

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 29, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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“Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith.”

Choir sings at early, Shirley Murray plays at late!

Worship Times

5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30 | Fellowship Hall*

**Due to the Memorial Service for Don Gaskin at 4 p.m., Courtyard Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday.*

8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 1 | Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 1 | Sanctuary + [Livestream](#)

Sunday Mornings

Breakfast for All

EVERY SUNDAY

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. | Activity Center

Breakfast for every one, every Sunday!

Meet + Greet Adryana Aldeen, From Marioposa

THIS SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. | Activity Center

Come meet Adriana Alden, of the Mariposa Family Learning Center, and find out who she is and what she does for Mariposa!

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](#).

Gather Us In

THIS 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 more about our community.

Please contact Amanda Forsberg, Ministry Coordinator, at amanda@shephills.org if you plan to attend.

Wait, it's Mother's Day?

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, here's a perfect way to show your Mom you love her!

LWR Baby Care Kits

SPONSOR A KIT

8:15 a.m. - noon | Gathering Space

[Sponsoring a kit](#) is a perfect gift for Mom on Mothers' Day! Stop by the table in the Gathering Space to learn more about how you can honor Mom by helping us reach our goal of 100 kits.

Calendar

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

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 this Saturday, followed by a light reception in the Activity Center.

PALS (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones)

EVERY MONDAY

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Library + Zoom

You can now join us on Zoom! The free weekly meetings are for parents and family members (over the age of 18) of loved ones who struggle with addiction. You are not alone! Zoom Meeting ID: 821 4966 4802 Passcode: 347213

[Click here to join the Zoom](#)

For more information about this group and others in the surrounding Austin area and other cities, visit the website, www.palgroup.org

Bible Studies

THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

7:30-8:00 a.m. Early Risers Bible Study | [Zoom](#)

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study | Library + [Zoom](#)

Save the Date

Christmas Rhine River Trip

DEADLINE MAY 15

Pr. Tom and Jeanne are looking to possibly host a Rhine River trip this Christmas season, and need to know if you're interested! The trip is planned for Wednesday, December 7 thru Sunday, December 16 and includes a 5-day cruise on the Rhine River with key historic stops and an additional 4-days sight-seeing via deluxe motorcoach visiting world famous Christmas markets in Cologne, Koblenz, Strasbourg, Rothenburg, Nuremburg and Munich. Contact [Pr. Tom](#) .

We Collect and Recycle!

DID YOU KNOW?

Bring your dead batteries, old eyeglasses, bread bag tags (those flat plastic ones, not twist ties), and old cell phones to the credenza opposite the front office, and members of our congregation take it from there - delivering them to agencies that will reuse and recycle appropriately. Thank you!

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-

BEYOND: 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 (it's our 45th anniversary!) 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.

Loving and 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

Bread for All needs canned meat!

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

Giving Update! 115 Households are participating, with \$2,164,715 given and pledged to date towards our goal of \$3 million. [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, Rodney Varner, Walter DeBill, and Tom Smith.

Please pray for Gabe Collins, grandson of Sharon Collins.

We celebrate the birth of William Paul O'Brien, grandson of Mark and Kathy Gerhardt. We pray for him to grow in faith, hope, and love throughout his life.

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 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!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

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