

Staying in Touch...

Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST PROCEDURES

- Email: prayers@sothfamily.org. Requests will also be forwarded to a pastor
- Pastors: email, call directly, or call the church office to reach a pastor

HEALING/PEACE/PATIENCE: (rotating list) Judy, Pastor Roth, Barb Schuchman, Dorene Wendt

SHUT-INS: (rotating list) Carolynn Toney

- NEEDS:**
- cancer (rotating list): Kathy, Dan, Esther, Connie, Jill, Jane
 - God's Peace for those who are missing family, friends

THANKS:

- God's love for us all in sending Jesus!
- For the life and faith of John Timms, who went to be with Jesus Dec. 23; peace, comfort for family, friends
- Lutheran High Schools, thanksgiving for their Gospel ministry to teens & families

MILITARY: (rotating list) Brooke/Rod Stewart, Wes Street, William Thomas, Adam/Kyle Treptow, Jason Visnyei, Frank/Matt Wacholtz, Ray Wall, Cale Winter

MISSIONS: (rotating list) John & Jenn Wolf, Africa; Rev. Samuel & Erica Bobby, Latvia; Iantha Scheiwe, Hong Kong; Lutheran World Relief; LCMS' Rocky Mtn. Dist; LCMS Disaster Response; Salvation Army

COLLEGE: (rotating list) Ella Sanford, Elise/Julia Skirde, Jordan/Taylor Slothouber, Dana Spiers, Rachel Sweeney, Jacob Watkins

TRAINING FOR CHURCH WORK:

(rotating list) Nate Poppe, Reilly Saline

ROCKY MTN. DIST. SISTER CHURCHES:

- *Risen Christ, Arvada
- *Risen Savior, Broomfield
- *Rock of Ages, Colorado Springs
- *St. Andrew, Albuquerque, New Mexico

LEADERS: (rotating list) World leaders, Christian pastors all over the world

This Week

Sunday, December 28 1st Sun./CHRISTmas

Mites Sunday (4th Sunday)

Lord's Supper in 8 & 10:45 Traditional

- 8 am Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Infinite Grace band prac., M. Amidei
- 9:15 am Fellowship Time, Gym
- 9:30 am Young Adult Brunch, Sina Williams
- Not meeting: PreK-4th; SHYP; Gym-Pr. Brad**
- 10:45 am Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Contemporary Service, Gym

Monday, December 29

- ~ NO school, ELC; CHRISTmas Break ~
- 10 am E-blast, Announcements deadline
- 12 pm Communications Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 30

- 6 pm Infinite Grace prac., Michael Amidei

Wednesday, December 31 New Year's Eve

- 12:12pm **Pause to Pray;** Sanctuary open
- NO Shepherd's Chorale, Gail Black

Thursday, January 1, 2026

- ~ Church Office Closed ~ **Happy New Year!**

Friday, January 2

Saturday, January 3

- 8 am Online Bible Study, Jim Mulford

Sunday, January 4 2nd Sun. after CHRISTmas

Lord's Supper in 10:45 Contemporary

- 8 am Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Infinite Grace band prac., M. Amidei
- 9:15 am Fellowship Time, Gym
- 9:30 am Confirmation/SHYP/Bible Classes
- NOT meeting: PreK-4th gr. Sunday School**
- 10:45 am Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Contemporary Service, Gym
- 12:30 pm SHYP (High Sch.), Sina Williams
- 7 pm Young Adult Sport Night, Gym

Monday, January 5

- ~ NO school, ELC ~
- 10 am E-blast, Announcements deadline
- 12 pm Communications Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 6 Festival of Epiphany

~ ELC Resumes ~

- 6 pm Infinite Grace prac., Michael Amidei
- 7 pm Epiphany Worship, Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 7

- 9 am ELC Chapel
Quilts & Kits, Sharleen Jespersen
- 12 pm **Staff Pause to Pray** and Meeting
- 12:12pm **Pause to Pray;** Sanctuary open

Thursday, January 8

- 9 am Bible Study resumes, Pastor Oesch
- 10:30 am Active Seniors Event, Pr. Stoltenow
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible, Audrey Monson
- 7 pm Elders Meeting, Don Matern



Announcements

***EPIPHANY WORSHIP**...celebrating the Epiphany of our Lord is **Tues., Jan. 6, 7pm**. We remember the Magi's journey and the revelation of Jesus as the Light of the world--the Savior for all nations!



***YOUNG ADULT (HS grads-30+) BRUNCH Sun., Dec. 28**, in the Youth Room. RSVP: Sina Williams 707.326.8666.

***SHYP (High School): JANUARY 4...12:30pm, in the Youth Room.** We meet every 1st Sunday of the month! Sina Williams 707.326.8666.

***YOUNG ADULT SPORTS NIGHTS! Beginning Jan. 4**, join us every Sun. in January/February, and every Thurs. in March, **7-9pm**, for a chance to meet people, build friendships, play volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, and have a short group discussion on topics from today's world. Q's? Sina Williams 707.326.8666.

***QUILTS & KITS** Next meetings are **Jan. 7 and 21, 9am**, Rm LL-5. Sharleen Jespersen: jesper417@yahoo.com.

***BREAKFAST WITH BABY** In 2025, BwB served over 200 children and over 150 families heard The Word in English and Spanish! Thank You, Lord! For the **Jan 10 event**: baby wipes, Sz. 5 and 6 diapers, Sz. 9mo. and 24mo. boy clothes and Sz. 24mo. girl clothes would be helpful. Thank you for your gifts of time, food, diapers, clothing, and toys!

***KEEPING OF THE GREENS** Please join us **Jan. 10, 8:30am**, to take down CHRISTmas decorations in the sanctuary. Coffee, juice, and donuts provided!

***GRIEF SHARE** When someone you love dies, grief can be lonely and overwhelming. You are not alone! God sees you and loves you. Find hope and courage for your journey toward healing: "Loss of a Spouse" **Seminar Sat., Jan. 10, 10am-noon. Weekly Support Group...meets Saturdays, 10am-noon Jan. 17-April 18**, in the Atrium. **Register at GriefShare.org.**

***GRANDFRIENDS BRUNCH** All GrandFriends and those interested in being one: Join us for brunch with our younger generation partners **Sun., Jan. 11, 2026, 9:30-10:30am**, in the Parish Hall!

***FAITH MILESTONE: WELCOME TO THE FAMILY** In the **January 11** Worship services, we will celebrate and bless all God's Children who were baptized in 2025. They and their families are also invited to a **luncheon Jan. 11, 12pm, in the Parish Hall.**

***XTREME (5-8th grade): JANUARY 11...12:30pm, in the Youth Room.** We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month! Sina Williams 707.326.8666.

***"WINTER BLUES" DESSERT NIGHT** Fri., Jan. 16, **6:30-8:30pm**. Treats, fellowship, and a coffee bar (ages 18+), hosted by David/Cassie Schlecht. They'll share the heart and mission behind their nonprofit ministry, *Scripture in Motion*. Activities, games, prizes! **RSVP by Jan. 11:** ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Events.

Praying with an Open Heart...in December, for the lonely. Philippians 4:6-7

Missionary of the Month: Rev. & Deaconess Naumann, Dominican Republic

For full information, see: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Events

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End-of-Year Giving

+ last day to give online: 12.31.25
+ last day to give at a church service: 1.4.26
**All checks must be dated 12.31.25 or sooner to be accepted for 2025 giving

ONLINE GIVING



Gracious God, as the new year unfolds, align our hearts with the hope that comes from You. Fill our spirits with optimism and an anticipation for the blessings You have prepared for us. AMEN