Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church



2021

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Do you feel tired and worn down from the pandemic? I heard that when we face a disaster or trauma, our bodies go into overdrive to give us the energy and mental alertness to go through the disaster. However, our bodies are only meant to do this for a short amount of time. Our bodies then need a longer period of rest to recuperate.

One of the many challenges of the pandemic is that it has affected us for over a year now. To make things worse, no one has an exact day when things will finally be "back to normal." This might be the worst part about it. If we knew an exact date, then we could plan accordingly, but we are not fully in control of this situation. We long for a place to rest our souls and find respite.

One of the longest moments of suffering and waiting was when God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt, and they were out in the desert for 40 years. 1 year is bad enough, but it's no wonder that the Hebrews became easily agitated, grumbled against Moses, and even turned to vices such as building a golden calf.

Growing up in the church, I had a hard time wondering how the Hebrews witnessed the 10 plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, and then a month later they set up an idol. In the first month of the pandemic, liquor stores increased by 200%, and most gained some weight from not exercising and being lonely.

I would say a root of our vices during the pandemic is that we are at home all the time, but not getting rest. We are with our family inside all day, but we don't share the quality time that normally is restful and good for our souls.

I think I can understand why the Hebrews did what they did in the desert and lasted 40 years. However, God not only led his people through the wilderness, but this was to teach God's people about finding rest in the Promised Land, which is given to us through Jesus. This is how the author Hebrews tells us that we all long for a Promised Land and Sabbath rest, which is Christ himself.

Hebrews 4:8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

I encourage you to take some time in prayer and come to worship when you can so you can find the rest that all our souls long for.

Grace and Peace, Pastor David

Joint EMT/Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

Pending Approval Minutes April 15, 2021

BOLM members present: Kyle Hackett, Garry Loidolt, Joanny Ramey, Colleen Woods, Bev Gerads, Pastor Edge, Ron McKeever (via zoom) Deb Erdmann Keith Peterson, Brenda Hackett, Keith Hackett, Dave Perleberg, absent.

Bible Study was following Prayer and Praise in the reading and discussion of 2 Corinthians 9.

Meeting was called to order by Kyle Hackett at 7:17 P.M. and opened with prayer by Pastor Edge. The Mission Statement was read by Kyle Hackett.

EMT TEAM LEADER REPORTS: Keith Hackett reported Volunteers are needed. We need to double the Greeters, Ushers, Projectionists.

EDUCATION & SMALL GROUPS: Brenda Hackett reported that Sunday in the Sanctuary is doing alright. Sunday School will be held until the first Sunday of May. There will be a "Sundae" Sunday treat. **VBS** will be held June 6-10. More Volunteers are needed as Guides. There will be 1 guide with 6 per group. Sign up in the church, or contact Brenda Hackett.

SERVICE TEAM Jen Ollman was not at the meeting to report.

PASTORAL ACTIVITY REPORT Pastor David reported on his Activities for the month of March. Upcoming Events are First Communion Class April 6-May 4. Pastoral Conference April 26-28 in Plymouth, IN (No First Communion Class on April 27)

Confirmation Sunday is May 2 at 11A.M.

National Day of Prayer May 6 at 7PM

Close with Prayer (EMT Excused)

TREASURE'S REPORT Ron McKeever gave the treasurer's report via Zoom. Colleen Woods made a motion to accept and Deb Erdmann seconded the motion.

SECRETARIES REPORT The Secretaries report was reviewed, motion made by Joanny Ramey to accept, seconded by Bev Gerads.

PROPERTIES REPORT Keith Peterson reported that the fire extinguishers have been recertified. A contract was signed with a lawn care company. There will be a meeting with committee members regarding summer projects.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 UPDATE: We will be adding Bibles back into the Sanctuary, children's quiet bags and the children's treasure chest. Motion by Garry, second by Deb. On May 1 we will resume children's messages, bring back ushers, have greeters and hand out bulletins. Motion made by Colleen, seconded by Deb Erdmann.

National Day of Prayer will be May 6. Dave and Kyle will chair this event.

Bridge Church, depending on the weather, will go back to having services on their own property May 16.

NEW BUSINESS

Worship Shepherd Schedule was reviewed. Rox Baseball game outing for our church was discussed. No date has been set but we need a minimum of 10 or 12 sign up.

Additional Noisy Offering in May for the Veterans Wall coming to Rice in August will be held May 2nd. On the 5th Sunday of the month Pastor will have a prayer time after the service. You may also participate in laying of hands in support or give a prayer.

Next Board of Lay Ministry Meeting will be Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 P.M.

Joanie Ramey made the **motion to adjourn**, Deb Erdmann seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bev Gerads, BOLM Secretary



Education / Small Group Team

Happy May and Sunshine to all!

I cannot believe it is really May and we look upon summer just around the corner! Oh how time has moved so quickly into a new season. As most or all of you know, I too am entering a different season in leadership. I was hoping someone would step up and take over the Small Group/Education Ministry as I am completing this journey after VBS this year. As I reflect back on the 20+ years in this ministry, I count so very many blessings with the children and Youth of SOTP. The blessings are beyond counting and I really hope that a young parent of children takes up this role. YOU are the foundation that your children need, to show them the love for the Lord that lives within you! In this crazy world we live in, it is of most importance to teach the children about God and be His ambassador for learning! "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 is what this ministry has been led by through scripture and I feel this is so very important for a child AND adults! I ask that you pray about this, it can be broken down into a simpler leading if need be and broken into a team leadership role with one being in charge of Bible studies and the other being in charge of the Children's education. I would be happy to offer up what we have done in the past, but also, do not be afraid to change for the future. Feel free to connect with me if you are even a little interested and we can talk!

We will close out this school year with VBS June 6-10 from 6:30 – 8:30 and I am so very excited to see all the kids faces as they sing, learn, play, snack, and dance for the Lord! Registrations are open online, volunteers are welcome for guides and helping hands in the preschool room. We do require background checks for volunteers and most have to be renewed. You can go to the church website to do this. We have a donation sheet of some needs also included for VBS if your heart is moved to do so!

We also will be having a Sundae Sunday for children on May 2nd to close out Sunday School during fellowship time after 9:00 a.m. service! Thank you to all the children who have grown in God's word this year as we know that it was a struggle to remain normal!

In closing....I thank each and every one of you who have blessed my ministry time through helping hands, donations of items, participation and mostly PRAYERS! I am filled beyond measure to have served my SOTP family and look forward to using my hands in the direction the Lord leads me. May His peace fill your hearts, May His face continue to shine upon you and May His heart move your hearts to serve Him more! Thank you dear family for everything!

Brenda Hackett Serving our Risen Lord in New Light!



Worship Team

2021 Worship Team Schedule

MAY	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
05/02/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Sarah Anderson	Lois Perleberg		Dennis Arntson
05/09/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Isabelle Cairns	Jerry Nelson		Pastor David
05/16/21	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Jeff Ramey		Steve Ree
05/23/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Mike Kiraly	Ruth Brutcher		Jerry Nelson
05/30/21	9:00am	Ronita Walburn	Volunteer Needed	Sandie Resch		Pastor David

JUNE	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
06/06/21	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	lan Cairns	Jane Nelson		Dennis Arntson
06/13/21	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Sarah Anderson	Janet Maleska		Jane Nelson
06/20/21	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Isabelle Cairns	Jeff Ramey		Steve Ree
06/27/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Dennis Arntson	Lois Perleberg		Pastor David
JULY	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
07/04/21	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Levi Brenny	Sandie Resch		Pastor David
07/11/21	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Mike Kiraly	Ruth Brutcher		Jerry Nelson
07/18/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Dennis Arntson		Steve Ree
07/25/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Isabelle Cairns	Janet Maleska		Dennis Arntson
AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/01/21	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Levi Brenny	Jeff Ramey		Pastor David
08/08/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Julie Kiraly	Jerry Nelson		Jerry Nelson
08/15/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Ruth Brutcher		Steve Ree
08/22/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	lan Cairns	Lois Perleberg		Dennis Arntson
08/29/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Mike Kiraly	Sandie Resch		Pastor David

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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	Рорр	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				

May Birthdays continuted					
Michael	Barringer	May 13			
Kay	Paradeis	May 14			
Bradley	Jasmer	May 15			
Levi	Рорр	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			

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			

ANNOUNCING Prayer & Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on May 20**th for a time of prayer and worship songs where we will lift up our church and community!

March's Church Income Statement

MarchYear-to-DateContributions\$17,062\$48,930Expenses(\$22,548)(\$57,036)Over/(Shortfall)(\$5,486)(\$8,106)

May NOISY OFFERING! 2 of them!!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday**, **May 2nd**, for the **Veterans Wall coming to Rice** also **Sunday**, **May 16**th for the **Emergency Fund** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

April Distribution is Thursday, April 6th from 3:00-5:30pm at the Old Village Hall!

If you are interested in the Youth Group Leadership Please contact the office or Pastor David





Men's Bible study meets Monday Nights in the Fellowship at 7pm-8pm Joyce Meyer - Battlefield of the Mind

A Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday Moring at 9:30am and Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm starting in



May at 6:30pm. Both Study Groups will do Max Lucado -You Are Never Alone. Please join us! If you have any questions, please call Colleen Woods, 320-685-4389.



Sunday Youth and Adult

Beginning April 11 Youth and Adults are invited to gather in the Hospitality room to view

the Video "Spiritual Heritage of the US Capitol". Come see the evidence of our founder's faith that has been etched in our Capitol. We will take 3 Sundays to view this 120 minute video.

The 70th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 6th. Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take



place from coast to coast. The theme for this year is **Love**, **Life**, **and Liberty**. The theme comes from the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty" Please join us on Thursday, May 6th, at SOTP for the Rice National Day of Prayer. Due to Covid there will not be a supper this year, prayer event at 7:00pm. 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!



On behalf of the Red Cross, I would like to thank the sixty-four potential blood donors who came to the Rice Area Spring Blood Drive which was held at Shepherd of the Pines Church on Monday, April 12. Sixty units of blood were collected so others can be helped in the weeks ahead. Lora Knafla, Volunteer Coordinator

We have a sheet on the Narthex if you are interested in a church outing to Rox Baseball Game on Tuesday July 13th. Please Sign up we will procced if we have enough interest.

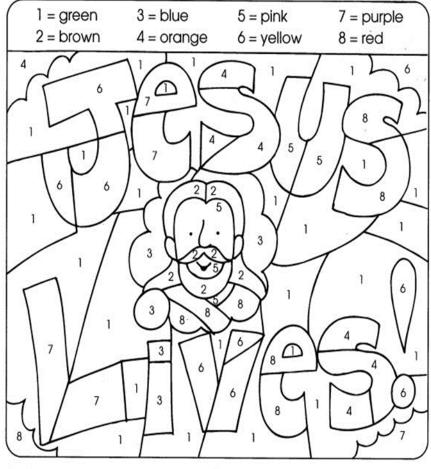


Jesus Is Alive!

(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!





Worship Shepherds David Perleberg May 2 May 9 Ron Mckeever **Bev Gerads** May 16 23 Colleen Woods May May 30 Joan Ramey 2 9:00am Lois Perleberg May Jerry Nelson May 9 9:00am May 16 9:00am Jeff Ramey 23 9:00am **Ruth Brutcher** May Sandie Resch May 30 9:00am 2 Keith & Kathy Craft May 9:00am Ron & Barb McKeever 9 9:00am May Ron & Barb McKeever May 16 9:00am Jeff & Joan Ramev May 23 9:00am 30 9:00am Ronita Walburn May



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 2- Milton & Marlene Popp

May 9- Troy Popp &

Children: Breyden, Colton, & Devin

May 16 – Jon & Anne Pressnall

Children: Jeremiah & Zachary

May 23 – Steve & Brenda Pressnall

May 30 – Ron & Linda Radika

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May 2-	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:1-11	
	John 15:1-8	
May 9 –	Acts 10:34-48 1 John 5:1-8	
	John 15:9-17	
May 16-	Acts 1:12-26 1 John 5:9-15 John 17:11-19	Scripture Readings
May 23-	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16	:4-15

Please Consider Signing Up for **Fellowship**

We need one family to volunteer for serving and clean up. Some snack will be provided by the



church and will be individually wrapped. (Donations Welcome) Coffee, Juice, & water will be served. Will start after 9AM service and go until Sunday School is over at 10:45. Reminder we need Volunteers to have fellowship. Please consider signing up. Sign-up sheet on the Narthex counter!

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May	9 -	Pastor David
May	16 -	Steve Ree
May	23 -	Jerry Nelson
May	30 -	Pastor David
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May	2	Heather
May	9	Bethany
May	16	Praise Team
May	23	Bethany
May	30	Volunteer Needed



MAY

Sandie Resch, Nancy Anderson & Joan Ramey



Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann, & Sandie Resch



PROJECTIONISTS

May	2	9:00am	Sarah Anderson	
May	9	9:00am	Isabelle Crains	
May	16	9:00am	Dennis Arntson	1
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If you are available to Volunteer Contact Keith or Church Office!

John 3:1-17



Check out Main street Living

Benton Communication Channel 8

May 2

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This is the Life*. This week's episode of *This is the Life*, "A Dream of His Own," features a father and son at odds when a construction company plans to evict an Indian family.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Greg Schlicker from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna, MN. His message, "Go on Your Way Rejoicing," will be based on Acts 8:26-40. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.



May 9

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This is the Life*. This week's episode of *This is the Life*, "A Will to Live," features a man who leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by his relatives.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Tim Renstrom from St. John's Lutheran Church in Rush City, MN. His message, "Love," will be based on John 15:9-17. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

May 16

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This is the Life*. This week's episode of *This is the Life*, "Home Free," features a family who learns the real meaning of love and that it comes free.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Andrew Herzberg from Trinity Lutheran Church in Farmington, MN. His message, "Following the Footsteps," will be based on Psalm 1:1-6. For more information or to watch the program, go to <u>mainstreetliving.com</u> and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

May 23

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This is the Life*. This week's episode of *This is the Life*, "Man in the Middle," features two men left with a secret when one reveals he has terminal cancer.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN. His message, "The Spirit Glorifies Jesus," will be based on John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15. For more information or to watch the program, go to <u>mainstreetliving.com</u> and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

May 30

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This is the Life*. This week's episode of *This is the Life*, "Return Trip," features a modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Jeffrey Lee, Mission & Ministry Facilitator for the Minnesota North District. His message, "God Sent His Son to Save!" will be based on John 3:1-17. For more information or to watch the program, go to <u>mainstreetliving.com</u> and select the "Twin Cities" tab.



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Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

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MAY 2021



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Jesus inspires...

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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 <u>Great Commission</u> (Matthew 28), namely first of all to <u>Go</u>. 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 <u>Make Disciples</u> or in the words of St Paul, "<u>To equip the saints</u>" (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 <u>Baptize</u> 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, <u>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you</u>. 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 <u>Make Disciples</u>.