

"GRACE!"



March 10, 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.

March 10, 2024

9am Worship Service with Holy Communion

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School/Youth Group

10:30am Bible Study

Gabby, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of God the Father who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son;

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God given to save the world;

Pastor: And in the name of the Holy Spirit, Who has brought us to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

Congregation: In Him we have everlasting life. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Paul has some pretty blunt words to share with us in today's New Testament reading from Ephesians. He writes that we "were dead in our transgressions and sins...that we have followed the ways of this world and the devil...that all of us lived among them...gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires." And then he wrote this one word: "But."

What follows that one word will be shared with you in a few moments. For now, that one word leads us to be able to confess our sins to our heavenly Father and seek His forgiveness for the sake of His Son Jesus.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I must confess that Paul has written the truth about me. I have been dead in my transgressions and sins. I have followed the ways of this world of the devil. I have gratified the cravings of my sinful nature and followed its desires. In all of this, I have sinned against You. I am truly sorry for my sinfulness and for my sins. I seek Your forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Now it's time to hear the words Paul wrote which followed "But." "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved...it is the gift of God." That gift is in Jesus, and it is the forgiveness of all your sins He gained for you with His perfect life and His innocent suffering and death on our behalf. In and through Jesus, you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Numbers 21:4-9 (Page 151)

Epistle – Ephesians 2:1-10 (Page 1156)

Gospel – John 3:14-21 (Page 1051)

Sermon Song

"Who Am I"

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"The Gift of God!"
Ephesians 2:4-5

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

"All My Hope"

Prayer (Family this week: Don & Jan Klinker)

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 Words of our Lord

Holy Communion

Communion Songs “ My Song is Love Unknown”,
“Grace”, & “At the Cross”

The Dismissal

The Benediction

Closing Song “This is Amazing Grace”

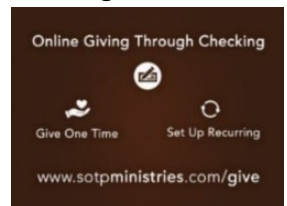
Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:32-45



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.



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School- Sundays.10:20
 - Bible Study- Sundays 10:30
 - Quilters- Tuesday & Thursday 9am.
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm.
 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study- 9:30am.
 - Wednesday Supper- 5-6:15: Lenten Service 6:30
 - Choir will practice Wednesday after service
 - Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, March 30th, 10 AM
 - Easter Service- 7 & 9:30am: Breakfast served from 8-9:15am
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"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 it's 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.

Lenten Worship Schedule

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

March 13th & 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

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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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

March Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Karen Ellefson

March Counters: Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



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

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

Bennett David Leyk

March 3, 2024

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Direct your

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 our church secretary, Julie. Members should apply for their Choice Dollars before March 31st, 2024.

Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!





If anyone has information or ideas about a pastor who may be a good fit for our congregation, please fill out a form on the 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 are also needed for midweek services; looking for readers & ushers/greeters. See schedules on the Narthex counter.



SAVE THE DATE FOR POP Legacy Auction:

Our Auction will be on **Sunday, April 21st** this year. Please save the date. Tickets and more information will be coming out in March.

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!



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******

April 7th P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

April 14th J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf

April 21st D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

April 28th S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns



Everyone is welcome to join the choir. We will practice February 28th after service and then each week until Easter.

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, March 10th (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

Monday, March 11th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
5:00-6:15 PM	Lent Supper
6:00 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Lent Service

Thursday, March 14th

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Sunday, March 17th (Music-Gabby) Noisy Offering: Rice Food Shelf

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving This Sunday
March 10th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Charlie Anderson
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey
Reader: Peg Manea
Ushers: Lenarz Family

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Ron McKeever

Fellowship J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

SOTP Worship Team Serving Next Sunday
March 17th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Keith & Brenda Hackett
Projectionist: Dennis Arntson
Reader: Ron Woods
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

Worship Leader: Keith Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett