

#### 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...

<u>Child's Name</u>	<b>Date of Baptism</b>
Sophie Rae Gangl	June 14, 2020
Savannah Skys Cole	July 12, 2020
Linnèa Ann Maslonkowski	July 26, 2020
Wendy Lee Hicks	August 12, 2020
Meghan Alice Hicks	August 12, 2020
Steffen Joseph Hicks	August 12, 2020
Cindy Marie Christensen	August 12, 2020
Riley Lynn Gruba	September 26, 2020
Blake Daniel Andres	October 18, 2020
Piper Mary Efraimson	November 1, 2020
Tilla Rae Steffes	January 17, 2021

# **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 <u>Great Commission</u> (Matthew 28), namely first of all to <u>Go</u>. 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 <u>Make Disciples</u> or in the words of St Paul, "<u>To equip the saints</u>" (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 <u>Baptize</u> 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, <u>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you</u>. 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 <u>rule and norm</u> 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 <u>Make Disciples</u>.

### **Board of Lay Ministry/Elders**

Kyle Hackett, Pres.	266-1700	Joan Ramey	393-3342
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
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Keith Peterson - Church Properties

### **Executive Ministry Team**

Jen Ollman - Service Team Leader Brenda Hackett – Education & Small Group Team Leader Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

April Altar Guild: Deb Erdmann & Joan Ramey

April Counters: Dennis Arntson, Scott Manea, & Laurie Madoll

#### April 4<sup>th</sup> Scriptures:

Old Testament: Job 19:23-27 Epistle: Romans 8:15-18 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-11

#### April 11<sup>th</sup> Scriptures:

Old Testament: Acts 4:32-35

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2 Gospel: John 20:19-31

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.

# Now Introducing Online Giving Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

www.sotpministries.com/give

or call the office at

320-393-4295

for help setting this up!



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 \$2,918
Weekly Needed \$4,651
Attendance Wednesday 11 Sunday 95

### Lenten Worship Schedule

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

**Easter Sunday Services** 

April 4th, 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!!



New Portals of Prayer Available on Narthex counter. Help yourself!

# 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!



# Rice Area Community Spring Blood Drive

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.

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





A Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday Moring in the Fellowship at 9:30am Please join us! If you have any questions, please call Colleen Woods, 320-685-4389. Study will be Max Lucado -You Are Never Alone

# Check out Main street Living Benton Communications Channel 8



April 4

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 of *This is the Life*, "No Place to

Hide," features a pastor who has to face the death of his wife and cannot find comfort.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, president emeritus of the Minnesota South District. His message, "TA-DA," will be based on Mark 16:1-8. For more information or to watch the program, go to <u>mainstreetliving.com</u> and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

April 11

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 of *This is the Life* is called "Dead End," featuring a man who, frustrated with his life, turns to drinking and another woman.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor James Kroonblawd from Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church in Eagan, MN. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab

### APRIL NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, for the Rice Elementary** 

**School Staff.** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Bible studies are beginning to resume as people have been getting their vaccines. We long to gather together to grow in faith and for mutual support and encouragement. Hebrews 10:25 tells us, "Let 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." The church has room to accommodate small groups safely.

Mondays at 7pm Men are studying "Battlefield of the Mind" Wednesdays at 9:30am Women are studying "You are Never Alone" and at 6:30pm Women are also meeting to study "You are Never Alone" beginning Sunday, April 11 at 10:15 - after service, we will BEGIN with a 3-week Video "Spiritual Heritage Tour of the US Capitol" by Wallbuilders. Adults and youth are invited to join us in the Hospitality Room as we take in the sights of our Nation's Capitol and see visual evidence of the faith in God that has been etched in our history.

The plan is to continue through the summer with the "American Heritage Series" of Videos after service each Sunday. "For centuries we were taught a Providential view of American History that presented our Godly heroes and the moral foundation upon which our nation was built. But in recent years, a new version of history has assaulted the fiber of our nation, censoring the core values of our past.... Experience the untold story of our nation's history in the American Heritage Series. America: this is your heritage!" David Barton.



Event for Woman and girls to Support one another More information at <a href="https://terebinthrefuge.org/stronger-together-event">https://terebinthrefuge.org/stronger-together-event</a>

Tuesday April 20th Open House 5-7pm

#### 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 preregistration 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. ; 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, April 4th (Music- Heather) Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Worship

8:00 AM Easter Fellowship Extravaganza

9:00 AM Worship

Online Services

6:00 PM Bridge Church

Monday, April 5th Office Closed

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

7:30 PM Praise Team

7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, April 6th Office Closed

6:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting (1st Grade Classroom)

6:30 PM First Communion Class

Wednesday, April 7th

9:30 AM Woman's Bible Study 12:30-3:30 Fellowship Reserved 6:30 PM Woman's Bible Study

Thursday, April 8th

10:00 AM National Day of Prayer Meeting

6:30 PM Elder's Meeting

Friday, April 9th

4:00 PM Wedding Rehersal

Saturday, April 10th

1:00 PM Wedding

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> (Music- Bethany)

9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

10:00 AM Fellowship10:15 AM Sunday School

Online Services

6:00 PM Bridge Church

# SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Week April 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00am Worship:

Projectionist: Open Volunteer Needed

Reader: Jeff Ramey

Greeters: Jeff & Joan Ramey

Worship Leader: Pastor David

Worship Service Shepherd: Bev Gerads

9:00am Worship:

Projectionist: Levi Brenny Reader: Jerry Nelson

Greeters: Milt & Marlene Popp

Worship Leader: Pastor David

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

# SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00am Worship:

Projectionist: lan Crains

Reader: Lois Perelberg

Greeters: Ron & Barb Mckeever

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann

# Easter Flowers 2021

Keith & Evelyn Kirchner in memory of our Parents and Siblings

Lloyd and Deb Erdmann family in loving honor of Pat & Sharon Cairns and in memory of Floyd & Phyllis Erdmann

Kevin & Janet Maleska family in memory of Greg & Bea Maleska MaryLou Maleska, Nila Kjer and Charlie Kjer

Mike & Julie Kiraly family in loving memory of Evelyn & Clarence who both passed away in 2020

Keith & Roxanne Peterson family in memory of Harvey Heinen and Roy & Alice Peterson

John & Annette Elliott family in memory of Herald & Lillian Elliott (John's parents) and Connie Woo (Annette's Mom)

Jeff & Joan Ramey family in loving memory of Donald & June Ramey, Dennis Ramey, Lester Groth and in honor of Dorothy Groth

Ronald & Colleen Woods family in honor of and in memory of all their family members.