

"The Jesus Test"

1 John 4:1

April 28, 2024

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 28, 2024

8am Prayer Time

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School/Youth Group

Gabby, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Amazing Grace"

Invocation

Pastor: Remembering our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Congregation: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

Congregation: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, You have given us the Truth in Your Word.

Congregation: Bless us with wisdom and discernment through the work of Your Holy Spirit, so that we know and follow Your Truth in our daily lives as we have it in Jesus, the Way and the Truth and the Life.

Pastor: In His name we pray.

Congregation: Amen.

Reception of New Members

Robert & Darby Cervenka Son: Cal	Charles & Doreen Dressel
Adam & Cristina Freimund	Shawn Hackett
Tami Hackett	Don & Gail Reginek
Tyler & Keri Smith Children: Evelyn & Emmet	
Katie Tyge Children: Brielle, Ireland & Toby	

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

First Lesson – Acts 8:26-40 (Page 1086)

Epistle – 1 John 4:1-11 (Page 1209)

Gospel – John 15:1-8 (Page 1068)

Michelle Gillard speaking about her mission in Papua
New Guinea

Sermon Song

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

“The Jesus Test”

1 John 4:1

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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Prayer (Family this week: Curt Kvamme)

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 “Just As I Am”, “At the Cross”,
“Lord, I Need You”

Communion Dismissal

The Benediction

Closing Song

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Next Week's Readings: Acts 10:34-48
1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17



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!



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!.

- 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 28th ...Garage sale items can start being brought in!!
- May 2nd ...National Day of Prayer
- May 5th ...Additional Noisy Offering
- May 16-18 ...Church Garage sale to support Youth!

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 28th S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

May 5th M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson

May 12th J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

May 19th J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

May 26th K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson



**SOTP congregation voted to call
Pastor Timothy Schiller, Hinkley, MN**

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	Dennis Arntson	333-6019

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



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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.



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

Chase Jerry Dean Miller

April 14, 2024

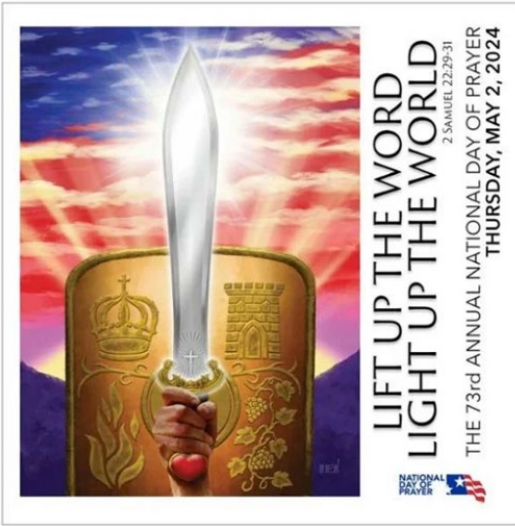
Isabella May Miller

April 14, 2024



We will have an additional noisy offering from The Dream High Group on May 5th.

Shelters are in need of reuseable grocery bags!! Please bring them to sewing room or give them to Ardelle.



The 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 2nd. 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 2nd](#), 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!

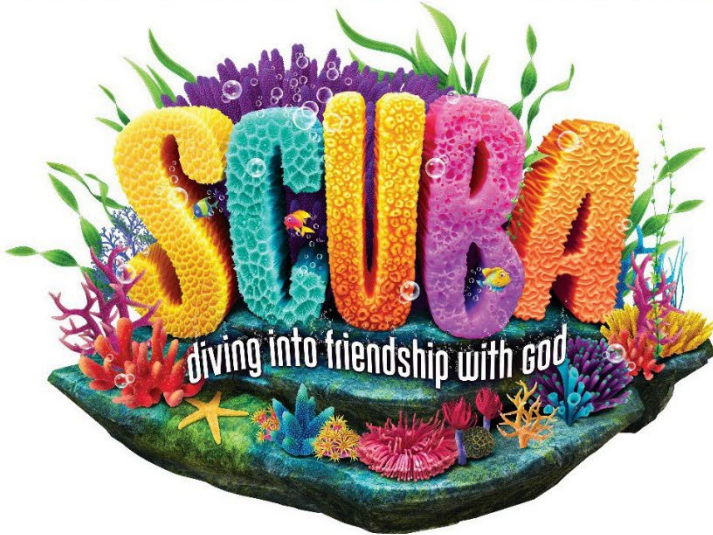
If you've been collecting things for the Youth Group Garage Sale: We have the garage sale in May; items can be brought to the church starting April 28th. Garage Sale items should be placed in the first Sunday School room off the fellowship hall at that time. The garage sale will be May 16,17, & 18. If you have any questions about the garage sale, please contact Brenda Hackett 320-267-6472

BIG GARAGE SALE



We have only 1 spot left for 4yr old's!!

RICE AREA COMMUNITY VBS
Registration is open!!
4YR OLDS TO 5TH GRADE



WWW.SOTPMINISTRIES.COM/VBS

JUNE 2ND - 6TH

6:30-8:30 PM

1950 125TH STREET NW
RICE, MN 56367

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, April 28th

(Music-Gabby)

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

Garage Sale items can start being brought to church!

Monday, April 29th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, April 30th

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

Wednesday, May 1st

9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation
7:30 PM	VBS Work Night

Thursday, May 2nd

9:00-Noon

Pastor Dave Stroschein in the office

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA Meeting
5:00 PM-6:15PM	Meal
6:30 PM	National Day of Prayer Service

Sunday, May 5th

(Music-Heather)

Noisy Offering (Dream High Group)

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

Garage Sale items can start being brought to church!

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
April 28th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Kyle & Ashley Hackett
Projectionist: Keith Hackett
Reader: Jane Nelson
Ushers: Jeremy & Candace Dingmann

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann

Fellowship S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
May 5th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Keith & Kathy Craft
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Wyatt Alstrup
Ushers: Bev & Al Gerads

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida/Ron McKeever

Fellowship M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson