



# SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EMPOWERED . . .

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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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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 21 - 25

9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

### HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION “EXPLORING THE MIGHTY LOVE OF GOD”

- ◆ **REGISTRATION FORMS** for VBS are available at the Church and can be downloaded from our website [www.shephills.org].
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:** Our adventure is just around the corner! Please contact Brooke DeVaney, 2010 VBS Director [bdevaney1@gmail.com] or Amy Ruedas, Director of Child & Family Ministry [amy@shephills.org] for more information.
- ◆ **CREW LEADER MEETING:** Sunday, June 13, 12:00 - 1:00; snack provided.
- ◆ **DECORATIONS NEEDED:** The VBS Decorations Committee is looking for donations of the following items to go along with the high seas theme for this year’s VBS program: row boat, captain’s wheel, oil lanterns, fishing nets, life preservers, periscope, nautical stuff, anchor, carpet tubes cotton piping (300 yds. ½ in diameter), plastic for floor covering, paint brushes, blue tarps, oars. If you are willing to donate/lend these items, please label and drop them off in the church office. These items will be returned to their owners after VBS week.
- ◆ **DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Help is needed to decorate the sanctuary, narthex, and classrooms on Sunday, June 20, 12:00 pm.



SEE YOU AT SEA. .



### WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP . . .

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

#### 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; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; and Luke 7:11-17.*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 13 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The lessons today will be: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10; 12:13-15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15-21; and Luke 7:36-8:3.*

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 20 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Celebration of Holy Communion. The lessons will be: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:18-27; Galatians 3:23-29; and Luke 8:26-39.*



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  
Pastor Merle G. Franke*

### What we have done. . .What we can do

In the recent celebration of Shepherd of the Hills' 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday, we were reminded once again of how this congregation continues to fulfill its mission. Prominent in our collective memory is the strong outreach ministry that is such an important part of who we are. On our anniversary Sunday we exhibited another example of our care and assistance to those less fortunate than we. The Church Council had authorized a special offering with a goal of \$4,000 to assist our sisters and brothers in Ocho de Octubre, Guatemala to build a permanent church structure. And you good folks gave way over the top by contributing over \$8,000 to that special cause! Once again we see our hands - doing God's work. That is typical of this congregation - we rise to the challenge and convert it to an opportunity.

The mission of Shepherd of the Hills has a dual focus: outreach and inreach. Another opportunity now lies before us, this time regarding our inreach - meeting the needs of our congregational ministries. As we have experienced in the past two years, as we move into summer we are again seeing our expenditures to date exceeding our income to date in spite of the fact that our expenditures are in line with (or less than) the budget authorization. While our experience shows that in each of the past two years we have corrected the situation by the end of the year, we don't want to assume that it will automatically correct itself.

So, what is the solution? At a recent joint meeting of the Finance and Stewardship Committees, it was decided that the most important step is to keep the congregation informed as to financial matters as we head into the summer. It is important that we are all aware of the situation so that we might continue our faithful stewardship over the typically low months that lie before us, avoiding a bigger challenge when we move into the fall. As you have consistently responded well to opportunities and challenges in the past, we are confident that you will again step up to meet all our ministry commitments. It might be by catching up on your individual commitments, or by giving something extra to compensate for those who might be feeling the sting of the current economy.

In the final analysis we can celebrate not only what we have done in the past, but also we must look forward with confidence to what we can do in the fulfillment of our ministry here at home. Our hands - doing God's work, together.

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

Breakfast provided by  
Larry Morgan and Denny Etzler



## WITHIN THE FOLD

### BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Anayln Rose Kodak** on Sunday, May 30. Anayln is the daughter of Scott and Rebecca Kodak, and her sponsors were Nicole Kodak and Matthew Kodak.

### DEATHS

Our thoughts and prayers surround. . .

- + **Audrey Lunecki** upon the death of her father;
- + **Laura Wendlant** upon the death of her father-in-law;
- + **Bobby McQuiston** upon the death of his father;
- + **Bishop Phil Wahlberg** upon the death of his brother.

### NEW MEMBERS

**New Members** will be received into the congregation on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### TRUNK SALE RAISES MONEY FOR CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK

The Capital Area Food Bank received \$370 from the money raised through registration fees and some individual donations at the first **Shepherd of the Hills Trunk Sale**. In addition, the Salvation Army received 30 boxes of clothes, books, toys and household items that were donated at the end of the sale. Please thank Kara Buesnel for acting on her passions and organized an event that cared for our neighbors, promoted wise stewardship of our resources, welcomed and invited people to Shepherd of the Hills and had fun doing it.

### PRAY & PUTT" GOLF FELLOWSHIP



- ◆ Members and friends are invited to a **day of golf** Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> at Falconhead Golf Club [\$59 per person, including cart and range balls] with tee times beginning at 9:03 am. Contact Jerry Schmeil [jvschmeil@aol.com, 261-3404] no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> if you intend to play.
- ◆ Save the date. . .The July golf outing will be at the Youpon Course in Lakeway on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, with the first tee time at 10:30 am [\$40 per person, including cart and range balls].





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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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