

"Are you on your knees?"



Philippians 2:8-11

March 24, 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 24, 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

"Bless the Name of Jesus"

Invocation (from Psalm 118)

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Pastor: The Lord is our strength and our song.

Congregation: He has become our victory!

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Congregation: His faithful love endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

Pastor: Hosanna!!

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Congregation: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: And He will forgive the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross, that we might be saved.

Congregation: Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, fix our faith on Him for our salvation and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory.

Pastor: In His name we pray.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Choir

"Worship the King of Kings"

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 "May the Peace of God"

Prayer (Family this week: Michel & Kallie Koenig: Son Watson)

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
"I Believe in Jesus" & "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

The Dismissal

The Benediction

Closing Song "All My Hope"

Next Week's Readings : Easter Sunday
Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8



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.



"The Women of Lent"

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.

Holy Schedule

[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](#)

Volunteers are needed for Holy Week. Looking for readers, projectionists, ushers & greeters. See schedules on the Narthex counter.

If you sign up to bring donations for the Easter Breakfast, please have them here by Friday or sooner. The church office will be closed on Friday.

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		

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

Joel Richard Page IV
Rosalynn Grace Hall
Barrett Charles Cole
Louise Lee Dumonceaux
Rowen Wes Skajewski
Marie Dawn Moulzolf
Emersyn Lynn Pekarek
Olivia Lynn Dancer
Bennett David Leyk
Keagan George Roelofs

Date of Baptism

May 14, 2023
May 21, 2023
October 8, 2023
December 10, 2023
December 10, 2023
January 7, 2024
January 14, 2024
February 4, 2024
March 3, 2024
March 17, 2024

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars during February by phone at 1-800-847-4836 or online at [Thrivent.com](https://www.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**.





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.

Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Timothy Schiller, Hinckley, MN

Rev. Robert Zellmer, Lawton, IA

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 March 31st.

Call Committee Members

John Alstrup 612-839-9490

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Jeff Ramey 320-260-5869

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



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

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

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

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

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.
 - Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm
 - Good Friday Service 6:30pm
 - **Donations for Easter Breakfast need to be in by Good Friday**
 - Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, March 30th, 10 AM
 - Easter Service- 7 & 9:30am: Breakfast served from 8-9:15am
 - No Wednesday Morning Bible Study. We will meet again on April 3rd, and we are studying the book of Malachi
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This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, March 24th (Music-Praise Team) Palm Sunday

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 25th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, March 26th

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

Wednesday, March 27th

	No Bible Study
5:00 PM	Call Committee Meeting
	NO Confirmation

Thursday, March 28th

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting
6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29th OFFICE CLOSED

Donations for Easter Breakfast need to be in by today!

6:30 PM	Good Friday Service
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Saturday, March 30th

10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
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Sunday, March 31st (Music-Heather) Easter Sunday

7:00 AM	Sunrise Service
8-9:15 PM	Easter Breakfast
9:30 AM	Worship

NO Sunday School/Youth Group/Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving This Sunday
March 24th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Scott & Peg Manea
Projectionist: Levi Brenny
Reader: Richael Weinand
Ushers: Brian & Heather Statz

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann

Fellowship R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

SOTP Worship Team Serving Next Sunday
March 31st Easter Sunday

7:00am Worship:

Greeters: Kiraly Family
Projectionist: Volunteers Needed
Reader: Lois Perleberg
Ushers: Ron & Barb McKeever

Worship Leader: Volunteers Needed

Worship Service Shepherd: Ron McKeever

Easter Breakfast 8-9:15am

9:30am Worship:

Greeters: Volunteers Needed
Projectionist: Volunteers Needed
Reader: Volunteers Needed
Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Worship Leader: Volunteers Needed

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads