

Mission

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To see a full listing of volunteer opportunities, visit
SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG/GIVE-BACK/MISSION

Southwood Rural Food Distribution

Saturday, January 12 • 11AM–1PM in Palmyra

Help distribute food at the Palmyra Activity Center to people in the surrounding rural communities. Sign up at Southwood Central or online at SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.IVOLUNTEER.COM

2019 Tanzania and Honduras Mission Trips

Join one of these teams to serve, experience a different culture, enjoy amazing faith growth, plus meet new people from our sister churches and Southwood. Financial Aid is available for 1st time trip participants who are members of Southwood.

▶ Honduras Dental Trip • Trip Dates: June 1–7

- ▶ Approximate cost: \$1,900
- ▶ Contact Malissa Pauling • mpauling@southwoodlutheran.org

▶ Tanzania Sister Church • Trip Dates: June 24–July 7

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!

- ▶ Approximate cost: \$4,000
- ▶ For more information contact Scott Koehn
lkoehn1@neb.rr.com

▶ Honduras Sister Church • Trip Dates: July 20–27

Info Meeting Sunday, January 20 • 11AM in the Meeting Room
Join us to travel to meet our sister church in La Ceibita Honduras. You will have opportunities to experience their culture, build relationships, build two houses, teach VBS, host a movie community night, visit homes plus much more!

- ▶ Approximate cost: \$1,900
- ▶ Contact Nicole Mroczek • nmroczek@southwoodlutheran.org

Salvation Army Canteen

Saturday, January 5 • 4:10–8:10PM

Help serve an evening meal from the Salvation Army Canteen at the Gathering Place! This is a great opportunity for a family—4 volunteers are needed! Volunteers must be able to stand on their feet for long periods of time and must be 14 years or older. Sign up at Southwood Central or online at SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.IVOLUNTEER.COM

Finding Joy: Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World

Together, Southwood Lutheran, Clinic with a Heart and the Food Bank of Lincoln sponsored a class called “Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World.” This class is an adult education program that supports people in poverty to create their own plan for stability. Participants invited to the class were individuals who sought medical care through Clinic with a Heart or requested funding assistance from Southwood’s Good Samaritan Fund.

Twelve weeks together made a BIG difference. Together, we explored what resources we do have (and we all have some) and what areas we need to develop. We worked with each other on brainstorming ideas to implement and enhance our recourses in our self-identified development areas.

Plus, this class was more than curriculum. We came together and formed a community and a support for each other. The participants shared the hardest parts of their lives with each other. Together we walked through the lows and celebrated the joyous breakthroughs.

As a facilitator, I think I learned more than anyone. I got to see the world through a different lens. I left each class processing what I had heard and trying to understand what people really do go through. It caused me to think about justice from the perspective of someone who is fighting to survive.

Getting to be with the class has made me see my blessings anew. I have much to be grateful for and it was a joy to be a part of this class community.

—Teresa Harms
Executive Director of Clinic with a Heart



Endowment Fund

We are thankful for the Southwood Endowment Fund for giving a gift of \$1,000 to sponsor the Getting Ahead Class to supplement Care Ministry General Budget Funds. To learn more about giving a gift to Southwood’s Endowment fund or how the Endowment Fund makes a difference, please visit southwoodlutheran.org/endowment.

Get Connected

December 23, 2018

Christmas WORSHIP

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 WORSHIP Services

Sunday December 30

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

Sunday School & DELVE

will *not* meet TODAY and December 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 impact in the lives of five students in Honduras and Tanzania. Sunday School offering money (September–December) provided all five high school scholarships!

Total offerings: \$5,500. Goal: \$5,000.

Thanks be to God!



Faith Stepping Stone Baptism Class

Sunday, January 13

11 AM in the Meeting Room

Unwrap God's gift of Holy Baptism at the Faith Stepping Stone Baptism Class. At Southwood, we ask that all parents who are having children baptized attend one of these classes.

Sign up at the Southwood Central Kiosks or
SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG/EVENTS



Youth

Contact: Drew Jagadich • DJAGADICH@SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG

DELVE

- ▶ **6th & 7th Grade DELVE** will not meet today or December 30—Christmas break. Resumes January 6 (8:30, 9:45, & 11 AM).
- ▶ **8th Grade DELVE** does not meet December 26 or January 2—Christmas break. Resumes Wednesday, January 9 (6:15–7:45 PM).

High School Youth Group

- ▶ Will not meet today or December 30—Christmas break.

Life & Lattes

Will not meet December 25, January 1 or January 8.



Follow the Southwood Youth Group
on Instagram

@swlyouthgroup

Care

Contact: Pam Dinneen • PDINNEEN@SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG

Did You Know?

We have many books and resources on various topics such as parenting, marriage, financial skills, depression and many more available for you to check out. You can find these resources in the Group Room bookcase!

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!

Ongoing Care Ministries

Held in the Group Room next to the Nursery

- ▶ **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—January 2 & 16 • 6:30 PM | January 10 • 10 AM
- ▶ **Renewed Hope**—January 20 • 11 AM

3 Tips for Caring Every Day

Helping Through the Holidays

Many holidays include family and friends gathering together, which can lead to a letdown afterwards, as they find themselves alone. If that applies to anyone you know, consider these tips as you help them:

- ▶ **Find a way to serve together and help others**—it puts the focus outside of oneself and helping feels good, especially when you do it with a friend.
- ▶ **Offer to pick someone up to do something social**—getting them out of their surroundings and active with others can alter their perspective.
- ▶ **Begin planning with them, for something in the future**—Having something to look forward to can lift spirits and give them something to think about that is positive.

Ministry

Contact: Jo Sheets • JSHEETS@SOUTHWOODLUTHERAN.ORG

Winter Classes

SAVE THE DATES!

Thursdays 6:30–8 PM, beginning January 10
Warm your heart with a caring Christian community. Join one of these sessions to enrich your faith in the new year:

- ▶ **Alpha** (8 weeks) led by Jo Sheets—for anyone who is seeking answers about Christianity. Aren't we all?
- ▶ **I'd Like You More if You Were More Like Me** (6 weeks) led by Pam Dinneen, Director of Care Ministries—for those wanting deeper, more meaningful relationships.
- ▶ **Bridges Out of Poverty** (3 weeks + 1 week Special Poverty Simulation Event) led by Alyn Sampson, Lincoln Food Bank—for those with servant hearts seeking to understand those we serve.
- ▶ **Poverty Simulation Event** (January 31) an interactive immersion experience giving the participants a glimpse of the realities of poverty.

Register at southwoodlutheran.org/events

Cost: \$10 • Snacks and Childcare provided.

Join Southwood

How do you become a member of Southwood? What is the difference between attending Sunday worship and actually being a member? Join us for these two workshops required for membership.

- 1. Discover Southwood** Sunday, January 20 • 8:30 AM
- 2. Connect at Southwood** Sunday, January 27 • 8:30 AM
(or by appointment, for individual guidance)

Register at southwoodlutheran.org/events

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



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