



# Shepherd of the Pines

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **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 prayer request on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.

### Pre-Service Worship

We will be playing a couple worship songs about 15 minutes prior to the start of each service. If you wish to participate, please arrive accordingly!



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

### **Child's Name**

Reid Jordan Giambrone  
Joshua James Johnson  
Lillian Elizabeth Brannen  
Brady Jay Hallanger  
Sophie Rae Gangl  
Savannah Skys Cole  
Linnèa Ann Maslonkowski  
Wendy Lee Hicks  
Meghan Alice Hicks  
Steffen Joseph Hicks  
Cindy Marie Christensen  
Riley Lynn Gruba  
Blake Daniel Andres  
Piper Mary Efraimson  
Tilla Rae Steffes

### **Date of Baptism**

January 19, 2020  
January 19, 2020  
February 2, 2020  
March 7, 2020  
June 14, 2020  
July 12, 2020  
July 26, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
August 12, 2020  
September 26, 2020  
October 18, 2020  
November 1, 2020  
January 17, 2021

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# **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, 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 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.

Thirdly, 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 to 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**

Kyle Hackett, Pres.	266-1700	Joan Ramey	393-3342
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever Treas.	393-2524	Garry Loidolt	393-2097

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

## **Executive Ministry Team**

Jen Ollman - Service Team Leader

Brenda Hackett – Education & Small Group Team Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

**March Altar Guild:** Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joan Ramey

**March Counters:** Milton Popp, Barb McKeever, & Colleen Peterson

March 21<sup>st</sup> Scriptures:  
Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-7  
Epistle: 1 Peter 3:8-12  
Gospel: John 9:1-11

March 28<sup>th</sup> Scriptures:  
Old Testament: Jeremiah 3:12-18  
Epistle: Hebrews 8:8-12  
Gospel: John 11:17-44

Pastor David will read one scripture in the video, feel free to check out the other scriptures on your own.



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book and pick up a Visitors' Guide. Fellowship will be after Church service.

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## Now Introducing Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:  
[www.sotpministries.com/give](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)  
or call the office at  
320-393-4295  
for help setting this up!

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Online Giving Through Checking



Give One Time



Set Up Recurring

[www.sotpministries.com/give](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)

Reminder: If you unable to come to in person worship  
you can mail in your offering or give online.

Donations for the Week

Total Received \$4,768

Weekly Needed \$4,651

Attendance Wednesday 13 Sunday 67

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## 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 form to Curt or Church Secretary Julie  
Member should apply for their Choice Dollars before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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## Please Consider Signing Up for Fellowship

We need one family to volunteer for serving and clean up. Some snack will be provided by the church and will be individually wrapped.

**(Donations Welcome)** Coffee, Juice, & water

will be served. Will start after 9AM service and go until Sunday School is over at 10:45. Reminder we need Volunteers to have fellowship. Please consider signing up. Sign-up sheet on the Narthex counter!

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Men's Bible study meets Monday  
Nights in the Fellowship at 7pm-8pm  
Joyce Meyer - Battlefield of the Mind

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## March NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**, for **Rice Area Food Shelf**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

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# Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

March 24<sup>th</sup>

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm

Good Friday Service

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Services

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am & 9:00am

\*\*\*Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3rd at 10am

\*\*\* Easter Fellowship Extravaganza 8am



**Donations are needed for Easter Fellowship Extravaganza!**  
**Please sign-up on the narthex counter. If you can help in any way.**

**Also, Volunteers need for Easter Egg Hunt!!**





## Jeans and Belts

A homeless shelter is in need of men's denim jeans and belts if you wish to donate, leave them in the sewing room. Thank You!

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## Check out Main street Living Benton Communications Channel 8



March 21 on WFTC Channel 29

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week's episode "A Gift for Grandpa" is a Fisher Family episode that depicts the valuable lessons Freddie learns as he gets a gift for his grandpa.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Keith Weise from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Sauk Rapids, MN. His message titled "Power, Authority, and Prominence in Service, Humility, and Submission" will be based on St. Mark 10.35-45. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.

March 28 on WFTC Channel 29

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's episode is "The Holy Land—the Eternal Rock Tour". This one-hour broadcast features many of the places Jesus walked and talked and is led by Rev. Nabil Nour of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, South Dakota, who was raised in Galilee.

Now that people have been getting their vaccines small groups - Bible Studies, Triads and others, should be able to resume. The church has rooms of various sizes that would accommodate small groups safely distanced. The Bible tells us in Hebrews 10:25 "Let

**Stay  
in the  
Word**



us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching." This new habit of not meeting was not of our choosing, as we long to gather, together to grow in our faith and for mutual support and encouragement.

If you are one of those beginning to long for a small group, contact Colleen Woods 320-685-4389.

There are many options available, including "Healing from the Distress of the COVID-19 Crisis" for adults, "Peace, Be Still a Kid's Guide to Living in Crazy Days", "UNSTUCK - A Teen Guide to Living in Uncertain Times", and "Care for the Caregiver - A guide during the COVID-19 pandemic."



**Women's  
Bible Study**

**A Women's Bible Study is starting this Wednesday, March 17, at 9:30 AM at church. Please join us! We will decide that morning the topic which we will study. If you have any questions, please call Colleen Woods, 320-685-4389.**

**Study will be Chip Ingram- The Miracle of Life Change**

Greetings to all!

We wanted to give you an update on VBS 2021! It is scheduled for June 6-10 for children age 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child is 4 yrs old through the completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade 2021 we look forward to seeing you! There are a couple requests we ask of the parents. First, we are asking for as much pre-registration as possible so we can see the numbers we are looking at. We have enough to facilitate 125 children so we will go on a first come first serve basis. Second, Covid has caused a lot of issues and church numbers are down all around so that means volunteers are also down. We need 50 volunteers to make this a success for a safe, smooth flowing time, PLEASE volunteer!!! The spots are : **Being a guide** = leading a group of 5-6 children to the different stations each night (5 total) and helping them to have the best time at each station; **Being the person to lead the craft area** = 5 groups come to you each night and you explain the craft, help them to construct it, and tell them how it pertains to each nights theme; **The Bible Story teller** = you share God's word with each group in your own "theater" each night ; **Kitchen** = if you are handy with snacks and attentive to allergies, we NEED you in the kitchen! Each night the children get a snack (simple one) on individual serving. We do have or have had children that need close allergy attention, which means they get served a different snack allergy free. We know this beforehand; it is just to not contaminate their food and get it to them when they come to snack time. ; **Preschool ( 4 yr old) room helper**= Assist the preschool ; **Games!!!** Each night you lead each group in a game (fun!) and relate it to the nightly theme! Each station has the night already done; you just follow the book! PLEASE consider volunteering, without volunteers we cannot have VBS!!!! Let's give the children a week of the Holy Spirit filled with laughter, fun, food, that we ALL so need!!! Contact church 393-4295, Me @ 267-6472, or online at the church website! Blessings on your day!



Rice Community VBS 2021

[Click here for Child Registration](#)

[Click here for Volunteer Registration](#)



## [This Week at Shepherd of the Pines](#)

### **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (Music- Praise Team)**

#### **Noisy Offering Rice Food shelf**

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:15 AM	Sunday School
	Online Services
6:00 PM	Bridge Church

### **Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study
7:30 PM	Praise Team
7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes

### **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom)
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### **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM	Lenten Service
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### **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> (Music- Bethany)**

9:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:15 AM	Sunday School
	Online Services
6:00 PM	Bridge Church

## SOTP Worship Team Serving, March 21<sup>st</sup>

### **9:00am Worship:**

Projectionist:	Sarah Anderson
Reader:	Dennis Arntson
Greeters:	Bruce & Sandie Resch

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Deb Erdmann

## SOTP Worship Team Serving, March 28<sup>th</sup>

### **9:00am Worship:**

Projectionist:	Isabelle Cairns
Reader:	Janet Maleska
Greeters:	Keith & Kathy Craft

**Worship Leader:** Dennis Arntson

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Bev Gerads

**Rice Area Community  
Spring Blood Drive**



**American  
Red Cross**

Blood is needed every day. Sign up and donate blood on **Monday, April 12, 1:00 – 5:45 pm** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. In accordance with CDC guidelines, all donors are required to wear a face covering or mask.

Appointments highly recommended/Info:

Call Lora at 320-393-2701.



We will be placing our order for Easter Lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Plants will be purchased from Buds to Blossoms, Royalton. If you are interested in purchasing one, please fill out the information below and place it along with your payment in the basket on the counter in the lobby.

Circle One

Easter Lilies	\$16.00	Hyacinth (sp)	\$13.00
Tulips	\$13.00	Mum	\$18.00

We ask that you leave your plant(s) at church for all the Easter services.

1. Family Name

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2. Phone #

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Plant given In Memory of or In Honor of:

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Checks should be made out to: **Shepherd of the Pines...use memo line (Easter Lilies)**. Payment is required with order. If you have any questions, please call Joan Ramey at 393-3342.

**Order deadline is Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> .**

Thank you!!