



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION



“High Seas Expedition” was a splashing success! Last week approximately 130 children, over 50 middle and high school youth, and 30 adult volunteers explored the mighty love of God. The day began at Sing & Play Splash with singing and an introduction of the day’s Bible Point and Bible Buddy. Our buddies Scully, Marina, Wink, Salty, and Lacey helped us to learn that God’s Word is True, Comforting, Surprising, Life-Changing, and for Everyone! Each day continued with Ship Rec Games, Goodies from the Galley, Sail Away Cinema, Clipper Ship Crafts & Missions and ended with The Floating Finale. Special thanks to VBS Co-Captains Brooke DeVaney and Tricia Gottsman for their hard work and effort in planning and coordinating this mighty adventure. We would also like to thank all who volunteered their time during the week. God’s Word is for everyone! “Let’s Go!”

WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP . . .

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

SUNDAY, JULY 4 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

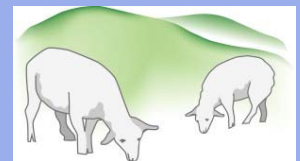
The Celebration of Holy Communion using Now the Feast and Celebration. The lessons are: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-8; Galatians 6:1-16; and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

SUNDAY, JULY 11 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The lessons will be: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-9; Colossians 1:1-14; and Luke 10:25-37.

SUNDAY, JULY 18 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Celebration of Holy Communion. The lessons are: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; and Luke 10:38-42.



**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 Church Council member Vicki Reed who was a voting member of the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly.

For the second year, I was happy to serve as a lay voting member from our congregation to the annual Synod Assembly. The Assembly was held on May 1-2 in New Braunfels, and there was a distinctly German flair present throughout the weekend. Last year the Assembly was held in McAllen, so this was a much easier commute.

In case you aren't aware, or don't recall, SOTH is a member of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA along with 167 other congregations located throughout central and south Texas with a total membership of over 66,000 people. Our Synod meets with clergy and laity every year to adopt a budget and act on various resolutions relating to the business of the synod. Detailed information about our synod can be found on their website, www.swtsynod.org, and you can read about the details of this year's Assembly in the June issue of The Vista www.thevistaonline.org.

I think I enjoy attending so much because the experience widens my viewpoint to include the concerns and triumphs of fellow Lutherans in my geographical area. It is refreshing and invigorating to be with other Lutheran pastors and laity discussing mission and service. I have become aware of so much that our Synod does to support spreading the Word of God and demonstrating the love of Jesus throughout our communities. The worship services are especially moving. Bishop Tiemann runs most of the meetings throughout the Assembly. I can't think of any other event that would give me the chance to work with so many different Lutherans over the span of a weekend. This year the process went along much more smoothly and quickly, thanks to a generous grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans which provided each voting member with a hand-held electronic voting device. Votes were recorded in a matter of seconds with accuracy and anonymity.

This year's Assembly included special recognition of the 60th Anniversary of Camp Chrysalis. If you are interested, the Camp will host an Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 16th. Information is at www.crosstrails.org.

Three motivational speakers were on the program to emphasize the theme of "God's Work. Our Hands: Discovery, Gratitude, Service". I met an Olympic Gold Medalist and got an up-close look at the Olympic Gold Medals he won in Sydney. Another unique event occurred Saturday evening with the burning of the mortgage that was recently paid off on the Synod Lutheran Ministry Center on the campus of Texas Lutheran in Seguin.

The 2011 Synod Assembly will be held May 14-15 in Victoria. I encourage you to consider serving as a lay voting member. You will be energized!



WITHIN THE FOLD

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated on June 20 for **Sarah Grace Richardson, Jadyne Alliana McQueen, Ethan Alexander McQueen,** and **Zion Darren Ellis McQueen**, children of Joel and Natoshia McQueen.

RITE OF ORDINATION

We are pleased to announce the Rite of Ordination into the Lutheran Ministry for **Lauren [Dow] Wegner**, former Youth Director, to be held here at Shepherd of the Hills on Wednesday, July 7, 7:00 pm. Lauren has received a call to serve as pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh, NC. Congratulations, Lauren!

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, June 27th, we received New Members:

- + **Greg Hoffman and Joyce Milburn**
- + **Bob and Marilyn Stern**

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR EAGLE PASS



During July we will be receiving donations of **school supplies** for the young people of our **Mission Partner congregation in Eagle Pass**. Please place your donated items in the box located in the narthex or you may make a cash donation and supplies will be purchased for you. If you want to participate in the August 14 one day trip to deliver the supplies, contact the Church Office [327-3370, lisa@shephills.org]. *Thank You!*

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



BLESSING OF THE COMPOST BIN



Well, why not? We have blessing of the animals. And down on the coast they have blessing of the shrimp boats. And composting is high on the list of activities promoted by our Task Force for the Environment - caring for God's creation. So, yes, the task force is preparing a brief service of **blessing for the recently completed composting facility** by the back parking lot. Construction of the facility was a cooperative project between our Boy Scout Troop 31 and the task force, with Joe Calabrese giving guidance to the work. Kelton Spillar assisted in the planning and construction of the facility for his Eagle Scout project. In addition, Kelton is constructing a mosaic which will be mounted on the front of the bin and an instructional sign which will serve to educate the public on what should be included in the bin to create compost.

The brief service of blessing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 18. Prior to the blessing, the adult Sunday School class in the sanctuary will be led by members of the task force, while another member of the task force will be present at the 10:03 service in the Fellowship Hall. All members are invited gather at the compost site at 10:30. And if you are not already composting at home, you may bring leaves or kitchen food waste (no bones, meat scraps, or dairy products) to add to the mix of composting matter.



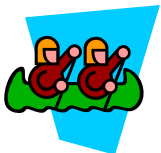
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *HIGH SEAS ADVENTURE* COMMUNITY "THANK YOU"

Special thanks to the following business for donating items for VBS: Westlake Chick-fil-A, Jason's Deli, Texas Honey Ham, CVS, Central Market, Sprouts, HEB, Randall's, and Howdy Donuts and to Dabney Gomes for coordinating these donations! All of you are vital to the success of VBS and we truly appreciate your dedication to this important children's program. Let's Go! If you loaned items that were used for VBS decorating, these items are now ready for pick up in Room 103. Please pick your items up as soon as possible.

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS FAMILY FELLOWSHIP AT THE DELL DIAMOND



All families [young and old] are invited to an evening of fellowship at the ballpark Sunday August 8th for a **Round Rock Express baseball game**. Tickets are \$11.00 and we have ordered group tickets. Please reserve your ticket and pay Mark Dellagiacomma [mark@shephills.org, 327-3370] or Amy Ruedas [amy@shephills.org, 327-3370]. See you at the game!!




HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP TO BWCA

From July 8 through July 17, 18 high school youth and 6 sponsors will be participating in this summer's **High Adventure Trip** canoeing in the **Boundary Waters Canoe Area** of Northern Minnesota. What a wonderful way to experience God's incredible creation: paddling across the lakes, portaging all the gear between the lakes, tent camping on primitive campsites, cooking over an open fire, sharing in devotions and Bible Study, all of which helps us grow in a knowledge of ourselves, one another, and our gracious God. Please hold these travelers in your prayers that they might have a safe and enriching journey.

YOUTH MINISTRY JULY HIGHLIGHTS




PRE K - 5TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ Saturday, July 24  10:00 - 4:00 pm Swim Party at the family ranch of Laila and Jordan Scott. Bring your entire family out for an afternoon of swimming, hiking, an inflatable water slide, and fellowship. To RSVP contact Amy Ruedas [amy@shephills.org].
- ✓ 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

- ✓ Saturday, July 24 2:00 Pool Party [Mark & Ashley's house] All Youth who will be entering 6th - 8th grade are welcome. Those who want to ride the church bus meet at the church at 1:30 pm, or contact Mark [327-3370, mark@shephills.org] for directions

☺ 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH

- ✓ July 8-17  High Adventure Trip to Boundary Waters Canoe Area
- ✓ Sunday, July 18 6:00 pm M-I-H [Meeting-In-Home] at the home of Brian & Nat Franke
- ✓ Sunday, July 25 12:00 noon M-I-H [Horseshoe Bay]



NURSERY SUPPLIES NEEDED

The **nursery** is running low on **supplies**. If you use our nursery [or if you would just like to contribute] please consider picking up a couple of these items the next time you are at the store: raisins, animal crackers, goldfish crackers, pretzels, graham crackers, and facial tissue. Please drop off items with Amy Ruedas, Director of Child & Family Ministry or in the Church Office. Thank You!



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Vernon Moeller, <i>Organist</i>	❖	Amy Ruedas, <i>Child and Family</i>
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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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