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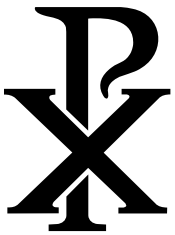
EMPOWERED . . .

SENT . . .

“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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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH [CRHP] RENEWAL WEEKENDS



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH is a spiritual renewal and community building program that is available to all here at Shepherd of the Hills. This program encourages daily faith practices as it builds love and closeness with fellow church members. For some it is a jump start to get their spiritual life back on track. For others it is a validation and reinforcement of the strength of their walk with God.

There are no requirements for participation, only a willingness to be open to the Holy Spirit and the power of Jesus Christ working in your life. It begins by attending a Men’s or a Women’s CRHP Renewal Weekend. Where it ends, is up to you.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to join us on our faith journeys. We hope and pray that you will give yourselves the gift of this wonderful program. Sign up in the narthex if you wish to attend a renewal weekend.

“CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH”
RENEWAL WEEKENDS AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

MEN’S WEEKEND - APRIL 17 & 18

WOMEN’S WEEKEND - APRIL 24 & 25

WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP . . .

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

APRIL 1

MAUNDY THURSDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
7:00 pm

“into Discipleship”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

APRIL 2

GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE OF DARKNESS
7:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER SUNDAY
7:15, 9:00, 11:00 am

The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lessons are: *Acts 10:34-43;*
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians
15:19-26; and *Luke 24:1-12.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
The lesson will be: *Acts 5:27-32;*
Psalms 118:14-29, Revelation 1:4-8;
and *John 20:19-31.*



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
Pastor Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones and
congregational member, Kara Buesnel.*

Help Shepherd of the Hills raise money for the Capital Area Food Bank and at the same time get rid of your unwanted clutter. On Saturday May 15th from 8 am to noon, Shepherd of the Hills will host its first annual Trunk Sale (our version of a hip and trendy garage sale). Reserve a selling spot in our parking lot and bring your gently used clothing, bedding, baby clothes, toys, household items, books, collectibles, or anything you would sell in a garage sale. It is hoped that this outreach ministry will raise money for the Capital Area Food Bank, help you un-clutter your home, and welcome others onto our campus.

To be a part of this exciting event and experience the joy of helping others here's what you need to know.

**JOIN US SATURDAY, MAY 15TH 8:00 A.M. TO NOON
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHURCH BACK PARKING LOT
RAIN OR SHINE!!**

- ❖ Purchase a parking/selling spot. Each parking space is \$10 and non-refundable. **REGISTRATION FEES GO TO THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK.** Registration is on a "first come" basis. . .so register early.
- ❖ Park your vehicle in your purchased spot and be ready to sell your items.
- ❖ **Sellers may keep the proceeds from items they sell.**
- ❖ Sellers must provide their own tables and chairs to set up behind their vehicles on which to display their wares.
- ❖ You may wish to purchase 2 selling spaces if you have many or larger items to sell.
- ❖ Check-in and parking spot set-up begins at 7:00 a.m.
- ❖ No vehicle may enter the selling spaces after 7:45 a.m. Sellers may begin exiting at 12:15 p.m.
- ❖ A nonprofit organization will be onsite to pick up any unsold items that you do not wish to take back home.
- ❖ Suggested ideas for selling: baby items, toys, books, collectibles, household/kitchen items, sports equipment, handmade crafts, or any items sold at flea markets or garage sales. . .ANYTHING and EVERYTHING!
- ❖ **Trunk & Craft Sale registration forms** are available in the Narthex, church office or by emailing kbuesnel@austin.rr.com.

Volunteers are needed to help organize, promote, and register selling participants, to direct shoppers, to set up and oversee ministry display booths, and to promote campus safety. Please contact Kara Buesnel [301-0655] if you can help in one of these areas, or Rebecca Guengerich [rebecca@shephills.org] if you are interested in supporting a ministry/program booth.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY MAY 15TH



WITHIN THE FOLD

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for, **Charles Andrew Kilpatrick**, son of Chad and Shelly [Newsom] Kilpatrick on March 18. Charles' sponsors were Jason Martin and Elizabeth Newsom, and his Guardian Angel [4th grade sponsor] was Eric Mudd.

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.



"PRAY & PUTT" GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Members and friends are invited to a **day of golf** on Thursday, April 29, at Live Oak. Cost [including cart] is \$40.00. Contact Jerry Schmeil [jvschmeil@aol.com, 261-3404] to reserve your tee time. The next outing will be Thursday May 20th at The Hills [\$69 per person]. The tee times will be around 10 am.

CROP WALK FOR HUNGER THANK YOU!!



A HUGE THANKS to all of you who supported our Shepherd of the Hills **CROP Hunger Walkers** [Don Cadenhead, Mark Dellagiacomma and the Youth Group, Lory Donatt, Barb and Hal Hampton, Gladys and Harold Hervig, Shirley Viehweg, Jean and Dean Friday]. Because of your generosity, \$945 was raised by our walkers. Funds donated will be used for local Austin area food banks, as well as international hunger and poverty relief. Thank you for your generosity



SYNOD NEWSLETTER THE VISTA

The March issue of **The Vista** is available ONLY on-line at www.swtsynod.org/newsevents.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

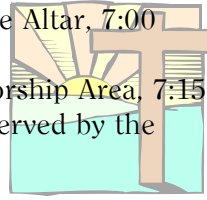
Maundy Thursday, April 1: Holy Communion/Stripping of the Altar, 7:00

Good Friday, April 2: Service of Darkness, 7:00 pm

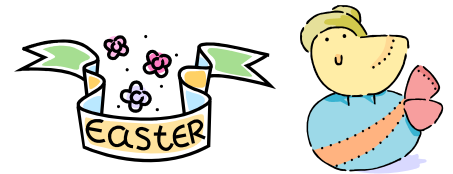
Easter Sunrise, April 4: Holy Communion in our Outdoor Worship Area, 7:15

Easter Pancake Breakfast: Pancake and sausage breakfast served by the men in the Multi-Purpose Room, 7:45 - 9:00 am

Easter Sunday, April 4: Holy Communion, 9:00 & 11:00 am



YOUTH MINISTRY APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



☺ Pre K - 5TH GRADE YOUTH

✓ 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.

☺ 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].

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.



WORK+SHOP MINISTRY

Work+Shop is a time during the middle of the week to meet with people interested in understanding how a thought, idea, or issue can be addressed in a Christ-like manner by reflecting on Bible Stories. The group will meet two more times this spring, Wednesday, March 31st [church Library; 3525 Bee Cave Road] and April 7th [Panera Bread; 2805 Bee Caves Road] from noon to 1:00 pm. Each week's reflection is independent of the other weeks, so come and join the group. After these two meetings, look for *Work+Shop* to return in the fall.

CARITAS 'FAITH FOOD DRIVE' . . .RICE

As part of **Caritas of Austin's 2010 Spring Community Food Drive**, Shepherd of the Hills will be doing a **Rice Drive**. The list of items for the food drive is easy: RICE, any kind, in bags of any size, 2lb. and larger. In a change from previous years, each organization will be asked to target one item. This will supply Caritas' food pantry with the most needed items and will save many volunteer hours of sorting donations. A poster and box for donations will be in the Narthex beginning April 4 and the last day for accepting donations will be April 25. Thank you!



RECYCLE . . .SMILE . . .REPEAT

Did you know that you can **recycle** newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office & school papers and mail [no cardboard] 24 hours/7 days a week at our campus? Our Butterfly Christian Preschool earns money for the paper dropped off at our green and yellow Abitibi Paper Retriever bin on the west side of our property. During the month of **April**, Abitibi will **double** our money earned which will help us with various worthwhile activities and projects. There is no financial commitment from you, just bring us your paper! Thank you for your support!

SECOND ANNIVERSARY AT SPIRIT IN THE HILLS

It is with great joy that Spirit in the Hills will be celebrating two years as a Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community on April 11th. It seems like only yesterday when Shepherd of the Hills and St. Peter's Lutheran of Marble Falls came together to birth this new mission congregation. Since then, Spirit in the Hills has grown to be a viable congregation that is filled with, and led by, the Holy Spirit. We celebrate this ministry and look forward to continuing our partnership and support with them in the coming years. In honor of their anniversary, Pastor Heidi and Pastor Danielle Casey of St. Peter's will be attending and participating in their worship service on April 11th as they give thanks for Spirit in the Hills and God's mission which it faithfully serves. Spirit in the Hills is currently led by Synodically Authorized Minister Bill Krejci and is waiting for the synod to discern with them a Mission Developer Pastor. If you have not attended worship out at Spirit in the Hills please consider joining them any Sunday at 9:30 am at the Briarcliff Community Center.

2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN



Registration forms are in the narthex for this year's Vacation Bible School, June 21-25, 9:00 am-12:00. Come meet our new friends at **High Seas Expedition, Exploring the Mighty Love of God.** See you there!



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Merle G. Franke, <i>Pastor</i>	❖	Rebecca Guengerich, <i>Christian Growth & Spiritual Director</i>
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Vernon Moeller, <i>Organist</i>	❖	Amy Ruedas, <i>Child and Family</i>
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Good News FOR APRIL 2010

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way,
and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father
except through me.'

— *John 14:6*

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