



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Ronald Reagan once said "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. The same can be said about the Christian faith.

In the book of Deuteronomy, God commands parents to not only obey the commandments God has given them, but also to teach them to their children.

**Deuteronomy 6:6** "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

I've always considered children's ministry and youth as a vital part of the life of the church. Now that I'm a dad of 3 girls (and one more on the way), I can see the many ways that we can teach and model God's truth for my kids.

At Shepherd of the Pines, we've been blessed by many adults who have given countless hours to teach the faith to our children and youth. We've had a solid Sunday School ministry, complete with teachers, assistants, and substitute teachers for each classroom.

One of the challenges of our congregation, is finding and equipping Sunday School teachers. This is a vital part of our congregation, but over the last few years, it's harder for parents to commit to teaching every week.

I'm asking for your help to make Sunday School a success where the kids will learn the Bible and the meaning of their faith. The faith they learn today will grow into a mature understanding of the Bible and a heartfelt love for God. It's hard work and the next few years will require us to be creative and find a way for Sunday School to continue to be a solid program for the kids.

I'm not sure how we can adjust Sunday School, which is why I need your input. If you have been a Sunday School teacher in the past, I would value your input and ideas since you know our kids and our congregation. Or, if you're a parent and feel intimidated to be a teacher, we can help. I also would like to hear more about your kids and what you, as a parent, want for your kids. If you're interested in helping our children's ministry, but don't know how, we can find a spot! I also would love to hear more about your availability and your talents.

I know this is a lot, but we will have a Children's Ministry meeting after church on July 11. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and I ask that if God is pulling on your heart to do this, I encourage you to consider making the meeting. The meeting will focus on ideas and the needs of our church. If you don't want to commit to anything right now, then I still invite you to come to the meeting.

I pray that you would consider this and spend time in prayer to see how God can guide you on this.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor David Edge

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 5<sup>th</sup> FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING**  
**PENDING APPROVAL MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021, 7 P.M.**

**Prayer, Praise & Bible Study:** 1 Corinthians 11. Read and Discussion

**BOLM members present:** Kyle Hackett, Ron McKeever, Garry Loidolt, Joan Ramey, Colleen Woods, Deb Erdman, Bev Gerads  
**Pastor Edge Absent:** Dave Perleberg, Keith Peterson

**Meeting Called to Order:** Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Prayer by Garry Loidolt and Mission Statement read by Joan Ramey.

**Treasurers Report:** Ron McKeever gave the treasurers report. There is an increase in attendance but not an increase in giving and this was discussed. Approval of Report by Joan, second by Deb.

**Property Report:** Keith left a report that the air conditioner was repaired.

**Secretary Report:** The report was reviewed and accepted as read. Deb motioned and Ron seconded.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor David gave a report on his activities for the month of May. Worship, Education, Meetings, Official Acts, Visitation, Circuit and District Activity and Other Activities

**Upcoming Events and Projects:**

**Sermon Series for June and July: Parables**

**Group fellowship activities have started this summer**

**National Youth Gathering and Youth Planning later this summer**

**Pastor on Vacation August 1-15 to visit family**

**Old Business:** ROX baseball game on July 13@ 7:05 P.M. \$13 for General Admission Ticket, Hot Dog, and Soda. If we have 15 people for this event, everyone will get a baseball hat. Come and enjoy an evening of baseball and fellowship!

**Youth Garage Sale:** July 23 & 24. **Friday 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Saturday 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.** Donations are accepted at church in the youth room.

**Prayer Request Clip Board:** The congregation likes the new method of prayer requests, weekly, on the clip board.

**Worship Schedule** was reviewed and approved.

**Next BOLM MEETING:** JULY 15 at 7 P.M.

**Open positions were discussed.** EMT Education and Small Group, Wedding Coordinator. We accepted Brenda's resignation of Small Group/EDU Team Leader. She will however remain coordinator for VBS. We thank Brenda for her dedication to our SOTP congregation.

**Pastor Edge will be attending** 2 separate conferences in July and September. Motion by Deb, second by Ron.

**Fellowship will resume in July** with homemade treats or packaged treats. There is a schedule available.

BOLM ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M. Motion by Bev, second by Garry to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Gerads, Secretary BOLM

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Hello All!!!

Well the 2021 "Rocky Railway" Rice Community VBS can be put down in the books! We had a great 5 days and full of adventure and fun for all! I just wanted to let you all know what those days looked like! We had 30 + volunteers with 90 children registered for the week! Our high night was 77 with an average of 68 children each night! I will count this as a HUGE success being we are just entering the "free" stage of Covid restrictions! Each night the kitchen team made snacks for the children, and we had an abundance of them so "Thank you" to all those who gave for the snack time! Freezies were had in abundance also being it was so very warm, and the air conditioner decided to go on vacation until the last day! ;) Oh how we trust in Jesus to give us the power for each day!!! Each night the kids had Bible Adventures, Rocking Games, Tooting Music, Imagination Station along with an opening and closing! We began at 6:30 and tried to end by 8:40 but the last night took a wee bit longer as it was "Pie" night!

We have a Mission of Love Recipient for VBS to help a local individual or family who is facing difficult times. The recipient this year was 7 year old Brayden Harren from Holdingford who is getting treatment for Brain Cancer. Each night the children brought in money for this offering. We set a target of 250.00 and by night 4 (only 3 nights of giving) we had 279.00!!! We still had 1 more night to give and we told the children that if they beat their goal, Ms Brenda would get a pie in the face along with Pastor David...Well let's just say that at nights end of the 5<sup>th</sup> night we had raised 810.00 for our friend Brayden!!! That was totally "AWESOME!!!!!! We took 1 student from each grade and they each got to smash a pie...6 pies!!!! What a fun way to close VBS! We reached 11 families that are unchurched, had 11 churches represented from the community and more that just came! Oh what a joy it was to see their smiling faces!!! We look forward to next year and seeing all the children back! We could not have done it without the helping hands, the food donations, and the hours of time donated. We were blessed financially from Benton Phone Company and our local Rice Lions Club, and we are so very grateful for them and their kind hearts. It eased the budget from the church being we are the only financial support for the program.

In closing...my heart is full, God showed us MANY blessings that week as He continues to do so each day! We are blessed beyond measure to be able to do this for the children in the community and what great gifts we received from the Rice community! Have a blessed Summer all!!!!

Brenda Hackett

Rice Community VBS Coordinator

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Are you interested in Children's Ministry? Please sign up on the Narthex counter. We will have a meeting after Church on July 11<sup>th</sup>



# Worship Team

The Worship Service is continuing to move toward pre-COVID norms. We want to thank all of you who are currently volunteering for the positions during the worship service! We are looking for more to help with the service: readers, projectionists, ushers, and greeters. We are also interested in anyone who could be added as musicians. If interested sign up at church, call the church office or call me 267-6213. Once again thank you for all of the help that you give, and we look forward to worshipping with you!

Keith Hackett

## 2021 Worship Team Schedule

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
AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/01/21	9:00am	Milt & Marlene Popp	Levi Brenny	Jeff Ramey		Pastor David
08/08/21	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Julie Kiraly	Jerry Nelson		Jerry Nelson
08/15/21	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Ruth Brutcher		Steve Ree
08/22/21	9:00am	Keith & Kathy Craft	Ian Cairns	Lois Perleberg		Dennis Arntson
08/29/21	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Mike Kiraly	Sandie Resch		Pastor David

JULY BIRTHDAYS			JULY BIRTHDAYS CONT.		
Janice	Klinker	July 01	Ian	Cairns	July 15
Kyle	Blommeyer	July 02	Isabelle	Cairns	July 15
Ruth	Brutcher	July 02	Tana	Dirks	July 15
Logan	Hackett	July 02	Jeremy (JJ)	Manea	July 15
Marjorie	Oltz	July 03	Barbara	Zapzalka	July 15
Alex	Blommer	July 04	Cecilia	Robinson	July 15
Christine	Blommer Gertken	July 04	Awbrilynne	Manea	July 16
Jan	Johnson	July 06	Patrick	Hicks	July 16
Ardelle	Amundson	July 07	Annette	Elliott	July 18
Drake	Cole	July 07	Aaron	Betker	July 23
Summer	Hagensick	July 10	Don	Klinker	July 23
Colleen	Woods	July 11	Kelly	Merten	July 26
Tammy	Blommeyer	July 12	Nancy	Anderson	July 28
Keith	Peterson	July 14	Donovan	Elyea	July 28
Brent	Betker	July 15			

JULY ANNIVERSARIES		
Bruce & Sandie	Resch	July 07
Troy & Ann	Hovland	July 10
Doug & Kris	Foss	July 11
David & Connie	Efraimson	July 12
Amos & Heather	Ostendorf	July 14
David & Jillian	Edge	July 18
Keith & Evelyn	Kirchner	July 18
Kevin & Janet	Maleska	July 18
Don & Lori	Dubbin	July 22
Don & Bonnie	Gottwalt	July 24
Gene & Kim	Kubat	July 24
Drew & Jessica	Efraimson	July 27



Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This past year has been a difficult one for your youth. They have been asked to navigate things that even adults were not accustomed to or ready for during the pandemic. We can find hope in God, who is in control of all things, and has plans to prosper us as His servants. While we do not always understand His plan, but it is good, and we can trust Him.

Thank you to all who have already brought in donations for the garage sale! Please continue to place donations in the youth group room at church. We appreciate your willingness to assist us in raising money for the youth who will be attending the LCMS National Youth Convention in Houston Texas in July of 2022. There is a sign-up sheet for youth and

adults who would like volunteer to help set up, work and cleanup for the garage sale on the counter in the narthex. The garage sale will be held on Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8am to 5pm and Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm. Please contact Pastor Edge or Sarah Anderson (320-267-2628) with questions.

Youth who have finished fifth grade and older are invited to a **youth gathering at the church on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm, please note this is a date change from previous announcements.** We will play games; have supper and a sweet snack together. Come and enjoy some fun time together in fellowship and feel free to bring a friend and your lawn chair! Plan on coming whether rain or shine, we will move inside if there is rain! Please call or text Sarah at 320-267-2628 if you are coming so we have a headcount.

Last, but not least, I ask everyone to pray for the youth in our congregation as we become active together again. All youth who have finished fifth grade and older are welcome at our gatherings! I am looking forward to seeing returning youth and new youth as we grow and learn together!

Sarah Anderson  
Youth Group Leader

## An Evening of Worship

With Musicians

Dave Anderson and Roger Walck

Sunday August 29, 2021 at 6pm

Hosted at Shepherd of the Pines

Free Concert with a Free-will Offering  
for Shepherd Canyon Retreat

Family Event- All are welcome!  
[sotpministries.com/events](http://sotpministries.com/events)



## ANNOUNCING Prayer & Praise

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

### April's Church Income Statement

	May	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$16,482	\$84,262
Expenses	(\$16,309)	(\$91,166)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$173	(\$6,904)

### July NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**, for the **Central MN Sexual Assault Center** Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

### Rice Area Food Shelf

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



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

**Woman Bible Study is taking a break for Summer. We will start back up in the Fall.**



We have a sheet on the Narthex if you are interested in a church outing to Rox Baseball Game on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please Sign-up deadline is July 6<sup>th</sup>! **Tickets \$13 a person includes hot dog and soda. Children 4 and Under are Free!** If 15 people attend everyone will get a baseball hat.



Have you asked yourself, "How can I have a variety of inspiring Bible based information and teaching on many topics & issues for kids, teens and adults available on my smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc?" Shepherd of the Pines offers you, for no charge, all of that on RightNow Media. [Just Click here to set it up](#), and you will be able to use all this wonderful stuff to help you grow in your faith! You can refer your friends and family members too!

**New Portals of Prayer are available on the Narthex counter.**



### Sunday Youth and Adult

Youth and Adults are invited to gather in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 10:15 am we will 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.



### Bible Studies

If you are interest in joining a Bible Study over the Summer! Please call Colleen Woods Home 320-685-4389



**Listen to our sermons on our podcast.**

**Search "Shepherd of the Pines" in your podcast app**

## Worship Shepherds

July 4	Ron McKeever
July 11	Bev Gerads
July 18	Colleen Woods
July 25	Joan Ramey



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July 11	9:00am	Ruth Brutcher
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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 July we will be praying for:**

July 4- Beth Roles

July 11- Pat & Carol Rolph

July 18 - Helen Rotar

July 25 - Jessa Saldana Child: Levi

July 4- Micah 4:1-5  
Romans 13:1-7  
Matthew 22:15-22



July 11 - Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:1-10  
Luke 18:9-14

July 18- Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Luke 15:25-37

July 25- Genesis 9: 8-17  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
Luke 12:16-21

## UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this summer for Fellowship. We ask if you can't do the Sunday that you are scheduled please find a group to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



**July 4<sup>th</sup> K Kirchner, R Brutcher**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> D Erdmann, J Brenny**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> J Ramey, M Kiraly**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> A Gerads, S Manea**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> J Nelson, R McKeever**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> J Amundson, M Popp**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> Ke Hackett, Ky Hackett**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> D Arntson, K Craft**

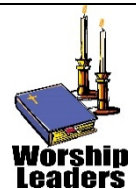
**August 29<sup>th</sup> A Betker, G Loidolt**

July 4 - Pastor David

July 11 - Jerry Nelson

July 18 - Steve Ree

July 25 - Dennis Arntson



### Musicians

July 4 Heather

July 11 Bethany

July 18 Praise Team

July 25 Bethany



### JULY

Sandie Resch, Nancy Anderson  
& Joan Ramey



### JULY

Barb McKeever, Milton Popp,  
Marlene Popp & Colleen Peterson



### PROJECTIONISTS

July 4 9:00am Levi Brenny

July 11 9:00am Julie Kiraly

July 18 9:00am Sarah Anderson

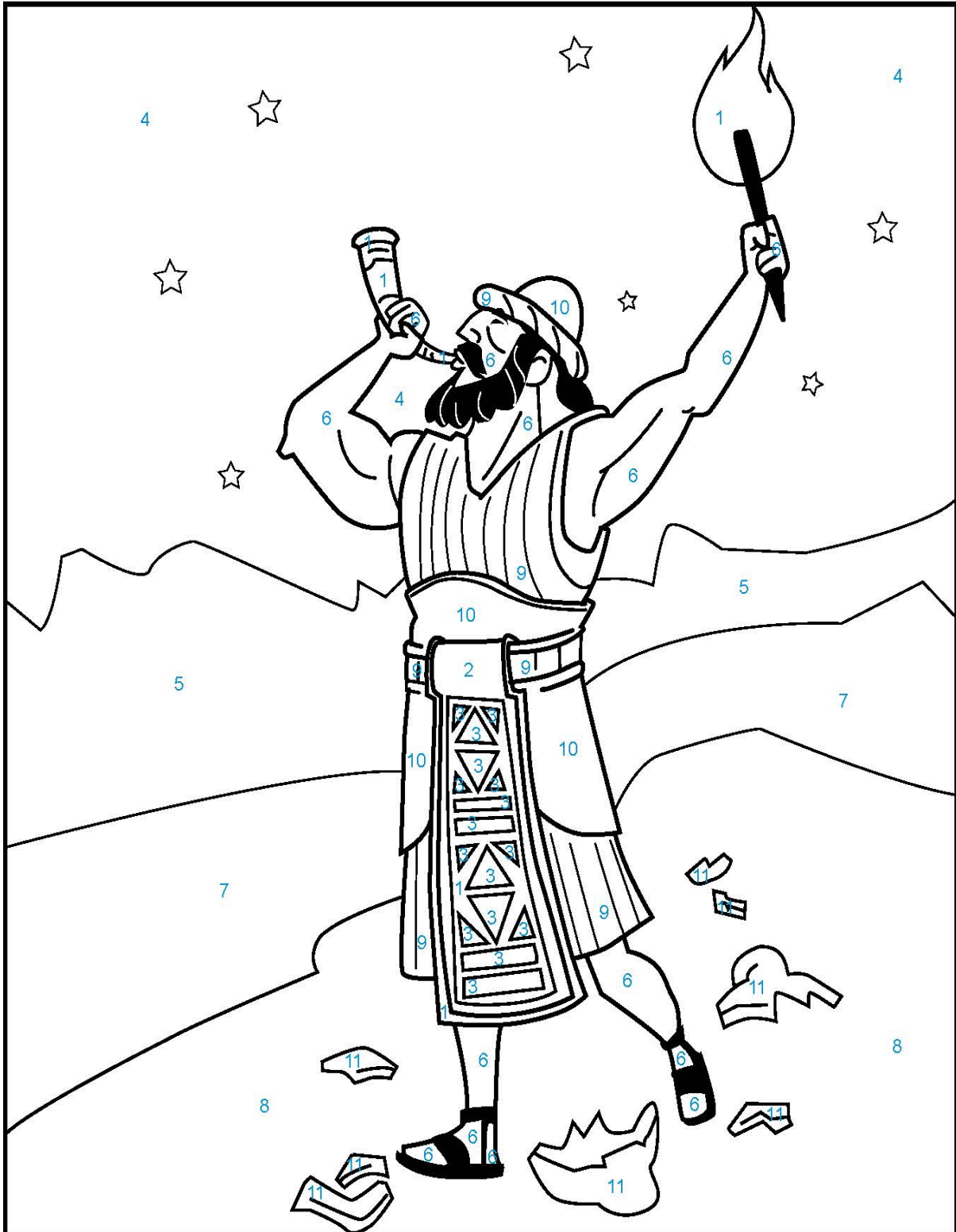
July 25 9:00am Isabelle Cairns



***If you are available to Volunteer Contact Keith Hackett or Church Office!***

# God Gave Gideon Courage Color by Number

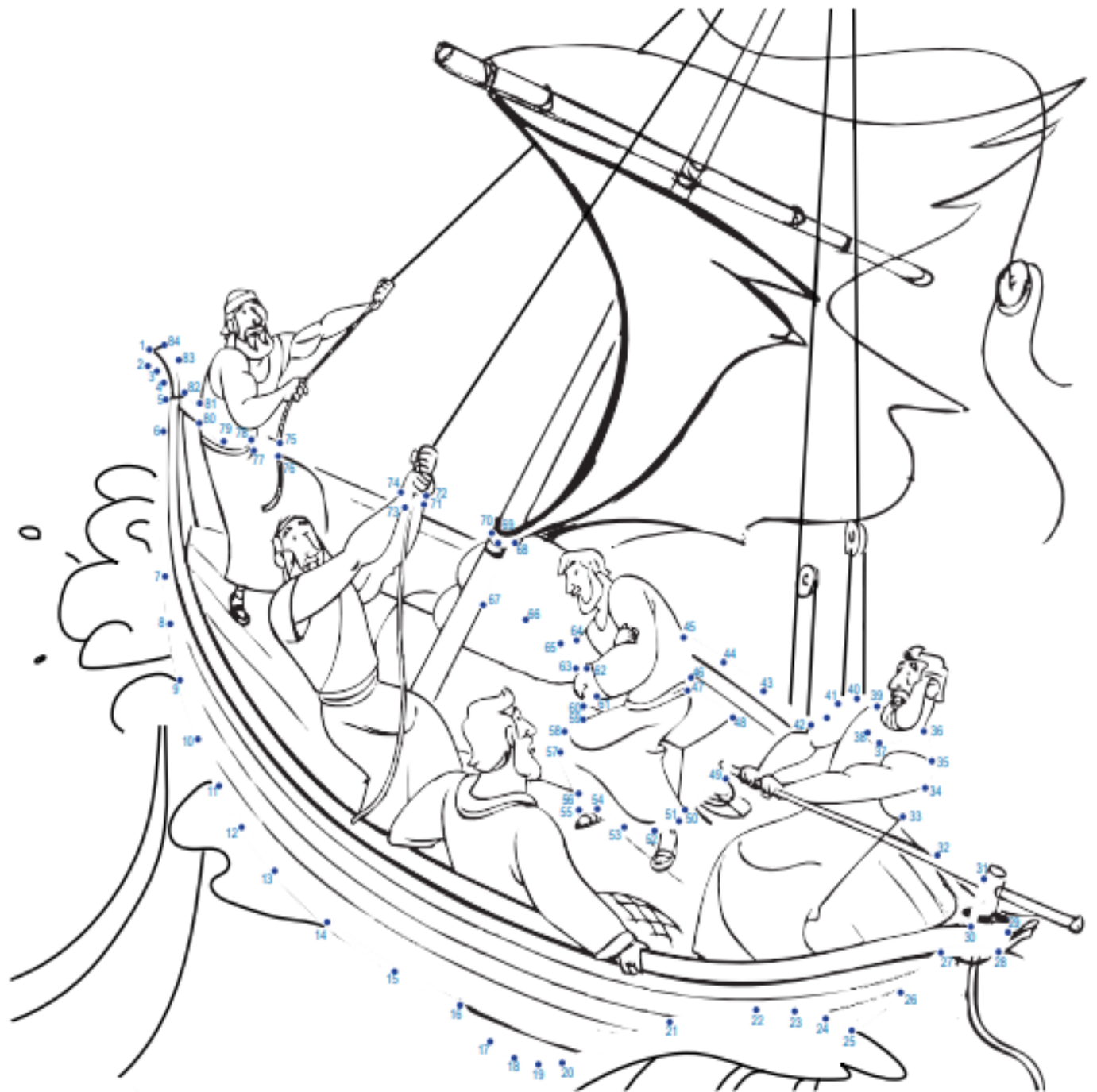
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1. Yellow
2. Light Green
3. Blue
4. Dark Blue
5. Dark Green
6. Skin
7. Dark Gray
8. Gray
9. Orange
10. Purple
11. Tan



# Jesus Calmed the Storm Connect the Dots



# Check out Main street Living

**Benton Communication Channel 8**

## **July 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*, "The Selling Price," features a father and son who face the issue of ethic, and how it relates to God's law.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Jon Niebuhr from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe, MN. His message, "Foolishness," will be based on Ezekiel 2:1-5. For more information or to watch the program, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.



## **July 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*, "Flight Plan," features a man who must deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Paul Sajban from Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom, MN. His message, "Lavished with Grace," will be based on Ephesians 1:3-14. For more information or to watch the program, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

## **July 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*, "No Laughing Matter," features a woman who must learn to deal with her past to help someone else in her present.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Keith Grimm from Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, MN. His message, "Compassion Never Clocks Out," will be based on Mark 6:30-44. For more information or to watch the program, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

## **July 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*, "My Husband, My Sorrow," features a man and woman who deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Jeff Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN. His message, "Shipwreck," will be based on Mark 6:45-56. For more information or to watch the program, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Email:</b> office@sotpministries.com <b>Website:</b> sotpministries.com <b>Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00</b>		 <p>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  <b>Romans 15:13</b></p>	1	2	3	
			9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elders Meeting			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Youth and Adult Bible study - Sanctuary	 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	10:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	7:00 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Quilters		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Julie out of the office. Reachable by phone or email.</b>						
Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Youth and Adult Bible study - Sanctuary	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	10:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	7:00 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Prayer & Praise 7:00 Joint BOLM/EMT Meeting		2 PM Funeral
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Pastor David out of the office. Reachable for Emergencies Only.</b>					<b>BIG GARAGE SALE</b>  <b>Youth Garage Sale 8-5 PM</b> <b>Youth Garage Sale 8-2 PM</b>	
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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.