



“The Lord is My Strength”

Right now many in America are facing difficulties in terms of mental health. This includes depression, anxiety, guilt, loneliness and fatigue. This includes school aged kids who have not really been able to spend time with their friends at school or the playground, but this also includes many adults as well. For many of us, it's hard enough to find the strength to take care of ourselves much less others in our lives.

Most of us probably didn't consider ourselves “caretakers” before, but in times of crises, we want to make sure that our elderly relatives are protected and watched over. Likewise, we care for our children and younger family members who are having to do school at home and so forth. I'm seeing headlines about how many Americans are having are having issues with mental health, but recently there have been more research coming out about the exhaustion and burnout of caretakers.

This is something that needs to be noted and not overlooked. It's easy, as a caretaker, to ignore this aspect as we want to serve and help the more vulnerable in our lives. However, if you fly on airplanes, they tell you to put your oxygen mask on before others around you. As a father, I initially objected to this, since my kids are more important than I am. If I'm told to take care of myself first, isn't that being selfish?

The reason for this is that if I were not to put on my oxygen mask first, then not only would I not be ok, but neither would others around me. I would not be able to help them. As a caretaker, I want to help others and in times of fatigue and burnout, God invites us to come rest in his arms and indeed it is with him that we have our strength.

This Lent I invite you to not look to our own strength and abilities but to rely on God, who alone is our strength. The Psalmist says this in Psalm 28.

- ⁶ Praise be to the LORD,
for he has heard my cry for mercy.
- ⁷ The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him.
- ⁸ The LORD is the strength of his people,
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.
- ⁹ Save your people and bless your inheritance;
be their shepherd and carry them forever.

As we look to God and rely on Him as our strength, I pray that you would find your rest with Him!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David Edge

Board of Lay Ministry Meeting

Pending Approval Minutes February 18,2021

BOLM MEMBERS PRESENT and VIA ZOOM: Kyle Hackett, Joanny Ramey, Dave Perleberg, Curt Kvamme, Colleen Woods, Garry Loidolt, Deb Erdmann, Bev Gerads, Ron McKeever, Pasor David Edge.

Meeting was called to order by Kyle at 7:05pm

Opening Prayer was given by Pastor

Mission Statement was read by Garry.

Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 7 was read and discussed.

Treasurers Report was read. Discussion of offerings for January a bit lower than expected. Deb made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Garry. Motion carried.

No Property's Report

Secretary's Report was read. Ron made motion to approve, seconded by Garry. Motion carried.

Pastoral Activity Report for January: 5 Sunday Worship services in-person and online, 3 Wednesday evening Confirmation Classes, 1 Baptism, plus Regular meetings with Julie and BOLM and 1 Circuit/District Meeting.

Hosted Rice Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Attended the Circuit Forum at Trinity Lutheran as well as the Mission and Congregational Outreach Zoom Meeting. His sermon "God's Workmanship" was taped by "Main Street Living" to air March 14, 2021 (Watch the Sunday Bulletin for more information.)

There were no Hospital or Shut-in visits because of Covid restrictions.

Pastor gave an update on family issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

Covid Update... Churches now are allowed to have 150 people or 50% of capacity in attendance at services. Recently in-person attendance has been up to 45 people. At 50% capacity we are now allowed 150. (Full capacity of sanctuary plus fellowship area is maximum 300.) There have also been about 40 people participating on Sunday mornings on the internet. We anticipate an increase in in-person attendance as people get the vaccine and become more confident. We can add more chairs back into the Sanctuary to achieve 50% capacity for Palm Sunday and Easter, with overflow easily accommodated in the fellowship hall with large screen projection of the service.

We anticipate continuing with one Service each Sunday through the summer.

Bridge Church: Original Contract was for 3 months, thru January. Kyle will follow up with Bridge Church, Deb will check with Community Ed to see if the school is opening for outside groups.

Easter Schedule:

Lent Midweek - Wednesdays February 17-March 24 at 6:30pm. No Lent Suppers

Holy Week - Maundy Thursday April 1 and Good Friday April 2

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 3 at 10am

Easter Sunday - April 4, 7am and 9am Identical Services with FELLOWSHIP at 8am

Confirmation Sunday - May 2 at 11am special service 1-3 students

First Communion Class - Thursdays April 6-May 4 with First Communion May 9

Pastors Regional Conference April 26-28 in Plymouth, Indiana (No First Communion Class on April 27)

NEW BUSINESS:

Judy Gehrking has asked to transfer to SOTP from Good Shepherd in Marshall, MN. Dave made a motion to accept her transfer, Deb seconded it. Motion carried.

Worship Shepherd Schedule was reviewed and necessary changes made.

Next BOLM Meeting will be Thursday, March 18 at 7pm.

Ron made the motion, seconded by Deb, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Pastor closed with the BLESSING.

Respectfully,

Colleen Woods

Temporary Secretary



Education / Small Group Team

Greetings all!

I cannot believe we are entering March!!!! Where did the last 2 months go???

We will be having the sign up sheets out for the Easter breakfast donations and helping. If God moves your heart to help in any way, please see the sheets on the counter in the Narthex. Easter will be earlier this year as a reminder. The proceeds for the free will offering will go to the Childrens/ Youth ministry in church.

We are moving forward with VBS planning and preparations. Tentative dates are June 6th through June 10th registration will be required. Please watch the church website/announcements for information. If you would like to be involved on this team OR any part of VBS for the event, please let me know and I will get your name and info set in place. It is a great event for the children in the community and many little lives are touched in BIG ways! Any and ALL helping hands are welcome!!!

This month is going to fly by and I pray that as each day comes, God is walking beside you. Please keep the SOTP ministries in your prayers as we move into the close of the "school year" and plan for summer. May His peace surround each of you daily and guide you. Have a blessed month!

Brenda Hackett
Small Group/Education Team Leader



Worship Team

2021 Worship Team Schedule

| March | SERVICE | GREETERS | PROJECTIONISTS | READERS | USHERS | WORSHIP LEADERS |
|----------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 03/07/21 | 9:00am | Shelley Pintok | Levi Brenny | Lois Perleberg | | Pastor David |
| 03/14/21 | 9:00am | Travis & Marlys Lenarz | Mike Kiraly | Ruth Brutcher | | Jerry Nelson |
| 03/21/21 | 9:00am | Bruce & Sandie Resch | Sarah Anderson | Dennis Arntson | | Steve Ree |
| 03/28/21 | 9:00am | Keith & Kathy Craft | Isabelle Cairns | Janet Maleska | | Dennis Arntson |

| 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 Amtson | 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 Amtson | 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 Amtson | | 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 |

ANNOUNCING Prayer & Praise

All are welcome to join the Board of Lay Ministry Members and Pastor David at **6:30pm on March 18th** 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!!

January's Church Income Statement

| | January | Year-to-Date |
|------------------|------------|--------------|
| Contributions | \$16,082 | \$16,082 |
| Expenses | (\$17,840) | (\$17,840) |
| Over/(Shortfall) | (\$1,759) | (\$1,759) |

MARCH NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, March 21st**, for the **Rice Area Food Shelf**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Rice Area Food Shelf

March Distribution is
Thursday, March 4th
from 3:00-5:30pm
at the Old Village Hall!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars during February by phone at 1-800-847-4836 or online at Thrivent.com. Fill out the form in the Church Entrance to indicate how you would like your choice

dollars designated and give form to Curt or Church Secretary Julie. Member should apply for their Choice Dollars before March 31st, 2021

Jeans and Belts

A homeless shelter is in need of men's denim Jeans and belts if you wish to donate, leave them in the sewing room.

Thank You!



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

Men's Bible Study



Thread & Towel Recycling!

Ardelle is looking for New or Partially used spools & cones of thread. She is also looking for towels in any condition.



Good towels will go the shelters as is. Towels with fraying or hi-lex stains get made into wash cloths. Leave items on the table in the sewing room. We appreciate your generosity!



Worship Team

Lent Services Scriptures

March 3 – 2 Chronicles 20:1-2,14-22
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Matthew 26:30-35

March 10 – Isaiah 53:1-5
Ephesians 2:11-18
Matthew 26:47-56

March 17- Isaiah 53:8-12
James 2:8-13
Matthew 26:69-75



Scripture Readings

March 24 – Exodus 14:22-29
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 27:11-23



Worship Team

Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services - 7pm

Wednesdays, March 3 – March 24, 6:30pm

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

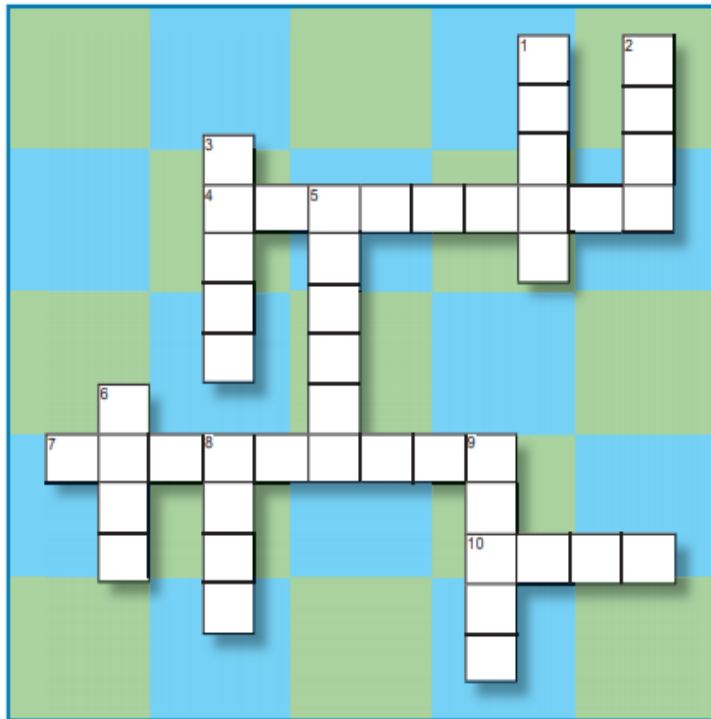
**Donations are needed for
Easter Fellowship
Extravaganza!
Please sign-up on the
narthex counter. If you
can help in any way.**



| March Birthdays | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Carter | Hovland | March 06 |
| Gabriella | Seppelt | March 06 |
| Ron | Bulthuis | March 06 |
| Jen | Ollman | March 07 |
| Amos | Ostendorf | March 08 |
| Mary | Bulthuis | March 10 |
| Steve | Ree | March 10 |
| Jerry | Nelson | March 12 |
| Kira | Brouns | March 12 |
| Brenda | Hackett | March 13 |
| Nancy | Forer | March 13 |
| Brenda | Pressnall | March 14 |
| Savanna | Cole | March 14 |
| Noah | Ellefson | March 15 |
| Don | Dubbin | March 17 |
| Abigail | Seppelt | March 19 |
| Ann | Hovland | March 19 |
| Judy | Anderson | March 20 |
| Austin | Petron | March 21 |
| Robin | Hemple | March 23 |
| Joyce | Saldana | March 24 |
| Colton | Popp | March 25 |
| Jordie | Stay | March 26 |
| Lori | Dubbin | March 26 |
| Roxanne | Peterson | March 26 |
| Julie | Kiraly | March 27 |
| Jessica | Brenny | March 29 |
| Macey | Mickelson | March 30 |

| March Anniversaries | | |
|---------------------|-------|----------|
| David and Joni | Hoeft | March 07 |

Jesus Calmed the Storm Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. Feeling of wonder or awe
- 7. These people went with Jesus.
- 10. Follow commands

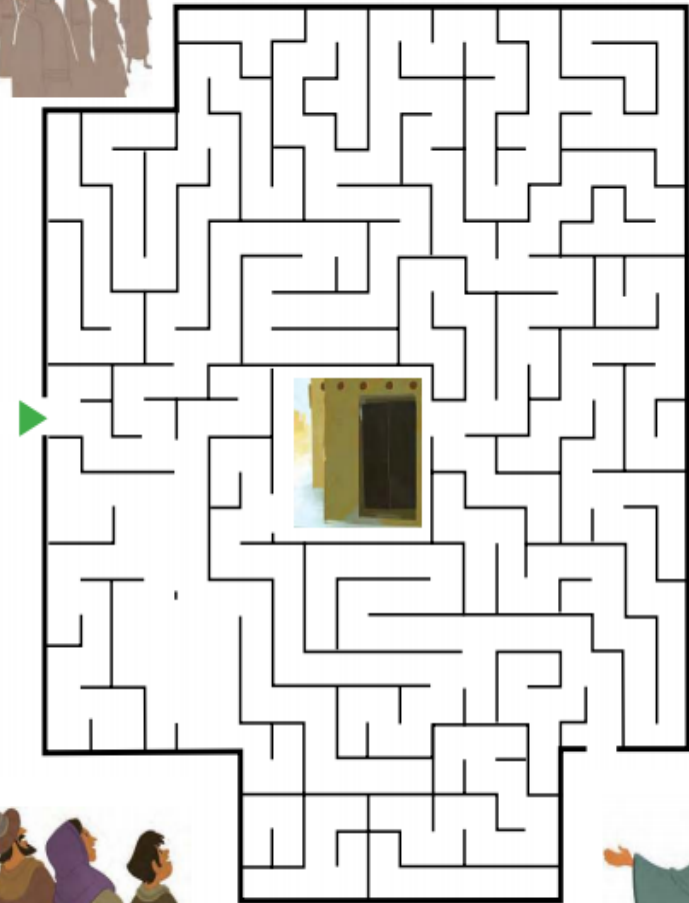
DOWN

- 1. A lake is full of this.
- 2. They rode across the lake on this.

- 3. Jesus asked "Where is your _____?"
- 5. Jesus was _____ when the windstorm hit.
- 6. Blowing air
- 8. Not stormy
- 9. Bad weather

Maze for Jesus Began the Church

Find your way through the church to Peter.



Worship Shepherds

March 7 David Perleberg
 March 14 Colleen Woods
 March 21 Deb Erdmann
 March 28 Bev Gerads



March 7 9:00am Lois Perleberg
 March 14 9:00am Ruth Brutcher
 March 21 9:00am Dennis Arntson
 March 28 9:00am Janet Maleska



March 7 9:00am Shelly Pintok
 March 14 9:00am Travis & Marlys Lenarz
 March 21 9:00am Bruce & Sandie Resch
 March 28 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 March we will be praying for:**

March 7- David & Lois Perleberg

March 14- Keith & Roxanne Peterson

March 21 - Rebecca Peterson
 Children: Anna & Raina

March 28 - Wayne & Colleen Peterson

March 7 - Deuteronomy 8:1-3
 Romans 3:10-18
 Luke 4:14-22

March 14 - 2 Samuel 22:2-7
 James 1:19-25
 Mark 7:31-37



March 21- 1 Samuel 16:1-7
 1 Peter 3:8-12
 John 9:1-11

March 28 - Jeremiah 3:12-18
 Hebrews 8:8-12
 John 11:17-44

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!



March 7 - Pastor David
 March 14 - Jerry Nelson
 March 21 - Steve Ree
 March 28 - Dennis Arntson



Musicians

March 7 Bethany
 March 14 Volunteer/Lyric Music
 March 21 Praise Team
 March 28 Bethany



MARCH



ALTAR GUILD

Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp
 & Joan Ramey

MARCH

Milton Popp, Barb McKeever,
 & Colleen Peterson



PROJECTIONISTS

March 7 9:00am Levi Brenny
 March 14 9:00am Julie Kiraly
 March 21 9:00am Sarah Anderson
 March 28 9:00am Isabelle Cairns



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

Check out Main street Living

Pastor David will be on this Month

Benton Communication Channel 8

March 7 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 "Man Adrift" is a Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship between faith and good works.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Steve Briel from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Maple Grove, MN. His message titled "It's Time to Clean House" will be based on John 2:13-22. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.



March 14 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 "Time Out for Bill" discusses how Christians face adversity.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. David Edge from Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Rice, MN. His message titled "God's Handiwork" will be based on Ephesians 2:1-10. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

March 21 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 "A Gift for Grandpa" is a Fisher Family episode that depicts the valuable lessons Freddie learns as he gets a gift for his grandpa.

The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Keith Weise from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Sauk Rapids, MN. His message titled "Power, Authority, and Prominence in Service, Humility, and Submission" will be based on St. Mark 10:35-45. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.

March 28 on WFTC Channel 29





Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's episode is "The Holy Land—the Eternal Rock Tour". This one-hour broadcast features many of the places Jesus walked and talked and is led by Rev. Nabil Nour of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, South Dakota, who was raised in Galilee.



Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church
 1950 125th Street NW, Rice, MN 56367
 Church Office: (320) 393-4295

March 2021

Heavenly Father,
 during this Lenten season,
 give me a new and
 expanded vision for my
 life. Help me to live full of
 faith. Teach me to find hope
 in the face of adversity.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-------------|---|--|--------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 7:00 Mens Bible Study 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group | 6:00 Alanon | 6:30 Lenten Service | 6:30 Elder's Meeting | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Music: Bethany 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church | 7:00 Mens Bible Study 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group | 6:00 Alanon | 6:30 Lenten Service | | |  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Music: Volunteer/Lyric Videos 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church | 7:00 Mens Bible Study 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group | 6:00 Alanon |  6:30 Lenten Service | 6:30 Prayer and Praise 7:00 BOLM Meeting | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Noisy Offering Rice Foodshelf Music: Praise Team 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School in the Sanctuary grades preK-5th & 6-12th in Youth Room 6:00 Bridge Church |  7:00 Mens Bible Study 7:30 Praise Team 7:30 Small Group | 6:00 Alanon | 6:30 Lenten Service | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | <p>Email: Office@sotpministries.com Website: Sotpministries.com Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00</p>  | | |
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



Shepherd of the Pines

Lutheran Church

1950 125th St. NW
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Jesus brings joy to...

Pastor David Edge

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Church Website: sotpministries.com

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

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.