

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>	Date of Baptism	
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	
Vera Autumn Berg	April 4, 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

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April Altar Guild: Deb Erdmann & Joan Ramey

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

April 25th Scriptures:

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12 Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24 Gospel: John 10:11-18

May 2nd Scriptures:

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Epistle: 1 John 4:1-11 Gospel: John 15:1-8

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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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 \$3,557 Weekly Needed \$4,651 Attendance: Sunday 85

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!

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



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Two Women's Bible Studies meet on Wednesdays; one at 9;30AM and one at 6:30PM starting in May. Both will do the study by Max Lucado entitled, "You are Never Alone". Please join us! If you have

any questions call Colleen Woods at 320-685-4389.

Sunday Youth and Adult

Beginning April 11 Youth and Adults are invited to gather in the Hospitality room to view the Video "Spiritual Heritage of the US Capitol". Come see the evidence of our founder's faith that has been etched in our Capitol. We will take 3 Sundays to view this 120 minute video.



The 70th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 6th. Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. The theme for this year



is **Love**, **Life**, **and Liberty**. The theme comes from the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty" Please join us on Thursday, May 6th, at SOTP for the Rice National Day of Prayer. Due to Covid there will not be a supper this year, prayer event at 7:00pm. If you feel the tugging of the Holy Spirit to be involved with others in praying for God to move and work in our Community, you are invited!



May NOISY OFFERING! 2 of them!!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on Sunday, May 2nd, for the Veterans Wall coming to Rice also Sunday, May 16th for the Emergency Fund Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



On behalf of the Red Cross, I would like to thank the sixty-four potential blood donors who came to the Rice Area Spring Blood Drive which was held at Shepherd of the Pines Church on Monday, April 12. Sixty units of blood were collected so others can be helped in the weeks ahead. Lora Knafla, Volunteer Coordinator

We have a sheet on the Narthex if you are interested in a church outing to Rox Baseball Game on Tuesday July 13th. Please Sign up we will proceed if we have enough interest.



Check out Main street Living Benton Communications Channel 8



April 25

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 "The Prisoners" features an elderly woman who is attacked by a teenage gang (original air date 1978).

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Mark Moss from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Richfield, MN. His message titled "Who Is Our Shepherd?" will be based on John 10:10-19. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

May 2nd

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*, "A Dream of His Own," features a father and son at odds when a construction company plans to evict an Indian family.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Greg Schlicker from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna, MN. His message, "Go on Your Way Rejoicing," will be based on Acts 8:26-40. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Greetings to all!

We wanted to give you an update on VBS 2021! It is scheduled for June 6-10 for children age 4-5th grade. If your child is 4 yrs old through the completion of



5th 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; Preschool (4 yr old) room helper= Assist the preschool!!! 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

June 6-10th 6:30-8:30pm Volunteers need to be here from 6:10-8:45pm

Click here for Child Registration

Click here for Volunteer Registration

Click here to complete your background check

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, April 25th (Music- Bethany)

9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School

10:15 Am Youth and Adult Bible Study

Online Services

6:00 PM Bridge Church

Monday, April 26th Pastor out of Office

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

7:30 PM Praise Team

7:30 PM Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, April 27th Pastor out of Office

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

Wednesday, April 28th Pastor Out of Office

9:30 AM Woman's Bible Study

12:00 PM Fellowship Reserved Chamber Meeting

6:30 PM Woman's Bible Study 6:30 PM Last Confirmation Class

Sunday, May 2nd (Music- Heather)

9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship

10:15 AM Sunday School (Last Day of Sunday School)

10:15 Am Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Confirmation Service with Holy Communion

Online Services

6:00 PM Bridge Church

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday April 25th

9:00am Worship:

Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Sandie Resch

Greeters: Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Garry Loidolt

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday May 2nd

9:00am Worship:

Projectionist: Sarah Anderson
Reader: Lois Perleberg
Greeters: Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: David Perleberg

11:00am Worship:

Projectionist: Volunteer Needed Reader: Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Worship Leader: Volunteer Needed

Worship Service Shepherd: Volunteer Needed