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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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SING TO THE LORD

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The "Sing to the Lord" campaign to raise the balance of \$1 million for our new Schoenstein Pipe Organ is off to a tremendous start! Tennison Keeler's amazing initial gift of \$1.5 million secured the naming rights for the organ and made it possible for us to move forward. We are very excited to announce that we have received another very generous lead gift from Diane and Tom Gates in the amount of \$250,000, which includes the naming rights for one side of the antiphonal division; the portion of the organ that will be built up in the balcony.

Additionally, the Prichard Family Foundation has generously given \$250,000 to secure the naming rights for the other side of the antiphonal division. We are humbled and grateful to Tennison, and both the Gates and Pritchard Families, for their leading gifts toward this exciting new project. Please join me in thanking them all.

We are thrilled to be halfway to our goal and are inviting everyone to join us in supporting this new organ project in whatever way you feel called. We need all the help we can get in reaching the goal over these next three months. Please know that your gift can be spread out over three years, and all gifts, no matter the size, are truly appreciated.

We are looking forward to getting materials out in the next month, but if you would like to know more about how to participate you may contact Betty Murry in the church office, or me. We are also developing a page on our website which will have the campaign materials with an online option to give. This new addition to our worship space will be a significant fixture in the life of our church for more than 100 years, and we all have an opportunity to be a part of it.

Music at the Good Shepherd is always an offering to the Glory of God, and the pipe organ is a vital element of our worship as it sets the tone of any occasion whether in solemnity, joy, praise, or just the beauty that takes us beyond words to an expression of the soul.

Come Let us Sing to the Lord!

Yours in Christ,

Our Theme for Lent 2023

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

Our theme for this Lenten season is "I am the Good Shepherd." Church of the Good Shepherd is not a place that we go, but who we are. Through our ministries as a church and in the world, we live a life for Christ. We come together to worship our Lord and to serve him in Christian community.

By virtue of our baptism, we are all shepherds for one another, with Jesus Christ as our Good Shepherd. We are invited first to be loved by the Good Shepherd and then challenged to share that love in caring for each other.

On Wednesdays during Lent, we will highlight and celebrate the ministries of Good Shepherd. We will have "Ministry Moments" as we focus on a different ministry each week. Come hear stories of inspiration and celebration.

EASTER LILIES

Honor Your Loved Ones:

Contributions for Easter lilies are now being taken in the Church Office. Lilies will adorn the altar area during our Easter services and your loved ones will be listed in the order of service. Deadline to order is Friday, March 31.

YOUR NAME _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

AMOUNT DONATED _____

MAIL OR RETURN THIS FORM TO:
Church of the Good Shepherd
700 S. Upper Broadway Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
or email it to cotgs@cotgs.org

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO COTGS
WITH A NOTATION "EASTER FLOWERS"

You can give at the Church Office or online at <https://cotgs.org/2023/02/28/easter-lilies-to-honor-your-loved-ones/>
or through our Church App - Ministry One

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2

Liturgy of the Palms

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Come As You Are Service

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 5

Following the 5:30 p.m. Service

(About 6:15 p.m.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY

Thursday, April 6

5:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7

7:00 a.m.

**Communion from the
Reserved Sacrament**

12:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/Choir & Brass

Flowering of the Cross
Between the two services
in the Courtyard.

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist w/Choir & Brass

Alleluia Egg Hunt
Immediately follows the 10:30 a.m.
service on the church lawn.

***No 5:30 p.m. Service
on Easter Sunday**

LENT 2023

I Am the Good Shepherd

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
in the Sanctuary

6:15 p.m. Potluck Supper & Program
Munds Hall Auditorium
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Wednesday, March 1

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Dinner Host: Jenette Hammer Guild

Wednesday, March 8

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Dinner Host: Choirs & Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, March 15

MISSION & OUTREACH

Dinner Host: Daughters of the King & Altar Guild

Wednesday, March 22

ADULT MINISTRIES

Dinner Host: Ties that Bind & Office Staff

Wednesday, March 29

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Dinner Host: Vestry

For Children on Wednesdays during Lent

We will have a special program with activities for children on Wednesday evenings during Lent.



CHURCH COMMUNITY

**WOMEN'S RETREAT
2023**

God's Grace

THE FOUNDATION OF A LIFE OF GODLINESS

Mustang Island Conference Center
Wednesday, March 29 - Thursday, March 30
(6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 1:00 p.m. Thursday)

Cayce Harris will lead our Women's Retreat at the beautiful, Mustang Island Conference Center this Spring. Cayce is a mother of five and executive director of the ONE prayer ministry in San Antonio, and she currently resides in Port Aransas. We have a special treat this year - Betsy Pierce will be our musician! And we are excited to be able to use the new conference center chapel!

Linda Pate will host the event for women of all ages. This is a wonderful weekend of relaxation, inspiration, fellowship and delicious food! All of your meals will be provided: dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch Saturday.

All rooms have two double beds, as well as a balcony.

1 to a Room - \$205 - 2 to a Room - \$180 - 3 to a Room - \$140 - 4 to a Room - \$105
Day Guests (no overnight) - \$20 per meal

(Room prices include dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch Saturday.)

The retreat begins Wednesday with dinner at 6:00 p.m.
but you can arrive as early as 4:30 p.m. to check in.

For more information contact Linda Pate at 361-739-2292.

REGISTER ONLINE HERE: cotgs.org/2023/01/27/womens-retreat-2023/
(Or you can scan the QR code to the right)



Egg Ladies Easter Egg Creations Ready for Pick Up

If you are on the list for Easter eggs, the Egg ladies will have their creations ready for pick up beginning March 20th.

Drive-Thru Pick Up Dates:

Monday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 22

Monday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 29

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*If you are not able to pick up on these days,
come by the church office at your convenience.*

You can bring a **check or exact cash** when you pick up eggs, or you can **pay online** or through **Venmo** in advance.



Pay Online QR code

Please note
"Easter eggs"



venmo



SING TO THE LORD

New Pipe Organ Project

Our new pipe organ will be built by the reputable Schoenstein & Co. of Benicia, CA. Established in 1877, they are the oldest and largest organ builder in the western United States. It will be built in this year and installed by the summer of 2024.

If you would like to share in the legacy of this new pipe organ for the generations to come you can either come by the church office and fill out a form and give your donation, or you can do so online.

GIVE ONLINE at

<https://cotgs.org/giving/pay-online/>

(Select "Sing to the Lord")

Adult Sunday School

LIVING WORD

9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Led by Rev. Milton Black & Rev. Philip May

The Rev. Milton Black and the Rev. Philip May lead a discussion-based class utilizing the scripture readings from each Sunday's services. The day's scriptures will guide us as we learn from one another and better understand God's Word.

INQUIRERS CLASS

9:30 a.m. in Dobbins Hall Adult Classroom

Led by Rev. William Campbell

This class is for anyone interested in officially joining the Episcopal Church. It gives a wealth of information about the Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian.

WISDOM IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

9:30 a.m. in Munds Hall Library

Led by Rev. Frank Fuller

Some of the lesser known writings in the Old Testament grapple with the most difficult challenges of life. This class explores God's lessons on despair, folly, cynicism, and passion.

CHURCH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

The Rev. Dr. David G. Read Elected Bishop Coadjutor

The Diocese of West Texas has elected the Rev. Dr. David G. Read as our next bishop. He will be consecrated and installed, God willing, as the eleventh Bishop of West Texas on July 8th, succeeding the Rt. Rev. David M. Reed, who is retiring. The bishop-elect was chosen by clergy and lay delegates representing each congregation of the diocese on Saturday, February 18th at the conclusion of the 119th Council of the Diocese of West Texas held at the American Bank Center.

Our diocese spans 60 counties and 69,000 square miles in southern Texas. Its 87 actively participating congregations serve approximately 20,000 parishioners.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who provided cookies for council! They were a welcomed treat for all who were in attendance.



The Bishop's Address at Council "Go, Baptize and Make Disciples"

The Rt. Rev. David Reed addressed the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas on February 17th during Council. Please visit the Diocese of West Texas website at the link below to read his address to the members of our diocese.

Go to <https://www.dwtx.org/blog/bishopsaddress2023>

Cursillo #288

March 16 - 19 at Camp Capers

Cursillo (a Spanish word meaning "little course") gives church members the tools and "rules of life" to enthusiastically share the joys of knowing Christ with others in their everyday environments. Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called groups of potential leaders, trained them and sent them out to bring the world to Him.

Register for Cursillo at <https://www.dwtx.org/events/cursillo-288>.

Nails & Prayers Men's Retreat

April 28 - 30 at Camp Capers

A service-oriented weekend for men (18 and up) to help Camp Capers and experience an enjoyable weekend away. Work projects may include grounds clean-up, trail maintenance on the Brinsmade Sanctuary and meditation trail, stocking firewood for campfires and Steves Hall, landscaping, and gardening.

<https://www.dwtx.org/events/camp-capers-nails-prayers-retreat-2022-copy>

HAPPENING #153

**Attention 10th - 12th
Grade Students!**

**March 3- 5
St. Albans Episcopal
Church, Harlingen**

All high school students in 10th - 12th grade are encouraged to attend Happening! This is a spiritual renewal weekend for older high school students, led by their peers. This is a fun and life changing retreat weekend you will not forget!

Please go to [dwtx.org](https://www.dwtx.org) to register today. Registration fills up quickly!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

MARCH YOUTH GROUP

Sundays for All Youth 6th - 12th Grade!

Sunday, March 5

Arts & Crafts or Four Square Tournament - Your Choice!

- Middle School from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Youth House
- High School from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Youth House

Sunday, March 12

Spring Break - No Youth Group

Sunday, March 19

Board Game Night

- Middle School from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Youth House
- High School from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Youth House

Sunday, March 26

Aliens!

- Everyone at 6:30 p.m. Meet in Munds Hall

KINGDOM KIDS

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Kinder - 6th Grade in the Gym

Younger children in the Nursery



Kingdom Kids is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship for children from St. James and Good Shepherd. There are games and free-play in the gym, as well as dinner and a bible story.

The cost is an \$8 donation paid online at cotgs.org. Register online through our website or through our Ministry One church app.

YOUTH TRIP TO DUNCAN PARK, COLORADO - THIS SUMMER!

June 25 - 30 for High School Students

Hiking, Rock Climbing, Fishing, River Rafting, Camp Fires, Bible

Duncan Park is an Episcopal camp operated by the Diocese of West Texas in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains. Our youth group has an amazing opportunity this summer to attend this amazing camp and experience God's creation and grow friendships. We are having several fundraisers this spring to off-set the cost of camp making it very affordable. We will fly from San Antonio to Denver. Friends are welcome to attend, too!

Contact Glenn Meschko if you are interested! 210-460-8788

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Spring Performance Dates

Wednesday, March 1

6:45 p.m. in Munds Hall (Lent Program)

Sunday, March 26

10:30 a.m. service

Sunday, April 23

10:30 a.m. service

Sunday, May 21

10:30 a.m. service

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School is offered for all ages.

Each week we offer a bible story with fun activities.

3 Year Olds - 5th Grade: Room 107

6th Grade Confirmation: Munds Hall

CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S CHAPELS

10:30 a.m.

Children's Chapel

for children ages 3 - Kinder in the Children's Chapel

Celebration Chapel

for children in 1st - 6th grade in Munds Hall Auditorium

Each Chapel is a special service created especially for children. Children will join their parents in church for communion

NURSERY

Ages 1 - 2

Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

We offer nursery for children ages 1 - 2 in Dobbins Hall during Sunday School hour and the 10:30 a.m. service.



Vacation Bible School

STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Save the Date!

Registration will open soon!

June 12 - 16

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

3 Year-Old Preschool - 4th Grade

Counselors needed: 5th - 12th Grade

Adult Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make VBS a success! Please consider this fun ministry to the children of our church, school, and community. You can choose the activity you would like to lead or assist.

If you can help, please contact Sandy McCampbell at 361-779-7742.

WORSHIP SERVICES & HOURS

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Traditional Eucharist
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Family Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Come As You Are Service

Nursery For the Little Ones

1 - 2 Years in the Nursery 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday School Classes

Sundays 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children Meet in the Water Street Classrooms

Youth Meet in the Church Office Break Room

Adults:

Large Group w/Rev. Black & Rev. May in the Parlor

Inquirer's Class w/ Rev. Campbell in Dobbins Hall Classroom

Small Group w/Rev. Fuller in Munds Hall Library

Weekday Services

Tuesdays at 12:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Healing Service with
Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monthly Services

We offer a service of Holy Communion at the Trinity
Towers/Brookdale retirement community at 3:30 p.m. on
the first Sunday of every month.

St. James Chapel Services

Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. Middle School Chapel

Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. K- 4th Grade Chapel

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Preschool Chapels (4 services)

Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. All School Chapel

Parents are welcome at All School Chapel on Thursdays.