



# SHEPHERD@50

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## Ministry Update from Pastor Chris

### Prayer Event this Weekend

This is a busy season at Shepherd of the Hills as we approach the final weeks of the capital campaign. It can be tempting to get caught up in our own activity and forget WHO empowers our work for the Kingdom. God Himself is our strength. Without His help, all our efforts are wasted. Proverbs 16:9: “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.”

This weekend, we are dedicating an hour Saturday and Sunday to come before God in prayer. The Shepherd @ 50 prayer team has done a marvelous job designing an experiential prayer event. At 4:45 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, we’ll meet in the courtyard outside the bronze doors. You’ll receive a printed guide with Scripture verses and prayers, along with a map of prayer stations. We’ll walk to nine prayer stations positioned around campus. Each station represents someone we’re praying for - our school staff and students, the Medical Center community, the Alamo Ranch community, and others who will be affected by Shepherd @ 50. Shepherd @ 50 is about reaching *people* with the Gospel. Therefore, we will spend an hour individually lifting up specific groups of people to God. For those who are not able to walk the prayer stations, you may sit in the church and pray there according to the printed guide.

### Can’t Miss Dates

This weekend in the bulletin you’ll find a sign-up sheet for two important events. Please make every effort to attend both. An RSVP form is at [shepherdlutheran.com/shepherdat50](http://shepherdlutheran.com/shepherdat50).

**1. October Informational Dinners:** At these events, I’ll give an overview presentation of Shepherd @ 50. The presentation will include a timeline of our journey to this point and a summary of the key components of the program: the building project at 6914 Wurzbach, the church plant in Alamo Ranch, and the funding plan. Thanks to Nanette Tondre’s endless photo files, I even have a few slides depicting ministry at Shepherd over the years. You can choose from five lunch/dinner dates: Oct. 1, 4, 7, 8, and 15. Thanks to those who already have signed up in the lobby or online.

**2. Nov. 5 Pledge Sunday Celebration Event:** After worship services Nov. 5, we’ll all gather at Lutheran High School for a big party to celebrate God’s work in our capital campaign. LHS is at 18104 Babcock Road, a 22-minute drive from Shepherd of the Hills.

Doors open at noon. The event officially begins at 12:45. A catered lunch will be served at 1:15. There will be live music. A few of us will speak. The really exciting part: At this event, we'll add up pledge amounts and announce the total! Absolute final RSVP date is Oct. 23 - caterers need a head count.

### **Director of Music Ministry Search**

The Elders and Deaconesses have assembled a call committee to search for our next Director of Music Ministry. Over the past several weeks, I've accumulated about 30 resumes from various sources, primarily from our LCMS Texas District office. The resumes have been narrowed to nine for the committee to evaluate.

Thank you to the following for serving on the committee: Judy Friesenhahn, Justin Hollingsworth, Griff Wooten, Caroline Melcher, Elder Greg Rea, Deaconess Michele Oravec, and Deaconess Ann Black. Ex officio members: Pastor Doug, Director of Operations Tim Eickstead, Head Elder Mike Hinojosa, Congregation President Jim Moritz, and me. The committee is a great blend - representatives of all three weekend services, a variety of ages, musicians and non-musicians.

Committee meetings are scheduled for October and November. The plan is to review resumes, determine the top four candidates and then interview via videoconference, and then select two candidates to audition and interview in person. The committee hopes to identify the final candidate for the congregation to call by the end of the year or early January. Please keep this committee's work in your prayers. We know God already has in mind who will be our next music leader - it's our task now to discover the man or woman God has appointed.

Serving Jesus alongside you,  
Pastor Chris Kennedy