

"Some time later God tested.....you!"



Genesis 22:1

February 18, 2024

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

About Our Worship Service

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

What About My Kids?

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery, and they will gladly show you around.

Do I Have to Give an Offering?

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

Can I Take Communion?

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

February 18, 2024

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School/Youth Group

10:30am Bible Study

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Come, Just As You Are"

Invocation

Pastor: Recalling our baptisms, we make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Echoing the words of John the Baptist on this first Sunday in Lent. "The time has come; the Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Together let us confess our sins and affirm our desire to repent of them, to change our sinful ways of thinking and speaking and doing. Only God's grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ enables us to do this so that we might live each day as His forgiven and redeemed children.

Congregation: Father in heaven, I cannot keep silent about my sins. The Holy Spirit has convicted me with Your Word and has brought me to acknowledge my sins to You. I cannot cover them up. I confess my transgressions to You – my sins of thought and word and deed. For the sake of Your Son,

Jesus Christ, forgive the guilt of my sin. I pray that Your Spirit will instruct me and teach me in the way that I should go. I trust in Your unfailing love.

Pastor: Believe this good news. Your Heavenly Father has forgiven you all your sins because His Son took your sins to the cross and there paid the full price for them with His blood and with His life. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin." You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Thank You, Father, that You have promised that the testing of our faith produces perseverance and steadfastness in Christ.

Congregation: Help me Lord, to use those times of testing as an opportunity to grow in grace and to develop a deeper and more secure relationship with You. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Children's Message

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to The Pregnancy Resource Center. We have a short video.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Genesis 22:1-18 (Page 19)

Epistle – James 1:12-18 (Page 1196)

Gospel – Mark 1:9-15 (Page 990)

Sermon Song

"All Who Are Thirsty"

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"Some time later God tested.....you!"
Genesis 22:1

Notes:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"Give Thanks"

Prayer (Family this week: Keith & Evelyn Kirchner)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Benediction

Closing Song

"Jehovah Jireh"

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 5:1-11
Mark 8:27-38



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book, and join us for fellowship after Service.

Online Giving



Available now, Go to SOTP website: sotpministries.com or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up.



UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for fellowship. We ask that if you can't serve the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find someone to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!

February 18th D. Arntson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

February 25th Volunteers, R. Weinand

March 3rd J. Amundson, R. Woods, B. Jasmer

March 10th J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

March 17th Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett

March 24th R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

March 31st **Easter Breakfast******



FEBRUARY NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, February 18th**, for **Pregnancy Resource Center**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School 10:20am Sundays
 - Bible Study Sundays 10:30
 - Quilters; Tuesday & Thursday 9am.
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm.
 - Wednesday Moring Bible Study; 9:30am.
 - Wednesday Feb 21st Sunshine Group
 - Wednesday Supper 5-6:15 Lenten Service 6:30
 - Wednesday Youth Group will be meeting after Service
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Don't Miss The Annual Rice Lion's Club Breakfast
SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd

Graham United Methodist Church

8:00am-12:00pm

Serving: French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

*Silent Auction Items Available (Tools, Gift Certificates, Wildlife Prints, Craft Items) *

Bake Sale

Tickets available Adults \$11(\$10.00 in Advance)
\$5 for children (7-12) Children (6 and under) FREE

See Duane Ott, Del Shane or Garry Loidolt



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, comprised 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.

Third, 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 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.

Board of Lay Ministry/Elders

Paul Tschida	Pres.	360-5241	Joan Ramey	217-4431
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Executive Ministry Team

Jami Kreifels - Activity Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

February Altar Guild: Deb Erdmann, Judy Hackett, Gloria Hendrickson

February Counters: Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea



Shepherd of the Pines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Shepherd has a clipboard for prayer requests. You will find the clipboard in the narthex before you enter the church sanctuary. Prayer requests are important, and we encourage you to get your requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name

Date of Baptism

Amelia Rose Wentland

February 26, 2023

Joel Richard Page IV

May 14, 2023

Rosalynn Grace Hall

May 21, 2023

Barrett Charles Cole

October 8, 2023

Louise Lee Dumonceaux

December 10, 2023

Rowen Wes Skajewski

December 10, 2023

Marie Dawn Moulzolf

January 7, 2024

Emersyn Lynn Pekarek

January 14, 2024

Olivia Lynn Dancer

February 4, 2024

“The Women of Lent”

It began with Eve. It continued with Ruth. We also can see connections to it in the lives of the prophetess Anna, Martha and her sister Mary, in a Samaritan woman, an anonymous woman, and finally, in the life of Jesus’ mother, Mary. Let’s call them “The Women of Lent”, as they each had something to do with God’s promise to Eve, that someday He would send a Savior to redeem the world from its fall into sin.

This will be the focus of a series of dialogue messages for our Lenten services, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 14th , and continuing through Good Friday, March 29th. I have a favor to ask my sisters in Christ at SOTP. I would like to have at least two of you join me each week in presenting the message as part of a dialogue message. You would serve as a panel to help bring out insights into each of the women we will be studying. Your preparation would involve spending some time in advance with the story of the woman we are focusing on each week, and then joining me to talk about and share how these women help us each to see our Savior’s passion and cross a little more clearly. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Dave and he can give you more details.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services – 6:30pm: Supper from 5-6:15pm

February 21st – March 20th

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

March 28th

Good Friday Service 6:30pm

March 29th

Easter Sunday Services

March 31st , 7:00am & 9:30am

***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30th at 10am

*** Easter Breakfast 8am-9:15am

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars during February by phone at 1-800-847-4836 or online at Thrivent.com. Fill out the form in the church entrance to indicate how you would like your choice dollars designated, and give the form to Curt or church secretary Julie. Members should apply for their Choice Dollars before March 31st, 2024.



If anyone has information or ideas about a pastor who may be a good fit for our congregation, please fill out form on narthex counter or contact someone on the Call Committee.

Call Committee Members

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

Volunteers needed for Lenten Suppers

Feb 21st and March 6th

Volunteers are also needed for midweek service. Check out the Narthex counter.

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, February 18th (Music-Praise Team)

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

Monday, February 19th

7:30 PM	Praise Team
7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, February 20th

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, February 21st

9:30 AM	Bible Study
10:00 AM	Sunshine Group
5:00-6:15 PM	Lent Supper
6:00 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Lent Service
	Youth Group after Service

Thursday, February 22nd

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Sunday, February 25th (Music-Gabby)

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving This Sunday
February 18th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Milt & Marlene Popp
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey
Reader: Dennis Arntson
Ushers: Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship D. Arntson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

SOTP Worship Team Serving Next Sunday
February 25th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Deb Erdmann
Projectionist: Keith Hackett
Reader: Lois Perleberg
Ushers: Jeremy & Candace Dingmann

Worship Leader: Brenda Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Dave Perleberg

Fellowship Volunteers & R. Weinand