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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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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 23, 11:00 AM



Sunday, May 23rd will be **The Day of Pentecost** as we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. On this day we will also celebrate the **Rite of Confirmation** for 24 of our young people who have been in instruction with our pastors for the past two years. Remember these young people in your prayers: **Jonah Boatman, Channing Brock, Stephanie Darnell, Lado Dogale, Wani Dogale, Mason Eastwood, Lacey Fortune, Amanda Freche, Rachel Graham, Jason Haugen, Roslyn Harold, Rachel Hills, Dory Ingram, Luke Ingram, Michelle Jacobsen, Patricia Johnson, Kendall Meyertons, Zach Rahmes, Tanner Rowley, Shawn Schaubhut, Anna Schulmeyer, Sarah Thompson, Kathryn Turman, and Madison Wright.**

Many thanks to the following adults who have served this year as **adult mentors** in our confirmation ministry: [7th grade] **Chelsea Morgan Stephenson, Amy Bishop, Clay Johnson, and George Hynes;** [8th grade] **Nancy Etzler, Bobby McQuiston, Patty Rowley, and Jason Schultz.** Their dedication, participating in small groups each Wednesday with our young people, has been outstanding!

WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP . . .

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

SUNDAY, MAY 23 DAY OF PENTECOST

The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lessons will be: *Acts 2:1-21;*
Psalms 104:25-35, 37; Romans 8:14-17;
and *John 14:8-27.*

SUNDAY, MAY 30 THE HOLY TRINITY

The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lessons will be: *Proverbs 8:1-4,*
22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; and
John 16:12-15.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Celebration of Holy Communion
using *Now the Feast and Celebration.*
The lessons are: *1 Kings 17:17-24;*
Psalms 30; Galatians 1:11-24; and
Luke 7:11-17.

**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
Butterfly Preschool Director, Karon Miller Hammond.*

The 2009-2010 School Year at Butterfly Christian Preschool has been a very good one as we celebrated 32 years of serving the families of the Westbank as well as much of Southwest Austin. This year found us pursuing accreditation through the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA). The accreditation that results from this process is a high honor and is regarded as the highest acknowledgment that an early childhood program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) can achieve.

Accreditation is the result of an extensive and intensive study of early childhood improvement through ELEA. This process uses a standards-based approach that emphasizes developmentally appropriate assessment. These standards define the characteristics of a quality school, performance expectations for teachers and administrators, and the content of the curriculum.

The process involved a great deal of commitment from the teaching staff as they each created a portfolio based on ten professional standards. The teachers worked for almost a year on these portfolios with much of the effort being completed outside of school hours. We are very blessed to have such devoted and committed teachers at Butterfly.

Beginning on May 2, an accreditation team of 3 early childhood professionals representing ELEA visited SOTH, shared Sunday morning worship and then a lunch with the preschool's Board of Directors, church Pastors and staff, along with members of the Church Council. The team then conducted interviews with each of these individuals. On May 3rd and 4th the team observed in the classrooms, visited with parents, teachers, and administration, and reviewed the self-study document and teacher portfolios. At the end of the visit the team overwhelmingly recommended the full seven year accreditation for Butterfly Christian Preschool. In giving their report they noted the following strengths of the program:

- ◆ The curriculum and implementation, the highly creative ways that the teachers plan and offer opportunities for the children.
- ◆ The support of the Director, and the experiences that she brings as well as the work she does in front of, and behind the scenes.
- ◆ The faith based components both in chapel and in the classroom. The team was overwhelmed with the content of chapels, as well as the support of church staff most especially.

As this year ends, we look forward to all the Lord's plans for us next year, our thirty-third. Special thanks is given to: the staff of Butterfly who make our program so special; Pastor Steve, Pastor Heidi, Mr. Mark and Ms. Amy for their constant love and care; the Board of Directors for their daily faith, guidance and support; and you, the congregation of Shepherd of the Hills, for those who had the initial idea 32 years ago, we THANK YOU!



WITHIN THE FOLD

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Allison McGarr Mancino** on Sunday, May 10. She is the daughter of Joe and Jill [Auby] Mancino. Allison's sponsors were Ford and Katie Albritton and her Guardian Angel was Lauren Paulson.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to **Chelsea Morgan** and **Michael Stephenson** upon their marriage at Shepherd of the Hills on May 9.

DEATH

Our thoughts and prayers surround **Deanne Knox** upon the death of her mother.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, June 27th. On Sunday, June 13th 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.



FAITH FOOD DRIVE. . THANK YOU!

SOTH collected 313 lbs of rice for the **Caritas Faith Food Rice Drive** in April. That is a generous amount of rice which will feed a lot of people. Everyone did a great job. Thank you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 8:00 AM MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Breakfast provided by
Larry Morgan and Denny Etzler



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 31
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY





THE AUSTIN UNEMPLOYMENT GROUP

The **Austin Unemployment Group** [AUG] which is designed for the unemployed, underemployed, and individuals considering a career change, continues 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 Monday, May 24 and the topic will be *Working with Recruiters*. 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].

SAFE PLACE COLLECTION DRIVE



The Social Ministry Committee **collection drive for Safe Place** [a center for abused women and children] ends Sunday, May 30. Please stop by the display table and pick up a list of items needed [especially disposable diapers/ pull ups]. Please place donated items in the wooden box in the narthex. We will also accept monetary donations [make checks payable to Shepherd of the Hills]. There will be a an opportunity to tour the *SafePlace* facilities. Sign up in the narthex to attend. Questions? Contact Norma Smith, Chair of the Social Ministry Committee [263-8498, smith.norma@sbcglobal.net]. Thank you!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH [CRHP] ALUMNI

Christ Renews His Parish [CRHP] Men and Women Alumni will have a joint meeting on Thursday, June 10, 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the CRHP Continuation Committee, this gathering will give CRHP participants the opportunity to “catch up” with one another as we share in Christian fellowship and growth.



THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS PRESENTS LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE DELL DIAMOND

All members and friends are invited to an evening of fellowship at the ballpark Monday, June 21st, 7:05 pm for a **Round Rock Express baseball game** vs. Omaha Royals. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will host a tailgate gathering from 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 and must be ordered by Friday, June 9. Forms to order your ticket are available in the narthex. See you at the game!!

THE ‘10:03 GATHERING’ COMING THIS SUMMER

Sundays this summer beginning June 6 through August 29:

The 10:03 Gathering 10:03 am in the Fellowship Hall

Members and friends, young and old, are invited to attend a non-traditional worship experience to enrich your faith formation during the **Summer Sunday School Hour**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. . .

Psalm 100:3 Know that the Lord is God. He created us and we belong to Him. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.



2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION CONTINUES

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!

YOUTH MINISTRY MAY/JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



☺ PRE K - 5TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ June 21-25
9 00 am Vacation Bible School
- ✓ Saturday, July 24
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Swim Party
Details Coming Soon!
- ✓ Tuesday, August 8
6:05 pm Family Night-Round Rock Express Baseball game [\$11.00]
- ✓ Saturday, August 14
Family Mission Day Trip to Eagle Pass to deliver school supplies
- ✓ Sunday, September 12
10:00 am Rally Day
3:00 Fall Fest/Blessing of the Animals
- ✓ Sunday, September 19
3:00–5:00 Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Workshop

☺ 6TH - 8TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ Saturday, May 22
9:30 Sr. Confirmation Breakfast and Rehearsal
- ✓ Sunday, May 23
11:00 am Rite of Confirmation
- ✓ Sunday, May 23
6:00 pm M-I-H @ Mark and Ashley Dellagiacoma’s house
- ✓ June 6 - 11
Confirmation Camp [Chrysalis]
- ✓ Sunday, June 13
12:00 pm Vacation Bible School Crew Leader Training [Church]
- ✓ Saturday, July 24
Pool Party: Mark & Ashley’s house

☺ 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.
- ✓ Sunday, May 23
6:00 pm M-I-H @ Mark and Ashley Dellagiacoma’s house
- ✓ Sunday, May 30
5:00 pm Westlake Baccalaureate
6:00 pm M-I-H at the home of Blair and Bril Flint
- ✓ Sunday, June 13
12:00 pm Vacation Bible School Crew Leader Training [Church]
- ✓ Sunday, June 13
6:00 pm M-I-H at the home of Justin and Tanner Rowley



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Good News FOR JUNE 2010

Depart from evil,
and do good; seek peace,
and pursue it.

— Psalm 34:14

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