

"God's Care for the Young!"

Isaiah 40:30-31

February 4, 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 4, 2024

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20 Sunday School/ Youth Group

10:30 Bible Study

Heather, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"We Have Come Into His House"

Invocation (Isaiah 40:28-30)

Pastor: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God.

Congregation: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Pastor: Even young people grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

Congregation: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not grow faint."

Pastor: We are here to renew our strength, to place our hope in the Lord as we worship in His name.

Congregation: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: What makes us weary more than anything else is the burden of guilt we carry from the sins we have done. Our heavenly Father invites us to cast that burden upon His Son, for Jesus has taken our sins to the cross that we could be forgiven and renewed with the strength of His grace to live for Him. So God in His Word promises, "If we confess our sins, God will be faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We bring that burden of sin to Him now.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in more ways than I can count. I have broken Your commands with my thoughts and words and actions. I have offended You and am truly sorry for all the wrongs I have done. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, I seek and ask for Your forgiveness. Wash me with His blood and create a clean heart in me that I may live in a way that brings You honor and glory and praise.

Pastor: Ten days ago our confirmation class studied Luke 15 and the 3 parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son. Though in the form of a complaint by the Pharisees and teachers of the law, this chapter of the Bible begins with these wonderful and comforting words regarding Jesus. "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." (Luke 15:2) Jesus went on to tell the first two parables, ending them both with these words of grace and forgiveness for sinners who have repented of their sins: "I tell you that in the same way there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10) So I announce to you now that heaven is rejoicing over you and your repentance. For in the stead and at the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I tell you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father, we pray especially for our children and the youth of this congregation, and for the children and youth in our community.

Congregation: Watch over them. Renew them when they grow weary. Draw them closer to You. And help us pass on to them, faith in You.

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Congregation: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Today we baptize Olivia Lynn Dancer, daughter of Mike & Cassie
Dancer

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.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 40:21-31 (Page 715)

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (Page 1134)

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39 (Page 991)

Closing Song

“To God Be the Glory”

Next Week’s Readings: Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6
Mark 9:2-9



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.



Daddy/Daughter Dance

Dads, Grandpas, and Uncles bring your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to a fun night of Dancing (with a DJ), Crafts, Photo Booth and Snacks.

Friday, February 9th
6:00pm-8:00pm

 **Shepherd of the Pines**
Lutheran Church

Free Event - Register at sotpministries.com/dance

Registration is open and required

www.sotpministries.com/dance

If you would like a picture on the screen during the dance, please send them to the church office email.

Office@sotpministries.com
February 8th at 9:00am

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
David Perleberg	V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads	Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever	Treas.	492-5043	Josh Anderson	260-0808

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

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, Karen Ellefson

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

Cal Nicholas Cervenka	January 29, 2023
Barrett James Eggert	February 5, 2023
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

“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 I can give you more details.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday 6:30pm

February 14th

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

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

Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Joseph Bangert, Sanborn, IA
Rev. Timothy Martinal, Millington, MI
Rev. Kevin Richter, Reinbeck, IA
Rev. Jonathon Rusche, Toledo, OH
Rev. Timothy Schaekel, Chaska, MN
Rev. Lynn Wilson, Blue Springs, MO

If any member of SOTP has a concern about any of the pastors on the list, they can register their concern in writing for the Call committee to consider. Deadline for the objection period is February 5th

Call Committee Members

John Alstrup 612-839-9490	Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236
Janet Maleska 320-249-4467	Jeff Ramey 320-260-586
Peg Herman 320-267-1863	Colleen Woods 320-685-4389
Brenda Hackett 320-267-6472	Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880
Gabby Dingmann 320-429-4992	

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

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School/Youth Group; today at 10:20.
 - Bible study; today at 10:30.
 - Quilters; Tuesday & Thursday 9am.
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm.
 - Wednesday Moring Bible Study; 9:30am.
 - February 5th;Deadline for objection period on the Pastoral list
 - This Friday, February 9th Daddy/Daughter Dance 6-8pm.
 - Sunday, February 11th Sweetheart breakfast after church.
 - February 14th Ash Wednesday Supper 5-6:15 Service 6:30
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Donations Needed for Sweetheart Breakfast

There is a sign-up sheet for donations that are needed for the Sweetheart Breakfast. Please look it over and help where you can. Donations need to be at church by Friday, February 9th. Sweetheart breakfast will be served by the Youth on February 11th.

The Youth Invite You To the

Sweetheart Breakfast



Sunday February 11th @ 10am
in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have Freewill offering to
support the Youth Group

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 4th J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

February 11th **Sweetheart Breakfast******

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

February 25th A. Gerads, S. Manea, 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******

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, February 4th (Music-Heather Statz)

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

Monday, February 5th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, February 6th

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

Wednesday, February 7th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation

Thursday, February 8th

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Friday, February 9th

6:00-8:00	Daddy/Daughter Dance
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Saturday, February 10th Alice Postal Funeral

10:00 AM	Visitation
11:00 AM	Funeral
	Luncheon follow service

Sunday, February 11th (Music-Lyric Videos)

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Sweetheart Breakfast

SOTP Worship Team Serving This Sunday
February 4th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Lenarz Family
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Dennis Arntson
Ushers: Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg

Worship Leader: Keith Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Josh Anderson

Fellowship J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

SOTP Worship Team Serving Next Sunday
February 11th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Kevin & Janet Maleska
Projectionist: Denise Leahy
Reader: Jane Nelson
Ushers: Ron & Barb McKeever

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Joanny Ramey

Fellowship Sweetheart Breakfast

RICE AREA MISSION QUILTERS

Shepherd Of The Pines Lutheran Church
1950 125th St NW – Rice, MN 56367

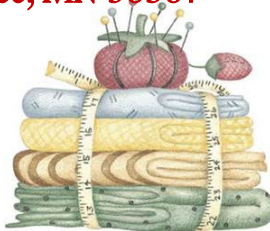
Project Needs

Volunteers

Tie & Pin Quilts

Supplies

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| 1. Fabric – Yardage and Pieces | 5. Polyester Batting |
| 2. Yarn | 6. Towels |
| 3. Thread – Partial Spools ok | 7. Sheets & Pillowcases |
| 4. Double Knit Fabric | 8. Jeans & Denim Fabric |



Quilts, Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Washcloths, Pillowcases, Lap Robes, Receiving Blankets & Hot Pads Are Donated To:

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| † Centro Hispano | † Adolescent Addictions Services |
| † Anna Marie | † Foley Food Shelf (CROSS) |
| † Salvation Army | † Place of Hope |
| † St. Cloud Vet Stand Down | † Dream Center |
| † Bags of Love | † Catholic Charities |
| † Global Health Ministries | † Arch Angel |
| † VA Medical Center | † Lutheran World Relief |
| † Eagles Healing Nest | † Personal Ministry & Benefits |
| † Haiti | † Operation Christmas Child |
| † Terebinth Refuge | † Eden Brook |
| † Teen & Adult Challenge | † Homeless Helping Homeless |
| † Country Manor | † Hagen Ministry |
| † Bridge Recovery | † 180° Youth Shelter |
| † Wacosa | † Sharing and Caring Hands |

Contact: Ardelle (320)656-5858 Cell: (320)333-5858
Cherie (320)393-4164 Cell: (320)420-4164

We appreciate any & all donations given!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Quilting News!

We have had a very productive year in Quilting! During the year 2023, we were able to deliver 1,737 queen and regular quilts, lap robes, Operation Christmas Child blankets, and receiving blankets. We also deliver miscellaneous pillowcases, sheets, towels, and washcloths free of charge to low-income families.

We want to thank everyone that has donated money, fabric, their time sewing tops and potholders, and ironing sheets. We have accomplished so much with everyone using their wonderful talents. We would really appreciate more people participating in the pinning and tying of the quilts. (We have a lot of fun and laughs!) No need to know how to sew!!

A special thank you to Rice Lions, Thrivent Financial, Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church, and Jordie's Trailside Café for supporting our purchase of sheets for our quilts.

We have a list on the back of all the agencies that have received our items. They are all very grateful for all the time and talents of everyone that has taken part in this mission.