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“Called through the Gospel to be a nurturing, dynamic community, celebrating God’s presence in our lives, and sharing with all God’s abundant grace in Jesus Christ”

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LENTEN MIDWEEK COMMUNION

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM

“IN JESUS’ FOOTSTEPS”



Our theme this year, “In Jesus’ Footsteps,” invites us to walk through life as Jesus did. As we gather each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm for Holy Communion, we will hear from the Gospel of Matthew how Jesus walked as He was faithful to His calling, as He encountered temptation, as He acted with compassion, as He lived a ministry of healing, as He faced criticism, and as He endured suffering.



- + **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17** - Rev. Stephen Youngdahl
Matthew 22:24-40, *“into Faithfulness”*
- + **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24** - Rev. Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones
Matthew 4:1-11, *“into Temptation”*
- + **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3** - Rev. Merle Franke
Matthew 14:13-21, *“into Healing”*
- + **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10** - Mark Dellagiacoma
Matthew 15:29-31, *“into Compassion”*
- + **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17** - Dr. Steve Larson
Matthew 9:1-8, *“into Criticism”*
- + **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24** - Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng
Matthew 26:36-46, *“into Suffering”*

This year’s **LENTEN OFFERING** has been designated for Caritas [an Austin social service agency] and Lutheran World Relief.

WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP . . .

MORNING WORSHIP - 8:30 & 11:00
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 AM
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lessons are: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11;*
Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13;
and *Luke 4:1-13.*

FEBRUARY 24 LENTEN MIDWEEK COMMUNION

7:00 pm
“into Temptation”
Matthew 4:1-11
Rev. Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones,
preaching

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The lessons are: *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18;*
Psalms 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1;
and *Luke 13:31-35.*



SPIRIT IN THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 AM

BRIARCLIFF COMMUNITY CENTER
ON PACE BEND ROAD

[www.spiritinthehills.org]

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW . . .

*The following Point of View was written by
Mollie Cullinane, Preschool Parent
and Chair of the Butterfly Christian Preschool Board.*

On daughter's first day at the Butterfly Christian Preschool, I cried. I sobbed. I was a wreck. My sweet little two year old was walking into a big new world without me. I was so worried that this teacher wouldn't love or understand or care for my child as I did. I feared that my daughter would be scared and lonely and upset.

So I was completely surprised when I peeked into the classroom ten minutes later to see my child joyfully laughing and playing with new friends. And I was gladly comforted to then join a group of other tearful moms, who were all having the same range of emotions as I was.

That first day of preschool was rough for me. But each day since, the preschool has offered numerous blessings to our family. For the past three years, the Butterfly Christian Preschool has been a place of friendship, love, learning, happiness, spirit, and laughter for each member of our family. My girls have grown emotionally, spiritually, and physically with the love and guidance of Butterfly teachers. I have found new life-long friends that fill my days with joy and support.

I thank Shepherd of the Hills for starting this wonderful ministry 33 years ago. As you might know, since 1977, the Preschool has provided a Christian learning environment that nurtures and supports preschool children and their families. It offers half-day classes (9:00 - 1:00) for 18 month olds to four year olds. Younger children attend either two or three mornings a week; the four year olds may attend either four or five mornings a week. The program, which is accredited by the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA), focuses on a message of God's love. Each week the children attend chapel with Pastor Steve and Pastor Heidi, along with Mr. Mark and Ms. Amy. The Bible stories, songs, and messages introduced at chapel are shared throughout the week in the childrens' classes. Other special weekly classes at Butterfly include creative movement and music programs for all children.

Registration has begun for the Butterfly Christian Preschool's 2010 - 2011 school year. If you have family or friends who are interested in a place that offers Christian love, gentle staff, kind and qualified teachers, play-based curricula, a loving community of families, and lots of laughter, send them to Butterfly. Contact Preschool Director Karon Miller Hammond [327-6035, director@shephills.org] if you have any questions or to take a tour.



WITHIN THE FOLD

BIRTH

Congratulations to Scott and Rebecca Kodak upon the birth of their daughter, **Analyn Rose Kodak**, born Wednesday, February, 10.

QUILTING BEE



Have you ever been curious about what is done on quilting days? Come to a **Quilting Bee** Saturday, February 27th, 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room to find out. You will get a chance to tie a few knots and enjoy some fellowship. Then, we hope you will return to quilt the second Wednesday and second Saturday each month!



MOBILE UNIT BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 28

The Health and Wellness Committee is sponsoring a **blood drive** on Sunday, February 28 with the mobile unit in the front parking lot from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex or online.



'OLD CELL' PHONE COLLECTION

Old cell phones have a use! Please donate your old cell phones for a good cause. The phones are donated to area police departments where they are modified for 911 calls only and distributed as needed. There is a wooden 'treasure chest' labeled "old cell phones" on the small table in the narthex [next to the library] where the phones can be dropped off. Thanks!!



CHURCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The **voice mail phone system is STILL down** at the Church, but in the process of repair.. After staff office hours, the phone will continually ring, there will be no recording, AND **you will not be able to leave a voice mail** message for the pastors or staff. During the day we will be glad to write down any messages for staff not in the office. E-mail is working fine as an option if you need to contact any of the staff. Thank you for your understanding.

"PRAY & PUTT" FELLOWSHIP OUTING



Lost Creek Country Club
Wednesday, February 24
First tee time at 10:24
\$39.51 [fees & cart]

Contact Bill Dawson to reserve a tee time.
[billd@aussys.com, 431-3025]



BUTTERFLY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL 2010 - 2011 REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Butterfly Christian Preschool Registration continues for the 2010-2011 school year with **OPEN** registration for the fall beginning **Tuesday, February 23**.

YOUTH MINISTRY FEBRUARY & MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



2010 CROP HUNGER WALK

We will be participating in Austin's annual **CROP Hunger Walk** March 6 and 7 at Walter E. Long Park [new location]. Funds raised support urgently needed hunger relief in countries around the globe, as well as benefitting local area food banks and food pantries. Walkers can participate on either Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 am, or Sunday, March 7 at 2:30 pm. To participate or sponsor a walker, or to donate, sign up in the narthex. All proceeds from the CROP Walk help to combat hunger. Contact Jean Friday [346-3716, frijaf@austin.rr.com] for more information.



NEW MEMBERS



New Members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, April 11th. On Sunday, March 28th at 5:00 pm, there will be an Orientation for New Members with the Church Council in the Upper Room. If you are interested in becoming a part of the ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, please contact one of the pastors.

LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST

As a part of our *Lenten Journey* we will have a **Prayer Breakfast** on Wednesday mornings 7:00-7:45 am in the Upper Room. Our focus will be a book study of Listening for God, as we create a mindful awareness of God's presence in our lives. Each week a light breakfast of pastry, fruit, juice, and coffee will be provided. Join in prayer and study together.




MEN'S RETREAT "FINDING HOPE IN HARD TIMES"

Our annual **Men's Retreat, "Finding Hope in Hard Times"**, will be held at the T Bar M Conference Center in New Braunfels, March 26-27. The Retreat will focus on how God's Word offers the hope that secures our faith and empowers our lives today. The cost is \$100.00 per person, which includes lodging in the Country Inn ["motel like" accommodations with two to a room] on Friday night and two meals on Saturday. To register, complete the registration form [in the narthex] and return it, along with a \$40.00 deposit, to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, March 10th. Because of T Bar M's policies, after March 12th you will be responsible for the full amount of the retreat, unless someone is found to take your place. Contact Pastor Steve Youngdahl [steve@shephills.org, 327-3370] for more information.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

Christ Renews His Parish [CRHP] is an adult renewal weekend that bring congregation members together. CRHP activates, stimulates, motivates, reconciles, heals, liberates, involves, and invites us to seek Jesus personally in our life. CRHP does this through communion, God's word, shared faith, prayer, ministry and discipleship. CRHP's purpose at Shepherd of the Hills is to continue to build a Christ centered, Spirit empowered congregation. Consider attending the **Men's Weekend**, April 17-18 and the **Women's Weekend** is April 24-25.

☺ PRE K - 5TH GRADE

- ✓ Monday, March 1 

9:30-11:30 am *Parent Share*
Join us for an introduction to the *Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun* course taught by Laura Baker, High Five Parenting Independent Facilitator. The information focuses specifically on children from birth - six, although the same principals apply to older children. Cost is \$10/person. Child care will be provided. RSVP to Amy Ruedas, Director of Child & Family Ministry [327-3370, amy@shephills.org]

☺ 3RD GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ Wednesdays 

5:45 pm First Communion classes

☺ 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ Sunday, February 21

6:00 pm Meeting-In-Home [M-I-H] [TBA].
- ✓ Sunday, February 28

6:00 pm [M-I-H] [TBA].
- ✓ March 13-17 - Spring Break Trip

Our Spring Break Trip will be to Eagle Pass as we worship and serve with our Mission Partners there. Youth and adults are invited to join in the trip, 9-12 grade youth do not have to be accompanied by an adult. Cost will be \$60 per person or \$120 per family. If you have any questions please contact Mark Dellagiacomma.
- ✓ July 8-17 High Adventure Trip

Registration for this summer's trip of camping and canoeing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Northern Minnesota has begun. This trip is a great opportunity to witness God's awesome creation in a pristine setting. The trip is set for July 8-17; to register contact Mark Dellagiacomma [mark@shephills.org].





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Good News FOR MARCH 2010

**Be still, and know
that I am God!**

— *Psalm 46:10*

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