



2020

"How Do I Know...?"

We're in a sermon series that seeks to answer questions that might be on your mind. In a post-modern, post-Christian and post-Truth world, it's all too easy to have doubts about what we believe. Just a generation ago, Americans tuned in to the news to hear Walter Cronkite tell us "that the way it is." Now, we argue over what news source we got our information but different cable news stations have dramatically different facts.

At the 2018 Golden Globes, Oprah said that "speaking your truth is the most powerful tool we all have." She didn't tell the audience to seek and pursue "the truth" but "your truth." This kind of relativism has pervaded not only our news and entertainment, but also our country's philosophy and religion. It's no wonder that Americans ask this simple question "How Do I Know...?" to many of life's foundational beliefs. People have been asking these questions since the days of Jesus.

John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Christians are invited to seek Jesus who is the Truth, the Way and the Life (John 14:6). Pontius Pilate asked Jesus "What is truth?" in John 18:38 right after Jesus tells Pilate "that everyone on this side of truth listens to me" (John 18:37).

Pilate asked a questions mankind has always asked and continues today. What is truth? If I find truth, how do I know it's universal and not simply "my truth?" It's no doubt that we live in a confusing time but it's times like these we go to our Lord in prayer. God himself is truth and he invites us to pursue truth and to study his word.

We may not have all of the answers this side of heaven, but together as the Body of Christ, we gather on Sunday mornings, to receive his Word and to receive the Body of Christ through communion. There's a mystery to this union we have with Jesus and with each other. Together we can face the issues we have today and build each other up and offer encouragement to those who are doubting and struggling in their faith.

One of the most encouraging aspects of worshipping together in person is watching others have conversations in the parking lot at a safe distance between each other. This time of fellowship and encouragement have refreshed the souls of so many including myself. I hope to see you back at church in person so we can encourage each other!

Grace + Peace,
Pastor David

Joint Board of Lay Ministry/EMT Meeting

Pending Approval Minutes – July 23, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order by at 7:06 pm and opened with prayer. The mission statement was read by Kyle.

Worship – Keith H. reported the tentative worship plan for musicians in August is out. Volunteers have been difficult to find for worship positions.

Education & Small Groups – Brenda reported that she should be ordering materials for Sunday School but doesn't know how to plan for who will participate. The group discussed the plans for starting Sunday School and Fellowship. We will plan for a normal year of Sunday School and adjust for current attendance.

Service Team – Jen was not at the meeting to report. Jen doesn't know when to start planning group activities.

Pastoral Activity Report – Pastor David reported on his activities in the month of June including reaching out to members via phone and in person. He continues to prepare worship videos and children's videos each week. Pastor Beck will fill in on August 23rd while Pastor Edge is away.

The EMT was excused after prayer.

Treasurer's Report – June income was \$18,520.86 and expenses were \$19,859.66. Wayne made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Dave seconded. Motion carried. We are thankful for all of the people who are faithfully providing financially to the church.

Properties – Keith was not at the meeting to report. The group discussed that the outside speaker is still not working.

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

Old Business

Policy Binders – Wayne made a motion to table this topic to our next in person meeting. Deb seconded. Motion carried.

Early Communion – We have one student in this age group and Pastor Edge will reach out to them to join the two students in the upcoming class.

Confirmation – Three students have taken instruction for confirmation. October 25th is the suggested date.

New Members – New members will be accepted during worship service over the next three weeks.

Marriage Night – Right Now Media has planned this event and SOTP will host live streaming the event.

COVID protocols – As a church we will comply with governmental orders, then return to our protocols when we can.

New Business

Next BOLM meeting will be on August 20th at 7pm with praise and prayer at 6:30pm God willing. The worship shepherd schedule was reviewed through September 13th.

BOLM vacancy – Kyle extended an invitation to Janet Maleska to fill the vacant position and she has accepted and will finish out the year on the BOLM. We appreciate the time and valuable input that Wayne Peterson provided to SOTP during his service on the BOLM.

Tech Plus Conference – Pastor Edge announced that we will be hosting an LCMS event on October 3rd 9am to 3pm for church leaders to learn about the technology used with ministry.

New Members – Craig & DeAnne Maslonkowski and daughters Alli & Linnea, Gene & Kim Kubat, Patrick & Wendy Hicks and daughter Megan and son Joe and Cindy Christenson have completed membership requirements and were presented by Pastor Edge to the BOLM for acceptance into membership. Sarah made a motion to accept these families into SOTP members, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Wayne, seconded by Sarah. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm. Meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Anderson, BOLM Secretary

We will be following Minnesota Executive order 20-81 and Require masks

**Children under 5 or People who have health conditions,
disabilities or behavioral needs that make it difficult to
safely wear a mask are exempted from the rule.**

**(Mask can be removed temporarily for the musician when
preforming, anyone who is speaking at the podium, and
when we take Holy Communion)**

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 **August 8th**)

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.

AUGUST
NOISY
OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, August 16th**, for the **Rice Fire & Police Departments**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

June's Church Income Statement

	May	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$18,521	\$115,528
Expenses	(\$19,860)	(\$117,944)
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$1,339)	(\$2416)

Rice Area Food
Shelf

August Distribution is
Thursday, August 6th
from 3:00-5:30pm



Education / Small Group Team

August, 2020

Dear SOTP Family,

I do not have the words to say how confused I am at this point in my leadership role of Small Group/ EDU Team Leader. These last few months have brought a lot of questions and roadblocks as to how to move forward in this ministry. We had to call off VBS which broke many young and old hearts, we had to discontinue Sunday School for the end of the year, and as we move forward for Fall...how do we? At the time I write this, we are waiting for the schools to declare how they will, or if they will return back to school in September. This will be done by the 27th of July and my team, Pastor David and myself will meet that week and discuss the "what's next". As of right now, I would ask that YOU pray about YOUR role with the children and how you want them to participate in Sunday School or church for that matter. We have enrollment for Sunday School on the church website and we also have paper enrollment on the counter in the Narthex at the church. PLEASE enroll your child ASAP so we have an idea how many children could possibly attend. I also will be in need of teachers. Lets assume we can get back to class and if by chance we cannot, we will address it when it comes up. But if God is moving your heart to help the children have some normalcy to their lives, let it be Sunday School! Volunteer to teach. You can choose to wear a mask or not, the same for the children. We NEED to get GOD back in the forefront of our days! You can volunteer on line or give me a call 393-4531 and I would LOVE to have you join the team. We would like to have a blessing of the backpacks...not sure when, we would like to have Sunday School kickoff...not sure when, we would love to be back to some kind of normal...again, not sure when. But if we do nothing, or plan nothing, it will be never! Watch and check for updates on the church website. Please pray about Sunday school, the children of the church and the community and ALL leadership as we wade through this water of life. Blessings to you as the close of summer is upon us! May His light shine bright in your day and may He walk beside you always!

Sincerely,

Brenda Hackett

Small Group/ EDU Team Leader

Sunday School Registration is open! Please sign-up slips are on the narthex counter or click below

[Sunday School Registration](#)

[Volunteer Registration](#)



Worship Team

Worship Help Schedule

AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/02/20	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Ian Cairns	Janet Maleska	Jerry Nelson
08/09/20	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Sarah Anderson	Pastor David	Pastor David
08/16/20	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Dennis Arntson	Roxann Ree	Steve Ree
08/23/20	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Cal Ollman	Lois Perleberg	Dennis Arntson
08/30/20	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Denise Leahy	Peg Manea	Pastor David

TECH+

2nd Annual MN North District Technology Workshop... PLUS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church, Rice, MN

- ◇ CHURCH WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ◇ WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY
- ◇ CHURCH MANAGEMENT TOOLS
- ◇ ONLINE GIVING
- ◇ PLUS... BUILDING SECURITY, TREASURER WORKSHOP, AND MORE!

\$10 Registration Fee | Lunch will be served

Register \$15 person \$30 Couple

Speakers



Matt & Lauren Chandler

Matt Chandler is the lead pastor of The Village Church. Lauren Chandler is a worship leader.



Conway & Jada Edwards

Dr. Conway Edwards is the founding and lead pastor of One Community Church and Jada Edwards is the creative arts director at One Community Church.



Les & Leslie Parrott

Marriage experts and *New York Times* bestselling authors of *Love Talk* and the award-winning *Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts*.



Michael Jr., Comedian

Michael Jr. has been featured on *The Tonight Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and Comedy Central.

September 12, 2020 6:30-9:00 PM Daycare available



Membership Information

Welcome New Families.

Maslonkowski & Kubat

Craig & DeAnnè Malsonkowski
Children: Alli & Linnèa



Gene & Kim Kubat

August Anniversaries		
Duane & Darlene	Albrecht	August 01
Steve & Roxann	Ree	August 01
Ben & Nicole	Cole	August 03
Ilen & Christine	Gertken	August 06
Ken & Peggy	Feia	August 06
Brad & Jodi	Dumonceaux	August 08
Tim & Melissa	Hinderschied	August 09
Keith & Brenda	Hackett	August 18
Dan & Denise	Leahy	August 18
Ron & Barb	McKeever	August 21
Barret & Nicole	Novitzki	August 21
Garry & Bonnie	Loidolt	August 23
Ron & Sarah Jean	Folkerts	August 24
Ed & Shelley	Pintok	August 25
Bradley & Holly	Jasmer	August 28
Wayne & Colleen	Peterson	August 28

August Birthdays		
Jesse	Johnson	August 01
Deborah	Erdmann	August 02
Troy	Hovland	August 02
Lloyd	Erdmann	August 04
Ronald	Woods	August 07
Linnèa	Maslonkowski	August 08
Jeremy	Manea	August 10
Suzanne	Monnier	August 10
Wayne	Peterson	August 10
J. Daniel	Cairns	August 11
Dannette	Brannen	August 12
Elianna	Edge	August 13
Hunter	Novitzki	August 14
Marlene	Popp	August 15
Ashley	Betker	August 17
Gloria	Hendrickson	August 19
Armon	Matheny	August 19
Sarah	Anderson	August 20
Hava	Edge	August 22
Jeremiah	Dingmann	August 23
Mike	Hunter	August 24
Ted	Morgan	August 24
Cameron	Schroeder	August 25
Gertrude	Freeberg	August 27
Sadie	Mickelson	August 27
Madeline	Popp	August 27
Richard	Hemple	August 30
Steve	Wood	August 30
Mark	Larson	August 31

Peter and Cornelius Crossword Puzzle



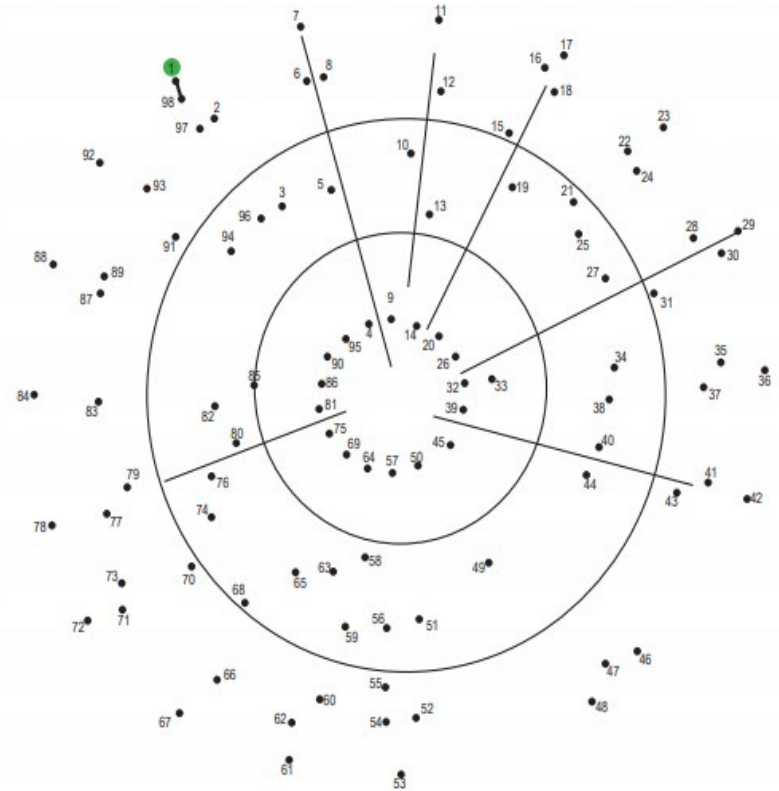
ACROSS

3. A type of soldier leading 100 other soldiers.
5. Someone associated with the City of Rome.
7. A Roman Centurion who loved God.
8. Peter told Cornelius that _____ is Lord of all.

DOWN

1. A person who isn't a Jew.
2. God spoke to him in a vision on a rooftop.
4. Cornelius and his friends did this after trusting in Jesus.
6. A town where Peter was staying with Simon the Tanner.

Palm Connect the Dots



Worship Shepherds

August	2	Bev Gerads
August	9	Wayne Anderson
August	16	Sarah Anderson
August	23	Kyle Hackett
August	30	Deb Erdmann



Fellowship Hour will be postponed until further notice.

August	2	9AM	Janet Maleska
August	9	9AM	Pastor David
August	16	9AM	Roxann Ree
August	23	9AM	Lois Perleberg
August	30	9AM	Peg Manea



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August	30	9AM	Jeff & Joan Ramey



		<u>Musicians</u>
August	2	Heather Statz
August	9	Bethany
August	16	Praise Team
August	23	Lyric Videos
August	30	Praise Team



AUGUST

Ron McKeever, Wayne Anderson, & Colleen Peterson



FAMILY
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 August we will be praying for:**

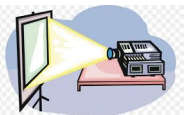
August 2-	Randy & Jami Kreifels Children: Nolan & Reed
August 9 -	Gene & Kim Kubat
August 16 -	Curt Kvamme
August 23 -	Mark Larson
August 30 -	Dan & Denise Leahy

I will be out of the office Aug 21st -Aug 30th, I will return on Aug 31st. I will be able to answer emails and return phone calls if you leave a voicemail. Thank You! Julie

Pastor Beck will be filling in for Pastor David on August 23rd.

PROJECTIONISTS

August	2	9AM	Ian Cairns
August	9	9AM	Sarah Anderson
August	16	9AM	Dennis Arntson
August	23	9AM	Cal Ollman
August	30	9AM	Denise Leahy



ALTAR GUILD

AUGUST

Deb Erdmann & Joan Ramey

August 2-	Psalm 67:1-5 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Matthew 25:31-46
August 9 -	Psalm 19:7-14 2 Timothy 3:14-17 Matthew 24:32-35
August 16 -	Deuteronomy 32:12-21 Ephesians 6:10-20 Matthew 12:22-23
August 23 -	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 11:33-12:8 Matthew 16:13-20
August 30-	Isaiah 44:1-8 Galatians 1:6-11 John 14:1-6



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



Shepherd of the Pines

Lutheran Church

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Rice, MN 56367

Jesus gives rejoices in..

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Email: office@sotpministries.com or david@sotpministries.com

Church Website: sotpministries.com

SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

Sarah Anderson, Secretary 267-2628; Janet Maleska 249-4467; 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.