

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

May 6, 2022

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

www.shephills.org



“Wrestling with Doubt - Finding Faith.”

Come for a special day of beautiful music at both services performed by musical guest Andy Cheetham on trumpet. There will also be flowers to give to the special people who have raised us!

Worship Times

5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7 | Courtyard

*The Lower Playground is open during Saturday Worship for young ones with wiggles and giggles. We ask that parents supervise their children on the playground.

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

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 8 | Sanctuary + [Livestream](#)

*Worship Boxes and the PrayGround are available for young ones during Sanctuary Worship!

Sunday Mornings and More

Breakfast for All

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Breakfast for every one, every Sunday!

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, ending May 15th for summer

9:45 a.m. | Courtyard

Faith formation and worship all wrapped up in one!

Contact [Pr. Lauren](#).

Youth

EVERY SUNDAY, ending May 15th for summer

Noon | Activity Center

Lunch and more for grades 9-12!

Contact [Joel Timmons](#).

NextGen at Nite

EVERY SUNDAY, ending May 15th for summer

7:00 p.m. | Activity Center

Grades 5-8 meet in the Activity Center for Bible Study and games!

Contact [Joel Timmons](#).

Sunday Funday for All Youth

BEGINNING JUNE 5

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

Starting this summer, grades 5-12 will join up for dinner and enjoy some of the great things to do in Austin.

Weekly Events

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

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 11

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

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

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

1:00 p.m. | Rm 205

If you can tie a knot you can help finish senior quilts!

NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 14

9:00 a.m. | Rm 205

If you can tie a knot, you can help!

Men's Breakfast

NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:00 a.m. | Activity Center

Tuck into some good grub and talk about current events.

Register Today! 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!](#)

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](#) .

Special Events in May

All Church Serve

SATURDAY, MAY 21

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

Help us move the boxes into onsite storage containers. There'll be breakfast if you get here early!

BEYOND: Butterfly Ground Breaking Ceremony

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Between Services | Butterfly Center

More to follow, save the date!

Special Events in June

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

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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.

"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.

Special News

Shelia Pharis

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MARIPOSA

Finalist for Award

Sheila Pharis has been recognized as a Phyllis Richards Icon For Youth Award Finalist for Professional Excellence from the [Austin Guide Child Guide Center](#) .

The Professional Excellence Award is for an individual who is dedicated to positive outcomes for children and teens by exemplifying excellence in their profession. Sheila was nominated by several individuals in our community recognizing her work and perseverance to provide support and quality childcare for families and

teachers during the pandemic. Find out more by following Mariposa on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mariposalearning) (www.facebook.com/mariposalearning)

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!

Ways to Give

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! 117 Households are participating, with \$2,170,000 given and pledged to date towards our \$3 million goal. [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 and Stacia DeBill, Tom Smith, and Cole Bishop.

Please pray for family and friends of Shepherd members: Gabe Collins, grandson of Sharon Collins.

We give thanks to you God for the gift of our faith community, the Body of Christ. For all who have been here for many years and for those who are more recent members. We especially give thanks for our new members received today; Charlie and Alana, Paula and Flannery. May you walk with them in their faith journey and use us to support, encourage, and love them.

We celebrate with Matthew and Hays McKenzie the gift of Holy Baptism. Be with them on their journey and may they know your promise of love throughout their lives.

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

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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