

PALM SUNDAY WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

April 8, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Jesus is King!

Open your heart and prepare the way for Jesus as we begin our walk together through Holy Week with a weekend celebrating Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem!

Palm Saturday

THIS SATURDAY APRIL 9

5:30 p.m. | Courtyard

Come, welcome Jesus into your heart in the afternoon shade of the Courtyard with the waving of palms and **songs of praise**.

Palm Sunday Worship

THIS SUNDAY APRIL 10

8:15 a.m. | Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream

Welcome Holy Week in opening worship with the Procession of Palms into the Sanctuary.

Palm Sunday Celebration

THIS SUNDAY APRIL 10

9:30 a.m. | Courtyard

Celebrate Jesus' return with **palms, ponies, a petting zoo, and pastries!** The lower PreK playground will be open. Breakfast served on the Butterfly porch.

Adult Bible Study

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. | Rm 205 (this week only) + 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

RETURNS SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Join us this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtyard for pony rides, a petting zoo and breakfast.

The PrayGround is Back!

Bring your kids, the PrayGround is back. We've added additional rugs for more room and more kids!

Easter Lilies

It's a yearly tradition at ShepHills to fill the Sanctuary with Easter Lilies. Help us offset the cost by purchasing one in honor or memory of a loved one. Find giving envelopes outside the sanctuary, or [purchase online](#). Thank you!

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream

A poignant service featuring the somber rituals of the Veiling of the Cross and the Stripping of the Altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday Children's Journey

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

10:30 a.m. | Courtyard

Kids walk, talk, and use props in this telling of the Good Friday story.

Good Friday “The Passion” Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream

A powerful worship experience with “The Passion,” a story about the depth of God’s love.

Prayer Walk

APRIL 9 - APRIL 17

Dawn to dusk | Shepherd’s Garden

Walk with God and experience the beauty of creation. Two self-guided outdoor prayer walks, one for adults and one for families with children. Begin in the Shepherd’s Garden anytime from dawn to dusk.

Easter Worship

We hope to see you here for Easter, gathered together with old friends and new, celebrating our most joyous day of the year! There is a service for everyone - indoor, outdoor, traditional or contemporary - see the outline below and go to shephills.org/easter for more information.

Saturday Easter Worship

NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 16

5:30 p.m. | Courtyard

Bring the whole family for this uplifting time of worship, praise, and music.

Easter Sunrise Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 a.m. | Outdoor Worship Center

Experience the Easter Story in the quiet space of early morning, just like the first Easter.

Easter Sunday Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream (www.shephills.org)

Gather in our beautifully adorned sanctuary as we unveil the cross in this traditional service.

Easter Courtyard Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 a.m. | Church Courtyard

Enjoy the beauty of a spring morning at this inspirational outdoor Easter Family Worship.

Holy Communion is served at all services

Easter Breakfast for All

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Activity Center

Breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit, and beverages, plus special tables for the kids with crayons and coloring pages!

Easter Offering

Our Easter offering has been designated to support ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. [Give here](#), on the website, or under Giving on onrealm.org , or by check or cash. Please indicate Easter Offering.

Memorial Service

Don Knight

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

On Friday, March 25, 2022, Don knight passed from this life into life eternal. We grieve with his wife Anita and family, and all those who loved him, and we place our trust in the power and the promise of the resurrection life in Jesus Christ. A reception in the Activity Center will follow.

Gifts in honor of Don may be given to the American Cancer Society, ELCA Lutheran World Relief, or National Park Foundation.

Weekly Calendar

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

Men's Breakfast

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. | Activity Center

Come...Denny Etzler is cooking breakfast. We will discuss all relevant subjects. Contact [Weldon Allison](#).

Quilting

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Rm 205

Sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Let us teach you what we know, no experience necessary!

Pickleball

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 a.m. | Activity Center

Game, set, match! Come play.

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

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.

Readers' Heaven

START READING!

Save the Date! Thursday, April 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

Our next book is for all grandparents and anyone who hopes to be a grandparent one day! Norma Smith has recommended and will lead the discussion

on [Nannaville: Adventures in Grandparenting](#) by Anna Quindlen. It's a lively, beautiful, and moving book about being a grandmother. Quindlen offers thoughtful and telling observations about her new role, no longer mother and decision-maker but secondary character and support to the parents of her grandson. Candid, funny, frank, and illuminating, Quindlen's singular voice has never been sharper or warmer.

Cancer Support Group

FOURTH TUESDAYS, NEXT MEETING APRIL 26

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 You are not alone!

Giving

Beyond Capital Fund Appeal

We have broken \$2 million! We currently have 101 households participating, and have raised \$2,044,264 in gifts and pledges. [Click here](#) to learn more and make your pledge. 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.

Thrivent Members

THRIVENT HAS CHARITABLE FUNDS FOR YOU TO USE!

Thrivent Choice

Thrivent Action Teams

Click on the links above to see how Thrivent will GIVE you money for your favorite non-profits. You can use these dollars to buy diapers for Bread for All, Bibles for Haiti, or Baby Care Kits for LWR - just to name a few!

BSA Troop 31

REID KISER EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT / MARIPOSA

Hi, my name is Reid Kizer. I am a current Life Scout in Troop 31, and I am currently fundraising for my eagle project. My Eagle project is taking place at the Mariposa Family Learning Center. The Mariposa Family Learning Center is a daycare center in East Austin. It helps educate children starting from 18 months to 4 years old. It also helps support these families. These families are commonly underprivileged. The Mariposa Family Learning Center helps aid these families by providing daycare and education. The goal of this project is to build a crushed granite track. The kids at Mariposa will be able to ride tricycles around this track. This trike track will institute a new form of learning and experiences for the many children attending this facility. The trike track will be utilized frequently. It will be a new, fun, interactive playground to help the kids connect with each other along with the teachers. **I would love your support in this project. To donate to this project, please follow this link: <https://gofund.me/e92a2b52> Thank you for your generosity.**

Reid Kizer

Prayers

Please pray for Don Gaskin, Marie Fortune, Sandy Nielsen, and Stacia and Walter DeBill

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Kenna Joy Kramer, Grandniece of

Weldon and Mary Allison

JoAnne Matava, mother of Vicki Matava

We pray for those who mourn the death of Don Knight, husband of Anita Knight. We give thanks for Don's life and entrust him into God's mercy as we await the hope of resurrection.

We pray for family and friends who mourn the death of Jack Knox.

We pray in celebration for our students participating this afternoon in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*:

Miller Dertien, Lillian Murray, Keaton Robertson, Natalie Robertson, Elin Watkins, and Owen Wegner. We pray for God to bless these students as they learn and grow in awareness of the gifts of forgiveness, love, and grace we receive in Holy Communion.

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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