

SHEPHERD'S HORN

July 29, 2021

Our Mission

Shepherd of the Hills will *love* people wherever they are, *live* the grace of God in Jesus Christ and *grow* in faith and service.

Our Values

Belonging, Welcoming, Fellowship, Integrity

Our Vision

Growing disciples of Jesus that will change the world

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WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday Morning
8:30am & 10:00am
Live Stream 8:30am
Sunday

NURSERY CARE

Currently unavailable

Church Council

- ◆ Lorie Englert
- ◆ Paul Morgan
- ◆ Greg Tabert
- ◆ Mike Karcz
- ◆ Christina Johnson
- ◆ Dave Olsen
- ◆ Jackie Huddleston
- ◆ Carol Janssen

My dear congregation,

As we get ready for the start of the “church year,” we have exciting details to share.

First, the council has affirmed the worship team’s vision to continue existing worship times: Saturday @ 5:00pm and Sundays @ 8:30 and 10:00 am, with livestreamed service @ 8:30am. Also approved is a variation in style and content. A traditional service, very similar to what we do now, will be offered on Saturday night and Sunday @ 8:30am.

For the 10:00 am service on Sunday, we will offer a blended / contemporary service, with a family focus – more on that below. To make this happen, the service will have some minor tweaks and the band will be live. The goal is to livestream this service as well. Yet the important detail is the focus.

The focus of the 10:00 am service is to meet two major goals: foster family faith formation and make Sunday School look as much like VBS as possible. Worship and Christian Education must work together for improve faith formation. To do this and make the experience amazing, Sunday School will only be offered at this service.

Like VBS, we want to start worship with purpose and high energy. It will begin with the welcome and then we will sing a family song, such as **“Jesus Loves Me.”** Then I will do a children’s message that introduces the reading to the kids and congregation. After a prayer, the kids will be off to Sunday School, learning the same lesson as the parents. This gets kids to Sunday School faster – where it is fun for them- without waiting as long in church.

We have made these adjustments with great thought, and they have been affirmed. For example, from July 3 through August 5, Shepherd will baptize nine (9) children, an amazing number! In my pre-baptism meetings with these families, as I cast the vision for the 10:00 am worship to them, the parents were excited and validated the idea. They want to share and pass the faith to their children and expect the church to help them do that – with excitement and excellence. These tweaks will help us continue to do this work.

In closing, if these ideas sound interesting and if you want to serve as a teacher, you are needed and appreciated. Also, if you want to talk over your thoughts and ideas about these plans (or anything else), please call any time. I am eager to hear from you.

In God’s love and grace,
Pastor Tom

Our Church Family..



July Baptisms

Emma Grace Fisco, Daughter of Christopher & Jennifer Fisco
Maeve Amelia Bennecke, Daughter of Andrew & Erin Bennecke
Hailey Jeanne Lechner, Daughter of Phil & Kayla Lechner
Norra Joy Bentz, Daughter of Andrew & Jessica Bentz
Oliver Robert Hamilton, Son of Kelly & Robin Hamilton
Addison Rose Hamilton, Daughter of Kelly & Robin Hamilton
Rowan Jacob Reigner, Son of Mike & Kelly Reigner

Sunday Stewards

Ron Gohl, Nevie Gamble, Betty Thompson, Kevin Harrington, Bert Denley
Barb Nalley, Barb Gaskell, Sue Borreson, Patti Parisi



Flower Sponsors



July 11

Jackie & Dave Huddleston in honor of Allison's birthday
and their wedding anniversary

July 18

Lori Englert in honor of Bev Blundell's birthday
Bev Blundell in Memory of her mother, Irma Wagner
Jerry & Christina Johnson in honor of Ryan's birthday
Roberta Bas in memory of her husband, Loren Bass

July 25

Nevie Gamble in memory of Ken Gamble
Beverly Leding in memory of Jim Leding
Christa & Hardy Grunert in memory of Kaethe Wolf

Help Needed

Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild and Coffee Makers are needed for Sunday Services.
Please call the office to sign up, no experience needed!

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

- Offering in-person
For 3, 4, and 5 year olds (Filling up Fast, Limited space)
- Contact Jennifer Walker
jwalker@shepherdofhills.org



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Available Monday through Friday
- 6:00 am - 6:00 pm Ages 5 - 11 years old
ametcalf@shepherdofhills.org



Shepherd's Prayer Group 2021

Please join us!
This is a time to share joys and concerns and
have great Christian Fellowship.
Every week on Monday @ 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/91873209720?pwd=MGtHQOnhrV1NSeFM2SHBicXhqa3B2Zz09>

Dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) **Meeting ID:** 918 7320 9720 **Passcode:** 122441



Sunday Social Hour!



Come join us in Fellowship Hall on Sundays from
9:15 am to 10:15 am
Coffee and pre-packaged treats!



Saturday Evening Campfires



Join Pastor and your Shepherd of the Hills friends at 6pm for
S'Mores, smiles & fellowship

Bible Study

God's Extraordinary Church: Studies in Ephesians



Join us for small group Bible study Tuesday evenings @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom. Led by Pastor Tom, this six week study will delve deeper in to the previous Sunday's sermon.

Join us as we explore what it means for a church to be extraordinary!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87482376573?pwd=UStReno1VStYdVRSZ3QzbDRadkFoZz09>



Shepherd of the Hills Church Picnic Extravaganza!!

Join us as we celebrate our church family and kick off the Sunday School year with a bang!

Date: Sunday, September 12 after 10am service

PS - Party planners needed!

Do you have BIG, FUN ideas? If so, we need you!

Please contact Carol Morgan (708-927-5226)

or the church office (815-385-4030)

if you are interested in helping to plan what is sure to be a church picnic of epic proportions!

Church Picnic

