



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

# Spirit Newsletter

## Summer Worship Schedule



Beginning **Sunday, May 6**, we will have **one** worship service at **9:30am**. Adult Education will meet at **8:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve is leading a six-week study on discipleship called "Not A Fan." Come learn how to better be a follower of Jesus and not a fan.



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

The sixth annual Fountain Hills National Day of Prayer gathering will be **Thursday, May 3**, at Fountain Park Amphitheater. The theme is **Pray for America—UNITY**, based on the Bible scripture Ephesians 4:3, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of Peace." At **5:50pm** FREE hot dogs and drinks will be served. The Ministerial Association is sponsoring the event. The program will begin at **6:30pm** and everyone is encouraged to bring a chair or a blanket to sit on and be united in prayer.

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**Summer Sunday Schedule:**  
**Worship: 9:30am**  
**Adult Ed: 8:30am**

## Special Congregation Meeting



At **10:45am** on **Sunday, May 6**, there will be a special congregation meeting in the Sanctuary. The purpose is to:

1. Vote to elect a Call Committee to proceed in hiring a Senior Pastor.
2. Vote to hire a consultant to assist in the search for a new Senior Pastor.



Please plan to attend this important meeting. Details will be given as to why consideration is being given to hiring an outside consultant to assist in the hiring process.

## Beth Moore Bible Study



### Women's Bible Study

At **5:30pm** on **Thursday, May 24**, there will be an introduction session to the women's summer Bible study titled, "*Jesus the One and Only*" by Beth Moore. "Examine the life of Jesus from the Book of Luke. Based primarily on the Book of Luke, this study is a careful examination of the life of Christ. You will be introduced to an intimate Savior as you get a close-up personal portrait of the life of Jesus the Messiah. Come along with Beth Moore on a life-changing journey with will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior."

If you plan to take this study, it will be important for you to attend the introduction session on May 24 to receive your study guide in advance to prepare for Session 1. We will ask you to contribute a topping for a chef's salad for a time of fellowship prior to the video.

We will meet in the Education Building Rooms 5 & 6 for nine more weeks, ending August 9. Lynn Bergeson and Sherry Hottenstein will be leading the Bible study and will have sign-ups available on **Sunday, May 20**.

Please contact the church office for more information and for registration.

## Kidz Corner



The last WOW night will be **Wednesday, May 9**. We are holding a talent show...kids are welcome to join in. Whether you sing, dance, hula hoop, tell a joke, or whatever you would like to share, we welcome you! Last year everyone shared a talent, no matter how big or small. Parents and families are welcome to stay and watch and have pizza with us.

Our **Word on Wednesday** (WOW Kids) program is for children ages **3 years through 8th grade** and held on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:00-6:30 pm**. There is no cost for this program. Email [Julia@sothaz.com](mailto:Julia@sothaz.com) with any questions.

### Family BBQ & Water Play

Since it was cold on the last day of Spring Break Adventures and we promised we would make it up to the kids, we invite all families to come enjoy a water play day with us on **Wednesday, May 16**. We will have water slides and a chance to cool off for all ages.



Beginning at **5:00 pm** we will be barbecuing dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings, beans, chips, watermelon, drinks and a special treat for dessert. All kids and families welcome, and bring your friends!. Please RSVP so we make sure that we have enough food for all...email [Julia@sothaz.com](mailto:Julia@sothaz.com).

### Summer Camp for Kids

Incoming 1st grade - 5th Grade  
July 15 - July 20

Shepherd of the Hills is offering Summer Camp for Kids at Camp Aloma in Prescott, Arizona this summer. Camp activities include sports, archery, crafts, Bible encounters, great food, campouts and night activities. Plus, the older kids go canoeing. Camp begins on **Sunday, July 15 at 3:00 pm and ends on Friday, July 20 at 11:00 am**. There is roundtrip bus transportation which picks up/drops off in North Phoenix, or you may drop and pick up your campers as well.

This year...Camp Aloma has added incoming 1st and 2nd grades to their camp for us. So, if you have a kiddo that would like to go to camp with a family member or friend, they are welcome to join the fun. Last year we had 16 of our WOW / Spring and Fall Break kids attend. We have 25 spots reserved for this year. The cost of this week long camp, with roundtrip transportation is **\$295**. However, as an outreach to families, Shepherd of the Hills will be asking each camper to pay **\$100**. With that said, scholarships are also available based upon need. For more information or to register for Camp Aloma, please click on the link. <http://www.campaloma.com/>. For questions, contact [Julia@sothaz.com](mailto:Julia@sothaz.com)

## Diaper Drive



The Fountain Hills Christian Home Educators will be having a "Diaper Drive" for Arizona Baptist Children's Services (<http://www.abcs.org>) on **May 14** at Shepherd of the Hills.. They are in desperate need of size 5,6 and Pull-Ups. Please bring your donations to the pop-up tent on the lawn.

## With Appreciation

To Pastor Steve and Shepherd of the Hills:

All of us want to thank you and all of the great people at Shepherd of the Hills who made our son's burial service so gratifying. It was an unforgettable experience..

From our hearts THANK YOU,  
The Trovato Family



Dear Pastor Steve and Congregation,  
Your generous gift in partnership to feed hungry children through Food For Kidz is totally awesome!! Teamwork is enabling us to do extraordinary things in this community effort to extend help and hope to hungry children and families. May God return the generosity of the people of Shepherd of the Hills in double measure! God bless and keep all of you!

Servants Together,  
New Journey Lutheran Church

*My church is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.  
It's pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work,  
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver,  
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,  
and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is,  
am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of  
Being all the things that I want my church to be.*

## Opportunities to Serve



Each Friday evening plan on joining us as we serve dinner to approximately eighty-plus men, women, and children in Moeur Park, Tempe. We carpool at **5:15 pm** and serve from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you or your family would like to assist, please call Gail Hanson at 480-836-9527 or email Gail at gphdes@cox.net. We also provide the basic necessities.

We are now collecting winter coats. There is a bin located outside the church office for you to place your donations.

## Paz de Cristo

Paz de Cristo is an organization that feeds and clothes those in need in the East Valley of Phoenix. Shepherd of the Hills goes to Paz every second Tuesday of the month to help prepare and serve the evening meal. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, volunteers meet in the church upper parking lot at 3:15pm to carpool.

Our next trip to Paz will be on **May 8**. With the warmer weather upon us, Paz is in need of water. You may bring your water donations to the church narthex.



**TEA & SALAD LUNCHEON** will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at **2:00pm** on **Saturday, May 12**. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office. 50% of the ticket sales will go to Food For Kidz.

## Samaritan's Purse

This year we are trying a new way to give to the children in need in the USA and third world countries through Operation Christmas Child. We are asking you to donate monthly rather than at the holidays.

Please put the donated items in the tubs in the Narthex near the restrooms. We will have different items for you to provide each month as follows:

May	Hygiene (soap, washcloths, deodorant, etc.)
June	Toys
July	Clothing
August	School supplies
September	Games
October	A letter, maybe a photo of you
November	\$9 dollars to cover the shipping
December	Prayers

## Join the Pentecost Choir

We will have a choir for Pentecost, **May 20**, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Rehearsals will be after the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 6, and following the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 13. See Deanna or any choir member for more information. All are welcome.



## MercyMe Concert & Dback Baseball



Join us on **Friday, August 24** for the Faith & Family Night at the Dbacks. Tickets will be going fast, as MercyMe is providing a post game concert included in the price to your ticket. \$1 from each ticket will be donated to the Phoenix Dream Center, helping kids and families who are struggling.

All Faith & Family Night festivities are after the game. After the final out is recorded, there will be fireworks, player testimonials, and an hour long concert by MercyMe. First pitch **6:40 pm**. You may purchase game tickets separately or as a package. And, as always, a great tailgate party included at no charge beginning at **3:00 pm**. Bus will leave at **5:00 pm**.

Single Game Ticket (no transportation) \$19.00

Single Game Ticket w/transportation \$32 each (bus tip included)

Seats on the bus are limited, so book early. If you require special assistance once we arrive at the stadium please let us know when you purchase your tickets. Email [Julia@sothaz.com](mailto:Julia@sothaz.com) to reserve. Invite your family, friends, and co-workers and come on out for a great time - all are welcome. Go Dbacks!

## Words of Compassion

A family friend who lost a teenager in a car accident wrote a tribute to her daughter, Lindsay, in the local paper. One of the most powerful images in the essay was this: After mentioning the many pictures and remembrances of Lindsay she had put around her house, she wrote, "She is everywhere, but nowhere."



Although our daughter still smiles back at us from her photos, the spirited personality that lit up that smile is nowhere to be found. It is everywhere—in our hearts, in our thoughts, in all those photos—but nowhere. But Scripture tells us that, in Christ, Lindsay is not really nowhere. She is in Jesus' presence, "with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:8) She is with the One who, in a sense, is "nowhere but everywhere." After all, we don't see God in a physical form. We certainly don't have smiling pictures of Him on our mantel. In fact, if you look around your house, you may think He is nowhere. But just the opposite is true. He is everywhere!

Wherever we go on this earth, God is there. He's there to guide, strengthen, and comfort us. We cannot go where he is not. We don't see Him, but he is everywhere. In each trial we face, that's incredibly good news.

Dave Branon