



2023

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

These are words that I truly enjoy hearing. "Are you Marty's Dad?" "Are you Joy's Dad?" "Are you Katie's Dad?"

If you haven't guessed by now or didn't know this about me, the answer is "Yes." The Lord blessed me to be "Dad" for three great kids! Marty – Joy – Katie.

Am I proud of each of my now adult children? Absolutely! Have I been blessed to have them as my children? Absolutely! Do I love them with all of my heart? Absolutely!

Have I always been a good Dad for my kids? That's another article for another time and newsletter.

So, the point I want to make is this. What do you think happens in God's heart when somebody out there in our life connects us to Him. They've come to know us, and based mostly on our behavior and how we treat others, they are suspecting or beginning to assume that there is a connection between us and our Heavenly Father. "Are you a Christian?" "Are you one of His kids?"

You've got to know that brings a real joy to our Heavenly Father's heart! Keeping in mind that the writers of Scripture were saying what God wanted to say. Here's what our Heavenly Father had to say about what happens within His heart when, in a manner of speaking, someone comes up to Him and asks: "Are you (fill in this blank with your name) _____'s Dad?" From 3 John, verses 3 and 4: "It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John 3, 4)

As a Dad, I know that is so true for me. The greatest joy I have is in hearing and knowing that my kids are walking in the truth.

I'm more than certain that is true for our Heavenly Father!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave



Education / Small Group Team

Happy Father's Day to all those dads out there!

I cannot believe we are on the halfway mark for the calendar, let alone that VBS starts in just a few short days! As I type this, we are still in need of volunteers, food items and prayers, but when you read this, we will be needing the most important one...PRAYERS for this great week with the kids! I will have all the stats next month as to how the turnout was, but I know God will bless the socks off this outreach to the community! I thank you in advance for all the support you as a church body give, not only to our church kids, but also to those in and around the area. It amazes me beyond measure!

As summer moves forward, I would like to meet sometime with the past Sunday school teachers and just go over how the curriculum went for them, if they have some suggestions how to improve the program, and look for a Sunday School Shepherd. This person would take care of the Sunday morning duties (put out the attendance sheets, the offering cans, collect the items, acknowledge birthdays monthly, and order the quarterly materials needed). If God is moving your heart or you would like more info, please connect with me!

I pray that your June is filled with blessings and joy!

In His service,
Brenda Hackett
Education Team Leader

2023 Worship Team Schedule



Worship Team

JUNE	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
06/04/23	9:00am	Lenarz Family	Sarah Anderson	Richael Weinand	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Ron Bulthuis
06/11/23	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Dennis Arntson	Ron Woods	Lenarz Family	Paul Tschida
06/18/23	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Cal Ollman	Lois Perleberg	Brad & Holly Jasmer	Steve Ree
06/25/23	9:00am	Scott & Peg Manea	Denise Leahy	Ruth Brucher	Tom & Jen Ollman	Dennis Arntson
JULY	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
07/02/23	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Sarah Anderson	Peg Manea	Al & Bev Gerads	Jerry Nelson
07/09/23	9:00am	Paulette Dahl	Mackenzie Ramey	Mary Bulthuis	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Jane Nelson
07/16/23	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Levi Brenny	Janet Maleska	Keith & Kathy Craft	Steve Ree
07/23/23	9:00am	Kiraly Family	Denise Leahy	Dennis Arntson	Keith & Brenda Hackett	Dennis Arntson
07/30/23	9:00am	Deb Erdmann	Julie Kiraly	Paul Tschida	Steve & Roxann Ree	Paul Tschida
AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/06/23	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Dennis Arntson	Richael Weinand	Ron & Barb McKeever	Jerry Nelson
08/13/23	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Sarah Anderson	Ron Bulthuis	Bonnie Gottwalt & Cheryl Walberg	Ron Bulthuis
08/20/23	9:00am	Evie Kirchner	Julie Kiraly	Lois Perleberg	Bruce & Sandy Resch	Steve Ree
08/27/23	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Cynthia Ollman	Ron Woods	Brian & Heather Statz	Keith Hackett

April's Church Income Statement

	March	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$26,512	\$89,099
Expenses	(\$11,532)	(\$57,788)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$14,980	\$31,311



June NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, 18th**, for **Military Bible Stick**

Rice Area Food Shelf

May Distribution is
Thursday, June 8th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!



Congratulations to Our Graduates!!

Kendal Craft
Gabrielle (Gabby) Dingmann
Colton Hinderscheid
Alli Maslonkowski
JJ Newman
Nathan Wagner

Previously Graduated McKenna Brannen
We will be honored some of them on Sunday, May 21st
& we will honor more of them on Sunday, June 11th

Movie Nights at church will take a break for the summer!! We will see you in the fall!! Have a wonderful and safe summer!!

Welcome New Members

John Brenny Kyle & Jennifer Cecil Child: Mason
Mary Panek Dan & Elli Reginek Children
Hudson, Kayden, & Landon
Misty Sauer Children: Skylar & Teegan

SMALL GROUPS:



I would like to encourage you to stay connected with each other over the summer by forming a triad or small group for prayer, praise or Bible Study. Please let me know if you would like ideas or help connecting with others. If anyone is interested in joining with other families and friends around a campfire at church a couple of times this summer, let me know.
Colleen Woods



Join us for Youth Group meeting at SOTP June 21st, July 5th & July 19th. We will meet at church at 6:30pm. All who are going into 6th grade and those who just finished 12th are welcome to join us for our meeting/activities.

Josh & Sarah Anderson
Youth Group Leaders

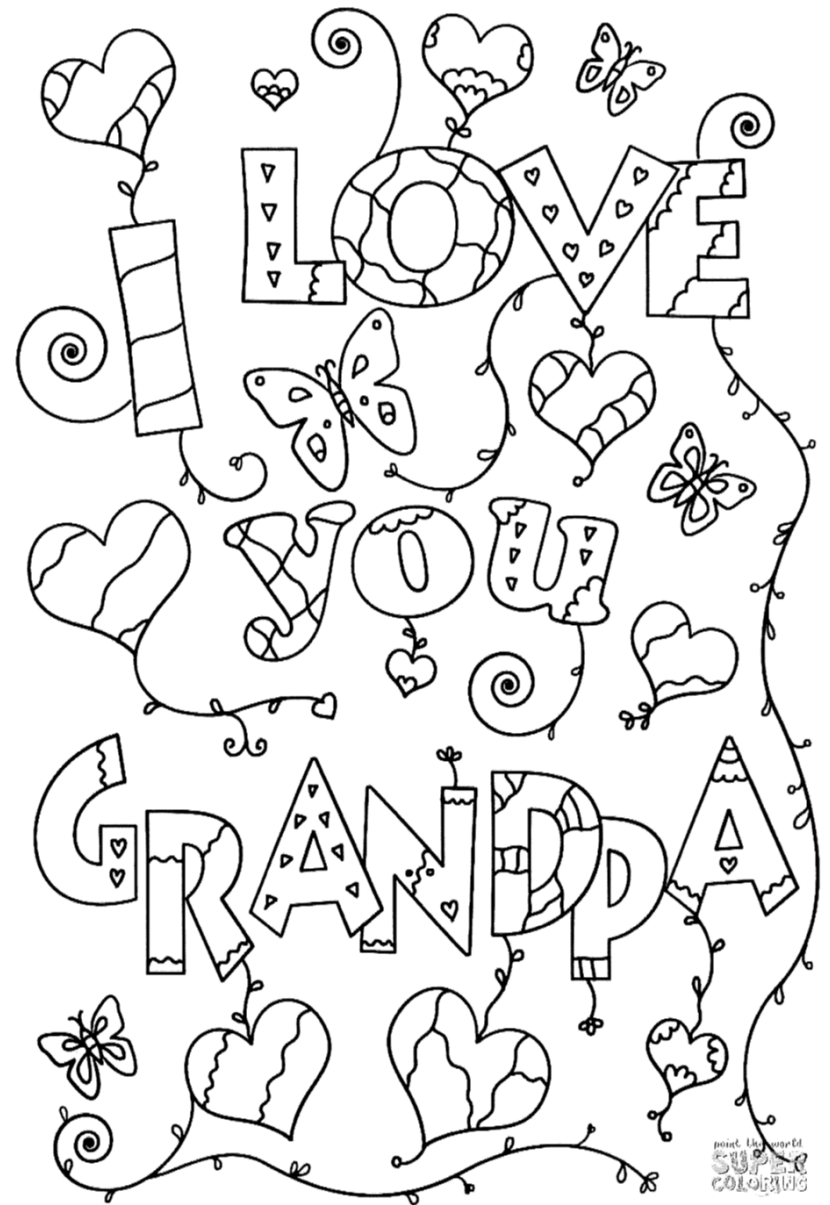
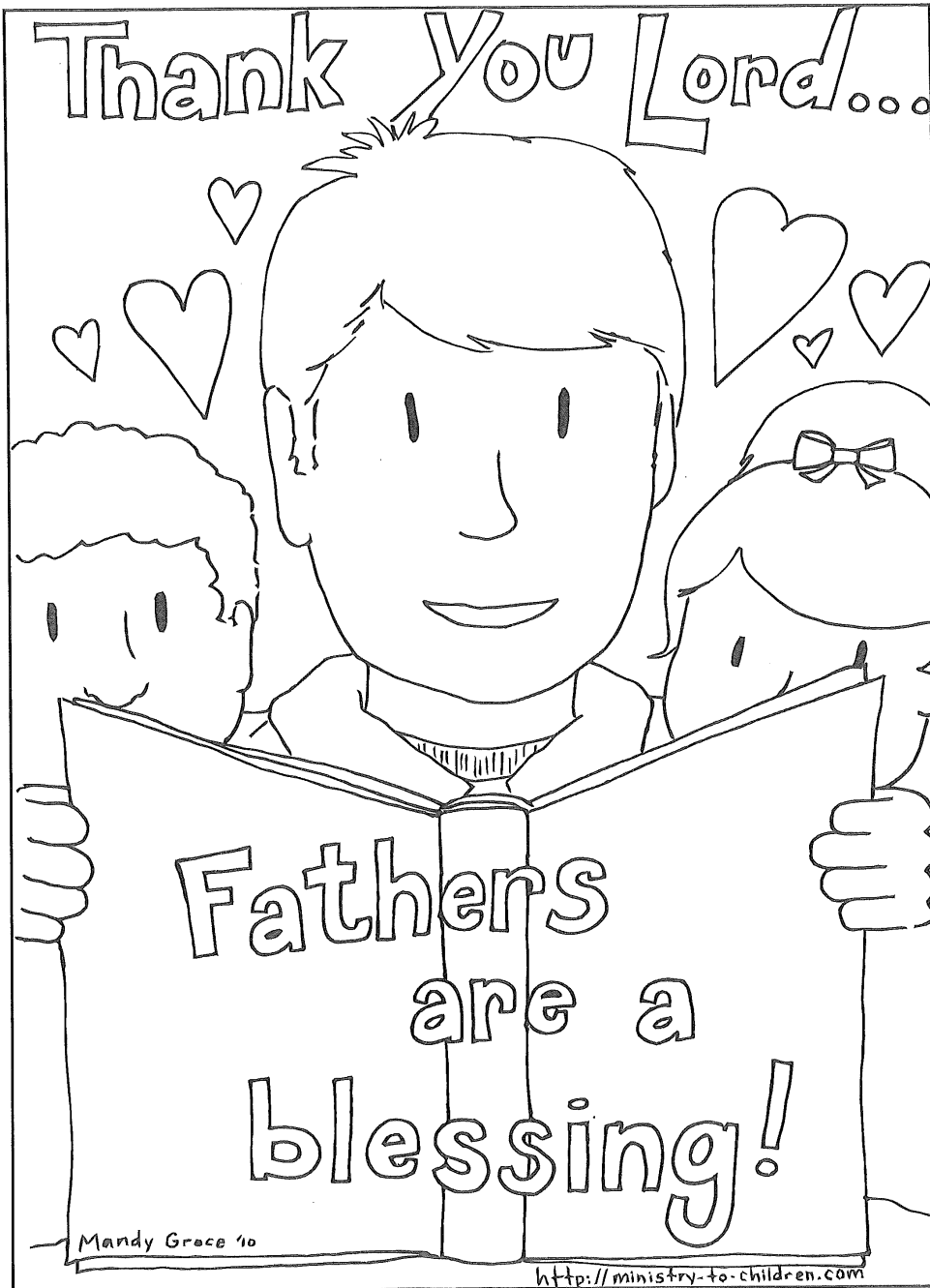
Quilting News!

- There will be no Quilting
 - **June 1st, 6th, or 8th.**
- Tuesday evening quilting is done for the summer. Please consider joining us in the fall.
- Quilters will meet Tuesday mornings & Thursday mornings at 9:00AM
 - **June 13th June 15th**
 - **June 20th June 22nd**
 - **June 27th June 29th**



We are planning a church clean-up day.


Our building and grounds are used extensively all year long and we need to have some extra clean-up done. Please consider taking the time to come and help keep our building and grounds looking good. Details and dates to come.




Worship Shepherds


June 4 th		Kyle Hackett
June 11 th		Deb Erdmann
June 18 th		Dave Perleberg
June 25 th		Joanny Ramey

June 4 th		Lenarz Family
June 11 th		Kevin & Janet Maleska
June 18 th		Milt & Marlene Popp
June 25 th		Scott & Peg Manea

June 4 th		Sarah Anderson
June 11 th		Dennis Arntson
June 18 th		Call Ollman
June 25 th		Denise Leahy

June 4 th		Richael Weinand
June 11 th		Ron Woods
June 18 th		Lois Perleberg
June 25 th		Ruth Brutcher

June 4 th	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	
June 11 th	Lenarz Family	
June 18 th	Brad & Holly Jasmer	
June 25 th	Tom & Jen Ollman	

June 4 th		Ron Bulthuis
June 11 th		Paul Tschida
June 18 th		Steve Ree
June 25 th		Dennis Arntson



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 June we will be praying for:**

June 4 th	Sandra Froelich Family
June 11 th	Bernard & Lori Fussy Family
June 18 th	Nick & Jenna Gangl Children: Blakelyn & Sophia
June 25 th	Jamie & Cassaundra Ganz Son: Rhett

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the summer Fellowship schedule. 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!



June 4 th	J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland
June 11 th	D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson
June 18 th	S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns
June 25 th	M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson
July 2 nd	K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson
July 9 th	B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf
July 16 th	J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp
July 23 rd	J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz
July 30 th	A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

Musicians

June 4 th	Heather
June 11 th	Lyric Videos
June 18 th	Praise Team
June 25 th	Bethany Mears



JUNE
Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea



JUNE
Mary Bulthuis & Joan Ramey

June 4th	Psalm 8 Acts 2:22-36 Matthew 28:16-20	June 11th	Psalm 119:65-72 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13
June 18th	Psalm 100 Romans 5:6-15 Matthew 9:35-10:8	June 25th	Psalm 91 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:21-33





June Birthdays		
Davis	Mickelson	June 01
Charyl	Walberg	June 01
Shawn	Hackett	June 03
Cynthia	Ollman	June 05
Stephanie	Loidolt	June 07
Paul	Tschida	June 08
Michael	Kiraly	June 08
Bridger	Dumonceaux	June 09
Alli	Maslonkowski	June 10
Shane	Smallfield	June 12
Levi	Brenny	June 14
Rylie	Hoeft	June 15
Leah	Saldana	June 16
Alex	Ostendorf	June 20
Sandie	Resch	June 20
George	Freese	June 22
Glen	Gertken	June 22
Rebecca	Elliott	June 25
Luke	Billmeyer	June 26
Carla	Hunter	June 26
Al	Gerads	June 28
Shelby Ann	Hovland	June 28
Richael	Weinand	June 28
Barret	Eggert	June 29
Julie	Clasen	June 30

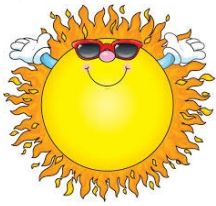
June Anniversaries		
David & Sandi	Koep	June 02
Armon & DuReine	Matheny	June 03
Jacob & Sara	Lemke	June 04
Milton & Marlene	Popp	June 04
Steve & Karen	Wood	June 05
Shaun & Misty	Sauer	June 06
Rolli & Mary	Adkins	June 07
Jim & Ardelle	Amundson	June 07
Mike & Carla	Hunter	June 07
Mark & Julie	Clasen	June 08
John & Annette	Elliott	June 09
Al & Bev	Gerads	June 14
Brent & Jennifer	Betker	June 16
Joshua & Sarah	Anderson	June 20
Dan & Ellie	Cairns	June 21
Dale & Linda	Dirks	June 21
Howard & Nancy	Forer	June 24
Jerry & Jane	Nelson	June 24
George & Cara	Freese	June 25
Duane & Gerri	Ott	June 25
Eric & Brittny	Skajewski	June 25
Dale & Terri	Skajewski	June 29

Join us for our free VBS, which starts this Sunday.. Spots are still available **Picnic at 5PM on the first day**

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June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p> <p><i>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you.</i> <small>~Philippians 1:2-3</small></p>			Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00	1	2	3
				VBS SET UP		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 5:00 VBS Picnic VBS 6:30-830	VBS 6:30-830	6:00 Al-Anon VBS 6:30-830	6:30-830 VBS	VBS 6:30-830 7:00 AA		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Music: Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Bible Study	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elder's Meeting 7:00 BOLM Meeting 7:00 AA		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Noisy Offering Military Bible Stick Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Bible study</p>	7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:30pm Youth Group	9:00 Quilters 7:00 AA		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Music: Gabby 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Bible study - Sanctuary	7:30 Small Group	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters 7:00 AA		

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Bev Gerads, Secretary 761-1894; Ron McKeever
Treas. 393-2524; Joan Ramey 217-4431; Colleen Woods 685-4389; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; Paul Tschida 360-5241

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader, Leader, Brenda Hackett – Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Team,
Open Position 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.