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"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want . . . your rod and your staff — they comfort me."

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Easter Breakfast

The Senior Youth and the Confirmation Class will be sponsoring the Easter Breakfast this year.

Breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m. Please bring a breakfast casserole, fruit or bread to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided. The Youth will be responsible for set up and clean up.

A free will offering will go towards the Youth Gathering in New Orleans and for Confirmation Camp/ Youth Quake.

Please join us for food and fellowship on Easter morning.



Holy Week & Easter

Join us as we journey with Jesus from the Praises of Palm Sunday, to the Meal of Maundy Thursday, to the Cross of the Crucifixion on Good Friday, to the Exultations of Easter in the Festival of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Our final soup supper at 6:00 p.m. precedes **Maundy Thursday Worship** on April 5 at 7:00 p.m. This service is about the Upper Room and the Garden, spending time with Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed, and stripping of the altar. **Good Friday Worship**, reflecting on the Way of the Cross, walking with Jesus in scripture and art as he carries his cross to Calvary, is at 7:00 p.m. on April 6. **Easter Breakfast** is at 8:00 a.m. (see article to the left for more details), followed by an egg hunt. **Easter Worship** on April 8 starts half an hour later than usual at 9:30 a.m. *Invite friends and family to join you!*

SOTH Trivia Night April 21st

Join us for a night of trivia to benefit the SOTH Youth Group on Sat., April 21. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., Trivia begins at 7:00. In addition to 10 rounds of trivia, there will be raffle items, a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction, and a drawing to win an Amazon Kindle!



Cost is \$10 per person or \$80 for a table of eight. VIP tables are available for \$120 (includes personal runner service, one 50/50 ticket per person and dessert). Everyone gets complimentary soda, water and light snacks, or you may bring your own. No alcohol please!

Call 314-323-0966 or e-mail youthgroup@sothstl.org to reserve your table.

Mark Your Calendars ...



On April 8, please join us for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. This will be held after the potluck breakfast before worship.

May 13th will be our **last day of Sunday school**. Boo Hoo!! Plan to be there, we will have a fun day!

Mark your calendars for May 20th for our **Sunday School Picnic!!** Come to church dressed for the picnic, which will begin immediately after church. Details are pending so look for more information to follow!

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be starting on June 10th thru the 14th. We will have a light dinner at 5:30 with VBS starting at 6PM. Our program is called "Sky - Everything is Possible With God". We would like everyone, young and old to join us for the fun!!

GATHER Joyfully + GROW Deeply + GO Faithfully

From the President...

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Shepherd of the Hills,

It's funny how sometimes the Church calendar lines up with events in life. Maybe it's luck, or maybe it happens when I'm looking for it.

This month lines up Easter with a recent family vacation. The months before each were, as usual, filled with saving, planning, and making various arrangements. These are the less fun parts, kind of like how Lent can be, at least for me.

But as vacation gets closer, the anticipation and excitement builds. It seems like the hardest part is making it out the door; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

But then, if you set your mind right, you leave behind the daily struggles and can live in the vacation moment. Live in an all-new-to-you place (think of kids exploring a hotel or campground at full speed). This is the Easter part, a chance to see something new, new life, and renew hope.

Easter is a great and exciting time, and you want it to have lasting effects. And just like vacation to have a lasting effect, it's important to reflect afterwards with your family and friends on the new things you saw and felt. So, for the weeks following this Easter, show some pictures and share the story of Jesus' resurrection.

Peace,
Bill Johnson

Confirmation

The confirmation class meets on Sundays led by teachers Candy Travis & Genny Jordan and every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Jeff and Connie Adams. The next meeting is April 18.

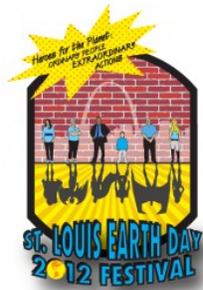
Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are at the heart and core of living as God's people in this world. They are not just habits or rituals, but a daily source of meaning, identity, purpose, and new beginnings.

Thanks to all who helped out with the Wednesday night services. You did a great job!

The Confirmation Class will be assisting with the Easter Breakfast and the Trivia Night to help raise funds for Confirmation Camp.

Earth Day 2012

Find your inner superhero at this year's Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Muny Grounds of Forest Park. Enjoy two stages of live music, cultural performances, local food and hands-on activities for the whole family at the 23rd Annual St. Louis Earth Day Festival. Over 200 artists, educational exhibitors, food vendors, businesses and organizations will share how ordinary people can do extraordinary things.



A collection event for hard-to-recycle items returns to the Festival for a second year, including the DEA Medication Take-Back Initiative. The **Recycling Extravaganza** will take place in the parking lot of the St. Louis Community College Forest Park campus, off Oakland Avenue, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A full list of acceptable items, including everything from computers and appliances to light bulbs and carpet, is updated regularly so you can plan your spring cleaning accordingly. Biodiesel and CNG shuttles will transport guests from the Forest Park campus to the Muny grounds.

Making its debut this year is an opportunities fair in partnership St. Louis Green Jobs. The **Green Jobs Fair** will be held during the Festival under the West Pavilion behind the Cafe Stage on the Muny Grounds, featuring regional employers and educators. Starting at 10 a.m., you can join the Teacher's Recycle Center on the Festival grounds to create an item to carry with you in the All Species Parade, which begins at 12 p.m. from the main stage. Over twenty food and beverage vendors will be serving up local cuisine and drinks. There will also be over 30 Educational Exhibitors scattered throughout the grounds with hands-on activities for kids and adults. A host of local entertainers will be performing, beginning at 11 a.m. Don't miss out, come join the fun.

For more information and details go to stlouisearthday.org.

Sundays in April

Adult Forum:

April 15, 22 & 29: The NOOMA Series videos (thought provoking short videos that connect faith topics to everyday living).

Sunday Worship:

April 15: "What I Have I Give You", Acts 3:1-26

April 22: "They Were Called Christians", Acts 11:19-27; 13:1-3

April 29: "The Gods Have Come Down", Acts 14:8-18

Healing Circle

The "Healing Circle" is offered each Sunday.

Healing ministers Joan Carnaghi, Dave Elder, George Marvin and Tom Ritter respond to individual requests for physical, emotional and spiritual healing, raised to God through prayer and the laying-on of hands. Sign up on the podium.



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Patty Splett	1
Shannon Urnes	1
Bismark Arho	2
Jayce Hutson	2
Daniel Hogbin	3
Luke Hoven	3
Nancy Urnes	4
Kim Surratt	7
Bill Sarros	8
Abigail Urnes	8
Naomi Urnes	8
Nolen Elder	10
Linda Pearson	17
Cathy Thies	18
A.J. Chumbley	19
Tom Krull	25
Julie Hecker	26
Kristen Schnur	28
Connie Adams	29
Terry Sutton	29
Cindy Dixon	30
Jean Meyer	30

Anniversaries

Abbi Telander & Mike Toohy	2
Carol & Tom Krull	8
Joel & Shannon Urnes ..	15
Jesse & Angie Keyes	26

Good Stewardship

Do you like saving money? Would you like to make your dollars stretch and have even more to share, save or spend? Did you know that only 3% of all coupons printed are ever redeemed? Bring coupons you don't use and exchange them for ones that you will use. There is a coupon exchange box in the fellowship area marked and designed for this. Zsabetta also needs help from time to time with cutting and sorting. For more info, talk to Zsabetta.

NewsBytes...



- ✦ Our own **Meagan Nalepa** was pictured on the front page of the St. Louis Post Dispatch at a local celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.
- ✦ Our thoughts and prayers are with the men and women of the military as they make their way home from Afghanistan, especially **Kyle**, grandson of **Jeanne Keirle**. *May God bless these brave men and women.*
- ✦ We offer prayers of healing and relief from pain for **June Sater**, mother of **Sharon Elder & Judy Albert**, who fell and injured her hip.
- ✦ We continue to pray for **Betty Anderson** (great-grandmother of **Gabi Anderson**) and her son **Bobby** who are both suffering from serious illnesses and are hospitalized.

Thanks for keeping us up-to-date with Newsbytes! Email them to soth@sothstl.org.



Church Council Highlights

- Vice-President Linda Pearson lead the meeting in Bill Johnson's absence (Thank you, Linda!).
- Discussed proposed updates for the church website. The technology team has come up with some great ideas and plans for the website to make it more user friendly and informational, such as including action photos and church committee and group descriptions. More details to emerge in the coming weeks.
- Talked about the recent Council retreat; what we could have done differently, what things still need to be addressed and followed up on, etc.
- Discussed the Call Process and how it is progressing. Talked about church committees and groups and their purposes and how that relates to the next step in the transitional process.

Lutheran School of Theology

The Lutheran School of Theology offers unique learning opportunities for lay people as well as clergy. Spring offerings are:

“The Pursuit of Happiness: Psalms, Discipleship and the American Dream”: This class will study the massive contrast between the faith of the psalmists and the values of most North Americans. Six Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m., starting April 10 at St. George & St. Mark Churches in Belleville, IL. \$81

“This is what we believe? How we got the Creeds and are they still necessary?” This course will explore what creeds are, what they do, and what intellectual challenges they present. Six Tuesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. starting April 24 at Christ Lutheran Church in Webster Groves. \$81

“A Fresh Look at the Service of Word and Sacrament: What principles guide worship and how can the theater arts serve them?” One Day Workshop, Thursday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Unity Lutheran Church in Bel-Nor. \$40 (includes lunch).

For more information on these classes, see the brochure on the bulletin board.

Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church (ELCA)

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday—9:00 am G: Dave & Sharon Elder AM: Tom Ritter A: Gabi Anderson LR: Sydney Meyer R: Amick/Keirle/Hogan N: Julie Hutson & Stephanie T: Carl Jordan	2	3	4 No Soup Supper or Service Tonight	5 Maundy Thursday Soup 6 pm Service 7 pm	6 Good Friday Service 7 pm	7
8 Potluck Breakfast & Egg Hunt Easter—9:30 am G: Bob & Rhonda Bird AM: Abbi Telander A: Jenna Hutson LR: Gary Johnson R: Potluck Breakfast N: See Lauri to volunteer T: Aubrey Hunter	9	10 Council 7:00 pm	11 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Pastor's Sabbath </div>	14 Men's Group 9 am
15 2 Easter—9:00 am G: Ann & Dixi Smith AM: Martha Johnson A: Deidra Adams LR: Abbi Telander R: Bird & Joan Keith N: Sharon Elder & Aubrey H T: Matt Elder	16	17	18 Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 pm	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> April Newsletter Deadline </div>	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Pastor's Sabbath </div>	21 Trivia Night 7:00 pm
22 Earth Day 3 Easter—9:00 am G: Dale & Candy Travis AM: Jim Berry A: Carlie Hunter LR: Sharon Elder R: M. Johnson & S. Hoven N: Sydney Meyer & Carlie H T: Linda Pearson	23	24	25 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	26	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Pastor's Sabbath </div>	28 Girl Scout Event 11 am-6:30 pm Wartburg Group Overnight Stay
29 4 Easter—9:00 am G: Tom & Carol Krull AM: Pat Amick A: Kristen Schnur LR: William Kparkillen R: Hutson & Travis N: Kim Surratt & Gabi A. T: Susan Hoven	30	Ushers: Bill & Georgette Sarros Counters: John Meyer & Evelyn Pursley Altar Guild: Ann Smith & Donna Rogers CAs: Rhonda Bird, Kathy Jordan & Candy Travis <i>Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve!</i>		G = Greeters AM = Assisting Minister A = Acolyte LR = Reader R = Refreshments N = Nursery T = Tech Assistant		

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Worship 9:00 am • Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 4161 Cypress Road • St. Ann, Missouri 63074 • 314-739-3222
 Pastor Jeff Lindgren, Interim Pastor • 314-571-9205 • prjeff@sothstl.org
 Lauri Anderson, Church Secretary • **Office Hours:** 8:30 am to 1:30 pm Tuesday & Thursday
 Church Office e-mail: soth@sothstl.org



Transition: Congregational Survey

The call committee would like to thank each confirmed member who took the time to complete our recent Congregational Survey. We truly appreciate your input. We have compiled the results of approximately 70 completed surveys and we will be using the survey results to formulate questions about which we need more specific information. We will use these questions to guide discussions at some small focus groups through the rest of March and April.

If you would like to be part of a focus group, you can either tell a Call Committee member (George Marvin, Aubrey Hunter, Abbi Telander, Zsabetta Artis, Gary Johnson, Daryl Hogbin or Mara Berry) or you can just volunteer on that day.

Dates we have set for our small focus groups (6-8 people) are:

1. **Wednesday, March 28** - 5:00-6:00 PM - right before the soup supper & Lenten service (1 or 2 groups)
2. **Sunday, April 15** - 10:45 - 11:15 AM - right after church service (2 or 3 groups)
3. **Saturday, April 21** - 4:30-5:30 PM - right before Trivia Night & aimed at youth (1 group)
4. **Sunday, April 22** - 10:45-11:15 AM - right after church service (1 group if needed)

If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Mara Berry, Call Committee chairperson.

Church Committees: Education

We will be highlighting committees and groups in the upcoming months, letting you know what they do and what their needs are. This information will also be put into a booklet to be included in new member packets.



Education & Youth Ministry

The Education and Youth Committee is responsible for the Christian Education ministries of the congregation. We offer Sunday School for preschool age through twelfth grade, Vacation Bible School, a children's Christmas program, and a Senior Youth trip to the National Youth Gathering. We coordinate a two-year confirmation program for seventh and eighth graders, offer Holy Communion instruction for children, and award Bibles to fourth grade students. Adult Forum Sunday classes and Bible Study opportunities are also offered several times a year.

We appreciate the generous offerings of time, talent and resources of our Church family in supporting our ministry of Christian Education.

Committee Members: Genny Jordan, Sharon Elder & Bridget Elder

We ask the congregation to consider what your personal spiritual gifts might be that could be useful to the church so you can be paired with the appropriate committee or group.



To My SOTH family,

Thank you all so very much for your thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent bout with the flu and hospitalization for dehydration. I am regaining my strength and your prayers are a major part in my recovery. The SOTH prayer chain is powerful as I have found out many times.

God bless you all,

Evelyn Pursley

Dear Shepherd of the Hills,

Your generous contributions in 2011 were greatly appreciated. It is with your help that we are able to provide socks and underwear to children in need through 22 family and children agencies in the Metro St. Louis area. Although monetary support is greatly needed and appreciated, so too, are our volunteers. It is through their commitment of time and effort that it is possible for 100 percent of the monetary donations to be spent for new socks and underwear.

Once again we thank you for your donations and your prayers.

With gratitude,

Jerry O. Doud

President & Founder of S.O.C.K.s





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Our Ministers: All the People of God at Shepherd of the Hills / Our Faithful Church Council Members:

Bill Johnson, *president & tech team*

Jim Urnes, Sr., *worship*

Suah Tokpa, *stewardship*

Linda Pearson, *vice president & soc. con.*

Rhonda Bird, *care/evangelism*

John Daab, *finance*

Jim Berry, *facilities*

Meagan Nalepa, *youth rep & edu*

Genny Jordan, *education*

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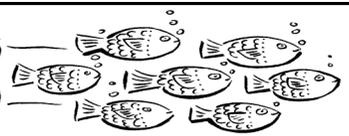
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All people into God's grace † Disciples of Jesus Christ † In Witness and Service

Don't Miss These Opportunities!



- ✦ **The Gospel of Mark**, performed by Pastor Zac Sturm, April 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 141 & Manchester Road. The event is free and lasts two hours. Free-will offering will benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry. See poster in fellowship hall for more information.
- ✦ **KETC Community Cinema Series** at the History Museum, Thurs., April 5 at 7:00 p.m. features "Hell and Back Again", a film about a 25 year old Marine sergeant who returns home to North Carolina after being wounded in Afghanistan. Discussion and refreshments will follow. Go to nineNet.org to see a preview.
- ✦ **Indoor Garage Sale** at the Bridgeton Community Center on Sat., April 21 from 8-Noon. Admission is free. If you have things you would like to sell tables for Bridgeton residents are \$26/space, \$31/space for non-resident.
- ✦ **Shop 'Til You Drop** at the Bridgeton Community Center on Sunday, April 29 from 2-5 p.m. Party –plan vendors from Tupperware, Pampered Chef and more will be on hand to sell their wares or for booking parties. Free.
- ✦ **Save the Date:** CHM's Trivia Night will be May 4. See Linda Ritter or John Meyer for more information