

“Living as strangers!”



*1 Peter 1:17*

April 23, 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 23, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Invocation

Pastor: Let's borrow the words of the two disciples who unknowingly walked with Jesus, and as they came to the end of their walk made this request:

**Congregation: "Stay with us."**

Pastor: As we make that request, let's also make this our prayer as we gather around God's Word to worship the risen Christ.

**Congregation: Open our eyes to see and to know You.**

Pastor: Open the Scriptures to us and by the power of Your Holy Spirit lead us to confess as did those two disciples:

**Congregation: "It is true! The Lord has risen!"**

Pastor: We ask this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: From Acts 2, today's first reading. As Peter confronted those who were listening to him with the truth that they were responsible for the death of Jesus Christ, they were cut to the heart and responded,

**Congregation: "What shall we do?"**

Pastor: Peter went on to tell them: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Together now, let’s both confess and repent of our sins and receive the promised grace and forgiveness of our sins from our heavenly Father through Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Most merciful and gracious God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed. I have lived as though I mattered most and my neighbor mattered the least. I have adopted many of the values and ways of this world as my own. For these my sins I am truly sorry. For the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask to be forgiven. I also desire by the power of Your Holy Spirit to live a new life. I ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Pastor: “This is the promise for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:39) For the sake of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, our sins have been forgiven. He has paid for our sins with His life, and He has risen from the dead to bring us that forgiveness. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Reception of New Members

John Brenny  
Mary Panek

Kyle & Jennifer Cecil Child Mason  
Dan & Elli Reginek Children:

Hudson, Kayden, & Landon

Misty Sauer Children: Skylar & Teegan

## Children’s Message

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Acts 2:14, 36-41 (Page 1078)

Epistle – 1 Peter 1:17:25 (Page 1200)

Gospel – Luke 24:13-35 (Page 1047)

## Sermon Song

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Sermon  
Pastor Dave Strohschein

“Living as strangers!”

1 Peter 1:17

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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

“God is so Good”

Prayer

(Family this week: Ken & Peggy Feia)

# 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 & Hosanna”

## The Dismissal

## The Benediction

## Closing Song

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

### Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book. Also, Join us for fellowship after Service.

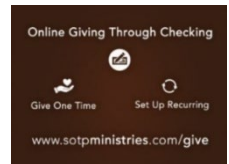
### Online Giving

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!



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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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## 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
  - April 30<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday
  - May 4<sup>th</sup> National Day of Prayer
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> MN Teen & Adult Challenge here
  - 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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### 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 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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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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## 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**

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.

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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

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## **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 - We can use

New or used spools of reg thread or serger thread  
Please leave items in the church sewing room.  
Thank you!

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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 in 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 in September, the Mom/Son Event, which is new this year. The last event for 2023 will be the Trunk or Treat Event in 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. The service will follow at 6:30. 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 19 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*

# Shine His Light

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## Walk for Life

Saturday, May 6th



PREGNANCY  
RESOURCE CENTER  
+ MEDICAL CLINIC

REGISTER TO WALK:

ONLINE - [PregHelpFriends.com](http://PregHelpFriends.com)

CALL - 320-253-5333

STOP IN - @ either clinic location  
weekdays 10:00am-5:00pm



## This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

### **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **(Music-Lyric Videos)**

### **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

1:00-6:45 PM	Blood Drive
7:30 PM	Praise Team
7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes

### **Julie will be leaving at 1pm**

### **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM	Quilters
4:00 -7:00 PM	Muggs Newman Wake at SOTP
5:30 PM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Visitation time Muggs Newman at SOTP
11:00 AM	Funeral Muggs Newman at SOTP
9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation

### **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA Meeting

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

### **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

	<b>(Music-Lyric Videos) Noisy Offering</b>
	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b>
8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Prayer and Anointing with oil
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sundae/Sunday
10:30 AM	Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
April 30<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters: Paulette Dahl  
Projectionist: Keith Hackett  
Reader: Janet Maleska  
Ushers: Jeremy & Candace Dingmann

**Worship Leader:** Jane Nelson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Joanny Ramey

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