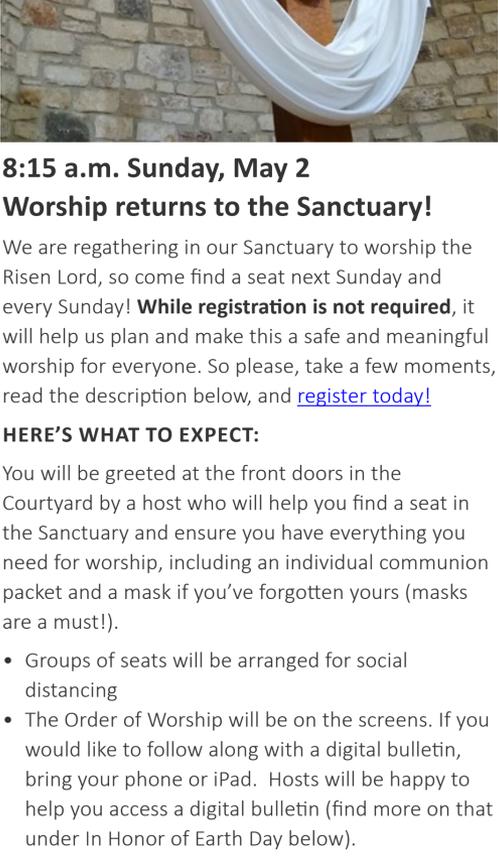


# WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 23, 2021

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
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## Sign-up Today!



**8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 2**

### Worship returns to the Sanctuary!

We are regathering in our Sanctuary to worship the Risen Lord, so come find a seat next Sunday and every Sunday! **While registration is not required**, it will help us plan and make this a safe and meaningful worship for everyone. So please, take a few moments, read the description below, and [register today!](#)

#### HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

You will be greeted at the front doors in the Courtyard by a host who will help you find a seat in the Sanctuary and ensure you have everything you need for worship, including an individual communion packet and a mask if you've forgotten yours (masks are a must!).

- Groups of seats will be arranged for social distancing
- The Order of Worship will be on the screens. If you would like to follow along with a digital bulletin, bring your phone or iPad. Hosts will be happy to help you access a digital bulletin (find more on that under In Honor of Earth Day below).
- Instructions will be given on singing
- Restrooms will be available and there will be a porter continually sanitizing these spaces for your safety
- Worship will be about 45 minutes long, followed by catered coffee in the Courtyard

We hope you'll join us!

## Weekend Worship

Eastertide Message Series

### BRIGHTER DAYS!

#### In God's Miraculous Power!

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 for April 24 + 25

**5:30 p.m. SATURDAY COURTYARD WORSHIP\***

**8:15 a.m. SUNDAY COURTYARD WORSHIP\***

*This will be our last 8:15 SUNDAY WORSHIP.*

*Please join us next week at 8:15 am in the Sanctuary!*

**10:45 a.m. SUNDAY LIVE-STREAM**

Tune into [www.shephills.org/watch](http://www.shephills.org/watch) or [Facebook](#)

#### 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? This week focuses on "Trusting God Completely: Moses"

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

Zoom Meeting ID 882 7978 6819 | Passcode 267585

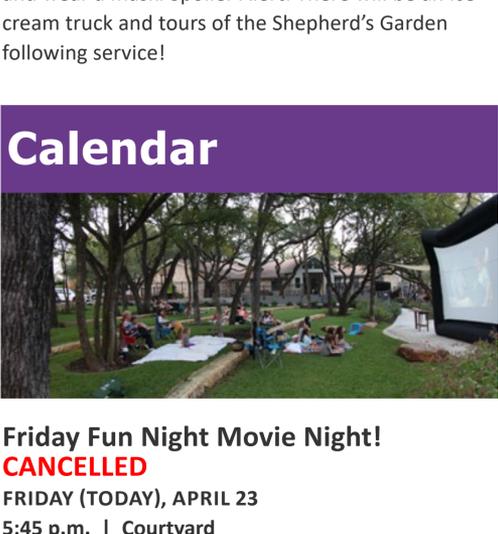
**10:00 a.m. CAMP HOPE (PREK-GRADE 4)**

Bible stories and games!

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

**\*Zoom links can also be found under the name and date of event at [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org), Community, Events.**

## In Honor of Earth Day!



#### Digital Bulletins

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27**

**3:00 p.m. | LEARN HOW TO USE OVER ZOOM**

We are called to be good stewards of God's Earth!

Beginning Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 we will switch to digital bulletins for both Courtyard and Sanctuary Worship. Join Amanda and Dabney on Zoom and learn how easy it is to access and use this bulletin for Worship. Bring your phone and we will show you everything you need to know!

**If you can't make this Zoom, we will have hosts at all worships to help.**

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

Zoom Meeting ID 830 6627 4472 | Passcode 728306

#### Shepherd's Garden Workday

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**

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

What better way to recognize Earth Day than to help the Caring for God's Creation Team with spring chores in the Shepherd's Garden? Bring the kids!

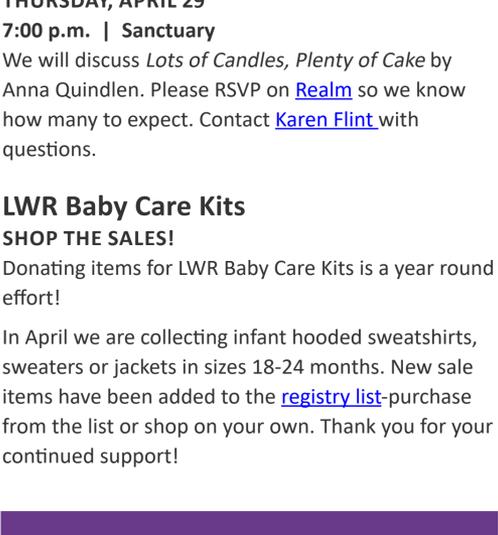
#### Shepherd's Garden Tours!

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**

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

If you haven't been in the Shepherd's Garden lately, come be amazed! Join a tour immediately following Courtyard worship to see the bridge, watering well, grapevines, biblical plants, garden plots (some are still available if you want to try your hands at gardening!) and outdoor classroom. A perfect space for your next small group gathering!

## Worship Celebration!



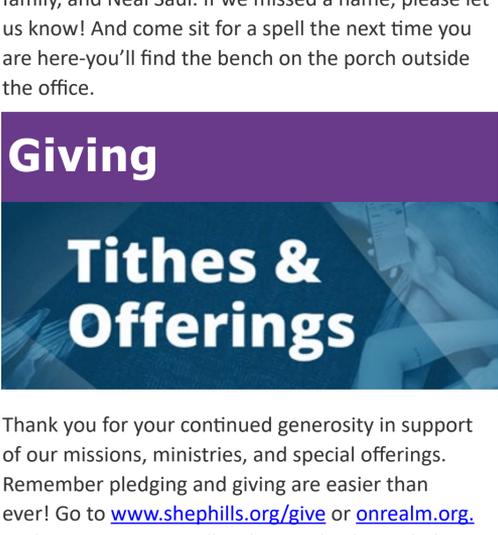
#### Butterfly Preschool Worship

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**

**5:30 p.m. | Courtyard**

Kids and kids at heart will enjoy this special Saturday Worship celebrating our families, staff, and the ministry of Butterfly Christian Preschool in our beautiful Courtyard. Dress comfortably, bring a chair, and wear a mask. Spoiler Alert: There will be an ice cream truck and tours of the Shepherd's Garden following service!

## Calendar



#### Friday Fun Night Movie Night!

**CANCELLED**

**FRIDAY (TODAY), APRIL 23**

**5:45 p.m. | Courtyard**

FFN is CANCELLED tonight due to the wetness and threat of thunderstorms. But save the date for May 14th which will include a kid-friendly service project at 6pm. More info on this will be out next week!

Questions? Contact [Melissa Robertson](#)

#### Bible Study: Witnesses of Brighter Days

How did Biblical people experience and react to the promises of God? Better yet, how do we? Choose from in-person or Zoom formats, at a time that fits into your life!

Week of April 25 - Trusting God Completely: Moses

##### SUNDAYS, THRU MAY 16

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

A great way to open your heart to worship on Sunday mornings!

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

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##### WEDNESDAYS, THRU MAY 19

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

Bring your coffee and wear a mask!

##### WEDNESDAYS, THRU MAY 19

**12:00 p.m. | Zoom**

Enjoy it on Zoom over lunch!

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 7794 3340 | Passcode 059014

##### THURSDAYS, THRU MAY 20

**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!

**WEDNESDAYS THRU MAY 19**

**7:00 p.m. | Zoom**

It is an hour of happiness and talk of future plans! BYOB and join us in this interactive, conversational, Zoom format (no need to mute here!), and let's HEAR what you have to say!

Week of April 25: Butterfly Christian Preschool

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

Zoom Meeting ID 822 2836 9335 | Passcode 347352

#### Readers' Heaven

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

**7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

We will discuss *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen. Please RSVP on [Realm](#) so we know how many to expect. Contact [Karen Flint](#) with questions.

#### LWR Baby Care Kits

**SHOP THE SALES!**

Donating items for LWR Baby Care Kits is a year round effort!

In April we are collecting infant hooded sweatshirts, sweaters or jackets in sizes 18-24 months. New sale items have been added to the [registry list](#)-purchase from the list or shop on your own. Thank you for your continued support!

## In Memory



#### Jim Fortune Memorial Bench

Do you recognize anything? It's the original Shepherd of the Hills sign made into a bench in memory of Jim Fortune, a founding member. We have so many people to thank for this new addition to our campus:

Larry and Carole Morgan, Steve Rohn, the Fortune family, and Neal Saul. If we missed a name, please let us know! And come sit for a spell the next time you are here-you'll find the bench on the porch outside the office.

## 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](http://www.shephills.org/give) or [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org).

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](#).

## Prayers



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

We pray for Geneva Robertson, mother of John Robertson

We pray for Andrea Evilsizer, daughter of Don Cadenhead

We pray in thanksgiving for the birth of Cosmo McNeil, son of Michael and Rachael McNeil, grandson of Thom and Marcy McNeil

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.

We 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

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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