

Mission

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June 2019 Honduras Trip

- ▶ Trip dates: June 1–7, 2019
- ▶ Dental Mission Trip
- ▶ For more information, please pick-up a brochure at Southwood Central or contact Malissa Pauling • mpauling@southwoodlutheran.org

Spirit of Giving

Tuesday, December 11 • 4:45PM

Share holiday joy with children who have lost a parent or caregiver. Southwood and Mourning Hope need your help with the Spirit of Giving event located at Southwood. Spots are open for shopping buddies, craft assistants and hosts.



A short training will be provided at 4:45PM with dinner at 5:30PM. **Volunteers must be at least 19 years old. See the ways you can help at Southwood Central Kiosk or at SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.IVOLUNTEER.COM



Interested in Traveling to Tanzania?

- ▶ Trip dates: June 24–July 7
- ▶ Approximate cost: \$4,000
- ▶ This team will worship with our sister church, visit scholarship students, tour a local hospital and orphanage, plus go on a safari to the Serengeti!
- ▶ For more information contact Scott Koehn • lkoehn1@neb.rr.com
- ▶ Financial Aid is available for 1st time trip participants who are members of Southwood.

Matt Talbot

Thursday, December 27

Volunteers are needed to:

- ▶ Provide cookies or cleaned, wrapped potatoes for the meal

Sign up at Southwood Central Kiosk or online at SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.IVOLUNTEER.COM

Finding Joy in Singing

During one of the last interviews with the famous actress, Katharine Hepburn, she was asked what her advice would be for all those coming after her. She replied rather quickly, “Listen to the song of life!” I was so struck by her comment that I went to the kitchen and grabbed a pen and paper, and wrote it down. It’s been hanging on my mirror ever since.



When I think of my “song of life”, so many memories come flooding back to me. Singing and song were rooted deeply in my family. Sitting next to my Grandfather in church was one of my earliest and dearest times of singing. His voice was a deep and velvety bass that sounded like liquid gold. All the family sat together and sang in four-part harmony in our Presbyterian church with aunts, uncles and cousins in the mix. (My parents and grandparents all met their future spouses in the church choir!) After church on Christmas Eve, my extended family gathered in singing Christmas carols in someone’s home, sitting anywhere you could find a spot, including the floor! What joy!

The “song of life” continued when years later, my husband and I headed to Wartburg Seminary for his education. You can hardly imagine the transcendent beauty of voices blending together in the chapel. It actually took your breath away to hear God’s word in song, rising to the ceiling. What joy!

Singing to sleepy babies, directing small and faithful church choirs, and now finding Southwood, continues my “Song of Life”—what joy!

Recently, the Mixed Choir sang a lovely anthem, *In Endless Song*, by Joseph Martin. It began: My life flows on in endless song ... and ended with the glorious words: Since Christ is Lord of Heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? What joy!

My life has and will continue to flow on, in endless song. The music here at Southwood is one of the main reasons we are part of this congregation. The choir is like family. Supporting one another in joys and sorrows with Christ as the center of all we do. What joy!

Christ IS Lord of Heaven and earth! How CAN we keep from singing? What joy!

—Sue Smith

Get Connected

December 9, 2018

WORSHIP in December

Sunday Worship Services

Sundays, December 9, 16, 23 and 30

8:30, 9:45 & 11AM Regular Worship Services



Healing Prayer Service

Wednesday, December 19 • 7:30PM

Attend this special service and experience the comfort of music, prayer, reflection and hope. Come to offer prayers for yourself or loved ones unable to attend and feel the healing power of prayer.

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24

2 & 4 PM Festival Christmas Service

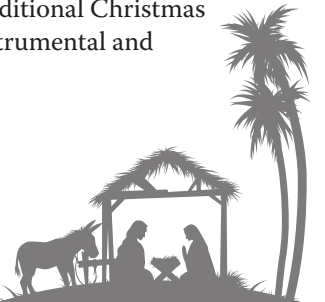
7 & 9 PM Festival Christmas Service with Holy Communion

Invite family and friends to worship with you this Christmas Eve as we celebrate Christ’s birth. Sing traditional Christmas carols with the congregation and hear instrumental and special music.

Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, December 25 • 10AM

Worship on Christmas Day is a Festival Communion Service.



Sunday School & DELVE will not meet December 23 & 30.

Both will resume on January 6.



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Children

Contact: Faye Koehn • FKOEHN@SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG

Sunday School Mission Offering Update

Building a Foundation for Education

Our Sunday School students are making a BIG difference in the lives of five students in Honduras and Tanzania. They are using their offering money (September–December) to provide high school scholarships.

Current offerings: \$3,682. Goal: \$5,000.

Help the Sunday School reach their goal of providing five scholarships. Give a gift by putting “Sunday School” on the memo of your check.



Nativity Scene and Advent Calendar

Sunday School students are building their own Nativity Scene during the Advent season. Advent Calendars are also available. If you missed last week stop by Education Station to pick up your supplies and/or calendar.

Youth

Contact: Drew Jagadich • DJAGADICH@SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG

DELVE

- ▶ **6th & 7th Grade DELVE TODAY** (8:30, 9:45, & 11AM) is Parents Day! We will begin a two-week study on Baptism.
- ▶ **8th Grade DELVE** Wednesday, December 12 (6:15–7:45PM). We will continue the series on Baptized, We Live!

High School Youth Group

- ▶ **TONIGHT 5:45–8:15PM** Caroling at Tabitha Village. Meet downstairs to carpool over. Return to Southwood around 8:15PM.

Life & Lattes

Tuesday, December 11 • 2:30–5PM we will meet at Scooters (near 56th & Pine Lake). Bring your homework and we will provide the coffee and food.

Care

Contact: Pam Dinneen • PDINNEEN@SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG

Take ONE to the streets

Create a Caring Community!

- ▶ How do we take the concepts we learned in ONE to the streets?
- ▶ How do we better love all people, knowing we’re ONE Body in Christ?



The answer lies in a powerful word: **NOTICE**—then **ACT!**

It’s a simple concept. Take a little time to notice others. In church. At home. In the workplace. In the community.

Join us in January as we Create a Caring Community!

Renewed Hope

Sunday, December 16 • 11am • Group Room

The holidays have arrived, along with all of the activities and celebrations that look so different now that your spouse is no longer here. Pam Dinneen will be joining us as we discuss coping strategies.

Ongoing Care Ministries

Held in the Group Room next to the Nursery

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—December 13 • 10AM
- ▶ **Renewed Hope**—December 16 • 11AM
- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Blessing**—December 19 • 6:30PM

3 Tips for Caring Every Day

Family Stress Busters for the Holidays

If you are one who is struggling with joy this holiday season, consider some of the following:

- ▶ **Light a candle and reflect** on what our faith teaches about finding light when we need it most.
- ▶ **Find a way to honor loved ones who have died** by keeping their memory alive and doing something in honor of them.
- ▶ **Write down positive moments**, small steps you can take to appreciate the good in your daily life this Christmas.
- ▶ **Help other families** and focus beyond your own pain to help someone else.

Ministry

Contact: Jo Sheets • JSHEETS@SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG

Southwood Seniors: Christmas Sing-a-long

Wednesday, December 12 • 12–1 PM in the Fellowship Hall

- ▶ **Lunch:** Beef Brisket, bring Christmas goodies to share
- ▶ **Program:** Singing familiar carols not only helps us get into the Christmas spirit, it brings back wonderful memories. A joy-filled celebration of Christmas goodies and fellowship!

Register at southwoodlutheran.org/events



Christmas Mixed Choir

All singers invited to sing on December 23.

Rehearsals: Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30PM
Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00PM

Contact: Denise Makinson at dmakinson@southwoodlutheran.org.

Southwood Singles: Dinner, Movie and Games

Sunday, December 16 • 5–8PM • in the Fellowship Hall

- 5:00PM Pot Luck Dinner:** Bring your favorite dish to share
- 5:45PM Movie:** The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
- 6:45PM Board/Card Games**

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Calling All Joyful Volunteers!

Help make Southwood a welcoming place for all who attend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We are looking for volunteers to help with the following areas. Please contact Michelle in the office at msmith@southwoodlutheran.org or call 402.423.5511.

	CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24					12/25
	2 PM	4 PM	7 PM	9 PM	10 AM	
Ushers Needed	8	4	4	10	6	
Greeters Needed	1	2				
Hosts Needed	3	2	1		2	
Communion Assistants Needed				6	2	
Safety Team Needed	3	3	3	3	3	

Visit **SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG** for a complete listing of events and registrations.