

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 30, 2021

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Join us in Worship this Weekend!

5:30 p.m. SATURDAY WORSHIP IN ACTIVITY CENTER

This will be a **special worship** celebrating the ministry of Butterfly Preschool, **held in the Activity Center**, or if you prefer, sit outside on the covered patio where you can watch through the windows and listen to service on the outside speaker. As always, you can also listen in your car on FM 100.3. Audrey Vail Sisler will be baptized, and after service we have ice cream treats for kids and adults!

8:15 A.M. SUNDAY SANCTUARY WORSHIP

We are **regathering in our Sanctuary** to worship this Sunday! You can still register by [clicking here](#) (which will help us plan) but feel free to just show up if the Spirit moves you! The registration link has details on what to expect. Sanctuary worship will be a regular worship on Sundays from here on out, so if you miss this week, join us next time!

10:45 A.M. SUNDAY LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

We give thanks for the brightness of God's love in our lives and proclaim Easter hope to the world. Tune in for special guest Keri Bellacosa Walling, who tells the story of what Butterfly Preschool means to her family. Tune in to www.shephills.org/watch or watch it on our [facebook page](#).

Learning Hour

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“Witnesses to Brighter Days!” How did the people of the Bible experience and react to the promises of God? Better yet, how do we?

Join meeting by [clicking here](#) or use these numbers

Zoom Meeting ID 882 7978 6819 | Passcode 267585

10:00 a.m. CAMP HOPE (PREK-GRADE 4)

Bible stories and games! Camp Hope takes a summer hiatus starting May 16. Contact [Joel Timmons](#) for Zoom info.

Upcoming Worship

Mother’s Day

WEEKEND OF MAY 8 + 9

Regular Worship Times

Please send a favorite photo of you as a mom or grandma! Send a favorite pic of your mom or grandmother! Or, send a favorite picture of your wife... maybe even your mother-in-law! Please email your pics to [Dabney](#) no later than Wednesday, May 5.

Senior Recognition Worship

SATURDAY, MAY 15

5:30 p.m. | Courtyard Worship

Come honor our graduating high school seniors as we bless their new quilts and future journeys. Special thanks goes to our amazing Quilters, who made quilts for 10 seniors this year.

Pentecost All Weekend Long!

SATURDAY, MAY 22

9:00 a.m. | All Church Serve

We are better together! Come choose from one of many serving opportunities provided here on campus by the Developing Missions Team. Please [click here](#) for details and registration.

4:30 p.m. | Rolling with the Spirit Celebration!

The young and young at heart are invited to decorate and bring their bicycles for a parade around the parking lot. Stay tuned for other celebration details!

5:30 p.m. | Courtyard Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:15 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship

10:45 a.m. | Sanctuary Worship + Livestream!

Can we get an AMEN?! After more than a year, in-person Sanctuary Worship returns at 10:45 a.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING MAY 21/22

5:30 p.m. Saturdays **In-person Courtyard Worship**

8:15 a.m. Sundays **In-person Sanctuary Worship**

10:45 a.m. Sundays **In-person Sanctuary Worship**

10:45 a.m. Sundays **Livestream Worship**

Calendar

Shepherd's Garden Workday

SATURDAY, MAY 1 CANCELED

9:00 a.m. | Shepherd's Garden

Canceled due to rain. Stay tuned for a new date and time to come help in the garden.

Shepherd's Garden Tours!

SATURDAY, MAY 1 CANCELED

6:30 p.m. | Shepherd's Garden

Canceled due to rain. Stay tuned for a new date and time to come take a tour and see all that has been done and learn of future plans!

Bible Study: Witnesses of Brighter Days

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

8:00 a.m. | Solomon's Porch (in-person)

Bring your coffee and wear a mask!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

12:00 p.m. | ZOOM CANCELED Today and in future

After hearing from many of you that Noon is a busy time, we are canceling this session, but please join us at one of the other times offered on Sunday, Wednesday or Thursday!

THURSDAY, MAY 6

7:15 a.m. | Zoom

The Men's Bible Study group rises early!

Join meeting by [clicking here](#) or use these:

Zoom Meeting ID: 898 2030 6574 | Passcode 581490

Happy Hour Chat

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

7:00 p.m. | Zoom

It is an hour of happiness and talk of future plans! This week Rob Spillar and Ruby Cadenhead take a seat and update us on the outcome of the All Are Welcome Task Force. Join the discussion by [clicking here](#) or use these:

Zoom Meeting ID 822 2836 9335 | Passcode 347352

Men's Breakfast

SATURDAY, MAY 8

8:00 a.m. | Solomon's Porch (back patio)

Hurray for meeting in person! Come enjoy breakfast cooked on the grill.
Contact [Weldon Allison](#).

Quilting

SATURDAY, MAY 8

9:00 a.m. | Gathering Space

We are so excited to have new people joining us, why don't you come to?
All ages welcome. Contact [Sandy Nielsen](#).

Life and Living Gathering

MONDAY, MAY 10

1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Fellowship and community for those dealing with chronic health concerns. Join meeting by [clicking here](#) or use these:
Zoom Meeting ID: 835 4452 6213 Password: 492770

May Generosity

Audio Bibles for Haiti

DONATE IN HONOR OF MOM!

How has reading the bible made your life different? During the month of May we are raising funds to purchase 50 Audio Bibles for CHARIS, our ministry partner in Haiti. Each bible costs \$50, and makes the Bible accessible to the blind and illiterate. [Click here](#) to donate today!

May Generosity continued...

LWR Baby Care Kits

SHOP THE SALES!

Donating items for LWR Baby Care Kits is a year round effort! We still need infant hooded sweatshirts, sweaters or jackets in sizes 18-24 months. Go to the [registry list](#) or shop on your own. Thank you for your continued support!

This Matters! Finish Strong!

Help us finish strong! The Campus Renewal and its enhancements could not have happened without you and the Shepherd of the Hills faith community. Our This Matter's Capital Campaign finishes May 31. With the finish line so close, we are inviting you to help us with a special "finish strong" gift for This Matters! [Click here](#) to give today. Questions? Contact Finance Controller [Kevin Marlow](#).

Prayers

We pray for Kristen Murray, Walter Buell, Lauren Paulson, Ken McDonald, Don Gaskin and Pam Petterson

We pray for Margie Robinson, mother of Debra Wissman

Thank you for all the children past and present in our Butterfly Christian Pre-School. And, thanks to all the teachers and administrators for their commitment and love for children. May all the families connected to Butterfly and the Shepherd of the Hills family continue to support and care for this special way of sharing the love of Jesus.

We pray for the children of this world, the youngest among us. We pray for children who are caught in circumstances that are frightening and beyond their control. We pray for children who are abused and neglected, and for those who serve them and work to heal them from trauma. We pray for children of immigrants at borders, for children who are orphaned, abandoned, and forgotten. We pray for your Spirit to bring peace and wholeness to the most vulnerable in our country and world.

We pray with heavy hearts for an end to violence inflicted on one another in the name of revenge and hatred. We ask for your comfort especially for the communities of Indianapolis and our own city of Austin. Give us love, respect, and care for all of your people. Fill our hearts with peace that passes all human understanding. Help us know the way forward from here.

We continue to pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and for those caring for them. We give thanks for the hopefulness we are experiencing with more and more vaccinations each week. We look forward to the continued movement toward the end of this pandemic, and we pray for therapeutics and medical care to tend to those who fall ill.

Please pray for our global ministries: 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

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries

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

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