



2020

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Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

The Question

People often ask where God is when bad things happen. If there's one, good, loving God, why did he create this or at least allow bad things to happen? In a pandemic like ours, many doubt the nature of God. If God created this pandemic, then it implies that he isn't good or if wanted to stop the pandemic, but was unable to, then he's not very powerful.

Either way it circles back to the character of God. Even if he didn't create the pandemic, he knew about it so why didn't he stop it?

The Answer

There are many ways to answer this, but let's look at Job.

Job starts out with Satan and God making a bet over why Job worships God. Satan makes the argument that Job only worships God because he is blessed financially by God. God then allows Satan to afflict Job to see if Job would still worship God when he loses his wealth, family and even his own health.

This might seem selfish for God to make a bet like this and to allow Job to suffer. Admittedly, this is tough to deal with, but think of it this way: have you ever had a friend who was rich? I knew a couple of kids in Elementary school who came from wealthy families and most of my classmates wanted to be their friends. Why? Because they can come over and play with all of the cool toys.

I'm not saying they're not friends with the rich kids, but it was pretty obvious many at first wanted to be friends with them not because they genuinely like them, but because of what they can get out of the friendship. This is not real friendship and if the wealth ever went away, so did the friends.

Similarly, many worship God not based on their love for Him, but because they get wealth and health out of it. Once that runs out, then so does their devotion to God. This is why God allowed Satan to afflict Job. While this might seem unjust from our standpoint, God had a higher purpose to this, like He does for all of us.

I don't know if God is behind the pandemic or if he simply allowed it. This side of Heaven we may never know. But what we do know is that we have a powerful, loving God, who takes care of us and watches over us. This is why Job says in Job 1:20 "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David Edge

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25TH

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

pending approval minutes

April 16, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order by at 7:05 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Kyle.

Worship – Keith H. reported that the team has been working on filling the May volunteer calendar. We should have a few weeks' notice before we start meeting as a congregation again to be able to fill the positions.

Education & Small Groups – Brenda reported that Sunday School has wrapped up for the year since it was scheduled to be done on May 4th. The BOLM & EMT discussed the options available for holding VBS. We want to have this program available for our children. VBS will be postponed from the planned dates in May/June and the congregation is encouraged to watch for more information to come.

Service Team – Jen reported that planning has stopped for activities since and will resume when our church activities resume.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities in the month of March during which the stay at home order went into place. He is in the office most days, but was not able to do hospital or shut in visits. His projects have included the videos for worship services and devotions including Holy Week.

Properties – Keith reported that there will be a meeting of the properties committee soon to plan the spring cleanup and waxing of the kitchen floor.

The EMT was excused after prayer.

Treasurer's Report – March income was \$19,779.60 and expenses were \$20,785.14. Deb made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Wayne P. seconded. Motion carried.

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

Old Business

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

New Business

Next BOLM meeting will be on May 21st at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing. The worship shepherd schedule was reviewed through June 14th.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bev, seconded by Deb. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm. Meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Anderson, BOLM Secretary



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 May we will be praying for:**

- May 3- Mike & Carla Hunter
 - May 10 - Brad & Holly Jasmer
Children: Caleb & Madi
 - May 17 - Hunter & Amanda Jasmer
 - May 24 - Jan Johnson
 - May 31- Shauuna & Chris Johnson
Children: Beau, Harley, Jesse & Wyatt
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- May 3 - Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
 - May 10 - Acts 6:1-9
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
 - May 17 - Acts 17:16-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
 - May 24 - Acts 1:12-26
1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
 - May 31- Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39
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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 May 9th)

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.

Rice Area Food Shelf

April Distribution is

Thursday, May 7th

from 3:00-5:30pm

March's Church Income Statement

	March	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$19,779	\$57,750
Expenses	<u>(\$20,785)</u>	<u>(\$59,265)</u>
Over/(Shortfall)	(\$1,005)	(\$1,515)

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

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 May 21st** 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!!



As of Right Now All Church Services and Activities are Canceled though May 4th 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.

Postpone List

National Day of Prayer will be Postpone until further notice.

Confirmation Sunday will be Postpone until the Fall.

VBS will be Postpone until sometime in August

When church resumes Fellowship will not right away.

May Anniversaries		
Don & Jan	Klinker	May 07
Cameron & Jeanie	Schroeder	May 07
Scott & Peg	Manea	May 09
Mike & Diane	Barringer	May 12
Shawn & Judy	Hackett	May 13
John & Peggy	Herman	May 17
Kelly & Ileana	Merten	May 19
Gary & Sherry	Kapsner	May 21
DelRoy & Marlene	Shane	May 27
Gayle & June	Plumski	May 29

May Birthdays		
Shaunna	Johnson	May 01
Harley	Johnson	May 02
Nicole	Novitzki	May 02
Ken	Feia	May 03
Cara	Freese	May 03
Sandra	Froelich	May 03
Laura	Popp	May 03
Madison	Jasmer	May 04
Bonnie	Loidolt	May 08
Ben	Cole	May 09
Randy	Klaphake	May 09
Jane	Nelson	May 09
Mason	Novitzki	May 10
Garry	Loidolt	May 11
Pat	Rolph	May 11
Michael	Barringer	May 13
Kay	Paradeis	May 14
Bradley	Jasmer	May 15
Levi	Popp	May 16
Joan	Ramey	May 17
Randy	Kreifels	May 19
Reed	Kreifels	May 19
Janet	Maleska	May 23
Avie	Manea	May 23
Duane	Ott	May 24
Bradley	Plumski	May 26
Jim	Amundson	May 29
Brielle	Elyea	May 29
Sebastian	Gertken	May 30
Josh	Anderson	May 31
Jami	Kreifels	May 31



Education / Small Group Team

Happy and blessed May !

This is the month we celebrate mom's!!! So a very Happy Mother's Day! As we move forward into this crazy "New" times, we have had to make many changes on our team's direction. We normally would be in our final push for VBS as it was scheduled for May 31 – June 4. We have to sadly announce that we will NOT be having VBS at this time and it breaks our hearts! We were so hoping that given a little time that the gathering number count would change, however it looks as though it will not be there. The good news is...DON'T GIVE UP HOPE!" We want to plan for late August or right before we get to go back to school. Because no one knows what our state will be allowed to do, this is the best WE can do to follow guidelines. I would ask though that each of you who want to sign up your child or if you want to volunteer, please go to the web site and still do so!!!! We still need to have a count and then, WHEN it DOES happen you will be one step closer! What I have learned most through all of this is "Fear not, for I am with you!" God is bigger than all of this and if we put our trust in HIM...HE will carry us through.

As with so many things, all church activities have been postponed, so continue to read here or watch for upcoming announcements and we all look forward to when we can see and be together again! Until then, blessings on each day and may God give you daily strength!

Serving for the Lord,
Brenda Hackett
Small Group/ Edu Team Leader

Congratulations to Our Graduates!!

Kyle Barringer
McKenna Brannen
Zachary Elliott
Carter Hovland
Clesete Ollman
Joshua Johnson

Stay tune for information on when we will honor them.

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>

JUNE	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
06/07/20	8:00am 10:30am	Charlie & Nancy Anderson Howard & Nancy Forer	Gabby Dingmann Denise Leahy	Janet Maleska Pastor David	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg Keith & Kathy Craft	Dennis Arntson -
06/14/20	8:00am 10:30am	Brent & Jennifer Betker Dean & Karie Giese	Ian Cairns Keith Hackett	Peg Manea Howard Forer	Brian & Heather Statz Bruce & Sandie Resch	Jerry Nelson -
06/21/20 (Fathers Day)	8:00am 10:30am	Ron & Mary Bulhuis Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Aaron Betker Denise Leahy	Lois Perleberg Jane Nelson	Barb Zapzalka Wayne & Colleen Peterson	Steve Ree -
06/28/20	8:00am 10:30am	Joyce Saldana Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson Keith Hackett	Jeff Ramey Pastor David	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Pastor David -

JULY	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
07/05/20 (Holiday)	8:00am 10:30am	Garry & Bonnie Loidolt Keith & Kathy Craft	Keith Hackett Denise Leahy	Garry Loidolt Pastor David	Al & Bev Gerads Bruce & Sandie Resch	Jane Nelson (4th of July Weekend)
07/12/20	8:00am 10:30am	Kevin & Janet Maleska Howard & Nancy Forer	Gabby Dingmann Keith Hackett	Dennis Arntson Howard Forer	Keith & Brenda Hackett Keith & Kathy Craft	Dennis Arntson -
07/19/20	8:00am 10:30am	Scott & Peg Manea Tom & Jen Ollman	Aaron Betker Cal Ollman	Ruth Brutchter Celeste Ollman	Brad & Holly Jasmer Tom & Jen Ollman	Steve Ree
07/26/20	8:00am 10:30am	Ron & Barb McKeever Dean & Karie Giese	Levi Brenny Cynthia Ollman	Brenda Hackett Pastor David	Evie Kirchner & Lilyana Gerjets Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Pastor David -

AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/02/20	8:00am 10:30am	Shelley Pintok Tom & Jen Ollman	Ian Cairns Cynthia Ollman	Garry Loidolt Celeste Ollman	Kevin & Janet Maleska Wayne & Colleen Peterson	Jerry Nelson -
08/09/20	8:00am 10:30am	Milt & Marlene Popp Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Sarah Anderson Denise Leahy	Janet Maleska Pastor David	Ron & Barb McKeever Bruce & Sandie Resch	Pastor David -
08/16/20	8:00am 10:30am	Joyce Saldana Bruce & Sandie Resch	Dennis Arntson Tom Ollman	Roxann Ree Howard Forer	Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg Keith & Kathy Craft	Steve Ree
08/23/20	8:00am 10:30am	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann Keith & Kathy Craft	Isabelle Cairns Cal Ollman	Lois Perleberg Celeste Ollman	Steve & Roxann Ree Tom & Jen Ollman	Dennis Arntson
08/30/20	8:00am 10:30am	Jeff & Joan Ramey Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Gabby Dingmann Denise Leahy	Peg Manea Jane Nelson	Brad & Holly Jasmer Bruce & Sandie Resch	Pastor David

Jesus Is Alive! Hidden Pictures

Find each of these items hidden in the picture: snake, magnet, horseshoe, lemon, shovel, ice cream cone, hat, star, eye, butterfly, and a bugle. When you find all the items, you may color the picture.



Worship Shepherds

May 17 Deb Erdmann
 May 24 Kyle Hackett
 May 31 Wayne Peterson

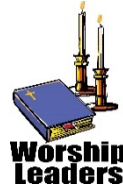


Fellowship Hour will be postponed until further notice.

May 17 8:00am Keith & Roxanne Peterson
 10:30am Travis & Marlys Lenarz
 May 24 8:00am Steve & Roxann Ree
 10:30am Wayne & Colleen Peterson
 May 31 8:00am Brad & Holly Jasmer
 10:30am Tom & Jen Ollman



May 10 Jane Nelson
 May 17 Steve Ree
 May 24 Pastor David
 May 31 Pastor David



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 10:30am Jane Nelson
 May 24 8:00am Garry Loidolt
 10:30am Pastor David
 May 31 8:00am Jeff Ramey
 10:30am Celeste Ollman



Musicians
 May 17 Praise team
 May 24 Volunteer Needed
 May 31 Volunteer Needed



May 17 8:00am Tony & Linda Omann
 10:30am Keith & Kathy Craft
 May 24 8:00am Jeff & Joan Ramey
 10:30am Dean & Karie Giese
 May 31 8:00am Keith & Roxanne Peterson
 10:30am Tom & Jen Ollman



PROJECTIONISTS
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 May 24 8:00am Dennis Arntson
 10:30am Denise Leahy
 May 31 8:00am Aaron Betker
 10:30am Cynthia Ollman



MAY

Deb Erdmann, Curt Kvamme,
 Sandie Resch



MAY

Sandie Resch, Nancy Anderson,
 Joan Ramey



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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Jesus inspires...

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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.