

NOVEMBER 2025—FEBRUARY 2026 EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FLOWERS DONATIONS

Due: Wednesday, December 3 | online

We are fortunate to receive donations that allow us to provide beautiful poinsettias and outstanding Christmas music for our Christmas Eve worship services at both Windsor and the Hill. For recognition in the Christmas Eve leaflets, donations must be received online by Good Shepherd no later than **Wednesday, December 3 at noon**. *Please scan the QR code for the online form.*



CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE

**Sunday, November 23–Sunday, December 7
both campuses**

Look for a member of your vestry at the Christmas Benevolence table before or after worship. They will provide you with an envelope to give directly to a person in need, extending Good Shepherd's reach in the Austin community and an opportunity to experience the joy of giving in a personal way this season.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

**Sunday, November 23–Sunday, December 7
both campuses**

Each year, Good Shepherd partners with community organizations, receiving names and wish lists from local families who would otherwise not have gifts to open on Christmas morning. Beginning on November 23, parishioners are invited to take a name from the "Giving Tree" located on the Windsor, common. Shop for your selected family, then deliver your gifts to Good Shepherd by **Sunday, December 7 at noon** so they may be distributed before Christmas. *For more information, please contact Trey Shepherd at trey.shepherd@raymondjames.com.*



Advent Wreath Making

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**Sunday, November 30 | 9:00a–12:00p
Windsor, common**

Help us prepare for Advent with wreath making following our 9:15a and 10:30a worship services. We will provide everything you need (wreath forms, greenery and candles) to make a beautiful Advent wreath for your home.



Advent Organ Recital

ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS

**Thursdays, December 4–December 18 | 12:15p–1:00p
Windsor, nave**

Advent organ recitals are offered to the community on Thursdays in Advent, featuring seasonal music performed by local organists.

- **DECEMBER 4:** Dr. Jill Nennmann,
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- **DECEMBER 11:** Dr. Midori Ataka,
St. Louis King of France Catholic Church
- **DECEMBER 18:** Chris Oelkers,
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd



An Evening with St. Nicholas and Tree Lighting

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**Sunday, December 7 | 5:00p–6:30p
Windsor, Parish Life Center**

All children of the parish are invited to an enchanting night of music and inspirational readings to prepare our hearts for the Christmas season and learn about the life of St. Nicholas. At 5:00p we will gather for our program in the Parish Life Center, then move outdoors at 5:30p for the lighting of the Christmas tree. We will enjoy pictures with St. Nicholas, holiday treats, caroling and ornament making. Kids: you are welcome to wear your favorite Christmas jammies!

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Women of Good Shepherd Christmas Tea

WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS TEA

Tuesday, December 9 | 4:00p–7:00p | offsite

Women of all ages are invited to this beautiful Good Shepherd tradition. Join us for fellowship and Christmas tea merriment in celebration of the Advent season and one another. Scan the QR code to let us know if you are coming and sign up to bring a festive side dish, snack or beverage by **Sunday, December 7. For more information, please contact Jessica Riels, jessica@gsaustin.org.**



Rise Against Hunger

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Sunday, December 14 | 11:30a-1:30p

Windsor, Parish Life Center

Both campuses gather in Advent to measure and pack over 35,000 meals for people in developing nations—a much-loved tradition. Volunteers help to set up the Rise Against Hunger packing equipment and supplies the day before the pack and help to clean up afterwards. **Register to join the pack by scanning the QR code. For more information, please contact Kelly Molak, kelly@soledadbuilders.com.**



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 14 | 6:00p | Windsor, nave

The Good Shepherd Music Ministry presents a *Festival of Lessons and Carols* for Advent. Favorite carols, choral masterworks and great organ music will be offered, with a reception following in the Parish Life Center. **For more information please contact Chris Oelkers, chris@gsaustin.org.**



Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 24 | Windsor

10:30a Early Church Holy Eucharist / Parish Life Center

2:00p* Holy Eucharist with Christmas Pageant / nave

4:30p* Carols for Christmas with Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra / nave

5:00p* Holy Eucharist / nave + livestreamed*

4:30p* Carols for Christmas with Acoustic Band
Parish Life Center

5:00p* Holy Eucharist with Acoustic Band / Parish Life Center

7:30p Carols for Christmas with Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra / nave

8:00p Holy Eucharist / nave + livestreamed*

10:30p Choral Cantata: Handel's *Messiah*, with Good Shepherd Choir & Orchestra / nave

11:00p Candlelit Service of Holy Eucharist / nave

*nursery available *livestream at gsaustin.org

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, December 25 | Windsor

10:30a Holy Eucharist / Windsor, nave

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY AND CHALKING THE DOOR

Sunday, January 4 | 9:15a and 10:30a | Windsor

The Feast of the Epiphany, on January 6 each year, marks the beginning of a whole season where we celebrate the revelation of God's love to the world in the person of Jesus. The Season of Epiphany is also a time for blessing homes, including the medieval tradition of 'chalking the door' to your home. Following our 9:15a and 10:30a worship services, we will 'chalk' the doors of the church. We will also have chalk and instructions for you to take home so that you can chalk your doors, too.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Friday, January 16–Sunday, January 18

John Knox Ranch, Fischer, TX

Youth in 9th-12th grades are invited to join us for a weekend retreat to explore the Christian faith and the Episcopal tradition as they consider the Rite of Confirmation. We'll gather at John Knox Ranch for teaching, conversation, and plenty of time to relax and have fun together. Cost: \$200 (includes meals, lodging, transportation, camp activities, a study Bible, and a Book of Common Prayer). Scholarships are available.

Meet at Good Shepherd at 5:00p Friday and return by 4:00p Sunday.

Scan the QR code to register by Wednesday, December 17.

For more information, please contact the Rev. Jonathan McManus-Dail, jonathan@gsaustin.org.



The Episcopal Way

THE EPISCOPAL WAY

Sundays, February 1, 8, 15 | 12:00p–2:00p

Windsor, media room

Whether you are new to the Episcopal tradition or a longtime Episcopalian, our three-part The Episcopal Way classes are a great way to learn about our Anglican and Episcopal roots and traditions. Led by our Good Shepherd clergy, these classes will introduce Episcopal Church history, liturgy, and theology, The Book of Common Prayer, and what it means to be an Episcopal Christian. Childcare and lunch will be provided. For adults interested in Confirmation, this series will provide the basis for a further commitment.

Scan the QR code to register. For more information, please contact the Rev. Brin Bon, brin@gsaustin.org.



Annual Parish Meeting

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Sunday, January 25 | 12:00p–1:00p

Windsor, Parish Life Center

Join us for this year's Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Life Center after the 10:30a services at Windsor. Hear about the state of the parish and plans for 2026 and elect our new vestry class. Breakfast tacos will be served in the PLC after 10:30a worship.

PANCAKES AND PAJAMAS

Sunday, January 25 | 11:45a–1:00p

Windsor, media room

Children age 3 years (and potty trained)–5th grade are invited to a pajama party with pancakes during the Annual Parish Meeting. At 11:45a before the meeting begins, please bring your children upstairs to the media room. Pickup is at the conclusion of the meeting. **For more information, please contact the Rev. Jonathan McManus-Dail, jonathan@gsaustin.org.**



Mardi Gras Celebration

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 17 | 6:00p–8:00p

Windsor, Parish Life Center

Laissez les bon temps rouler at our Mardi Gras supper before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Pancakes for the kids and a Gumbo Cook-off for the adults! We will move outdoors by the firepit for a brief Burning of the Palms liturgy at 7:30p. **Please sign up by scanning the QR code by Sunday, February 15 to enter the great Good Shepherd Gumbo Cook-off and volunteer at the event. With questions, contact Jessica Riels, jessica@gsaustin.org.**



SAVE THE DATE | 2026

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 22 | 12:00p–2:30p

Windsor, youth corner

All baptized children (2nd grade and up) are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion. This Communion Instruction workshop is an opportunity for early elementary aged children to be curious, ask questions, and better understand the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, as well as what happens during our Sunday services. The workshop will include teaching the sacraments, a guided tour of the nave, and the chance to bake communion bread and decorate a banner for an instructed Eucharist (a service where we explain what's happening as we do it!) the following Sunday, March 1, at the 9:15a Early Church service. *Scan the QR code to register your child/children. For more information contact the Rev. Jonathan McManus-Dail, jonathan@gsaustin.org.*



WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD RETREAT

Friday, February 27–Sunday, March 1

The Retreat at Balcones Springs, Marble Falls, TX

The annual Women of Good Shepherd retreat encourages spiritual nourishment, relaxation, support and connection for women of all ages. Join us for a weekend away to deepen our connection with one another and with God. There are options for overnight stay, day attendance, and single or shared accommodations. Meals are included. *Registration and payment in full is required by Sunday, February 1 by scanning the QR code. With questions, contact Jessica Riels, jessica@gsaustin.org.*



SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

Friday, April 17–Sunday, April 19

Mo Ranch, Hunt, TX

Good Shepherd Youth (grades 6th–12th)—take a break from the busyness of Spring to enjoy some time away to rest, play, hang out with new and old friends, and connect with God. The retreat cost is \$150 which includes transportation, camp style lodging, food, activities, and programming. Bring a friend and join us for an amazing weekend! *Scan the QR code to register by Wednesday, March 25. For more information contact the Rev. Jonathan McManus-Dail, jonathan@gsaustin.org.*



2026 SHEPHERD AND EDGE CAMP: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Monday, June 22–Friday, June 26

9:00a–12:00p | Windsor

Each summer our Windsor campus hosts a week-long Shepherd Camp (our amazing version of vacation Bible school). Shepherd Camp is open to rising Pre-K 4 (4 years old by September 1, 2026 and potty trained) –rising 3rd grade children. Each camper's day begins with collective worship, lively music and a program before moving to rotations by age groups through a variety of theme-based activities (music, prayer practice, story telling, art, & free play). Edge Camp is open to rising 4th grade–6th grade children. After the morning program, Edge Campers adventure off campus and return by 3:00p. Shepherd and Edge Camp wouldn't be possible without the creativity and energy of our adult and youth volunteers!* We invite and encourage volunteers to sign up early so we can better assess how many campers we can accommodate this year. (*Nursery care is available for volunteers with children not old enough for Shepherd Camp.) *With any additional questions please contact Meredith Spears, meredithspears@gmail.com and/or Blair Nelson, blairhunter11@gmail.com.*

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Saturday, June 6–Saturday, June 13 | Tennessee

Open to rising 7th graders and up, this week-long mission trip partners with Mountain TOP, a service organization located in the Cumberland Mountain region of Tennessee. Participants grow in their faith and love for others by helping eliminate substandard housing through home repair and fostering health and education through leading day camps for local children. This trip offers the chance to grow in faith, skill, community and leadership. We will need lots of adult leaders to come with us on the trip (DIY skills are a bonus!) The cost is \$1,200 for youth and \$800 for adults which covers airfare, ground transportation, food, lodging, and some fun activities! *Please scan the QR code to register. For more info, contact the Rev. Jonathan McManus-Dail, jonathan@gsaustin.org.*

