Leaders

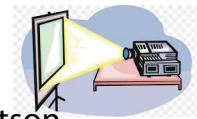
Muscians

April 12 Praise Team Plus
 April 19 Bethany & Gabby
 April 26 Praise team



PROJECTIONIST

April 12 8:00am Volunteers
 10:30am Needed
 April 19 8:00am Dennis Arntson
 10:30am Cynthia Ollman
 April 26 8:00am Aaron Betker
 10:30am Denise Leahy



April 5 - Isaiah 65:17-25
 Romans 8:26-30
 Matthew 6:5-13
 April 12 - Psalm 16:1-11
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Matthew 28:1-10
 April 19 - Psalm 130:1-8
 Colossians 3:12-17
 John 20:19-23
 April 26 - Acts 2:14, 36-41
 1 Peter 1:17-25
 Luke 24:13-35



Scripture Readings



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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Jesus died for...

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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

Sarah Anderson, Secretary 267-2628; Wayne Peterson, 249-3986; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Wayne Anderson 393-2128; Curt Kvamme Treas. 393-3353; Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700; Bev Gerads 761-1894

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Brenda Hackett – Education & Small Group Team Leader, Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Jen Ollman- Service Team Leader

*In case of church cancellation due to bad weather listen to, 98 COUNTRY 98.1, SPIRIT 92.9, KCLD 104.7, WJON 1240,
or call the church office and listen to the message.*

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, comprising 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 to 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.