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2021

Easter is the Cruellest Season

*April is the cruelest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.*

T.S. Eliot begins his 1922 poem, *The Wasteland*, with these words. After living in Minnesota for a few years, I joke that April can be the cruelest month because sometimes it teases us with warm weather, and then hits us with a snowstorm.

However, Eliot says April is the cruelest of all the months, not based on the weather, but the fact that lilacs burst forth from the ground and bloom with the new life given to them. He's saying "How dare that lily burst forth from the ground and produce new life." This is a lament for how winter causes all things to die and if anything, seems like the natural state of our lives. But this wasteland turns out to be a garden as new life springs up.

This might seem strange for someone to complain about spring. But I can understand this. There are moments in our lives where things seem bleak. This last 12 months have created a number of problems people have had. As many families are struggling financially, emotionally, and physically, it almost seems out of place for hope to break into our lives.

However, not only does the lilac bloom in the spring whether we want it to or not, so does God break into our world with Easter. Easter is the reality that in a lifeless and broken world, Christ came into our midst. Life was full of heartbreak, famines, pandemics, and suffering of all kinds, and it was into this world that Christ came.

On the cross, he entered into suffering for us, and he could not stay dead. Our God is not a God of the wastelands, but of the garden where the tomb was. Jesus could not stay dead, but he had to rise because he has mastery over all of creation, including pandemics, depression, suffering and even death itself. That's why we are bold to proclaim this year the words of Paul:

1 Corinthians 15:54 *When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."*

⁵⁵ *"Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"*

This is because we don't live in a wasteland, but in a world where not only flowers burst forth from the ground in spring, but even the dead are raised to a new life. I say this as encouragement for you if you've had a difficult year, that you can still know the victory God has given you!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David Edge

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

Pending Approval Minutes March 18, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Kyle at 7:05pm. Present were Joanny Ramey, Deb Erdmann, Kieth Peterson, Dave Perleberg, Kyle Hackett, Ron McKeever, Pastor David, Gary Loidolt, Colleen Woods, and virtually - Bev Gerads.

Pastor opened with prayer; Mission Statement was read by Kyle.

Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 8 was read and discussed

Treasurer's Report was read by Ron. There is a concern that the offering income has been less than we need to meet our weekly budget. The good news is that expenses have also been less than expected. Deb made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Joanny, motion passed.

Properties Report was given by Keith: The drain field was frozen during the cold snap, it was pumped out. A few days later the middle bathrooms overflowed. Carpets got wet. It was cleaned up. Carpets are scheduled to be cleaned in fellowship hall and sanctuary next week. Other properties needing attention are shelves for quilters and the table and chairs in hospitality room are stained beyond cleaning. Joanny made motion to accept the report, Keith seconded it, and the motion passed.

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Ron made motion to accept the report as printed, Dave seconded it. Motion passed

Pastoral Activity Report: The Daddy Daughter Dance was a success with 40-45 elementary age girls attending with Dad or Grandfather. Pastor feels it is worth doing again next year, possibly annually.

Attendance at Sunday Services has increased the last couple weeks from 40 to 70. In addition to Sunday services, Pastor has been doing midweek Lenten Services. These have had strong attendance in past years when we have been able to host a meal before the services, but this year with no meal and Covid limitations, attendance has been slim.

Pastor's other activities included 2 Wednesday evening Confirmation classes, regular meetings with Julie and BOLM and Circuit Meeting.

Pastors are still not allowed to visit shut-ins in facilities or hospitals. He makes phone calls to 8 or 9 people regularly, but it is just not as effective as in-person ministry.

Main Street Living aired Pastor David's sermon "God's Workmanship" on Sunday, March 14. It was well worth watching.

Upcoming Events:

Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, April 1 and Good Friday, April 2 - Pastor has special plans for Good Friday Service. You will want to be there.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 3 at 10am

Easter Sunday - April 4 at 7am and 9am Identical services. FELLOWSHIP 8am

Confirmation Sunday - May 2 at 11am Special Service

First Communion Class - 5th and 6th graders Tuesdays April 6 thru May 4 with First Communion May 9

Pastor Conference - April 26-28 in Plymouth, IN (No First Communion Class on April 27)

Old Business:

Bridge Church: Deb called Community Ed and found they are not opening the building to other organizations as per Governor. Bridge does not pay us rent. Pastor reminded us that when Shepherd of the Pines began and were meeting in the Village Hall the Village had to charge us something so they charged \$1 week. Because of the generosity of the village to us, Pastor Dave says it feels good to be able to be generous with Bridge Church. Kyle relayed that Bridge intends to go back to their purchased land this summer.

New Business:

Covid Update: In the Governor's latest changes Churches no longer have restrictions to the number of people allowed to attend. Many have received Vaccines and are returning to church. Guidelines are still being followed and we all have a new awareness to safety. Members are encouraged to attend and to extend grace to each other as we readjust to being together after such a long time of strict regulations. **We are reminded that due to HIPPA and the 4th Amendment, others cannot legally ask about any condition that would prevent someone from wearing a mask or being Vaccinated. As a church we cannot require people to have the vaccine.**

Worship Shepherd Schedule: Bev and Ron may switch places on the schedule and will report changes to Julie.

Next BOLM Meeting: Thursday, April 15 ,2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Leaders Comments: It was suggested that we stop reading the Mission Statement before each meeting and that we eliminate reading the Bible Chapter to save time. Discussion included the opinion that the Board of Lay Ministry Meeting is part of the Ministry of our church and it is good to keep our Mission in mind even while doing business. The Bible reading could take place during the Prayer time before the meeting.

Joanny and Pastor mentioned church is beginning to implement back toward normal for Communion and Children's Message. They are working out how this can be done safely.

VBS will be the week of June 6.

Dave made motion to **adjourn the meeting**, Ron seconded it and motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Woods, Substitute Secretary



Education / Small Group Team

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 ; **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 the 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 on line at the church website! Blessings on your day!

Rice Community VBS 2021



Worship Team

2021 Worship Team Schedule

April	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
04/04/21	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Levi Brenny	Jerry Nelson		Pastor David
04/11/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Ian Cairns	Lois Perleberg		Jerry Nelson
04/18/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Ruth Brutcher		Steve Ree
04/25/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Julie Kiraly	Sandie Resch		Dennis Arntson

MAY	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
05/02/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Sarah Anderson	Lois Perleberg		Dennis Arntson
05/09/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Isabelle Cairns	Jerry Nelson		Pastor David
05/16/21	9:00am	Jeff & Joan Ramey	Dennis Arntson	Jeff Ramey		Steve Ree
05/23/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Mike Kiraly	Ruth Brutcher		Jerry Nelson
05/30/21	9:00am	Ronita Walburn	Levi Benny	Sandie Resch		Pastor David

JUNE	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
06/06/21	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Ian Cairns	Jane Nelson		Dennis Arntson
06/13/21	9:00am	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Sarah Anderson	Janet Maleska		Jane Nelson
06/20/21	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Isabelle Cairns	Jeff Ramey		Steve Ree
06/27/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Dennis Arntson	Lois Perleberg		Pastor David

JULY	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
07/04/21	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Levi Brenny	Sandie Resch		Pastor David
07/11/21	9:00am	Travis & Marlys Lenarz	Mike Kiraly	Ruth Brutcher		Jerry Nelson
07/18/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Dennis Arntson		Steve Ree
07/25/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Isabelle Cairns	Janet Maleska		Dennis Arntson

ANNOUNCING Prayer & Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on April 15th** for a time of prayer and worship songs where we will lift up our church and community!

This prayer and worship time will continue each month the half hour prior to our BOLM Meeting!!

February's Church Income Statement

	February	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$15,786	\$31,867
Expenses	(\$16,648)	(\$34,488)
Over/(Shortfall)	(\$862)	(\$2,621)



APRIL NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, April 18th**, for the **Rice Elementary School Staff**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

April Distribution is
Thursday, April 8th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

If you are interested in the
Youth Group Leadership
Please contact the office
or Pastor David

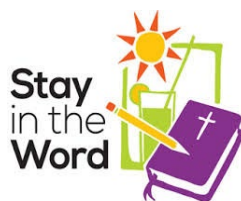


**Men's Bible study meets Monday
Nights in the Fellowship at 7pm-
8pm Joyce Meyer - Battlefield of
the Mind**

**A Women's Bible Study
meets Wednesday Moring
at 9:30am and Wednesday
Evenings 6:30pm starting
April 7th at 6:30pm. Both Study Groups will do
Max Lucado -You Are Never Alone. Please join
us! If you have any questions, please call
Colleen Woods, 320-685-4389.**



Event for Woman and girls to Support one
another More information at
Tuesday April 20th
Open House 5-7pm
[https://terebinthrefuge.org/stronger-together-
event](https://terebinthrefuge.org/stronger-together-event)



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.



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.



Worship Team

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services Scriptures Lenten Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1st, 6:30pm

Good Friday Service

April 2nd, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Services

April 4th, 7:00am, 9:00am

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

*** Easter Fellowship Extravaganza will be held
April 4th 8am

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



April Birthdays

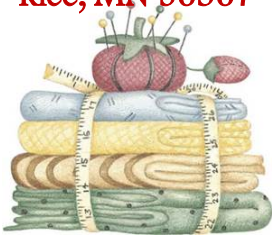
Ron	Folkerts	April 01
Heather	Ostendorf	April 01
Travis	Lenarz	April 03
Jodi	Dumonceaux	April 04
Anthony	Omann	April 04
Lilyana	Gerjets	April 05
DelRoy	Shane	April 06
Roxann	Ree	April 08
Jeffrey	Loidolt	April 09
Spencer	Novitzki	April 09
Ronita	Walburn	April 09
Dane	Morgan	April 11
Wyatt	Efraimson	April 13
Wendy	Hicks	April 13
Arthur	Betker	April 15
Howard	Forer	April 15
Scott	Manea	April 18
Helen	Rotar	April 19
Erica	Erdmann	April 21
Kallan	Hackett	April 22
Wyatt	Johnson	April 22
Jenna	Gangl	April 23
Colleen	Peterson	April 23
Jessica	Mickelson	April 24
Keith	Craft	April 26
Denise	Leahy	April 26
Barb	McKeever	April 26
Sophie	Gangl	April 29

April Anniversaries

Lloyd & Ronita	Walburn	April 11, 2019
Lloyd & Deb	Erdmann	April 27, 2019
Chris & Shaunna	Johnson	April 27, 2019
Ronald & Colleen	Woods	April 27, 2019
Richard & Robin	Hemple	April 28, 2019
Tom & Jen	Ollman	April 28, 2019
Steve & Brenda	Pressnall	April 28, 2019
Dave & Dannette	Brannen	April 29, 2019
Brian & Tonya	Soltis	April 29, 2019
Scott & Kris	Schlichting	April 30, 2019

RICE AREA MISSION QUILTERS

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Project Needs

Volunteers

Tie & Pin Quilts

Supplies

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| 1. Fabric – Yardage and Pieces | 4. Polyester Batting |
| 2. Yarn | 5. Towels |
| 3. Thread – Partial Spool ok | 6. Sheets & Pillowcases |

Quilts, Blankets, Sheets, Towels, Washcloths, Pillowcases, Laundry Bags, Wheelchair Bags, Rice Bags, Lap Robes, Receiving Blankets & Hot Pads Are Donated To:

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| ✚ Youth for Christ | ✚ Pathway 4 Youth |
| ✚ Gillette | ✚ Recovery Plus |
| ✚ Anna Marie | ✚ Foley Food Shelf (CROSS) |
| ✚ Salvation Army | ✚ Place of Hope |
| ✚ Becker Faith in Action | ✚ St. Cloud Vet Stand Down |
| ✚ Dream Center | ✚ Bags of Love |
| ✚ Catholic Charities | ✚ Global Health Ministries |
| ✚ Homestyle Living | ✚ VA Medical Center |
| ✚ Lutheran World Relief | ✚ Central MN ReEntry |
| ✚ St. Cloud Group Home | ✚ Eagles Healing Nest |
| ✚ Rice Food shelf | ✚ River Crest |
| ✚ DOMAS | ✚ Personal Ministry & Benefits |
| ✚ Haiti | ✚ Adara Home Health |
| ✚ Terebinth Refuge | ✚ Talahi Care Center |
| ✚ Oasis- Little Falls | ✚ CentraCare Health Home Care
and Hospice |
| ✚ Clara's House | ✚ Vet. Children's Home |
| ✚ Country Manor | |
| ✚ Good Shepherd Care Center | |

Contact: Ardelle (320)656-5858 Cell: (320)333-5858
Cherie (320)393-4164 Cell: (320)420-4164
Rita 320-492-1067

We appreciate any & all donations given!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Quilting News!

We have had a very productive year in Quilting! During the year 2020, we were able to deliver 1,800 queen and regular quilts, lap robes, Operation Christmas Child blankets, and receiving blankets. We also deliver miscellaneous pillowcases, sheets, towels, and washcloths free of charge to low income families.

We want to thank everyone that has donated money, fabric, their time sewing tops, pillowcases, potholders and ironing sheets. We have accomplished so much with everyone using their wonderful talents. We would really appreciate more people participating in the pinning and tying of the quilts. (We have a lot of fun and laughs!) No need to know how to sew!!

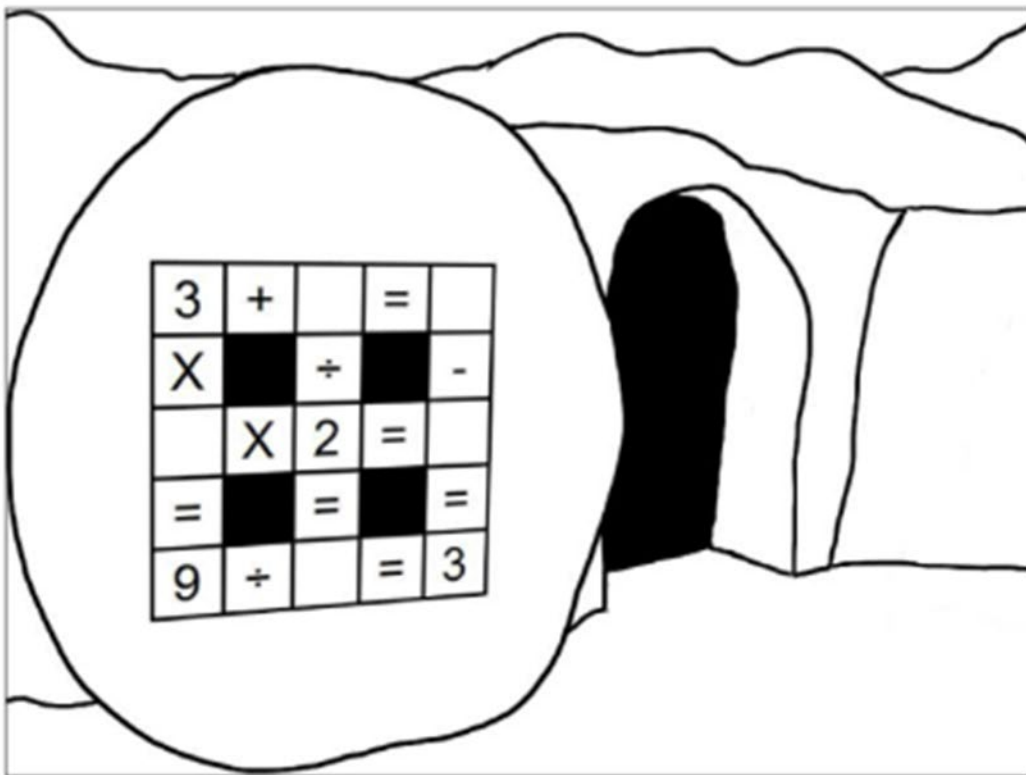
A special thank you to Thrivent Financial, Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church, and Jordie's Trailside Café for supporting our purchase of sheets for our quilts.

We are making rice bags and pillowcase dresses for Haiti. We also sew wheelchair bags for the VA Med. Center and area nursing homes.

We have a list on the back of all the agencies that have received our items. They are all very grateful for all the time and talents of everyone that has taken part in this mission.

Jesus is Risen!

Complete the sums on the tomb stone...



... then find the hidden message from Luke 24 v 6



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Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!

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5 = pink

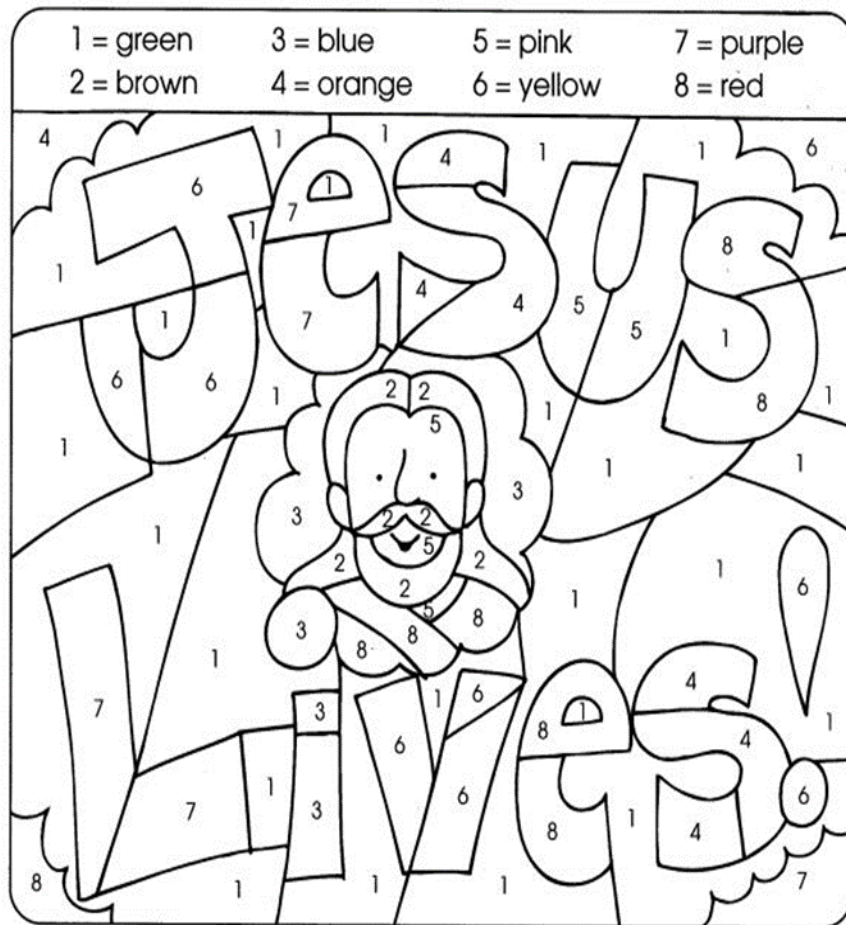
7 = purple

2 = brown

4 = orange

6 = yellow

8 = red



Worship Shepherds

April 4 Bev Gerads/Colleen Woods
 April 11 Deb Erdmann
 April 18 Kyle Hackett
 April 25 Garry Loidolt



April 4 9:00am Jerry Nelson
 April 11 9:00am Lois Perleberg
 April 18 9:00am Ruth Brutcher
 April 25 9:00am Sandie Resch



April 4 9:00am Milt & Marlene Popp
 April 11 9:00am Ron & Barb McKeever
 April 18 9:00am Bruce & Sandie Resch
 April 25 9:00am Keith & Kathy Craft



We have been praying for our church families each week as we go through our church directory from A to Z. As you go about your daily tasks lift a prayer for the family of the week as the Lord brings them to mind. **In April we will be praying for:**

April 4- Edward & Shelley Pintok

April 11- Gayle & June Plumski

April 18 - Juli Popp

April 25 - Laura Popp &
 Children: Karlee, Levi, & Madeline

April 4- Job 19:23-27
 Romans 8:15-18
 Matthew 28:1-11

April 11 - Acts 4:32-35
 1 John 1:1-2:2
 John 20:19-31



April 18- Acts 3:11-21
 1 John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36-49

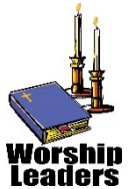
April 25 - Acts 4:1-12
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18

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!

April 4 - Pastor David
 April 11 - Jerry Nelson
 April 18 - Steve Ree
 April 25 - Dennis Arntson



Musicians

April 4 Heather
 April 11 Bethany
 April 18 Praise Team
 April 25 Bethany



ALTAR GUILD

APRIL

Deb Erdmann
 & Joan Ramey

APRIL

Dennis Arntson, Scott Manea,
 & Laurie Madoll



PROJECTIONISTS

April 4 9:00am Levi Brenny
 April 11 9:00am Ian Crains
 April 18 9:00am Sarah Anderson
 April 25 9:00am Julie Kiraly



If you are Interested in Volunteering Contact Keith or Church Office!

Check out Main street Living

Benton Communication 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 mainstreetliving.com 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 18

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*, "The Main Event," features a boxer who is hit by a car, as he becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful eight-year-old girl.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, MN. His message, "Why Are You Troubled," will be based on Luke 24:37-38. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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 of *This is the Life*, "The Prisoners," looks at what happens when an elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with TBD. For more information or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 MAUNDY Thursday  6:30 Maundy Thursday Service	2 GOOD Friday  6:30pm Good Friday Service	3 EASTER EGG HUNT  10:00 Easter Egg Hunt	
				4  Music: Heather 7:00 Worship EASTER Fellowship Extravaganza Between services 9:00 Worship Online Service 6:00 Bridge Church	5 Office Closed 7:00 Men's Bible Study 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group	6 Office Closed 6:00 Alanon 6:30 First Communion class	7 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Woman Bible Study
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

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

*In case of church cancellation due to bad weather listen to, 98 COUNTRY 98.1, SPIRIT 92.9, KCLD 104.7, WJON 1240,
or call the church office and listen to the message.*

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.