



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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EASTER SUNDAY!

APRIL 4, 2010

CHRIST IS RISEN



- + **7:15 am.** Sunrise Service of Holy Communion in our Outdoor Worship Area.
- + **7:45 - 9:00 am.** Easter pancake and sausage breakfast served in the Multi-Purpose Room by the men of the congregation.
- + **9:00 & 11:00 am.** Services of Holy Communion in the sanctuary with special music provided by Brass, the Senior Handbell Choir, and the Senior Choir.

ENCLOSED with this newsletter is an **Easter Offering Envelope**. This year’s **Easter 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

MARCH 17
LENTEN MIDWEEK COMMUNION

7:00 pm

“into Criticism”

Matthew 9:1-8

Dr. Steve Larson, preaching

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lessons are: *Isaiah 43:16-21;*
Psalms 126; Philippians 3:4b-14;
and *John 12:1-8.*

MARCH 24
LENTEN MIDWEEK COMMUNION

7:00 pm

“into Suffering”

Matthew 26:36-46

Rev. Paul Collinson-Streng, preaching

SUNDAY, MARCH 28
PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lessons today are: *Isaiah 50:4-9a;*
Psalms 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
and *Luke 22:14-23:56.*



SPIRIT IN THE HILLS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:30 AM
BRIARCLIFF COMMUNITY CENTER

[www.spiritinthehills.org]

FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW . . .

*The following Point of View was written by
the 2010 VBS Co-Directors,
Brooke DeVaney and Tricia Gottsman*



Are you ready for the voyage of a lifetime? Then come join our crew for a High Seas Expedition this summer at Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25 where you'll explore the mighty love of God! Get ready for a swashbuckling adventure through God's Word and discover that God shows his powerful love throughout Scripture.

At High Seas Expedition, kids will explore the mighty love of God on a journey that will change them forever! High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the High Seas Expedition activities that help faith flow into real life.

Come learn with us and discover how. . .

God's word is TRUE.

God's word is COMFORTING.

God's word is SURPRISING.

God's word is LIFE-CHANGING.

God's word is FOREVERMORE.

Children, parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to join us! There's a place for everyone - from crew members to crew leaders, volunteers for nursery, mini-VBS, preschool and elementary. Please see our registration table in the narthex to sign up today! Also, we are seeking a volunteer to lead our Decorations crew. If you are creative and have a passion for decorating (or know someone else who is!), please let us know! We would love to have your help.

In the next few weeks and months, we will be posting lists for requested donations to help us create a successful week. This may include items for decorations around the church, items for the various stations, and food for snacks for crew members and volunteers. Watch the bulletin and narthex for more information.

High Seas Expedition is awash with fun for kids, teenagers, and adults. Everyone involved in VBS will dive into God's Word . . . and never be the same again! Not only do kids experience amazing Bible adventures but they'll also watch for god in everyday life through something we call God Sightings. Kids discover that God is active in our lives and that his fingerprints are everywhere! LET'S GO!!!

Hope to see you on the High Seas this summer!

EASTER LILIES

We have pre-ordered **Easter Lilies** to decorate the chancel on Easter morning. If you would like to purchase a flower [\$10.00] to honor someone, please sign up on poster in the narthex.



WITHIN THE FOLD

BIRTH

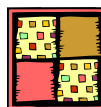
Congratulations to Tommy and Megan Lueders upon the birth of their daughter, **Carson Gentry Lueders**, on March 10.

DEATH

Our thoughts and prayers surround **Debi Schoenfelt** upon the death of her mother.

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



QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Three separate **quilts** will be **auctioned** off to the highest bidders. Proceeds will be used in shipping over 100 quilts to Lutheran World Relief for world-wide distribution. To bid, place your offered amount on a slip of paper located next to the auction barrel in the church narthex. Bids will be received through the 11:00 am worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. The highest three bidders will be notified the following week. Thank you to our quilting group for these quilts. . . a gift of love for those in need.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING



On Monday, April 26th, at 7:00 pm there will be a brief meeting in the Library for those who are interested in participating in our next **Guatemala mission trip** in October. As in the past, our main focus will be time spent with the people of La Virgen del Rosario Lutheran Church in Ocho de Octubre, a Mayan village in rural Guatemala. Contact Pastor Stephen Youngdahl [327-3370, steve@shephills.org] for more information.



BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

Shepherd of the Hills is **preparing** [March 29, 5:30 pm], and **servicing** [March 30, 5:30 am] **breakfast for the homeless** this month at First Methodist Family Center downtown [maps are available at the Welcome Center]. To help or for more information, contact Len Johnson [259-5927, ljohnson277@austin.rr.com].



FIRST COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

We welcome to the Lord's Table the following young people who will receive their **First Communion** on Maundy Thursday, April 1: *Emma Booth, Ryan Cantrell, Amanda Freche, Lauren Freche, Bennett Gaussiran, Caroline Johnson, Claire Larson, Ian McClure, Jacob Paulson, Jenna Rogge, Matthew Slade, Cullen Wallquist, Grant Wold, and Jett Wright.*

MEN'S MINISTRY. . .EASTER BREAKFAST



Men! You are needed to help **prepare** [6:00 - 7:45 am], **serve** [7:45 - 9:00 am], and **clean up** [9:00 - 10:00 am] our **pancake and sausage breakfast** on Easter morning, April 4th. Sign up in the narthex if you can help with any of these tasks. To prepare for the Easter breakfast, we will have our monthly **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, April 3, 8:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Join us in this fellowship and service.



JOIN THE [HALLELUJAH] CHORUS FOR EASTER!

This Easter, April 4 we will, as always, end the services at 9:00 and 11:00 am with **Handel's Hallelujah Chorus**. Some of you may know this piece, and have felt the urge to jump in. Well this year, consider yourself officially invited to join the song! You may wish to rehearse it with us once, on Wednesday March 31 from 7:30 to 8:00 pm [we will not rehearse it Easter morning].

Also, if you would like to join us for all of the Easter music, please come to our remaining rehearsals Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. We would love to have you in the chorus! Contact Director of Music, Kevin McClure, if you have any questions [327-3370, kevin@shephills.org].

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH [CRHP] RENEWAL WEEKENDS

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.

"PRAY & PUTT" GOLF FELLOWSHIP



Members and friends are invited to a **day of golf** on Thursday, March 25, at Barton Creek Lakeside. First tee time [of three] is 9:15; cost [including cart] is \$44.00. Contact Jerry Schmeil [jvschmeil@aol.com, 261-3404] to reserve your tee time by March 24. The next two outings will be Thursday April 29th at Live Oak [\$40 per person] and Thursday May 20th at The Hills [\$69 per person]. The tee times will be around 10 am.



SPECIAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Journey's of Heartache and Grace, Conversations and Life Lessons from Young People with Serious Illnesses - On Sunday, March 28, 10:00 am, in the Upper Room, **Dr. Melody Chatelle** will share positive, practical and poignant stories of seriously ill young people to help us examine a journey we will all face with our loved ones and ourselves - our pending mortality. Dr. Chatelle is an author and well-respected, effective veteran of the national and state legislative arena.

NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S CENTER TOUR

The Social Ministry Committee invites members and friends to tour the **New Life Children's Center** at Canyon Lake, Sunday, April 11, 3:00 pm. The Center provides help, healing, and hope to young girls, ages 11-17, many of whom are survivors of physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Sign up in the narthex to indicate your interest in participating and carpooling.



YOUTH MINISTRY MARCH/APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



☺ Pre K - 5TH GRADE YOUTH



✓ Sunday, March 28

9:45 am Annual Easter Egg Hunt
PreK - 2nd graders will participate in the Easter Egg Hunt and 3rd-5th graders will have fun and exciting Easter crafts, snacks and fellowship! Bring your Easter basket!

✓ Monday, April 5



9:30 am *Parent Share*
Marriage Enrichment Discussion [Bible study, activities, fellowship. Child Care provided].

✓ Sunday, April 11



9:45 am PreK-K Milestone *Noah's Ark*
Noah will join us during Sunday School for a story time reading of *Nighty Night, Noah* by Molly Schaar Idle. Children are invited to bring a stuffed animal for Noah's Blessing of the Animals.

✓ Sunday, April 18



9:45 am 1st & 2nd Grade Milestone
The Lord's Prayer - Pastor Heidi will visit during Sunday School and lead youth through the Lord's Prayer.

☺ 3RD GRADE YOUTH



✓ Wednesdays, March 24, 31

5:45 pm First Communion classes

☺ 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH

✓ Each Sunday evening our 9th-12th grade youth either Meet-In-Homes [M-I-H] or at the church beginning at 6:00 pm for fellowship, dinner, and study together.

✓ 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. To register contact Mark Dellagiacomma [mark@shephills.org].



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY, March 28: Holy Communion, 8:30 & 11:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1: Holy Communion/Stripping of the Altar, 7:00 pm

PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 1-2: Thursday, 9:00 pm to Friday, 6:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2: Service of Darkness, 7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

+ 7:15 AM HOLY COMMUNION, Outdoor Worship Area

+ 7:45 - 9:00 AM EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Pancake and sausage breakfast served by the men in the Multi-Purpose Room

+ 9:00 & 11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION: With special music from brass and choirs