



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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SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR OUR MISSION PARTNERS



During July and the first part of August we will be receiving donations of **school supplies** for the young people of our Mission Partner congregation in Eagle Pass, Texas.

As you are shopping for your school supplies, please pick up some extra items and place them in the box in the narthex. Or, if you prefer, donations by cash or check [to Shepherd of the Hills] may be made and supplies will be purchased for you.

If you, your family, or high school youth would like to participate in the Saturday, August 14 one day trip to deliver the supplies, contact Mark Dellagiacom, Director or Youth and Family Ministry [mark@shephills.org, 327-3370] or Amy Ruedas, Director of Child and Family Ministry [amy@shephills.org, 327-3370].

THANK YOU!



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 18
EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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

SUNDAY, JULY 25
NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Service of Word and Prayer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Celebration of Holy Communion
using *Now the Feast and Celebration.*



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 Curtis Johnson.

PRAYER

I gave a devotional recently on "What prayer has meant to me" and was asked to write about it here. I would not presume to tell anyone else how, why or when to pray other than to testify about what it has done in my Christian walk. Prayer has both been the best thing for me and also where I have been the most negligent. Too many times I have stubbornly tried to go it alone without asking for God's guidance or blessings. As a very troubled fifteen year old farm boy in a very poor community, I could see no way out of my hostile and abusive environment at home and at an urban school where the depression kids weren't wanted. I decided to take a chance and talk to a man in our community who ran a small country store. He had had a lot of hardship, losing his son to an accident and his house burning down and losing everything. Yet, this man was always praising God to anyone who would listen. I waited a chance to talk to him when no one else was in the store. I asked how he was able to be such a good man after all the trouble he had gone through. He assured me that God was present for all of us and would help us through any hard situation. He told me that if I asked, God would send people to help me; that I just needed to get on my knees and pray for God's help. I went to the back of an isolated cotton patch and got on my knees. I didn't go to church but had been to revivals and heard preachers shouting as they preached the gospel. I thought God was a long way up in the sky. I shouted my prayer for help. God's response was instant; I realized that he was right there, with me. In the following days wonderful people came into my life as if they had just been waiting for me, especially my school teachers. I was accepted into the school athletic program and would be the first in my family to finish college due to an athletic scholarship. Business men offered me jobs and people opened their homes to me to live in their homes during school since my father forbade me to play sports and work in town. Good people advocated for me and prevailed on the school to be more tolerant of their poorest kids, and they were. Nothing free every came from prayer, for me anyway; Answers were in the form of a Christian people opening doors for me and welcoming me into a more blessed life. I've always thought of those people as God's angels on earth; his workers. I shudder to think of what my life would have been without them.



WITHIN THE FOLD

BIRTH

Congratulations to Earl and Amy Bishop upon the birth of their son, **Clay Ryland Bishop**, on Saturday, July 3.

RITE OF ORDINATION AND FIRST CALL

We celebrated the Rite of Ordination for **Lauren Dow Wegner**, former Director of Youth at Shepherd of the Hills, on Wednesday, July 7. Lauren has received a call to serve as pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh, NC. Congratulations, Lauren!



"PRAY & PUTT" SAVE THE DATE

Save the date. . . to play **Onion Creek Golf Club** on Thursday August 19 with the first of three tee times starting at 9:15 AM. The fee is \$35 per person including green fees, cart, and range balls. Please RSVP to Jerry Schmeil [261-3404, jvschmeil@aol.com] by Tuesday, August 17.

STATEMENTS OF CONTRIBUTION

Statements of Contribution are available in the narthex. Please pick up your statement in the narthex which will save on postage. Thank you!



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH [CRHP]

RENEWAL WEEKENDS

- ◆ **MEN:** October 16 & 17
- ◆ **WOMEN:** November 6 & 7



Christ Renews His Parish [CRHP] is an adult women's or men's renewal weekend that helps to bring congregation members together. What does CRHP do? CRHP activates, stimulates, motivates, reconciles, heals, liberates, involves, and invites us to seek Jesus personally in our life. How does CRHP do this? It 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.



BLESSING OF THE COMPOST BIN SUNDAY, JULY 18, 10:30 AM



Composting is high on the list of activities promoted by our Task Force for the Environment – caring for God’s creation. So, 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. Thank you to the Task Force, Joe, Kelton, and all who participated in this project!

The brief service of blessing will be held at 10:30 a.m. **THIS 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 [far back parking lot] at 10:30 am. 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.

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!!



AUSTIN EMPLOYMENT GROUP

- ➔ The **Austin Employment Group** [AEG] 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 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be Monday, July 26 For a complete list of class topics to be discussed, visit the website at [www.austinemploymentgroup.org]
- ➔ **Volunteers with job interview skills** are needed for the July 26th meeting 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mock interviews will be conducted with each of the participants that evening.
- ➔ **Contact** Pastor Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones [heidi@shephills.org, 327-3370] or Rebecca Guengerich [rebecca@shephills.org] for more information or to offer your assistance. Thank you.

SEEKING SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy coffee and refreshments after worship service? In order to continue our tradition of **coffee hour** , we need people to **volunteer every Sunday** of the year. A sign-up sheet is available next to the coffee pots during coffee hour. Team up with others which will make the task merrier! Every bit of help is appreciated. Written instructions will be provided. Contact Rebecca Guengerich [rebecca@shephills.org, 327-3370] for more information. See you at the coffee cart. . .



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 & Jordan Scott. Bring the family out for swimming, hiking, an inflatable water slide, and fellowship. Bring a picnic lunch and a dessert to share. Free will offering will be collected to pay for two lifeguards. To RSVP and for directions, 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

- ✓ **Saturday, July 17**
Youth and sponsors return from 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 STILL NEEDED



Our **nursery** is still 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: animal crackers, goldfish crackers, raisins, pretzels, graham crackers, tissue. Please drop off items with Amy Ruedas, Director of Child & Family Ministry or in the Church Office.



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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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