

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

November 20, 2020

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church www.shephills.org

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING!

9:15 A.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

We will meet in the courtyard (or stay in your car and listen on FM100.3) to hear about the Brave New World survey results, vote on proposed council member Walt Gomes, and re-elect Tim Stein, Brooke DeVaney, Judy Haugen and Debra Ayoub for two year terms. We need you there for a quorum!

WORSHIP

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday

Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King!

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year, and next Sunday we begin a new season and church year with the start of Advent. As we honor our King of Kings this Sunday, we can't help but note the juxtaposition of his humble arrival as a baby. Let us make room for him in our hearts!

5:30 p.m. SATURDAY IN THE COURTYARD*

Please note there will be no 5:30 p.m. service next week, November 28! Worship will return December 5.

8:15 a.m. SUNDAY IN THE COURTYARD*

**If the weather is bad, Outdoor Services will be moved into the Activity Center. Please bring your own chair, and as always, wear a mask!*

10:45 a.m. SUNDAY LIVESTREAM

Stick around to the end so you don't miss the presentation of findings from the Brave New World survey at the end of service!

Tune into www.shephills.org/watch,
[Facebook.com/shephillsaustin](https://www.facebook.com/shephillsaustin) or
[YouTube.com/ShepHills Austin](https://www.youtube.com/ShepHillsAustin)

Learning Hour on Zoom

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

No class this Sunday! Come to the Semi-Annual Meeting at 9:15! Check back next week when Pr. Tom begins an Advent Bible Study centered on understanding the genealogical significance of Jesus' birth in God's salvation story, and that He came to us through a human family, not so different than our own!

9:45 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH (PREK-GRADE 4)

Contact Joel Timmons for Zoom info! joel@shephills.org

10:00 A.M. CAMP HOPE (PREK-GRADE 4)

Contact Joel Timmons for Zoom info! joel@shephills.org

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Worship

12:00 P.M. WED, NOVEMBER 25, in the Courtyard

7:00 P.M. WED, NOVEMBER 25, Online

In Everything Give Thanks...Even When, Especially When, It's Not Easy To Do! An intimate worship of thanks.

Thanksgiving Generosity Impact Meals on Wheels and Guatemala Relief

Our special Thank Offering will be shared by Meals-on-Wheel ministry and our Guatemala ministry. Since the pandemic over 570,000 meals through Meals-on-Wheels have been served to our most vulnerable homebound seniors in Central Texas. In Guatemala, our brothers and sisters in Christ in Aurora have had their crops wiped out by Hurricane Eta. Both need our help. Thank you.

ADVENT BEGINS!

The Season of Advent Begins!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29

(no Saturday night service for this week only)

In-person at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Live Stream

The holy season of ADVENT begins on Nov. 29th! Our Advent theme is "Jesus, in Person" with focus on God coming in flesh through a family and special opportunities for family worship. **Each worship begins with Children's Church-15 minutes of engaging stories for young and old alike! Get your advent wreaths ready for lighting!**

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER LIVESTREAM

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 at 7:15 pm

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

December 5/6 + 12/13 + 19/20

In-person Saturday at 5:30 pm & Sunday at 8:15 am

Sunday Live Stream at 10:45 am

"THE LONGEST NIGHT"

Monday, December 21 at 7:15 pm

A special worship for those grieving and struggling with the season.

STEWARDSHIP 2021

RISING UP! Stewardship

RISING UP! Stewardship 2021 is underway! BY the NUMBERS @ Shepherd of the Hills "Festival of Love" on Saturday, Nov. 14th...

712... the amount of pounds of food received for our Bread-for-All Food Pantry

136... the number of ornaments taken off the Christmas share tree, giving a Christmas gift to a child in need

45... the number of God's children who gathered to make quilts, paint, pull weeds, trim bushes, receive baby care kit material, pull ornaments, and everything else in between!

30+... the number of pledges/commitments received to begin our stewardship response

THANK YOU for being the Church!

Christmas Giving Trees in the Courtyard

THANK YOU! ALL THE ORNAMENTS WERE CLAIMED!

Please remember to drop your gifts off outside the front office doors by November 29! Special thanks to Linda Roesle, Mary Allison, Barb Hampton, Karen Stern and Kathy Gerhardt for organizing, and all the Developing Mission Team members who volunteered at the Christmas tree table!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bread for All

9:00-11:00 A.M. SATURDAYS

Bring it to the Bins! In the Courtyard and by the Front Office.

Quilts and Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

The Quilting Ministry is in need for gently used sheets (any size) as we again begin working on quilts for LWR. Contact Sandy, sandynielsen6973@gmail.com or drop off at the front office!

High School Youth Group

7:00 PM WEDNESDAYS in the Courtyard

Grades 9-12 Questions? Ask Joel, joel@shephills.org

Communion in the Courtyard

12:15 p.m. THURSDAY

NextGen @ Nite

7:00 PM THURSDAYS on Zoom

Grades 5-8 Contact Joel Timmons for Zoom info!

Annual Meeting SUNDAY

9:15 AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

In the Courtyard, more information above.

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PRAYERS

Please pray for Dawn Paulson, Bob Moore, Julie Shank and Jeri Porter

Please pray for those who mourn the death of Kerry Dyer, cousin of Tiffany Stein

Please pray for Tom and Sally Moore, parents of Dabney Gomes

Please pray for Linda Squires, sister of Laura Hills

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Ellsworth and Mildred Tonn and Byron and Kay Bradfute

We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus, for all those who have had family or friends die, for all those in the medical field caring for the sick and the researchers developing a vaccine. We pray for a cure for the sake of our country and the world.

Please pray for Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti, Mariposa Family Learning Center and Bread For All

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*Prayers for family members are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.

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