

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

February 18, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Beyond Capital Fund Appeal

The Beyond Capital Fund Appeal is an investment in our future, raising \$3 million over 3 years to fund the Butterfly Center renovation and eliminate all debt.

Ready to Participate?

Check your mail!

Be a part of our future and Beyond! Information about pledging has been mailed, along with information about Lenten Worship and Learning.

Check the website!

Find more information, architectural renderings, and inspirational videos at www.shephills.org/beyond. If you prefer to [pledge or give online](#), we've made it super easy!

Worship

Scripture Reading

[II Kings 5:1-14](#) (The Message)

Gospel Reading

[Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16](#) (NRSV)

Contemporary Courtyard Worship

THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

5:30 p.m. | Courtyard

Inclement weather location: Sanctuary

Sanctuary + Livestream Worship

EVERY SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. | Sanctuary

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

<https://shephills.org/church-online/>

Learning

The Learning Hour

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study | Library + Zoom

An in depth study of the week's scripture.

Contact [Ruby Cadenhead](#).

Zoom - Meeting ID: 882 7978 6819 Passcode: 267585

[Click here to join the Zoom](#)

9:45 a.m. High Five for Children + Families | Courtyard

Faith formation and worship all wrapped up in one!

Contact [Pr. Lauren](#)

Fellowship

For the Youth

EVERY SUNDAY

12:00 p.m. Youth Group Grades 9-12 | TBD

Let's get and give some tea with lunch some place in town. Contact [Joel Timmons](#), Youth Director for this week's plan.

7:00 p.m. NextGen Grades 5-8 | Activity Center

Gather for games and a quick Bible Study. Contact [Joel Timmons](#), Youth Director.

Special Announcements

The Season of Lent

DIVINE DIRECTION + SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

Information on how to grow in Lent is in the mail. Learn what we have to offer as we seek Divine Direction through Spiritual Exercise.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

5:30 - 7:00 pm | Courtyard

You will need to eat up to prepare for all the spiritual exercise we have planned this Lent, and this fundraiser put on by the Youth is just the place to load up on your carbs. Come when you can, grab a plate of free pancakes, and choose from a variety of ways to support the Youth's summer trip!

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6:30 am + Noon + 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

7:00 pm | [Livestream](#)

The beginning of Lent is marked by the imposition of ashes in worship.

The Results Are In!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

It's a Win for BSA Troop 31 and Bread for All

2,126 lbs of food was collected for Austin City Lutherans' Bread for All Food Pantry during our Souper Bowl of Caring event. Here is the breakdown by "team." Thanks to all who participated!

BSA Troop 31 = 958.8 lbs

Team UT = 690 lbs

Team A&M = 480 lbs

Keep Those Baby Blankets Coming

BABY CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Keep knitting, crocheting, or sewing flannel blankets for Baby Care Kits! These blankets (min 36" square, max 52" square) will be used to wrap and package care items that will be sent around the world to mothers in need. Questions about how you can participate? Contact [Kathy Gerhardt](#).

The Care Team is for Everyone

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Need a ride? Need a meal? Need a listening ear? Need a prayer? When you need something, timing is everything and the Care Team is ready to step in and help because we love you!

Since October 2021, the Care Team has walked with 75 individuals both within and outside our walls. Some of the connections were one or two times. With others, our conversations continued for multiple weeks or months, staying until we were no longer needed.

The team consisting of [Rebecca Guengerich](#), [Tamara Allen](#), [Karen Flint](#), [Michael Watt](#), [Bob Cannon](#), and [Sandy Smith](#), listened to you over a single conversation or continued until the stress of the situation diminished. We held space for you to cry, laugh, hug, question and pray during times of surgery or illness, grief and loss of loved ones, mental health struggles, stress of aging or family dynamics, birthdays of children or grandchildren or managing the maze of a cancer diagnosis or addiction. We empowered you to be a disciple of Christ by providing transportation to medical appointments or church functions, meals when cooking added one more burden to the day, a listening ear or a prayer for others.

God's Love is needed now in our world more than ever. How can we be Christ's Love for you? Reach out to a care team member by clicking on their name above, or show love to others when you see the need.

Calendar

Pickleball

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. | Activity Center

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING (Saturday Mornings Too!)

5:30 p.m. | Activity Center

Sooo popular we had to add another day. Contact [Pr. Tom](#).

Firm Believer Yoga

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

5:30 p.m. | Butterfly Center Fellowship Hall + Zoom

[Click here](#) to Zoom in! Or use: Meeting ID 883 8245 7022 Passcode 157279 *Feb 22 will be in Breezeway Bldg Rm 104/105

Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:27am | Zoom

Deepen your relationship with God and build godly relationships in your life. Contact [Pr. Tom](#).

Zoom Meeting ID: 884 3143 3954 Passcode: 620074

Use this [Zoom](#) link and get connected!

Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:30 a.m. | Library + Zoom

Pastor Lauren leads a new study. Be a part of this group in person or on Zoom as we share and study God's word. Contact [Pr. Lauren](#).

Zoom - Meeting ID 839 2310 2323 Passcode: 180316

[Click here to join the Zoom](#)

ACL Homelessness Initiative Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

3:00 p.m. | St. Martin's Lutheran Church + Zoom

Austin City Lutherans will kick-off its new ministry emphasis to combat homelessness at this meeting. We'll hear from Sarah Weier of Sunrise HNC on the navigation process for people transitioning from the streets to shelter and housing, and we'll sign up for ministry support teams and consider other options to effectively engage together to combat homelessness in the name of Christ's compassion. Join us in-person or via this [Zoom link](#).

Parking available on north and west sides of church and in the lot directly west of the sanctuary. Enter north doors or side doors left of large sanctuary doors. Here is the Zoom link or if you have any questions.

Bread for All Collections

Diaper and non-perishable food collections happen every Saturday morning, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Courtyard, or bring donations with you to worship on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

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[Click here](#) to learn more and make your pledge or a one-time gift. Thank for being a part of our future!

Regular Giving

[Click here](#) to stay current with your giving or make a one-time gift. Thank you for giving freely and joyfully!

2022 Stewardship

It's never too late to make a pledge of support for our ministry and missions! Please consider making your 2022 pledge using this [online pledge card](#), or mail in a paper pledge card to 3525 Bee Caves Rd., 78746. Thank you!

Please pray for Don Gaskin, Don Knight, Marie Fortune, Glenn Richter and Joe Spann

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:
David Lechler, brother of Dawn Paulson

We pray for all who mourn the death of Ellsworth Tonn, cousin of Judy Moore

We pray for all who mourn the death of John Pollock, father of Deb Pollock Darnell

Please pray in thanksgiving for the birth of Alora Isabel Rieger, daughter of Jackie and Tommy Rieger and sister, Nicolette, granddaughter of Mark and Kathy Gerhardt!

Dear Lord,

We offer you praise and thanksgiving even before we see the end results of our Beyond Capital Fund Appeal. We pray to grow in faith as we wait for its fruition. We thank you for the dreamers who envisioned this needed improvement for our Butterfly Preschool and for our community both inside and outside our walls. With your help Lord, it will happen ~ thank you!

Amen

We pray for the people of our country and world as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant healing to those afflicted, strength to those who care for the sick, and wisdom to those who lead.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for 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 Ministries.

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.*

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