

# WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 22, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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## This Weekend in Worship

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND? A LOT!**

**New Message Series!** Pr. Dave Wegner steps out from behind the streaming station/sound board and gives this week's message as we begin a new Message Series "Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith."

**5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23 | Courtyard**

**8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 24 | Sanctuary**

**10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 24 | Sanctuary + Livestream**

**Aaron Lack and the Vibetet!** 8:15 + 10:45 a.m. Sun. Worship

Enjoy great jazz music at both services.

**We are honoring Earth Day in worship**, and Caring for God's Creation has also created [a list of 10 things](#) you can do every day for our Earth.

**Breakfast is Back!** 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday | Activity Center

For every one, every Sunday!

**Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief!** Gathering Space

New and improved! Make sure and stop by the table in the Gathering Space to learn about how you can help, (psst, sponsoring a kit is a great gift for Mother's Day! We'll show you how) and pick up sewing kits for making flannel blankets.

## 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](#).

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

## Calendar Events

### Bible Studies

**RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

**7:30-8:00 a.m Early Risers Bible Study | Zoom**

**10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study | Library + Zoom**

### Readers' Heaven

**NEXT THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

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

Norma Smith will lead the discussion on [Nannaville: Adventures in Grandparenting](#) by Anna Quindlen. It's a lively, beautiful, and moving book about being a grandmother. Join us!

### Cancer Support Group

**THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 26 (FOURTH TUESDAYS)**

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

Email [Sandy Smith](#) or call 512-569-6453. Sandy is also available between groups to serve as a resource to individuals and their families. More details under Events in Realm.

### PALS (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones)

**EVERY MONDAY**

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Library**

The free weekly meetings for parents and family members (over the age of 18) of loved ones who struggle with addiction are held on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 PM in the library at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran.

For more information about this group and others in the surrounding Austin area and other cities, visit the website, [www.palgroup.org](http://www.palgroup.org) You are not alone!

## **Gather Us In**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

**12:15 - 1:30 p.m. | Library**

Interested in learning more about our community of faith? Join us for **Gather Us In**, a time for potential members to get to know one another, the Shepherd of the Hills story, and the people who make up our great community! Lunch will be provided, and childcare, too, if needed! There is no expectation of joining the church; we simply hope to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have about life at Shepherd. Please contact Amanda Forsberg, Ministry Coordinator, at [amanda@shephills.org](mailto:amanda@shephills.org) if you plan to attend.

## **Save the Date**

### **All Church Serve**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Butterfly Center**

It's time for sweat equity! Come join us in preparing the Butterfly Center for renovation-everything in it needs to be moved out!

There will be tasks for those with strong backs and those with not-so-strong backs...so come on out and join us as we move up and [BEYOND](#), building a future for our children!

They'll be breakfast if you get here early, but come at any time-

### **Butterfly Ground Breaking Ceremony**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

**Between Services | Butterfly Center**

More to follow, save the date!

### **Pentecost Festival**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**Noon - 2:00 p.m. | Courtyard**

Come celebrate the birthday of the church, and our church, with lunch, music, playground time, crafts and MORE!

## **Playground Parties**

**Noon on Sundays, June 26, July 10 + 17, August 7**

**Courtyard + Playgrounds**

Let's get to know each other! We provide lunch and supervised playtime so parents can relax and have fun too.

## **Sunday Funday for Youth**

**BEGINNING JUNE 5**

**6:30 p.m. on Sundays (High School + Middle School)**

Time for some summer fun! We'll grab some dinner and enjoy some of the great things to do in Austin.

## **ShepHills Day Camp for Kids**

**JULY 11 -15**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Kinder thru 5th)**

Trained counselors from Camp LutherHill lead camp activities onsite that foster faith and most of all, fun!

[Register here today!](#)

## **"HEARD" Returns!**

**This June, stay tuned for dates and times.**

Let's continue learning about inclusion as we look forward to conversations with invited guests that give voice to people of color.

## **There's more! Find it on:**

**[www.ShepHills.org/events](http://www.ShepHills.org/events), the Realm Events Calendar, or email [sheep@shephills.org](mailto:sheep@shephills.org)**

## **Memorial Service for Don Gaskin**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

**4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

Don Gaskin passed from this life to life eternal on Thursday, April 21. We hold in our prayers Don's wife, Sandy, as well as Don's children, Heather and Jay. A memorial service celebrating the life of Don will be held next Saturday, followed by a light reception in the Activity Center.

# Giving

## LWR Baby Care Kits are Back!

Baby Care Kits are back and better than ever baby! To make things easier for all of us, we will be buying most things in bulk and asking people to please sponsor a kit for \$50, or make a contribution of any amount to the [Babycare-LWR Fund](#). Stop by the table in the Gathering Space for everything you know and need!

**\$50 will buy one kit consisting of:** 2 t shirts, 2 diaper pins, 4 cloth diapers, 2 pairs of socks, 2 outfits/pajamas, 1 hand towel, 2 bars of soap, 1 hooded sweatshirt, and 2 blankets.

**We still need** your beautiful handmade baby blankets so please keep them coming. More receiving blanket kits are available in the "Gathering Space."

Any questions? Please contact [Kathy Gerhardt](#).

## 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.

## Beyond Capital Fund Appeal

**We have broken \$2 million! We have 113 households participating, and \$2,164,245 pledged!** [Click here](#) to learn more and make your pledge. Want to give some sweat equity? Come to All Church Serve and help us. Learn more under Calendar Events. 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! If you would like to pledge, please use this [online pledge card](#), or mail in a paper pledge card to 3525 Bee Caves Rd., 78746.

# Prayers

**Please pray** for Sandy Nielsen and Tom Smith

**Please pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

JoAnne Matava, mother of Vicki Matava

Emma Rosas, granddaughter of Sheila Hilts

Jordan Butler, son of Carolyn & Gene Butler, grandchild of Sue and Ray Vaughan.

**We give thanks** for the life of Don Gaskin, who now rests in the Easter promise of resurrection. We pray for comfort and peace for Sandy Gaskin, and all of Don's family and friends, including our church family, in the midst of grief.

**We pray** for our Youth attending the Confirmation Retreat this weekend at Camp LutherHill.

**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.

**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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unless we are notified otherwise.*

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