

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 9, 2021

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church www.shephills.org

Weekend Worship

**Brighter Days -
in the presence of Jesus, our Lord and Savior!**

We are Easter people!

An empty tomb has given us a full life in Christ! Join us for worship throughout this Easter season, as we give thanks for the brightness of God's love in our lives and proclaim Easter hope to the world.

Worship

5:30 p.m. Saturday Outdoor Courtyard Worship*

8:15 a.m. Sunday Outdoor Courtyard Worship*

10:45 a.m. Sunday Live-stream @ www.shephills.org

*A cancellation notice due to inclement weather will be sent to your inbox at least one hour prior to the start of service, and will include instructions about when to watch online!

Learning Hour

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"Witnesses to Brighter Days!" God's people have witnessed God's power through the ages of time. We will study various Biblical characters and how they experienced and responded to the promises of God. We will also explore how our lives today connect to our ancestors of faith. This week Pr. Lauren leads us in "Believing the Impossible: Abraham & Sarah".

Zoom Meeting ID 882 7978 6819 | Passcode 267585

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

Bible stories and games!

Contact Joel Timmons (joel@shephills.org) for Zoom info.*

***Zoom links can also be found under the name and date of event on realm.org, Community, Events.**

Sanctuary Sunday!

Sunday Sanctuary Worship Resumes!

8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 2

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information as we return to in-person worship in the Sanctuary!

Beginning May 1, our New Worship Schedule will be:

Saturday Outdoor Courtyard Worship at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Sanctuary Worship at 8:15 a.m.

Sunday Livestream Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Brighter Days Learning

Wednesday Evenings

Our Ministry Together as Easter People

God is at work at Shepherd of the Hills, shining light on us and through us! Each week, we will highlight a different ministry initiative of our faith community. More importantly, we will explore ways that your own gifts and skills from God might be inspired to join in sharing Brighter Days with our wider community!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, APRIL 14-MAY 19

7:00 p.m. | Zoom

This week we discuss Re-Gathering Plans and Caring for God's Creation Team's plans for Shepherd's Garden!
Zoom Meeting ID 822 2836 9335 | Passcode 347352

Bible Study

Witnesses of Brighter Days

God's people have witnessed God's power through the ages of time. We will study various Biblical characters and how they experienced and responded to the promises of God. We will also explore how our lives today connect to our ancestors of faith. This uplifting study is offered at four different times. Choose in-person or on Zoom!

Week of April 11 - Believing the Impossible: Abraham & Sarah

SUNDAYS, APRIL 10-MAY 16

9:30 a.m. | Zoom (in-person begins in May!)

A great way to open your heart to worship on Sunday mornings!
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WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 14-MAY 19

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

Bring your coffee and wear a mask!

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12:00 p.m. | Zoom

Enjoy it on Zoom over lunch!
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 7794 3340 | Passcode 059014

THURSDAYS, APRIL 15-MAY 20

7:15 a.m. | Zoom

The Men's Bible Study group will meet at this time on Zoom.
Zoom Meeting ID: 898 2030 6574 | Passcode 581490

Calendar

Men's Breakfast

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 a.m. | on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 7623 7221 | Passcode: 402578
April is here, let's check in!

Quilting

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 a.m. | Gathering Space

We are meeting in-person in the Gathering Space with the doors open and our masks on! All are invited to join us as we continue to work on Senior High Quilts.

Life and Living Gathering

MONDAY, APRIL 12

1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 4452 6213 | Passcode 492770

Providing a time of support and fellowship for those dealing with chronic health issues.

New Believers Yoga

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

5:30 p.m. | Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 8245 7022 | Passcode 157279

Finding connections in a Christ-centered approach to spiritual and physical health.

Brighter Days on Wednesdays!

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Readers' Heaven

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 p.m. | Meeting Space to be Determined

Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake by Anna Quindlen is the book we will discuss. We are still deciding on whether to meet in person or on Zoom. Please RSVP on Realm (by going to Events, April 29, Readers' Heaven) so we can contact you. Keep an eye out for upcoming communications. Contact Karen Flint, karenflint@me.com with questions.

Advent Camp at Camp Chrysalis

REGISTER NOW!

Weekend of December 3-5

Our families have filled two quad cabins already, let's make it three! Register now to attend this fun, family-centric retreat along with other families from our church! Go to:

<https://crosstrails.org/retreats/programmed-retreats> Registering holds your spot and you can ALWAYS cancel later with a refund. It's a GREAT weekend for adults, elementary-age and little ones. We hope you'll join us! Contact Melissa Robertson (melissa.k.rob@gmail.com) with questions, and please let her know you have registered!

LWR Baby Care Kits

SHOP THE SALES!

Donating items for LWR Baby Care Kits is a year round effort! New sale items have been added to the registry list-find the link in Realm Events under May 31, 2021, LWR BabyCare Kits. Thank you for your continued support!

A Big Thank You!

It takes a village! And what a wonderful, engaged, evangelistic, Jesus-loving village we have! Thank you for making Holy Week and Easter the most special celebration of the year. Thank you to all who helped, and all who came. We love you.

Maundy Thursday

Participants in Living Last Supper:

Jennifer Arndt, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner, Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pete Forsberg, Rebecca Guengerich, Amanda Forsberg, Richard Arndt, Janice Benzel, Karen Flint, Michael Watt, Kevin McClure, Clay Byrne, Joel Timmons, Morgan Paulson

Good Friday Families Journey to the Cross

Participants in the story:

Audrey Cullinane, Caroline Cullinane, James Enochs, Seth Hansen, Elliott Stein, Austin Wissman, Axel Wissman, Pr. Tom, Pr. Lauren, Joel Timmons, and Megan Hansen

Good Friday Seven Last Words

Acolyte: Elliott Stein

Reflections: Tamara Allen, Carole Morgan, Karen Stern, Tim Stein, Jeanne Grevlos

Strings: Bruce Colson, Kathryn Orr, Erna Buckles, Stephen Buckles, Josue Martinez

Holy Week and Holy Saturday Prayer Walk

Rebecca Guengerich, Elaine Herrmann and Joe Calabrese

Easter

Bell Choir: Bril and Karen Flint, Laura and Charlie Hills, Vicki Matava

Flute: Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner and Kristina Bishop

Instrumentalists: Josh Norem, Charlie and Laura Hills

Brass: Bob Cannon, Andy Cheetham, Lauren Casey-Clyde and Billy Gayman

Timpani: Tony Edwards

Piano: Maria Lyapkova

Bread: Kitt Richter

Easter Crosses: Alison Cannon, Jackie Grotian-Chedsey,

Violet Chedsey, and Craig Chedsey

Easter Lilies: Tom and Betty Lueders

Hosts: Jackie Grotian-Chedsey & Violet Chedsey, Sandy & Milt Nielsen, Elaine Fick, Sara Dawson, Cullinane Family,

Bob & Judy Haugen, Rick Burnight, Tim Stein, Larry & Sandy Wikelius, Auby Family, Pam & Jeff Pettersen, Mark & Kathy Gerhardt, Robertson Family, Bonner Family

Assisting Ministers: Kim and Olivia Nutter, Cyndi Christenson, Joel Timmons, Pam Petterson, Megan DeVaney
Alleluia Choir: Sara McClure, Sandy Gaskin, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner, Laura Hills, Judy Haugen, Janice Benzal, Lil Scheedle, Diane Peterson, Karen Flint, Don Cadenhead, Pr. Tom Grevlos, Dave Wegner, Clark Wilson, Richard Arndt, Kevin McClure, Charlie Hills, Bob Cannon

Office Aides: Dee Jackson, Kathy Gerhardt, Sharon Collins, Nancy Etzler and Karen Sather

Staff:

Pastors: Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts: Kevin McClure

AV: Bill and Sara Dawson, Walt Gomes, Peter Walsh, Jamie N., James Enochs, Doug Dawson and Peter Forsberg

Admin Ministry Coordinator : Amanda Forsberg

Creative Media: Dabney Gomes

Director of Digital Media Arts: Dave Wegner

Generosity Impact: This Matters!

Julie Hudnall was an instrumental participant "on the ground" in our This Matters! campaign, serving on the Facilities Task Force, Building Task Force, and Construction Team. She reflects on how the campus renewal has impacted our life together:

"I believe stressing the renewal has allowed us to expand our community by the fantastic audio/video upgrades to allow Pastor Lauren & Tom to continue their leadership, teachings, sermons, and guidance in such meaningful ways, especially when we first went on lockdown. We have been able to be a larger church without walls through the virtual ministry to reach people all over the country, plus ones who wouldn't feel comfortable attending church. It has allowed us to worship outdoors in a beautiful, uplifting setting. It has allowed our Butterfly mission to continue in a safe environment both for our staff/teachers and also parents and children. The renewal continues to impact our parishioners in many ways: Bible studies on Solomon's Porch, communion outside; we have an abundance of wonderful ways to meet. The renewal impact continues to equip our church to thrive."

Giving

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our missions, ministries, and special offerings. Remember pledging and giving are easier than ever! Go to www.shephills.org/give or onrealm.org/shephills, Community, Giving and follow the prompts; or click on the QR code below! And no worries, we still welcome checks mailed to Shepherd of the Hills, 3525 Bee Caves Rd, ATX 78746. Questions? Contact Finance Controller Kevin Marlow at kmarlow@shephills.org



Prayers

Please pray for Kristen Murray, Walter Buell, Lauren Paulson and Wanda Lowke

Please pray for Geneva Robertson, mother of John Robertson

Please pray for those who mourn for Dolores Smith, mother of Larry Smith

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

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

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

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