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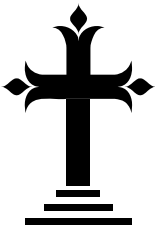
EMPOWERED . . .

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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33RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010



On May 22, 1977, Shepherd of the Hills was officially organized as a Lutheran congregation with 106 men, women, and children as members. The first meeting place was the old cafeteria at Eanes Elementary School, and in April, 1980 we moved into our own building [the current Preschool] on Bee Cave Road. Through the years the congregation has been blessed and it has been a blessing to others. Join in the celebration of our 33 years of ministry on May 16!

WORSHIP



At 8:30 and 11:00 am we will have services of **Holy Communion** with the **Anointing** and **Rededication of Lives** in service to our Lord.



FELLOWSHIP

The afternoon of May 16 we will gather at the home of Jim and Marie Fortune for our **Anniversary Fish Fry**. Come out at 3:00 for swimming in Barton Creek, games, and conversation on the back porch, We will plan on eating at 6:00. Please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Fish, hush puppies, fries, and drinks will be provided. Maps to the Fortunes are available at the Welcome Center!

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OFFERING



As a way to celebrate our 33rd Anniversary as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, your Church Council has designated a **special anniversary offering** to be received on May 16th. On this day we will receive special gifts **to help our brothers and sisters of La Virgen del Rosario Lutheran Church in Aurora Ocho de Octubre, Guatemala build their new church**. We hope to raise \$4,000 through this offering so that they will be able to purchase the structural steel and the first 1,000 cinder blocks for the exterior walls. As we have been blessed we seek to share that blessing with others.

WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP . . .

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lesson will be: *Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; and John 21:1-14.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
MARK, EVANGILIST
The lessons will be: *Isaiah 52:7-10; 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18; and Mark 1:1-15.*

SUNDAY, MAY 2
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
The Celebration of Holy Communion
using Now the Feast and Celebration.
The lessons will be: *Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; and John 13:31-35.*



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

[www.spiritinthehills.org]

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW . . .

The following Point of View was written by congregational member, Jeri Porter.

Humans, in service to God, have special roles on behalf of the whole of creation. Made in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth. God's command to have dominion and subdue the earth is not a license to dominate and exploit. Human dominion (Gen 1:28; Ps 8), a special responsibility, should reflect God's way of ruling as a shepherd king who takes the form of a servant (Phil 2:7), wearing a crown of thorns."

The above quote is from the Social Statement on the Environment adopted by the ELCA. How are we doing?? As we approach Earth Day 2010 [April 22nd], let's take a look at some history. This festival, originating in 1970, was then celebrated by an estimated 20 million people, marking the beginning of the modern environmental movement. For those of us who were in the prime of our lives during those years, there was much more going on than drugs, sex, and rock and roll. By 2007 the participation had grown to an estimated 1 billion and is celebrated in thousands of places from Kiev to Kansas.

Originally formed to a grass-roots movement to circumvent the traditional governmental processes, Earth Day sprang from the era of the Viet Nam conflict to call attention to the degradation of the environment. Various pieces of legislation resulted from those efforts, including the Clean Air Act, protection for wild lands and ocean waters, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Now, jump forward 40 years. Global warming has become a hot potato. We now talk about a euphemistic "climate change" since that simply cannot be denied. What does the future hold? What's our role? We won't know for decades, but act we must.. So what can you do?

How's the recycling going? What have you done to support a sustainable living lifestyle? Have you considered how your eating affects our ecosystem or how far a product must travel to reach your dinner table and what's the energy consumption in the process? Do you support your local farmer's market? Are you paperless? If your car gets less than 25 MPG, there's room for improvement. Have you learned about native plants and why invasive species are detrimental to the local plants?

There's a whole world out there waiting to be rescued by the stewards of God's Creation. God's work—our hands.



WOMEN'S CRHP 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 **Women's Weekend** April 24-25. Sign up at the display in the narthex.



WITHIN THE FOLD

DEATH

Our thoughts and prayers surround **Susannah Auby** upon the death of her grandfather.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to . . .

- ◆ **Danett Grambley** and **Mike Ormand** who were married on April 2nd, and
- ◆ **Michelle Thibodeau** and **Mark Dooley** who were married on April 10th.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed the following New Members to Shepherd of the Hills on Sunday, April 11: **Eric and Nicole Hoenicke, Jocelyn; Flip Lockhoof; Rachel Reed and Amri Zilar; Elizabeth Schexnailder-Huffman, Caroline, and Seth; Brian and Leah Slade, Lauren, Andrew, and Matthew.**

GUATEMALA INTEREST MEETING

On Monday, April 26th, at 7:00 pm there will be a meeting in the Library for those who are interested 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 rural Mayan village. For information, contact Pastor Youngdahl [steve@shephills.org]



SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Our Southwestern Texas **Synod** congregations will be meeting in **Assembly** in New Braunfels May 1 and 2. Representing our congregation are: Beth Christians, Vicki Reed, Fred Schleede, Merle Franke, Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones, and Steve Youngdahl.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

In the midst of our busy lives, our soul hunger for assurance and signs of God's guidance, care, forgiveness and grace. Come, on Wednesday, April 28. . . Rest in God's presence.

"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] by Tuesday, April 27, to reserve your tee time. The next outing will be Thursday May 20th at The Hills [\$69 per person]. The May tee times will be around 10 am.



THE AUSTIN UNEMPLOYMENT GROUP

The **Austin Unemployment Group** [AUG] which is designed for the unemployed, underemployed, and individuals considering a career change, will continue to meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be held on April 26th and the topic will be "Researching." For a complete list of class topics visit the website at [www.austinunemploymentgroup.org] or contact Pastor Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones [heidi@shephills.org, 327-3370] or Rebecca Guengerich [rebecca@shephills.org].

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 box for the rice will be in the narthex through Sunday, April 25 to receive your donations. Thank you!

RECYCLE . . .RECYCLE . . .TO HELP OUR PRESCHOOL



Did you know that you can **recycle** newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers, and mail [no cardboard] 24 hours/7 days a week at our campus? Our Butterfly Christian Preschool earns money for the paper recycled 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 worthwhile activities and projects. There is no financial commitment from you, just bring us your paper! Thank you for your support!



THE HEART OF FORGIVENESS

The **Heart of Forgiveness** workshop returns to Shepherd of the Hills on May 8th for a second presentation. Using the *Lord's Prayer* as our guide, we will experience the revelatory process of forgiving ourselves and others as we move on the path to reconciliation. The workshop will be held 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The registration fee is \$125.00 per person; it includes lunch. If you are interested in participating, please mail your fee along with your name, telephone number, and e-mail address to: Heart of Forgiveness, 4212 Marathon Blvd, Austin, TX 78756, or register on-line at heartofforgiveness.net.

"TRUNK SALE" . . .SATURDAY, MAY 15TH



Shepherd of the Hills will have a "**Trunk Sale**" [our version of a hip, trendy garage sale] on May 15th, 8:00 a.m. to noon, Rain or Shine. Reserve a parking slot [\$10] in the back parking lot to sell your unwanted clutter and help support the Capital Area Food Bank. The reservation fee will go to the Food Bank and individuals may keep the profits from their own sales. Registration forms are available in the notebook in the Narthex, or contact Rebecca Guengerich [rebecca@shephills.org; 327-3370]. Please note that the deadline to reserve a space is May 9th. If you would like to help with this event, contact Kara Buesnel [301-0655]. In addition to selling your items, you can extend gracious hospitality to our neighbors, telling them about the wonderful things God is doing in this place.

YOUTH MINISTRY APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



☺ Pre K - 5TH GRADE YOUTH

The **Vacation Bible School Decorations Committee** is looking for donations of the following items to go along with the swamp theme for this year's VBS program: row boat, captain's wheel, oil lanterns, fishing nets, life preservers, Paint (blue, white, brown, yellow), roofing nails, white sheet, periscope, nautical stuff, anchor, carpet tubes cotton piping (300 yds. 1/2 in diameter), plastic for floor covering, corrugated cardboard, paint brushes, duct tape. blue tarps, oars. If you are willing to donate/lend these items, please label and drop off in the church office. These items will be returned to their owners after VBS week.

Please contact Amy Ruedas, Director of Child & Family Ministry for more information on VBS or any programs/activities/events for children birth-5th grade. [amy@shephills.org, 327-3370, ext 212].

☺ 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ Each Sunday evening our 9th-12th grade youth either Meet-In-Homes [M-IH] or at the church beginning at 6:00 pm for fellowship, dinner, and study together.
- ✓ July 8-17 High Adventure Trip
Register for this summer's trip of camping and canoeing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Northern Minnesota with Mark Dellagiacoma [mark@shephills.org].
- ✓ Sunday, May 2
5:07 pm Boundary Waters Canoe Area meeting for ALL participants, followed by M-IH.
- ✓ Sunday, June 20
Youth Sunday



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Good News FOR MAY 2010

Come to me, all you that
are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will
give you rest.

— Matthew 11:28

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