



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It's always been one of my favorite holidays... "the 4th" as my folks used to say. We always spent the day in Annandale with a gathering of all my relatives on my Mom's side. Lots and lots of great memories – watching the parade from my Grandmother's front porch while eating some of her homemade donuts – the carnival just down the street from her house – time at the cabin, my parents and uncle co-owned on Pleasant Lake, – and of course, watching the fireworks from across the lake.

"The 4th." it's a day of great national importance, isn't it! And, as we celebrate it this year, I will make this suggestion.

Let's each devote some time on "the 4th" to praying for our country. Judging from the fact that Paul "urged" Christians back in his day to "pray...for kings and all those in authority" (1 Timothy 2:1-4) you get the sense that he believed it was really important to do that back then...and it still is today. Turning Paul's words into a prayer: Father, I pray for all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. Grant this Father, for You want all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Not only are our prayers important to that end (that more people learn about Jesus), but our lives are also important to that end. We are blessed to be citizens of this country, and the way we can bless our country is by living out our faith. Jesus called it being "salt" and being "light." "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to Your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

May God so bless us and our prayers so that more may come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and enjoy the grace-filled freedom that comes with knowing Him as Savior and Lord.

Have a great 4th!

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4th FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

**BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING
PENDING APPROVAL MINUTES THURSDAY JUNE 16th, 2022**

Members Present: Kyle Hackett, Joanny Ramey, Ron McKeever, Dave Perleberg, Deb Erdmann, Garry Loidolt, Pastor Dave Stroschein. Absent Bev Gerads and Colleen Woods.

Kyle Hackett called meeting to order at 7:11pm. Garry opened with prayer.

Mission Statement was read by Joanny Ramey.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Garry made a motion to accept the treasurer's report followed by a second from Joanny. Motion approved.

Properties Report: Keith Peterson was absent but sent in a report. The air conditioners in fellowship hall will be replaced June 21st -22nd. Both bathroom faucets in the back bathrooms need to be replaced. A window in one of the classrooms needs to be replaced. Keith will talk to Bruce Knafla about ordering and installing the window. Ron Bulthuis got a bid from Astech of \$31,494. to chip seal the parking lot along with

crack sealing and striping. Dave P. will be getting a second bid. Keith will put this amount in his budget for next year. The former library will be painted, and a mounted TV and whiteboard will be installed. Ron and Lloyd are making a drip system to water the hostas. One line for the sprinkler system is partially plugged by tree roots. A new line will be put in to bypass the existing one. Still waiting to talk to the Postmaster about moving the mailbox.

Secretary's Report: The report was reviewed. An amendment was made to remove the following sentence; These dollars will be put into account for our next Pastor. Motion by Deb and seconded by Joanny to accept the minutes as amended. Motion approved.

Pastoral Activity Report: Kyle presented Pastor's report.

Old Business:

Children Educational Meeting. A meeting was held to discuss alternative education for children. Talked about private schools in the area. Tuition is expensive...looking to form a committee to discuss possible scholarships for those attending. Deb will gather information about a new school starting in St. Joseph.

Church Directory If you haven't had your picture taken for the directory or submitted one of your own, please contact Colleen Woods or Josh Anderson. They would like to have it completed by the end of June.

New Business:

Worship schedule reviewed. Next meeting is a joint meeting with BOLM/EMT on Thur. July 21st 7pm.

Call Process: The committee is still waiting to hear back from the District.

Joanny made a motion to donate \$1000 for the calendar year of 2022 to support Gary and Sue Kessler through the Together In Mission Program. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed. This will be revisited and possibly put into the budget next year as an annual donation.

Leaders Comments: Joanny mention that she would like to see a job fair in the fall. She is in need of volunteers for alter guild. If you are interested, please contact Joanny.

Garry brought up that he would love to see more people staying connected with God and attending the Sunday morning Bible Study.

Garry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Dave. Motion carried at 8:52pm. Pastor Dave closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Deb Erdmann, Acting Secretary

Happy July to you all!

My how the time flew by! We have VBS 2022 "Monumental" in the books! What a great week it was!!! We had 96 children registered and averaged 75 each night! We had a total of 50 volunteers for the week and were blessed with many donations to make VBS a huge success! This Rice Community VBS is an outreach and that being said,...we had children from 10 named churches, but 31 children were not affiliated with any church! Think of those little hearts who may have heard about Jesus for the first time!!! I ask that you keep ALL the children from this community and this crazy world we live in, in your prayers daily! Also a big thank you to the picnic servers and cleaner uppers, and my team who helped plan this event. I was surprised with a very gracious gift from the volunteers and my heart is so blessed! I Thank you all again for being so kind!

As you all know summer is break time for Sunday School, but we are excited for fall and the opportunity to teach the children. I pray that this break allows you all to enjoy the summer blessings, find some relaxing time, connect with friends and family, and recharge the battery!

Enjoy the blessings of Independence and The Great God who created it all for you and me!

Working for the Lord,
Brenda Hackett
Education Team Leader



2022 Worship Team Schedule

Greetings,

We did bring back ushers and with some of our volunteers graduating this year we need help. There are some slots open, and we would be more than happy to add you to the volunteer list in the Fall. Please reach out to me or Julie in the office. Blessing, Keith Hackett

JULY	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
07/03/22	9:00am	Shelley Pintok	Sarah Anderson	Peg Manea	Al & Bev Gerads	Jerry Nelson
07/10/22	9:00am	Charlie & Nancy Anderson	Mackenzie Ramey	Mary Bulthuis	Kevin & Janet Maleska	Jane Nelson
07/17/22	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Dennis Arntson	Keith & Kathy Craft	Steve Ree
07/24/22	9:00am	Keith & Brenda Hackett	Denise Leahy	Janet Maleska	Keith & Brenda Hackett	Dennis Arntson
07/31/22	9:00am	Deb Erdmann	Julie Kiraly	Celeste Ollman	Steve & Roxann Ree	Paul Tschida

AUGUST	SERVICE	GREETERS	PROJECTIONISTS	READERS	USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
08/07/22	9:00am	Ron & Barb McKeever	Julie Kiraly	Richael Weinand	Ron & Barb McKeever	Jerry Nelson
08/14/22	9:00am	Bruce & Sandie Resch	Sarah Anderson	Ron Bulthuis	Bonnie Gottwalt & Cheryl Walberg	Ron Bulthuis
08/21/22	9:00am	Evie Kirchner	Mackenzie Ramey	Lois Perleberg	Bruce & Sandy Resch	Steve Ree
08/28/22	9:00am	Garry Loidolt	Cynthia Ollman	Ron Woods	Brian & Heather Statz	Keith Hackett

JULY BIRTHDAYS			JULY BIRTHDAYS CONT.			JULY ANNIVERSARIES		
Jan	Klinker	July 01	Ian	Cairns	July 15	Bruce & Sandie	Resch	July 07
Kyle	Billmeyer	July 02	Isabelle	Cairns	July 15	Troy & Ann	Hovland	July 10
Ruth	Brutcher	July 02	Tana	Dirks	July 15	Doug & Kris	Foss	July 11
Logan	Hackett	July 02	Jeremy (JJ)	Manea	July 15	David & Connie	Efraimson	July 12
Marjorie	Oltz	July 03	Barbara	Zapzalka	July 15	Amos & Heather	Ostendorf	July 14
Alex	Blommer	July 04	Cecilia	Kiraly	July 15	Keith & Evelyn	Kirchner	July 18
Christine	Blommer Gertken	July 04	Kye	Roelofs	July 15	Kevin & Janet	Maleska	July 18
Jan	Johnson	July 06	Awbrilyne	Manea	July 16	Don & Lori	Dubbin	July 22
Ardelle	Amundson	July 07	Patrick	Hicks	July 16	Don & Bonnie	Gottwalt	July 24
Drake	Cole	July 07	Annette	Elliott	July 18	Gene & Kim	Kubat	July 24
Summer	Hagensick	July 10	Lakelynn	Struffert	July 21	Drew & Jessica	Efraimson	July 27
Colleen	Woods	July 11	Aaron	Betker	July 23			
Tammy	Billmeyer	July 12	Don	Klinker	July 23			
Cole	Morgan	July 13	Kelly	Merten	July 26			
Olivia	Morgan	July 13	Nancy	Anderson	July 28			
Keith	Peterson	July 14	Donovan	Elyea	July 28			
Brent	Betker	July 15						

May's Church Income Statement

	May	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$18,906	\$98,615
Expenses	(\$17,652)	(\$96,458)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$1,254	\$2,157

July NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, July 17th**, 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 7th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!



We have a sheet on the Narthex if you are interested in a church outing to Rox baseball game looking at a Friday Night, Tuesday Night Or Sunday Afternoon! Please let us know if you are interested!

Have you asked yourself, "How can I have a variety of inspiring Bible based information and teaching on many topics & issues for no charge; for kids, for teens, and adults"? All of that is available 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! Add the app to smartphone, I-Pad, TV, computer, etc." Shepherd of the Pines offers this free to you and your family!



New Portals of Prayer are available on the Narthex counter.



Bible Studies

Most Bible Studies will be taking a break for the Summer. If you are interested in leading a study this Summer Please reach out to Colleen Woods. at 320-685-4389 or email colleenwds@yahoo.com



Youth Group Announcements.

Mark your calendars! We will be meeting as a youth group on July 20th at 6pm at the church. We will have dinner, an activity and plan for the SD camping trip together. The dates have changed for this trip; **New dates are August 16th-20th**

At a previous meeting we split into two groups, one to plan meals and another to plan an activity and the packing list. Trinity, Waylon, Isabella, Mackenzie & Luke will be planning the activity and packing list. They should bring ideas for an activity for the group that we can do in close proximity to Custer, SD and a brainstormed list of items each person should bring. Levi, Lacey, Gabby, Lily & Cynthia will be planning meals. They should bring ideas for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with recipes. We're looking for meal ideas with foods they want to prepare and eat. Everyone will help with food preparation on the trip.

Please bring your completed participation forms to the next meeting. Let me know if you need another form and I can send it to you.

Sarah Anderson
Youth Group Leader

Worship Shepherds

July 3 rd	Bev Gerads
July 10 th	Dave Perleberg
July 17 th	Joanny Ramey
July 24 th	Garry Loidolt
July 31 st	Ron McKeever



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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 3 rd	Brent & Jennifer Betker	Children: Aaron & Ashley
July 10 th	Cory & Kayla Bieniek	Child: Paisley
July 17 th	Tammy Billmeyer	Children: Kyle & Luke
July 24 th	Chelsea Brannen	
July 31 st	Dave & Dannette Brannen	Children: McKenna, Stephanie, & Taylor

July 3rd	July 10th
Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 41
Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18	Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:1-20	Luke 10:25-37

July 17th	July 24th
Genesis 18:1-10	Genesis 18:20-33
Colossians 1:21-29	Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13

July 31st	
Psalm 100	Scripture Readings
Colossians 3:1-11	
Luke 12:13-21	

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for this Summer for Fellowship. We ask that if you can't serve 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 3rd
K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, & G. Hendrickson

July 10th
Ke. Hackett, Ky Hackett, J. Hackett

July 17th
D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

July 24th
J. Hanebuth, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

July 31st
J. Clasen, R. Hemple, T. Hovland

August 7th
S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Carins

August 14th
M. Barringer, D. Skajewski, K. Peterson

August 21st
B. Jasmer, H. Jasmer, L. Saldana, A. Ostendorf

August 28th
J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp

July 3 rd	Jerry Nelson
July 10 th	Jane Nelson
July 17 th	Steve Ree
July 24 th	Dennis Arntson
July 31 st	Paul Tschida



July 3 rd	Heather Statz
July 10 th	Bethany Mears
July 17 th	Praise Team
July 24 th	Gabby Dingmann
July 31 st	Gabby Dingmann

Musicians



July 3 rd	Sarah Anderson
July 10 th	Mackenzie Ramey
July 17 th	Sarah Anderson
July 24 th	Denise Leahy
July 31 st	Julie Kiraly

PROJECTIONISTS



JULY
Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



OFFERING COUNTERS



ALTAR GUILD

JULY
Joanny Ramey



The Lord
will do what
he says.

Isaiah 38:7

GOD BLESS AMERICA





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July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <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. Romans 15:13</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Bible study - Sanctuary	 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pastor Paul Cloeter Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Bible study - Sanctuary	Julie out of the office. Reachable by phone or email.					
	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Noisy Offering Central MN Sexual Assault Center. Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:20 Bible study - Sanctuary	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:30 Youth Group Meet for Supper and plan SD Trip	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elder's Meeting 7:00 Joint BOLM/EMT Meeting		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Music: Gabby 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Bible study - Sanctuary	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group Study	9:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon		9:00 Quilters		
31	<p style="text-align: center;"> Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00 </p>					
Music: Gabby 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:00 Praying/Anointing with Oil 10:20 Bible study - Sanctuary						

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



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SOTP BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY/ELDERS

Kyle Hackett, President 266-1700; David Perleberg, Vice President 360-5147; Bev Gerads, Secretary 761-1894; Joan Ramey 393-3342; Ron McKeever Treas. 393-2524; Colleen Woods 685-4389; Deb Erdmann, 249-4804; Garry Loidolt 393-2097

Keith Peterson, Church Properties 292-4007

EXECUTIVE MINISTRY TEAM

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

*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.