



2021

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Jesus The Master Storyteller

It's no secret that stories have a unique power that other genres of speech or writing cannot match. During a trial, a good lawyer wouldn't only offer a solid argument full of facts but would also tie these details together to form a greater narrative. The best movies are not necessarily ones that have the best visual effects or even acting but have the best story. We've all seen movies that had great special effects, but were forgotten because there was not a whole lot for us to identify with.

We all relate to stories, which is why God communicates to people through story. The Bible is full of stories that teach us about God and ourselves. When Moses wrote Genesis chapter 3, imagine what it would look like if Moses instead simply listed theological facts about sin and temptation.

Having a list of doctrine points is helpful in certain circumstances, but overall, it wouldn't bring more clarity to the text. Instead, stories allow us to enter into the greater truths and allow us to learn about God in new perspectives.

Some of the most famous stories in the Bible are Jesus' parables, which allow us to discover greater truths about God's Kingdom. These parables are fictional, in the sense that they are not historical, but they are true stories. In fact, some of the greatest truths about God can only be expressed in story.

For instance, Jesus talks about how God the Father loves us in a few different places, but when he tells the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we see the lengths God the Father would go to save us and to welcome us into his family.

In another place, Jesus tells us that God forgives the debt sinners have, but when he tells us the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant we are brought into this story as the servant who had a debt so great his entire family would be sold into slavery. When we see the servant get his debt forgiven but then immediately goes out and accosts someone who owed him a little amount, we feel the bite that the story has, since we know all too well what it feels like to be that servant.

These stories are not literal stories, of actual historic people, but that doesn't mean that they're not real. These stories are incredibly real and convey God's truth that has a surprising punch to it.

This summer, we will have a sermon series on parables that will allow us to be challenged and discover deeper truths about God's kingdom. I love the parables and I pray that you will be blessed.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY MEETING
PENDING APPROVAL MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 7 P.M.

Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 discussion

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

Meeting called to order: Kyle Hackett called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. Prayer by Garry Loidolt. President Kyle read the Mission Statement.

Treasurers Report: Ron McKeever gave the treasurers report. 13-15% comes in over the internet. Noisy Offering for Rice Elementary. A thank you to Mark Larson who generously supports the school, church, and the community. Certificates were donated by the Creamery for the Rice Elementary employees. Our donation helped in the recognition. Motion made by Ron, second by Joan to accept the report.

Secretary Report: The report was reviewed and accepted as read. Ron motioned, Dave second.

Properties Report: Keith Peterson commented on a new garbage pickup contract. This is not resolved at this time. Not a lot going on with properties at this time. The garage needs to be cleaned. Keith will get a group together for the summer projects. Currently looking at our insurance replacement cost.

Pastoral Report: Pastor David gave a report on his activities for the month of April. Worship, Education, Regular Meetings, Official Acts and Visitations. Sara Anderson and Jill Edge are the new leaders of Youth Ministry. Online Sermons will discontinue after Vacation Bible School ends. Bridge Church is back to their own property. Check with the church office to find out your eligibility for being active in the Youth Ministry Program.

Upcoming Events and Projects: VBS June 6-10

Sermon Series for June and July: Parables

National Youth Gathering and Youth Group Planning later this Summer

Pastor on Vacation August 1-15

Old Business: We need 12 tickets to be eligible for the Rox game outing. The game will be in July.

New Business: Next BOLM meeting will be June 17 at 7 P.M. Our COVID Protocols were reviewed. With the new executive order the past guidelines are null and void. Use common sense, hand sanitizer. Colleen motion, Deb second.

The Prayer Request Clip Board will be changed as per your weekly requests. There will be a new blank sheet each week on the counter as you enter the church.

We will begin to resume our communion routine. At this time the usual communion will resume and you may also choose the bread and wine kit while we have them in stock.

The date of the Youth Garage Sale has been changed to July 23rd and 24th. Please bring donations after June 10th which is the last day of VBS.

Motion made by Ron, second by Deb to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Gerads, Secretary BOLM



Education / Small Group Team

Greetings to you all and Happy Father's Day dads!!!

Well here we are on the eve of VBS and the crazy fun time ahead!!! When I type this, we have 80 children registered which is so exciting!!! We will take some walk ins if need be to reach the 120 mark. We have enough volunteers to just cover these kids registered SOOOOOOOo...that being said, if we get more, we could use some helping hands being guides for the children. It would be Sunday night - Thursday night from 6:10 - 8:30. Please let me know if you would be willing to be a quick fill!

A HUGE **"THANK YOU"** to the Rice Lions who made an extremely generous donation to VBS! A couple of weeks ago a few of their members connected with me and ask if I would write a letter requesting a donation from them, letting them know all about the VBS program from start to finish. Last week Duane brought a check on over from them...my heart is full and we are all blessed! If you should pass one of the Lions members this summer, be sure to thank them!!!

I also want to thank all of you who have volunteered in one way or another, or given food, or lifted us in prayer for this ministry of outreach to the community! Without you and your willingness to help, we would not have a great program! Thank you!!! I will give a follow up with some totals for VBS in July! Our Mission of Love Recipient this year for the VBS donations collected through the nights goes out to a young man we have been praying for. Brayden Harren is just 7 years old and they have removed a brain tumor and he is receiving treatment currently. He and his family are from Holdingford. Please lift them all in prayer as they take one step at a time on this journey!

In closing, I want to wish the dads a Happy Father's day, give praise for all the blessings we get from our Heavenly Father, and wish you all a great kick off to summer! Hope to see you at VBS!!!

Brenda Hackett
Small Group/Edu Team



Worship Team 2021 Worship Team Schedule

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 Brucher		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

June Birthdays		
Davis	Mickelson	June 01
Charyl	Walberg	June 01
Shawn	Hackett	June 03
Cynthia	Ollman	June 05
Stephanie	Loidolt	June 07
Paul	Tschida	June 08
Michael	Kiraly	June 08
Alli	Maslonkowski	June 10
Jillian	Edge	June 12
Shane	Smallfield	June 12
Levi	Brenny	June 14
Rylie	Hoeft	June 15
Leah	Saldana	June 16
Alex	Ostendorf	June 20
Sandie	Resch	June 20
George	Freese	June 22
Glen	Gertken	June 22
Stacie	Madoll	June 24
Rebecca	Elliott	June 25
Luke	Billmeyer	June 26
Al	Gerads	June 28
Shelby Ann	Hovland	June 28
Richael	Weinand	June 28
Julie	Clasen	June 30
David	Edge	June 30

June Anniversaries		
David & Sandi	Koep	June 02
Armon & DuReine	Matheny	June 03
Milton & Marlene	Popp	June 04
Steve & Karen	Wood	June 05
Jim & Ardelle	Amundson	June 07
Mark & Julie	Clasen	June 08
John & Annette	Elliott	June 09
Al & Bev	Gerads	June 14
Brent & Jennifer	Betker	June 16
Joshua & Sarah	Anderson	June 20
Dan & Ellie	Cairns	June 21
Dale & Linda	Dirks	June 21
Howard & Nancy	Forer	June 24
Jerry & Jane	Nelson	June 24
George & Cara	Freese	June 25
Dale & Terri	Skajewski	June 29

ANNOUNCING Prayer & Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on June 17th** for a time of prayer and worship songs where we will lift up our church and community!

April's Church Income Statement

	April	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$18,850	\$67,780
Expenses	(\$17,821)	(\$74,857)
Over/(Shortfall)	\$1,029	(\$7,077)

June NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, June 20th**, for the **Foley Area Care**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

April Distribution is
Thursday, June 10th
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**

**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 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 or Cell 320-291-5910

AA Meetings have resumed they will be here on Thursday nights at 7pm. Please contact Dan 320-293-9213 or Marty 218-393-7920 with any questions.

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 is July 6th!



**We would like to
Welcome
Sarah Anderson and
Jillian Edge as the new
Youth Group leaders.**

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 in June 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 the church on June 13th and June 27th from 6 to 8pm**. 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 and your lawn chair! Plan on coming whether rain or shine, we will move inside if there is rain!

Worship Shepherds

June 6 Deb Erdmann
 June 13 Kyle Hackett
 June 20 Garry Loidolt
 June 27 Dave Perleberg



June 6 9:00am Jane Nelson
 June 13 9:00am Janet Maleska
 June 20 9:00am Jeff Ramey
 June 27 9:00am Lois Perleberg



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 June 27 9:00am Garry Loidolt



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 June we will be praying for:**

June 6- Russ & Nicole Radika
 Children: Ellie & Maci

June 13- Jeff & Joan Ramey
 Grandchildren: Isabella, Lilyana, & Mackenzie

June 20 - Steve & Roxann Ree

June 27 - Bruce & Sandie Resch

June 6- Genesis 3:8-15
 Romans 10:13-18
 Mark 3:20-35



June 13 - Ezekiel 17:22-24
 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
 Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23

June 20- Job 38:1-11
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

June 27- Lamentations 3:22-33
 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
 Matthew 13:44-46

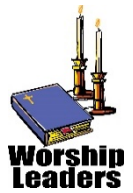
UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Starting in July we will go back to assigning families for Fellowship. Keep watch for a schedule to be posted and emailed out. If you are not able to serve and bring in items for fellowship it will be your responsibility to find a replacement for that Sunday.



We will continue June the same way, with a family signing up each week. Either bringing in donations or using what we have at church.

June 6 - Dennis Arntson
 June 13 - Jane Nelson
 June 20 - Steve Ree
 June 27 - Pastor David



Musicians

June 6 Heather
 June 13 Volunteer/Lyric Videos
 June 20 Praise Team
 June 27 Bethany



JUNE

Sandie Resch, Nancy Anderson
 & Joan Ramey



JUNE

Ron McKeever, Wayne Anderson,
 & Juli Popp



PROJECTIONISTS

June 6 9:00am Ian Cairns
 June 13 9:00am Sarah Anderson
 June 20 9:00am Isabelle Cairns
 June 27 9:00am Dennis Arntson



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

Check out Main street Living

Benton Communication Channel 8

June 6 on WFTC Channel 29

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.



June 13

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 "Jeremy" features the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Martin Schoenfeld from Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, MN. His message titled "Where Will You Shelter" is based upon Ezekiel 17:22-24. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

June 20

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 "Flight Plan" features a man dealing with the death of a young boy who has a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Michael Michalk from Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Mound, MN. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

June 27

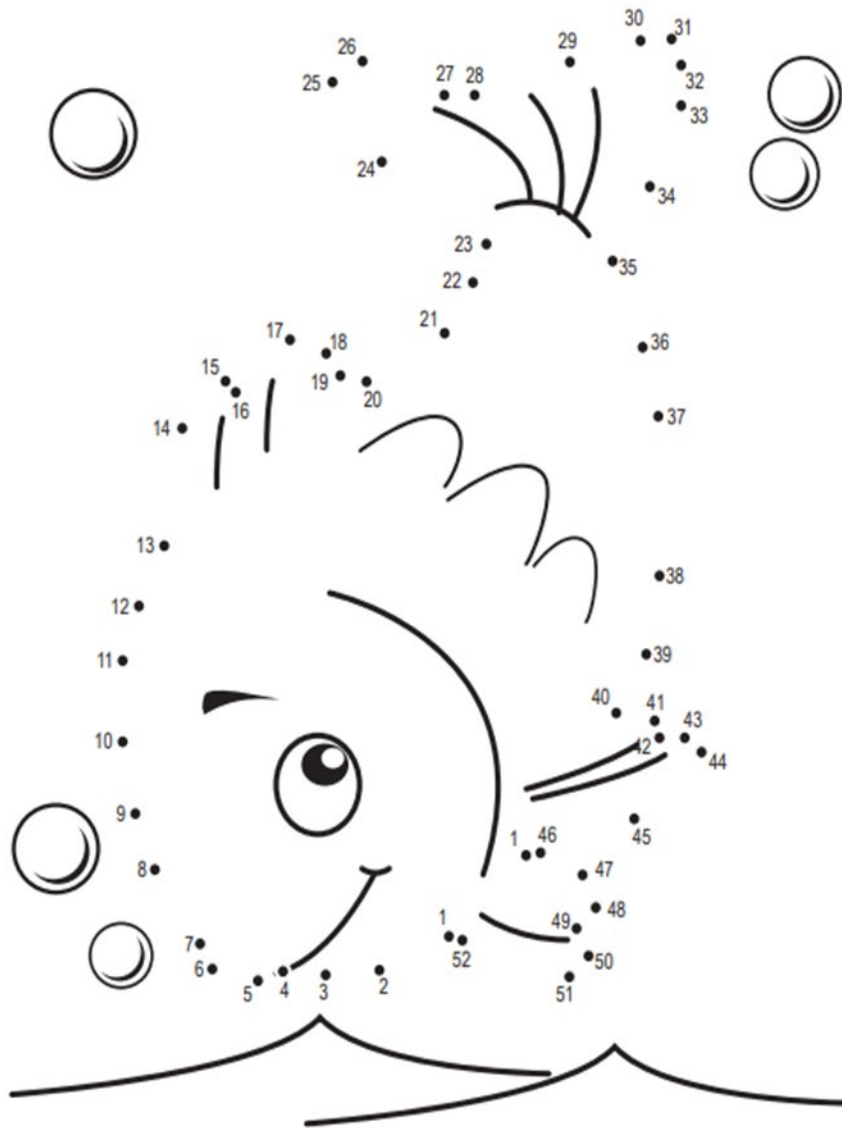
Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week's episode "Amazing Grace" features a man who has journeyed from poor beginnings to a rich and full life who must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Eric Zacharius from Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne, MN. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Peter Catches a Big Fish

CONNECT THE DOTS

Begin at number 1 and draw a line to each number after that to connect all of the dots. When you finish you will have a picture you can color too!



Peter Goes Fishing

Word Scramble

The letters of the words below are mixed up. Unscramble them to make words from the story "Peter Recognized Jesus."

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PLEDSCII

TREEP

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CLAIRME

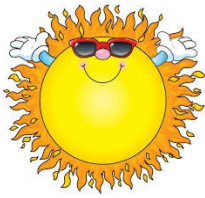
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June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p> <p><i>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you.</i> <small>~Philippians 1:2-3</small></p>		1	2	3	4	5
		10:00 Quilters 6:00 Al-Anon	6:30 VBS Volunteer Meeting 6:30 Woman Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9:00 Quilters 6:30 Elder's Meeting 7:00 AA		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Music: Heather 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Youth and Adult Bible study - Sanctuary 5:00 VBS Picnic VBS 6:30-830	7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group VBS 6:30-830	6:00 Al-Anon VBS 6:30-830	6:30 Woman Bible Study 7:00 Men's Bible Study 6:30-830 VBS	VBS 6:30-830 7:00AA		
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27	28	29	30	Email: office@sotpministries.com Website: sotpministries.com Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00		
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Jesus smiles on..

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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

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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.