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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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FAITH 365!



During the week of June 6 - 11, 24 Shepherd of the Hills 2nd - 5th graders and friends joined 22 confirmation students at **summer camp at Camp Chrysalis** in beautiful Kerrville, Texas. Also attending camp were Pastor Steve, Pastor Heidi, Mark and Amy. This year’s summer camp theme, *Faith 365*, allowed campers to move through a whole church year – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost in 6 days. What an experience!

We met new people, experienced the love of Christ, grew in our faith, and gained valuable tools to assist us in becoming stronger leaders in our community. Everyday we enjoyed Alpha Worship, Bible Study, camp activities (archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking, field games, ropes course), Turtle Time after lunch (our personal favorite), sing-a-long, congregational time, night activities (s’mores, swimming, sleep out) and ended our day with Omega Worship. Whew! What a week! It was good to be surrounded and supported by our camp friends during our faith journey and we can’t wait to go back next year!

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 20 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YOUTH SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Celebration of Holy Communion.
The lessons are: *1 Kings 19:15-16,*
19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1,
13-25; and Luke 9:51-62.

SUNDAY, JULY 4 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Celebration of Holy Communion
using *Now the Feast and Celebration.*
The lessons are: *Isaiah 66:10-14;*
Psalms 66:1-8; Galatians 6:1-16;
and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.



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
Rebecca Guengerich, Director of Christian Growth.*

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Receives \$25,000 Grant from OneStar Foundation for to Austin Employment Group

The Austin Employment Group (AEG), formerly known as the Austin Unemployment Group (AUG), is a ministry begun by Shepherd of the Hills which provides support and job search training to those unemployed, underemployed, or seeking career transition. AEG has been selected by *OneStar Foundation: Texas Center for Social Impact* - in partnership with the *Texas Health and Human Services Commission* as a grant recipient. This program is one of 40 faith-based and community organizations to receive \$25,000 as part of the *Renewing Our Communities Account (ROCA)* nonprofit capacity building grant. SOTH, along with its partners- Reflections of Christ's Kingdom (R.O.C.K), Abiding Love Lutheran Church, Knowbility, St. David's Episcopal Church, and Tri-City Unemployment Group in Chicago, will use the grant monies to build the program and strengthen collaborative partnerships to support and sustain it. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church will benefit from the grant by receiving a Core Capacity Assessment Tool, to strengthen our organizational capacity to sustain and fulfill this aspect of our mission.

AEG began when Pastor Heidi heard the cries of those who were unemployed or underemployed. She began to reflect on how Shepherd of the Hills could use our collective "gifts" of business acumen to answer the pleas for help not only in our congregation but in the community as well. She was reminded of a ministry called the Tri-City Unemployment Group (TUG) at her parent's church, Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Charles, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. This ministry addresses some of the same needs in the community related to unemployment that we, in Austin, are experiencing. This group, begun ten years ago, is now independent of the church, but still remains a ministry supported and sustained by Bethlehem and other churches and community partners. Rather than recreate the wheel, Pastor Heidi brought the TUG model to our congregation and began looking for volunteers and partners to begin such a ministry here.

In January 2010, Donna Herschleb, a former medical placement recruiter and career transition consultant for DBM, answered God's call to lead the bi-monthly meetings and work with individuals who are seeking employment. As the program began to expand and more speakers were needed, Mark Buesnel and Marion Stepan, members of SOTH, and Melissa Victor-Totah of Work Force Solutions, used their passions and experience to lead sessions on topics such as networking, coaching, researching and the psychological process of change. Steve Guengerich became involved when he applied for the grant on behalf of AEG and Bill Dawson tirelessly walked us through the grant contract.

The program is slowly growing and almost half of those attending have found employment with the aid and support of AEG. Karen, who received a job as a result of the program stated "I am grateful for all the support during that challenging period of my life, I could not have made it through without the support of AEG." With the help of the Onestar grant, SOTH and it's collaborative ministry partners seek to expand the number of people in the greater Austin area being served by AEG and to establish a program that makes a lasting impact on the Austin community. AEG meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

You are invited to get involved with this exciting ministry by telling others about AEG, volunteering your expertise or time with hospitality at the meetings, providing sponsorship of the program, referring speakers, and sharing job openings. If you have any questions, visit our website [www.austinemploymentgroup.org] or contact Pastor Heidi or me at the church, 327-3370.



WITHIN THE FOLD

BAPTISM - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for **Emma Elizabeth Rosas**, daughter of Adrian and Stacey [Hilts] Rosas on June 13. Emma's sponsors were: Stephanie Hilts, Hank and Sheridan Wilson, Jessica Hilts, Adam and Kathy Simon, and her Guardian Angel [5th grade sponsor] was Lauren Paulsen.

RITE OF ORDINATION - We are pleased to announce a tentative date of Wednesday, July 7, 7:00 pm, for the Rite of Ordination into the Lutheran Ministry for **Lauren Dow Wegner** to be held here at Shepherd of the Hills. Congratulations, Lauren!

2010 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Congratulations to the high school **graduating class of 2010!** Listed below are Shepherd of the Hills' high school seniors. Keep these young people in your prayers as they begin the next chapter in their lives: **Brandon Behrens** [Texas A & M]; **Cameron Bethke** [The University of Alabama]; **Jimmy Coleman** [ACC]; **Meredith Crocker** [Arkansas]; **Wuseng Dogale**; **Greg Haugen** [Trinity, San Antonio]; **Amanda Hillary** [TCU]; **Marie Jacobsen** [TCU]; **Ryan Lange**; **Carl Meyertons** [Texas]; **Katy Miller** [Emerson College, Boston]; **Ryan Orton** [Texas A & M]; **Jason Powell** [TCU]; **Tyler Reed** [Texas A & M]; **Madison Reinhart**; **Ashley Streif** [Iowa State University]; and **John Turman** [Rice].



THE '10:03 GATHERING' SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER AT 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*

→ In addition to the 10:03 Gathering, two adult classes will continue through the summer: The Pastors' Bible Study in the Sanctuary, and the Lion's Den in the Library.

BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

Shepherd of the Hills is **preparing** [Monday, June 28, 5:30 pm], and **servicing** [Tuesday, June 29, 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].



FALL DATES FOR CRHP "CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH" RENEWAL WEEKENDS

Save the dates for this fall's men's and women's CRHP weekends:

- ◆ **Men's Weekend** - October 16 and 17
- ◆ **Women's Weekend** - November 6 and 7



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. . . HIGH SEAS ADVENTURE

JUNE 21-25, 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON



Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am for the opening. Parents are invited to join us in the Sanctuary at 11:45 am for the closing and dismissal.

Contact the Church Office [327-3370] for registration information.



SEE YOU AT SEA. . .



YOUTH MINISTRY JUNE/JULY HIGHLIGHTS


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 ☆ YOUTH ARE NOW ATTENDING EVENTS BASED ON THEIR 2010-11 GRADE LEVEL. ☆
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☺ PRE K - 5TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ June 21-25
9:00 Vacation Bible School 
- ✓ Saturday, July 24
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Swim Party
- ✓ Sunday, 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 

☺ 6TH - 8TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ June 21-25
9 00 am Vacation Bible School
- ✓ Saturday, July 24
2:00 pm Pool Party at Mark & Ashley's house 

☺ 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ Sunday, June 20
8:30 & 11:00 Youth Sunday 
- ✓ Sunday, June 20
4:00 pm Canoe Practice for this summer's BWCA participants 
- 5:45 pm Laser Tag with your Dad!
- ✓ June 21-25
9:00 Vacation Bible School 
- ✓ Sunday, June 27
6:00 pm M-I-H at the home of Fred and Martha Bangasser
- ✓ 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.



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Good News FOR JULY 2010

**For my thoughts are
not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways,
says the LORD.**

— Isaiah 55:8

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