

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

March 11, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Don't forget...

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend!

Weekend Worship + Learning

DIVINE DIRECTION + SPIRITUAL EXERCISE: Meditation

Scripture: [Psalm 27](#) Gospel: [Luke 13:31-35](#)

During the Season of Lent, a Prayer Station will be available during in worship. If so moved, you may go to the station during the Time of Silence and pray with the person in attendance. The station is also available during the week for individual prayer, with a new prayer practice added weekly. To enter the sanctuary during the week, please ring the bell at the front office doors since the building is locked for the preschool's safety.

Contemporary Worship

EVERY SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. | Courtyard

Sanctuary + Livestream Worship

EVERY SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. | Sanctuary

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

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

Adult Bible Study

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. | 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](#)

High Five for Children + Families

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. | Courtyard

Faith formation and worship all wrapped up in one!

Contact [Pr. Lauren](#)

Fellowship

For the Youth

NO YOUTH GROUP OF NEXTGEN GATHERINGS THIS SUNDAY. See you next Sunday on the 20th! Contact [Joel Timmons](#), Youth Director.

Love Thy Neighbor

Bread for All (BFA) Food Pantry Collection

EVERY SATURDAY + SUNDAY

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Courtyard on Saturdays

8:00 a.m. - Noon | Gathering Space on Sundays

There has been a large uptick in new clients at BFA due to the rising cost of rent, food and gas. Please make it part of your weekly routine and drop off **diapers and non-perishable food** donations for Bread for All Food Pantry, a ministry of Austin City Lutherans. Drop donations in the bin on Saturday mornings, or bring them with you to worship. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

Meals on Wheels Delivery Drivers

ROUTES RESUME APRIL 4

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteer route drivers, responsible for delivering meals to homebound clients. Orientation and training are provided! Volunteering usually takes about 1.5 hours, depending on where you live. Volunteers are asked to pick up meals beginning at 11am and before noon, from Holy Cross Lutheran, 4622 South Lamar Blvd + Austin. You will be given a route with approximately 6 stops on it, all in one neighborhood. This route will have directions and addresses, as well as notes about each client, and will remain the same from week to week. You will deliver meals to the door and greet the client - may be the only face they see that day, so they are overjoyed to see you!

You can volunteer once a week, twice a month, or even just once a month!

Contact [Weldon Allison](#) with questions.

New Group

Cancer Support Group

FOURTH TUESDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 22

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Library + Zoom

A cancer support group is forming for members Shepherd of the Hills and the community. This peer-to-peer group will meet once per month for anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis – individuals with cancer, their family members, or supportive others. A zoom option will be available for those unable to attend in person. For information or to get the Zoom link, email [Sandy Smith](#) or call 512-569-6453.

Events This Week

Go to [Realm Events](#) or the [website](#) for details and more events!

Men's Breakfast

THIS SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. | Activity Center / Solomon's Porch

Contact [Weldon Allison](#).

Quilting

THIS SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. | Room 205

Contact [Sandy Nielsen](#).

Pickleball

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. | Activity Center

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

5:30 p.m. | Activity Center

Contact [Pr. Tom](#).

Prayer Shawl

EVERY SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. | Library

Contact [Sharon Collins](#).

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

Forgiveness led by Dr. Steve Larson

EVERY WEDNESDAY THRU APR. 6

10:30 a.m. | Library + Zoom

An in-depth study of forgiveness during Lent.

Zoom ID 870 4638 4698 Passcode 469481

Wednesday Evening Worship

EVERY WEDNESDAY THRU APR. 6

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream

Next Wednesday will focus on the Spiritual Exercise of Meditation and Prayer with a special service for prayer and reflection for peace in Ukraine.

Ignite! Small Groups

VARIOUS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

In-person or on Zoom

If you are unable to join us for Wednesday Evening Worship, consider joining a small group. These groups will focus on Richard Foster's classic, "Celebration of

Discipline.”

Contact [Pr. Tom](#) to join a group.

Family Advent Retreat 2022

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1

Save the Date! December 2-4, 2022

It's Lent. . .how can we be thinking about Advent already?? The Family Advent Retreat at Camp Chrysalis has become a beloved tradition for ShepHills families, and registration fills fast! Whether you've been every year or want to start your own family tradition this year, we hope you'll join us this December. (Your kids are never too old to start a new tradition!)

We'll be registering for the weekend of December 2-4, 2022. **Registration begins April 1**, so mark your calendars! Registration can be found here on April 1:

www.crosstrails.org/retreats

Questions? Contact our resident Camp Chrysalis retreat guru, Melissa Robertson (melissa.k.rob@gmail.com) for more information!

Giving

Mid-Week Lent and Easter Offering

Our Mid-Week Worship in Lent and our Easter Sunday offering has been designated to support ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

ELCA World Hunger For nearly two years the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic. While Shepherd of the Hills has responded with extraordinary generosity in supporting our food pantry, Bread for All, this special offering will allow us to go national and .global in responding to hunger needs.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has been a critical arm of the Lutheran Church providing humanitarian aid, assimilation, and advocacy for refugees all over the world. They are a “boots-on-the-ground” ministry going to places and helping people. Financial support allows them to do this ministry and offer humanitarian aid. The war in Ukraine, declared by President Putin, is causing loss of life as well as a major Refugee crisis. Our Lent and special Easter offerings will provide assistance in LIRS responding to this crisis.

Giving can be done on the website, or under Giving on onrealm.org , or by check or cash. Please indicate Lent Offering.

Beyond Capital Fund Appeal

Click here to learn more and make your pledge or a one-time gift. Thank you 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!

Bread for All Giving Update

In January, food donations from ACL congregations totaled 2,676 lbs, serving 1,484 individuals. In February, 3,226 lbs were collected, serving 317 individuals. Each pound is valued at \$1.79, for a year to date total of \$10,565.

Prayers

Please pray for Don Gaskin, Don Knight, Marie Fortune, Glenn Richter, Stacia DeBill, Phyllis Youngdahl and Donna Herschleb

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:
Kenna Joy Kramer, Grandniece of Weldon and Mary Allison
Lori Roth, Sister of Sandy Smith
Dick Davis, friend of Donna Herschleb

We pray for all who mourn the death of Ted Bedard , nephew of Tom and Betty Lueders

We pray for those who mourn the death of Joe Pyle, father of David Nelson. We give thanks for Joe's life and entrust him into God's mercy as we await the hope of resurrection.

Gracious and Generous Lord,

We lift before you the Butterfly Preschool – the current children, families and board members and all alumni to these groups.

As these folks know the magical place it is to grow to see YOU in all they do.

As we all prayerfully discern this opportunity to be part of the future of Butterfly with the Beyond campaign, open our hearts to share the treasures you have so richly blessed us.

We are safe and accepted. We are taught to be courageous to love and be the light illuminating the way to righteousness in all we do.

May we try to out give you with a joy to match the giggles we hear everywhere on this campus with your blessings of the little folks being taught your ways, wisdom and words.

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 the people of Ukraine and all who find themselves in the midst of war, gripped by fear and uncertainty. Send your peace. Send your wisdom to leaders of the world as they grapple with deep disagreements and tensions. May we be ever aware of your beloved people all around the world who suffer and who cry out for help. Send us as proclaimers of your love.

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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