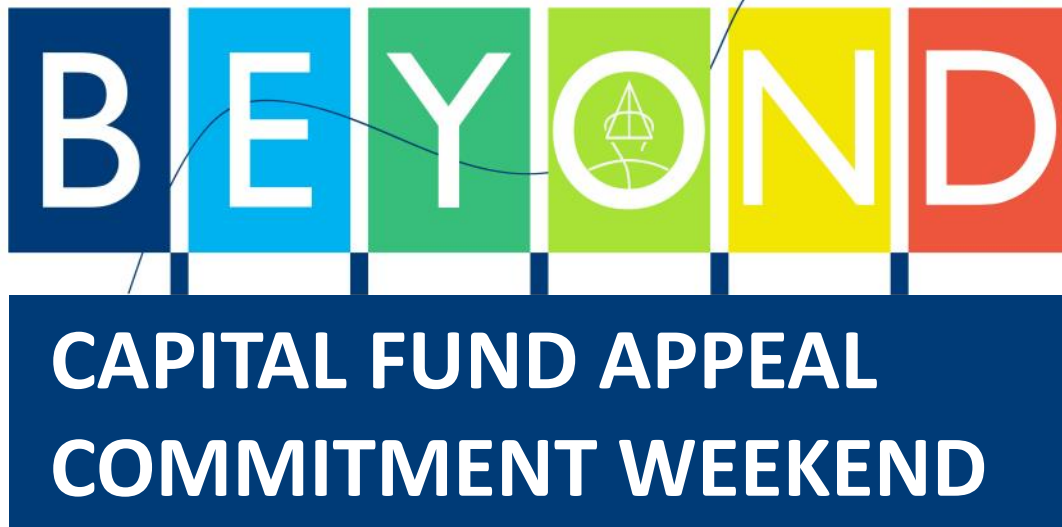


WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

March 4, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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BEYOND is a commitment of trust in God!

BEYOND is God entrusting us to share the love of Jesus with our community!

BEYOND is stretching ourselves in faith, trusting in God's provision!

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness to move away from trusting God.

We are tempted to place our trust in that which we think makes us more secure and happy.

Jesus resisted the lies of the devil and demonstrated his trust in God.

Come, join us this weekend in worship as we re-commit to the most important words on the currency of our faith, "In God We Trust."

Watching online this Sunday?

Participate from anywhere by making your pledge or gift online at

www.shephills.org/beyond.

Divine Direction + Spiritual Exercise

We have many opportunities as to guide your search for Divine Direction and discover new paths in spirituality and faith this Lent.

Supplemental information to guide your growth can be found on the shelf by the stairs in the Gathering Space. Choose from a Lenten Calendar for Daily Prayer, Lenten Study Guide, and Family Devotionals.

Weekend Worship + Learning

DIVINE DIRECTION: Exercise of Discernment

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Let's get 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.

Calendar Events

Go to [Realm Events](#) or the [website](#) to a full listing of events!

Pickleball

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

5:30 p.m. | Activity Center

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 a.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

Forgiveness led by Dr. Steve Larson

BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY, MAR 9 - 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

BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 - APRIL 6

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

A practical guide to the week's exercise helping us to answer these questions...How do I discern the will of God for my life? Can I really grow spiritually? How can the spiritual disciplines help me grow? Can't join us in person? Think about joining a Zoom Ignite Group by contacting

Pr. Tom!

Ignite! Small Groups

VARIOUS TIMES AND LOCATIONS (In-person + 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.

Bread for All Food Pantry Collection

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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!

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.

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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 and Betty Lueders

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

David Lechler, brother of Dawn Paulson

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Walter DeBill, husband of Stacia DeBill

Kenna Joy Kramer, grandniece of Weldon and Mary Allison

Lori Roth, Sister of Sandy Smith

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!

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