

“Who is your BFF?”



Psalm 23

April 30, 2023

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

1950 125th 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 30, 2023

9am Worship Service Confirmation Sunday

10am Prayer & Anointing with Oil

10am Fellowship & Sundaes Sunday

10:20am Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

Invocation

Pastor: We celebrate Confirmation Day today, a day for us to reaffirm all of the blessings we received in Holy Baptism when God's name was placed upon us and we were born again and made to be His redeemed and forgiven children.

Congregation: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Pastor: Let's read responsively the words of Psalm 23

Congregation: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Pastor: He leads me beside the quiet waters, He restores my soul.

Congregation: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

Congregation: I will fear no evil. For You are with me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

Congregation: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: We bring to you our children and young people, asking for You to be their Shepherd.

Congregation: Guide them, protect them, feed them with Your Word. Anoint them with Your unconditional love and grace

Pastor: And finally, Lord Jesus, bring them home to live with You forever in Your house.

Congregation: We also seek these blessings from You for ourselves.

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Him Who is the Good Shepherd, Jesus, our risen and living Savior.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Acts 2:42-47 (Page 1078)

Epistle – 1 Peter 2:19-25 (Page 1201)

Gospel – John 10:1-10 (Page 1062)

Sermon Song

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

Next Week's Readings: Psalm 146
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14



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!



TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!!!

May the Holy Spirit continually pour His love, comfort, and guidance in the lives of our confirmand!

Mackenzie Ramey

Galatians 5:22-23 ²²But the fruit **of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

AA Meeting at SOTP

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

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- April 30th Confirmation Sunday Today
- Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
- Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
- Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
- May 4th National Day of Prayer
- May 7th MN Teen & Adult Challenge here
- Youth Garage Sale May 11th -13th Donations can be brought to church starting April 24th
- VBS June 4th – 8th Registration is open!

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 30th

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

May 7th

Pot Luck Meal

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

Garage Sale items should be placed in the first Sunday school room off the fellowship hall at that time. The 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



BIG GARAGE SALE

**SOTP Youth
Group
Garage Sale**



#311904220

May 11th & 12th 8am – 6pm

May 13th 8am-noon

We welcome your donations for the Sale

This garage sale will benefit the SOTP youth who will be attending the Fall Fling at Camp Shamineau in Oct 2023

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.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name	Date of Baptism
Emily May Moulzolf	June 19, 2022
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux	July 24, 2022
Griffin Dale Maass	October 17, 2022
Bryce Nathan Leyk	December 18, 2022
Maverick Lee Wolff	January 8, 2023
Coen Maxwell Line	January 8, 2023
Cal Nicholas Cervenka	January 29, 2023
Barrett James Eggert	February 5, 2023
Amelia Rose Wentland	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.

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 This 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. 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!

Spring Cleaning - We can use

Looking for a variety of items for shelters.
New or used spools of reg thread or serger
thread

Please leave items in the church sewing room.
Thank you!



Acclaim Images.com

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

Rice Area Community VBS



www.sotpministries.com/vbs

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

[Call Committee Members](#)

Scott Manea 320-267-5409

Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236

Janet Maleska 320-249-4467

Jeff Ramey 320-260-5869

Colleen Woods 320-685-4389

Peg Herman 320-267-1863

Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992

Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880

John Alstrup 612-839-9490

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

Shine His Light

@ the

Walk for Life

Saturday, May 6th



PREGNANCY
RESOURCE CENTER
+ MEDICAL CLINIC

REGISTER TO WALK:

ONLINE - 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 30th

(Music-Lyric Videos) Noisy Offering

Confirmation Sunday

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

Monday, May 1st

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

Tuesday, May 2nd

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

Wednesday, May 3rd

9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation

Thursday, May 4th

9:00-Noon

Pastor Dave Stroschein in the office

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

Sunday, May 7th

(Music- MN Adult & Teen Challenge)

Free Will offering

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Potluck Meal

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
April 30th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Paulette Dahl
Projectionist: Keith Hackett
Reader: Paul Tschida
Ushers: Jeremy & Candace Dingmann

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
May 7th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Keith & Kathy Craft
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Dennis Arntson
Ushers: Bev & Al Gerads

Worship Leader: Ron McKeever

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads

Fellowship Potluck Meal

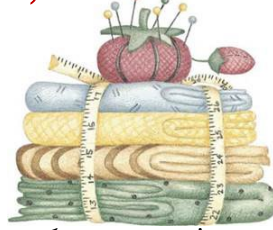
RICE AREA MISSION QUILTERS

Shepherd Of The Pines Lutheran Church
1950 125th St NW – Rice, MN 56367

Project Needs

Volunteers

Tie & Pin Quilts



Supplies

1. Fabric – Yardage and Pieces
2. Yarn
3. Thread – Partial Spool ok
4. Polyester Batting
5. Towels
6. Sheets & Pillowcases

Quilts, Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Washcloths, Pillowcases, Wheelchair Bags, Rice Bags, Lap Robes, Receiving Blankets & Hot Pads Are Donated To:

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| † Youth for Christ | † Sterling Park |
| † Hagen Min | † Adolescent Addictions Services |
| † Foley Food Shelf (CROSS) | † Salvation Army |
| † Place of Hope | † Becker Faith in Action |
| † St. Cloud Vet Stand Down | † Dream Center |
| † Lindon Grove | † Catholic Charities |
| † Global Health Ministries | † Homestyle Living |
| † VA Medical Center | † Lutheran World Relief |
| † Social Justice | † 180° Youth |
| † Bridge Recovery | † Personal Ministry & Benefits |
| † Haiti | † Adara Home Health |
| † Eden Brook Care Center | † Country Manor |
| † Harding Place | † Homeless helping Homeless |
| † Bags of Love | † Light House |

**Contact: Ardelle (320)656-5858 Cell: (320)333-5858
Cherie (320)393-4164 Cell: (320)420-4164**

We appreciate any & all donations given!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Quilting News!

We have had a very productive year in Quilting! During the year 2022, we were able to deliver 1,669 queen and regular quilts, lap robes, and receiving blankets. We also deliver miscellaneous pillowcases, sheets, towels, and washcloths free of charge to low income families.

We want to thank everyone that has donated money, fabric, their time sewing tops, pillowcases, potholders and ironing sheets. We have accomplished so much with everyone using their wonderful talents. We would really appreciate more people participating in the pinning and tying of the quilts. (We have a lot of fun and laughs!) No need to know how to sew!!

A special thank you to Rice Lion's, Thrivent Financial, Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church, and Jordie's Trailside Café for supporting our purchase of sheets for our quilts.

We are making rice bags and pillowcase dresses for Haiti. We also sew wheelchair bags for the VA Med. Center and area nursing homes.

We have a list on the back of all the agencies that have received our items. They are all very grateful for all the time and talents of everyone that has taken part in this mission.