



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 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

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
Vera Autumn Berg

Date of Baptism

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
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 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
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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

May Altar Guild: Sandie Resch, Nancy Anderson & Joan Ramey

May Counters: Curt Kvamme, Deb Erdmann, & Sandie Resch

May 30th Scriptures:
First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8
Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7
Gospel: John 3:1-17

June 6th Scriptures:
First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15
Epistle: Romans 10:13-1
Gospel: Mark 3:20-35



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!

Online Giving Through Checking



Give One Time Set Up Recurring

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 \$1,611
Weekly Needed \$4,651
Attendance: Sunday 74

It is with great sadness that we say
goodbye to Alice Ellefson Below is the
Funeral and Visitation information

Alice Mae Ellefson
December 19, 1927 – May 21, 2021

Sauk Rapids - Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Rice for Alice Mae Ellefson age 93 of Sauk Rapids who died Friday at Quiet Oaks Hospice House in St. Augusta. Rev. David Edge will officiate and burial will be at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids with a Prayer Service beginning at 7:30. There will also be a visitation one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church in Rice

Alice M. Ellefson was born in Clear Lake, MN to Victor and Anna (Moore) Anderson on December 19, 1927. Alice graduated valedictorian from Clear Lake High School in 1945 and after graduation attended a technical school in Minneapolis, MN for two years. Following graduation, she worked for Pillsbury Mills, Minneapolis, MN for four years. On September 1, 1951 Alice married Steven Ellefson Jr. they moved to Keewatin, MN, where Steve worked for the mines. The mines went on strike and they moved to Anoka, MN in 1953. Alice worked at AAA Auto as a travel agent and lived in her house in Sauk Rapids until September of 2019. She moved to Good Shepherd Apartments in Sauk Rapids following the sale of her home.

Alice's deep faith led her to becoming a charter member of the Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Rice, MN. She sang in the church choir and was also an usher, reader, greeter, bible study leader and participated in the Wings Program.

She is survived by her children: Bradley (Jan) Ellefson of Westport, SD; Barbara Ellefson of Sauk Rapids; Jeffrey (Sharon) Ellefson of

San Juan Capistrano, CA; daughter-in-law, Karen Ellefson of Sauk Rapids; grandchildren, Justin and Matthew Ellefson, Phillip and Leanna Murphy, Leah Ellefson, Charlie (Amanda) Henkemeyer and Alex (Kelly) Henkemeyer, Noah Ellefson and Hannah (Andy) Eggert; great grandchildren, Lauren Eggert, Leo Henkemeyer and one on the way; sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Hemen of Aberdeen, SD; brother-in-law, Cyril (Vicki) Ellefson

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steven Ellefson Jr; son, Steven V Ellefson; parents, Anna and Victor Anderson; brother, Willard (Betty Jane) Anderson; sisters, Mary (Larry) Guentzel and Dorothy (Russell) Nelson.

Special thank you to Angela, Natalie, and Heather at Arise Cares, Dr. Amanda Lovold, and Quiet Oaks Hospice House.

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!



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 deadline July 6th



Men's Bible study meets Wednesday Nights in the Fellowship at 7pm-8pm
Study is on creation & science

A Women's Bible Study meet Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm If you have any questions, please call Janet Maleska or church office.



Sunday Youth and Adult

Youth and Adults are invited to gather in the Hospitality room to view the Videos "American Heritage" Series by: Historian, David Barton Founder of Wall builders, Presenting America's forgotten history with an emphasis on its moral and religious foundation.



Youth Group Announcements



We will be having a garage sale to benefit the youth who will be attending the LCMS National Youth Convention in Houston Texas in July of 2022. Donations may be brought to the church any time after VBS ends on June 10th and the sale will be July 23rd and 24th. We appreciate your donations of saleable items to help our youth raise

money to attend the convention. Please contact Pastor Edge or Sarah Anderson with questions.

Youth ages fifth grade through high school are invited to a church youth gathering at Pastor Edge's house on June 13th from 5 to 9pm. We will play yard games; have supper and a sweet snack together. Come and enjoy some fun time together in fellowship and feel free to bring a friend!

Bible Studies

**If you are interest in joining a Bible Study
over the Summer Please call
Colleen Woods Home 320-685-4389
or Cell 320-291-5910**

Check out Main street Living Benton Communications Channel 8



May 30

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*, "Return Trip," features a modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Jeffrey Lee, Mission & Ministry Facilitator for the Minnesota North District. His message, "God Sent His Son to Save!" will be based on John 3:1-17. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

June 6

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 "Some People Need Help" (1975) features a crusty amputee from a Veteran's hospital who must learn that hurting others will not help him.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. David Baumgarn from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Onalaska, WI. His message titled "For with God Nothing Will be Impossible" is based upon Genesis 3:8-15. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**If you are signed up to help with VBS your
Background check needs to be completed.
Please go to church website or click the link
below and get this done as soon as possible.
VBS is 2 weeks away**

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, May 30th

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

(Music- Lyric Videos)

Worship

Fellowship

Youth and Adult Bible Study

Online Services

Monday, May 31st

7:30 PM

7:30 PM

OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

Praise Team

Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, June 1st

6:00 PM

5-8 PM

Al-Anon Meeting (1st Grade Classroom)

Alice Ellefson Visitation (Williams Dingmann)

Wednesday, June 2nd

9:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

6:30 PM

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Woman's Bible Study

Alice Ellefson Visitation

Alice Ellefson Funeral

Woman's Bible Study

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Men's Bible Study

Thursday, June 3rd

7:00 PM

AA Meetings

Sunday, June 6th

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

5:00 PM

6:30 PM -8:30 PM

(Music- Lyric Videos)

Worship

Fellowship

Youth and Adult Bible Study

VBS Picnic

VBS

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
May 30th

9:00am Worship:

Projectionist:	Keith Hackett
Reader:	Sandie Resch
Greeters:	Ronita Walburn

Worship Leader: Pastor David

Worship Service Shepherd: Joan Ramey

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
June 6th

9:00am Worship:

Projectionist:	Ian Cairns
Reader:	Jane Nelson
Greeters:	Travis & Marlys Lenarz

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann