

Dear friends in Christ,

It will be a challenge, and yet I'm looking forward to it. It's something I've never done before, and I want to invite you to join me in taking a Bible study journey through the very first book of Genesis.

The plan is to work our way through Genesis every Sunday during our adult bible study time. We'll meet from 10:30-11 in the sanctuary, so there is an opportunity to enjoy some time in fellowship first. There's so much to learn from the great characters and stories! Please join me in the journey through Genesis!

In Christ,

Pastor Dave



In Acts 6:1-9 as the Apostles needed others to help in the ministry, they encouraged the believers to choose those who are known to be full of the spirit and wisdom.

In keeping with this advice from scripture, Article 4 of our Constitution By Laws says, "The Board of Lay Ministry of the church shall be composed of 7 communicant members

(male and female), and the treasurer of the church, elected at the annual meeting of the church. They shall be people who have proven faithful to the Lord and His church. They shall have been communicant members of the church for at least 2 years prior to sitting on the board and shall not be ministry staff members or employees of the church. They should be people who attend worship faithfully and are involved in ongoing Bible study and a committed life of growing discipleship. Members of the board shall serve three-year terms established on a staggered basis, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Senior Pastor -Director of Ministries shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Lay Ministry."

There are four spots open for election on the Board of Lay Ministry. They are currently held by Kyle Hackett, finishing his second term; Ron McKeever (treasurer position), finishing his first term; Joan Ramey, finishing her first term & Paul Tschida who filled in for one year. Please pray that the Lord will guide us to the people He wants to fill these positions. As you are led to someone, contact that person to see if they are willing to serve, then submit their name in writing and place it in the nomination box on the counter in the church lobby. The nomination box will be available on the counter between <u>September 10th and October 15th</u>. The congregation will elect four people from the list of nominations at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19th. Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES Pending Approval

Thursday, August 17, 2023,7:00 P.M.

Present: Dave Perleberg, Colleen Woods, Paul Tschida, Ron McKeever, Bev Gerads Deb Erdmann, Joan Ramey, absent: Kyle Hackett. Also present Keith Peterson, Julie Kiraly, Jami Kreifels

Call Meeting to Order: Vice President Dave Perleberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Dave Perleberg opened with prayer. Paul Tschida read the Mission Statement.

Treasurers Report: Ron McKeever reported we paid our regular bills. Expenses down, income down. Bev Gerads made a motion to accept the report as stated, Deb Erdmann second.

Property Report: Keith Peterson reported that the problem with the sprinkler not shutting off in a specific area has been fixed. Chip seal will be done soon along with stripping. The tennis court/ now pickle ball court will be seal coated paid for by an anonymous donor.

Secretary's Report: The report was reviewed. Ron McKeever made a motion to approve the report, Deb Erdmann second.

Pastoral Activity Report: The Pastoral Activity report was presented with services, meetings, visitations, phone calls, and other activities.

Old Business: Call Process/Call Committee is meeting to determine which 3 Pastoral Candidates will best shepherd our congregation, and at that point interviews will take place. Joan Ramey gave a summary of the church clean up tasks that are completed and some that remain. Questions see Joan or Jeff Ramey.

New Business: Our Worship Schedule was reviewed. The next BOLM meeting will be September 21 at 7 P.M. The Sunshine Quartet Club has asked permission to hold practices at SOTP as it is a halfway point for the 4 involved. They will in exchange do some performances etc. for SOTP. A team of ladies is forming to create a Sunshine Group to assist with outreach for birthdays, shut- ins etc. If you are interested, contact Evelyn Kirchner or Bev Gerads. We reviewed Activity Team Groups. Thank you to Jami Kreifels who has stepped up to be the SOTP Activity Team Leader. A discussion of the 2024 Concordia Benefits for a new pastor and will be in place in our budget. Upcoming activities are posted in the Sunday Bulletin, Newsletter, and or via email.

Motion to Adjourn by Ron McKeever, second by Paul Tschida at 7:56 P.M. Pastor Dave Strohschein closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Beverly Gerads BOLM Secretary

Education / Small Group Team

Happy September and back to schedule!

As I sit to type this out, we are in need of God's blessing of teachers for Sunday School and Subs. We need a pre-school / Kdgn teacher and a teacher for our $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ grade class. It is so very rewarding to teach the children. The curriculum is very workable with any parent's busy schedule and flows well. If we don't have teachers, we cannot offer Sunday School, so Please...please consider helping with the children by teaching or subbing! We will have a meeting on the 6th of September at 7:00 at the church for all who are involved in teaching. We will hand out the class materials, information for emergencies, and guidelines for class.

On the 10th of September we will have a very full Sunday as we kickoff Sunday school! We begin with service at 9:00, and during service we will bless backpacks, so any student can bring in a backpack and put it at the altar. We will have the kids' message, bless the backpacks, hand out Bibles to our 3rd graders and Catechisms to our 7th graders. We will follow-up with cupcakes for fellowship, and Sunday School begins at 10:20 and goes until 11:00. This year the kids will be getting an SOTP drawstring bag to take to and from Sunday School. They also will receive a gift bag that Sunday. The drawstring bag is so the kids will have something to take their papers, bibles, and such on Sundays to class. Their names will be written on them so they are sure to get home with the right student. If your child is older than 3rd grade and does not have a Bible, please let me know so we can give them this gift! Through God's word and teaching we can get through even the toughest of the storms in life!

Confirmation also kicks off on the 13th of September. Any child grade 7th and up who has not been confirmed and would like to be, please attend! You are more than welcome!

Please watch the emails, bulletins, and texts for updates as we get into the year for cancelations, reschedules, and postponed class times! Have a great new year all!!! May God bless each one as we begin back to schedule events!

Serving the Lord, Brenda Hackett Education Team Leader

Sunday School Registration is open please sign up! We have paper slips on the narthex counter or click below Sunday School Registration

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Studies will start on September 10th from 10:30-11am with Pastor Dave.







If you are interested in a bible study or would like some suggestions please reach out to Colleen Woods 320-557-5367

Check out the recent updates to our Right Now Media Page! This is a great resource for you and your family. <u>Just Click here to set it up</u>, and you will be able to use Right Now Media for FREE!! You can refer your friends and

you will be able to use Right Now Media for FREE!! You can refer your friends and family members too! Add the app to smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc. Shepherd of the Pines offers this free to you and your family!

July's Church Income Statement

	July	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$17,418	\$145,657
Expenses	<u>(\$11,369</u>)	<u>(\$ 96,588)</u>
Over/(Shortfall)	\$6,049	\$ 49,069

September NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, September 17th**, for the **Quilting!** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

September Distribution is Thursday, September 7th from 3:00-5:30pm at the Old Village Hall! Registration for Mom/Son Event is open. This is a free event and will be on **September 27th from 5:30-7:30pm Registration will close on September 20th** Please register online!

Sotpministries.com/harvestadventure



Mom/Son Harvest Adventure Moms, Grandmas, and Aunts bring your sons, grandsons, and nephews to a fun evening with a Wagon Ride, Playing, Photo Booth and Food. Wednesday,

September 27th 5:30pm-7:30pm Hosted by

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church Hosted at Triple S Pumpkin Patch 7408 Imperial Rd, Royalton, MN 56373

This is a Free Event!

Registration is required for this event. You can register at sotpministries.com/harvestadventure Because of the location and food, registration will be open until September 20th. After this date we will not be able to accommodate any add ons. Please register early!



PREPARE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!! Start date: Sunday, September 10th With Blessing of the Backpacks during Service

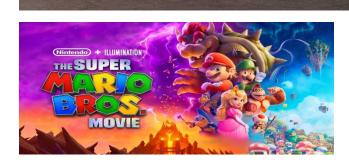
Forms and sign-up sheet on the narthex counter or online.



Registration is open Sunday School will start September 10th 10:20-11am Ages 4yrs - 12th Grade

Register

Today!!



Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on September 15th at 6:30pm for The Super Mario bros movie. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snacks will be available to share as well.



Deuteronomy 6:7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

Thank you to those who joined us for the Rice

Parade! We were pleased to have multiple classic cars to walk alongside to represent our church! We handed out candy and flyers advertising our upcoming events. It was a hot day, so we appreciate the volunteers who participated even more!

September 6th & 20th will be regular Youth Group meetings at SOTP at 7:30pm. All youth 6-12th grade are welcome to join us for any of our activities.

We're looking for volunteers to help with the mom and son event on September 27th from 5:30-7:30pm. Let Joanny Ramey know if you can help out!

If you haven't registered for Fall Fling yet, don't delay! We will give preference to current youth group members who have registration filled out and given to Sarah by Sept 10th. After that date registrations received will be first come, first served to fill available spots, including friends. Friends will pay half the cost to attend (\$55). We need to give our final registrations to Camp Shamineau by Sept 28th. Please ask Sarah if you need a registration form.

All High School students are welcome to join us for a study on Prayer on Sunday Mornings in the Youth Room during Sunday school time. Join us to learn more about developing a strong prayer life.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text Sarah at 320-267-2628.

Josh & Sarah Anderson Youth Group Leaders

Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Joseph Ferry, Fort Wayne, IN Rev. Stuart Freese, Hooper, NE Rev. William Hugo, Columbia Heights MN Rev. Russell Kampfer, Mosinee, WI Rev. Christopher Nitzel, Hartley, IA Rev. Derek Paetow, St. Louis, MO Rev. Erik Stadler, Odessa, TX Rev. Douglas Zahner, Mayville, WI Rev. Robert Zellmer, Lawtown IA

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 Bruce Resch 320-360-4562 Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880 John Alstrup 612-839-9490 Gabby Dingmann 320-492-4992

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



RICE AREA BLOOD DRIVE will be at Shepherd of the Pines on Monday, October 23rd from 1:00pm-

6:45pm. Give the gift of life so that others may live. To set up an appointment call Lora @ 393-2701 evenings. Thank you for your support!



If you would like information about the scholarship fund, please reach out to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

Congratulations to Jami Kreifels

She has accepted the position as the Activity Team Leader. We are

excited to have you in this special role to be the leader of the Activity Team and keep growing events at SOTP.



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Quilting Tuesday & Thursday 9am
- Al-Anon meets Tuesdays at 6pm & AA meets Thursdays at 7pm
- Blessing of the backpacks on September 10th; bring your backpacks to church on that Sunday morning.
- On September 10th, 3 graders will get their Bibles and 7th graders will get their Catechisms
- Sunday School will start on September 10th. Registration is open.
- September 10th Sunday Moring Bible Study 10:30-11:00
- Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th graders will start on September 13th
- Movie night will be September 17th
- We will have a Mom/Son Harvest Adventure on September 27th Registration is open and will close on September 20th
- Sunshine Group will meet on October 18th at 10AM
- Save the Date Trunk or Treat event will be October 28th
- First Communion Class will be in November for 5th graders or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion.



Quilting News!

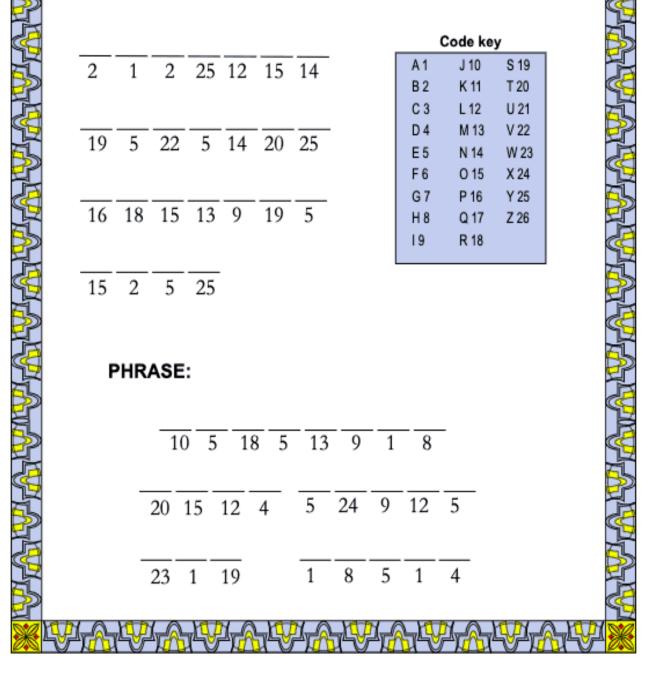
With weather in the 90's, it's hard to imagine needing to curl up in a quilt. However, for those with few resources, there is a neverending use for one all year long. As winter approaches, the need becomes even greater. Would you please consider volunteering some of your time to help assemble quilts for those in need? We just don't have enough hands to fill the demand. You don't need to make a solid commitment, just come and go as your schedule allows. Every little bit helps. No skill is necessary, just a willingness to help. We usually meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Check the bulletin for times. Questions? Call Ardelle (320) 656-5858

> We will be starting a Sunshine Group at SOTP. This group will be sending out birthday cards each month. Starting November and we will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month

We are looking for volunteers and unused Birthday cards with matching envelopes. Our first meeting will be **October 18th at 10am.** Please reach out to Gloria Hendrickson 393-2698 or Evelyn Kirchner 320-290-5478.

Coded Words for Exile Is Coming!

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.



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Word Scramble for Exile Is Coming!

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September 17th

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Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 18:1-20

September 24th

Matthew 20:1-16

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Psalm 27:1-9

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Scripture Readings

church or call 320 217-4431.

MEMBERS NEEDED

We have 3 openings for Altar Guild. Please contact me, and we ALTAR GUILD 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

	September Birth	idays	September Birthdays Continued			
Gayle	Plumski	September 01	Marlys	Skudlarek	September 15	
Andy	Eggert	September 04	Judy	Hackett	September 16	
Laurie	Madoll	September 06	Grant	Donabauer	September 17	
Dale	Dirks	September 07	Colton	Hinderschied	September 17	
Beau	Johnson	September 07	Elyza	Manea	September 18	
DuReine	Matheny	September 07	Libbie	Seppelt	September 18	
Evan	Ostendorf	September 08	McKenna	Brannen	September 19	
Misty	Sauer	September 08	Karen	Ellefson	September 19	
Piper	Efraimson	September 09	Kris	Foss	September 19	
Koriana	Hackett	September 09	Steve	Pressnall	September 23	
Cal	Ollman	September 09	Tim	Hinderschied	September 24	
Aubrey	Hinderschied	September 13	Terri	Skajewski	September 25	
Wayne	Anderson	September 14	Brian	Statz	September 27	
Melissa	Hinderschied	September 14	Katie	Hemple	September 30	
			Bruce	Knafla	September 30	

September Anniversaries					
Kyle & Ashley Hackett	September 06				
Patrick & Wendy Hicks	September 09				
Adam & Clarice Elyea	September 10				
Hunter & Amanda Jasmer	September 15				
Anthony & Linda Omann	September 17				
Ryan & Stephanie Pekarek	September 19				
Kalley & Josh Wright	September 21				
Ron & Mary Bulthuis	September 23				
Paul & Lila Tschida	September 24				
Keith & Roxanne Peterson	September 27				
Keith & Kathy Craft	September 28				
Kyle & Jennifer Cecil	September 29				
David & Lois Perleberg September 30					



2023 Worship Team Schedule

September	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
09/03/23	9:00am	AI & Bev Gerads	Sarah Anderson	Jerry Nelson	Brenda & Keith Hackett	Paul Tschida
09/10/23	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Mackenzie Ramey	Wyatt Alsturp	Travis Lenarz Family	Brenda Hackett
09/17/23	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Lois Perleberg	Brad & Holly Jasmer	Steve Ree
09/24/23	9:00am	Ronita & Lloyd Walburn	Levi Brenny	Mary Bulthuis	Deb Erdmann & Grandchildren	Jerry Nelson
October	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
10/01/23	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Mackenzie Ramey	Jane Nelson	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Jane Nelson
10/08/23	9:00am	Keith & Evie Kirchner	Julie Kiraly	Janet Maleska	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Keith Hackett
10/15/23	9:00am	Brent & Jennifer Betker	Denise Leahy	Ron Woods	Bev & Al Gerads	Steve Ree
10/22/23	9:00am	Keith & Roxanne Peterson	Cal Ollman	Dennis Arntson	Jen & Tom Ollman	Dennis Arntson
10/29/23	9:00am	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann	Sarah Anderson	Peg Manea	Bonnie Gottwalt &	Jerry Nelson
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Jesus gives smiles upon..

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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, Jami Kreifels Activity 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</u> <u>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 <u>rule and norm</u> 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>.