

"What is God asking you to do?"



Genesis 12:1

March 5, 2023

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

About Our Worship Service

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

What About My Kids?

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is located in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery and they will gladly show you around.

Do I Have to Give an Offering?

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

Can I Take Communion?

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

March 5, 2023
9am Worship Service
10am Special Voters Meeting
10:20am Sunday School

Heather, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Just As I Am"

Invocation

Pastor: Like Abram did long ago, we have built an altar here, a place where we come together to worship and call on the Lord.

Congregation: This is the God we worship. This is the God we call on. We call on Him now and worship the Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In today's reading from Romans we will hear Paul quote David from the Psalms: "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him." Assured of God's grace and forgiveness in Christ, we can now confess our sins to Him and seek both His forgiveness and the power to leave our sins behind and live new lives.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I am truly sorry for the sins I have committed this past week. I have offended You and I have hurt the people You have placed in my life. I need to stand next to the tax collector in Jesus' parable of the two men who went up to the temple to pray. Like him, this is all I can find to say. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Renew me with Your Spirit, that I might walk in Your ways. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor: Going back to what Paul wrote in Romans: "What does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.'" Through faith in Jesus as your Savior, God gives you the forgiveness of all your sins. God declares you to be right with Him. And He gives you His Spirit, that you might walk in His ways and live out your faith. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, even as You called Abraham and Sarah to walk by faith, so now You call us.

Congregation: By the power of the Holy Spirit, enable us to go where You ask us to go.

Pastor: Even as You blessed Abraham and Sarah to be a blessing to others,

Congregation: Bless us to that end as well, that we might be a blessing to the people You place in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Genesis 12:1-9 (Page 11)

Epistle – Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 (Page 1115)

Gospel – John 3:1-17 (Page 1051)

Sermon Song

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"What is God asking you to do?"
Genesis 12:1

Notes:

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"As The Deer"

Prayers (Family this week: Karen Ellefson)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song

"There is a Redeemer

Next Week's Readings: Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-8
John 4:5-6



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book. Also, Join us for fellowship after Service.

Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

www.sotpministries.com/give



or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up!

There will be a special congregational meeting today March 5th after service to vote on how to proceed with the call process. The congregation will vote either to proceed with the list of pastors from the district, or to call a candidate from seminary to be the pastor of Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church.



Don't Miss The Annual Rice Lion's Club Breakfast
TODAY!!! SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

Graham United Methodist Church 8:00am-12:00pm

Serving: French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

*Silent Auction Items Available (Tools, Wildlife Prints, Craft Items) *
Bake Sale

Advanced Tickets available \$10 Adult \$5 for children See Duane Ott,
Del Shane or Garry Loidolt Price at the door is \$11 Adult and \$7 for
children

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Special congregational meeting today March 5th
 - Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
 - Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
 - March 8th Lent Service with Supper before hand from 5-6:15pm
 - Choir Practice after service on Wednesdays
 - Youth Lock in March 10th-11th
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UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule 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!



March 5th	S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns
March 12th	M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson
March 19th	B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf
March 26th	J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp
April 2nd	J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz
April 9th	Easter Breakfast
April 16th	A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand
April 23rd	D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman
April 30th	J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

Open Position: Service/Event Team Looking for volunteers

We are looking for a group of people to be on the service team. This group would help plan and organize events at SOTP. Please speak to a board member if this is something that you would be interested in, or if you would like more information. Our next event will be Easter Egg Hunt!

Meeting on March 15th after Church Service

2023 Events

Easter Egg Hunt - April

Mom/Son Event - Unsure of when

Trunk or Treat Event - October

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, comprised 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 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.

Board of Lay Ministry/Elders

Kyle Hackett, Pres.	266-1700	Joan Ramey	217-4431
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever Treas.	492-5043	Paul Tschida	360-5241

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

Executive Ministry Team

Open Position(s) - Service Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

March Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Joanny Ramey

March Counters: Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



Shepherd of the Pines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Shepherd has a clipboard for prayer requests.

You will find the clipboard in the narthex before you enter the church sanctuary. Prayer requests are important, and we encourage you to get your prayer requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name

Blakelyn Rose Gangl
Mädchen Cate Smallfield
Emily May Moulzolf
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux
Griffin Dale Maass
Bryce Nathan Leyk
Maverick Lee Wolff
Coen Maxwell Line
Cal Nicholas Cervenka
Barrett James Eggert
Amelia Rose Wentland

Date of Baptism

March 27, 2022
April 3, 2022
June 19, 2022
July 24, 2022
October 17, 2022
December 18, 2022
January 8, 2023
January 8, 2023
January 29, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 26, 2023

ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We have openings for Altar Guild. This will introduce you to belonging to a group with minimal time commitment. We currently have 4 teams that each cover 3 months per year. We would like to have at least 4 individuals on each team. Please contact me, and we will go over what would be required....we are also responsible for decorating the church for all seasons, which is really fun. See Joanny Ramey at church or call 320 217-4431.



Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on March 17th for "Peter Rabbit". Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snack available to share as well.

MARCH NOISY OFFERING!



We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, March 19th**, for the **Rice Area Food Shelf**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

A blue poster for a New Members Class. It features a white cross on a wooden structure against a blue sky background. The text is white and provides details about the class, including topics, date, and contact information.

New Members Class

Join us March 18th 9-11am

Topics will include

- *The Bible as the Word of God
- *The person and work of Jesus
- *The means of Grace and the work of the Holy Spirit
- *Prayer
- *God Our Creator
- *Living a life of faith

This class is for those interested in becoming a member at SOTP or current members as a study refresher for their faith

Day care will be available for those who are in need of that service.

AA Meeting at SOTP

We are meeting on Thursdays at 7pm. If you have questions reach out to Dan Carins 293-9213.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

Wednesdays March 8th-March 29th

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

April 6th

Good Friday Service 6:30pm

April 7th

Easter Sunday Services

April 9th , 7:00am & 9:30am

*** Easter Breakfast 8am-9:15am

***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th at 10am

Lenten Supper

Join us for Lent Services March 8th-March 29th

Supper will be served from 5-6:15pm before 6:30 Lent Services.

Freewill offering will be given to the ministry of the server's choice



Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Henry Biar – Skokie, IL
Rev. Derek Broten Hastings MN
Rev. Dale Critchley – West St. Paul, MN
Rev. Chris Escher – Port St. Lucie, FL
Rev. David Ficken – Plover, WI
Rev. David Groth – Watertown, WI
Rev. John Huss – Milpitas, CA
Rev. Jeff Lee – Staples, MN
Rev. Marty Mably – Elk River, MN
Rev. Shawn Nettleton – Fort Collins, CO
Rev. John Otte – Blue Springs, MO
Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe – Perham, MN
Rev. Michael Saylor – Convoy, OH
Rev. Michael Thress – Elkton, MD
Rev. Matthew Albright-Blaine, MN
Rev. Scott Jensen -Riverfalls WI
Rev Bradley Knorr Easton CT
Rev Brett Matz Plymouth WI
Rev. Keith Buelmann Riverton IL
Rev. Craig Donofrio Parma OH
Rev. Robert Jones Riverside CA
Rev. Doug Mauss Ellisville MO
Rev. James Thomas St. Louis MO
Rev Brad Zerkel Independence MO

If any member of SOTP has a concern about any of the pastors on the list, they can register their concern in writing for the call committee to consider. Deadline for the Objection period is March 5th

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, March 5th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:20 AM

10:30 AM

(Music-Heather)

Prayer Time

Worship

Special Congregational Voters Meeting

Sunday School/Youth Group

Bible Study

Monday, March 6th

7:30 PM

7:30 PM

Pastor Dave out of town

Praise Team

Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, March 7th

9:00 AM

5:30 PM

6:00 PM

Pastor Dave out of town

Quilters

Quilters

Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday March 8th

9:30 AM

5:00 PM

6:30 PM

Pastor Dave out of town

Bible Study

Supper

NO Confirmation

Wednesday Service (Pastor Paul Cloeter)

VBS Meeting after Church Service

Choir will meet after Church Service

Thursday, March 9th

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

Pastor Dave out of town

Quilters

AA Meeting

Friday, March 10th

5:30 PM

Pastor Dave out of town

Youth Lock in

Saturday, March 11th

9:00 AM

Pastor Dave out of town

Youth Pick up

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:20 AM

10:30 AM

(Music-Lyric Videos) Pastor Paul Cloeter

Prayer Time

Worship

Fellowship

Sunday School/Youth Group

Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
March 5th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Shelley Pintok
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey
Reader: Jerry Nelson
Ushers: Brian & Heather Statz

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Joanny Ramey

Fellowship S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, J.Brenny

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
March 12th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Charlie & Nancy Anderson
Projectionist: Sarah Anderson
Reader: Peg Manea
Ushers: Lenarz Family

Worship Leader: Paul Tschida

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson



We will be placing our order for Easter Lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday on April 9th. Plants will be purchased from Buds to Blossoms, Royalton. If you are interested in purchasing one, please fill out the information below and place it along with your payment in the basket on the counter in the lobby.

___ Easter Lilies	\$18.00	___ Begonias	\$18.00
___ Hyacinth	\$15.00	___ Daffodil	\$15.00
___ Tulips	\$15.00	___ Mum	\$20.00
___ Cyclamen	\$18.00	___ Kalanchoe	\$18.00
Hydrangea	___	Pink or	___ Blue \$33.00

We ask that you leave your plant(s) at church for all the Easter services.

1. Family Name _____
 2. Phone # _____

Plant given In Memory of or In Honor of:

Checks should be made out to: **Shepherd of the Pines...use memo line (Easter Lilies)**. Payment is required with order. If you have any questions, please call Joan Ramey at (320) 217-4431

Order deadline is Wednesday, March 22nd

Thank you!!