

THE VOICE



Summer is back! A lot of new things are happening, not just in nature, but in the church as well. The season of Pentecost is all about growing. In case you missed it, here are a few things to catch you up on...

At the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly we elected a new bishop as Bishop Jim decided to not seek a third term. The Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni will enter her new call as bishop on August 1. She is currently serving as a missionary in Jerusalem.

Taiya Fisher affirmed her baptism in May. Congratulations and well done Taiya!!

At the SOTH May Semi-Annual Meeting Cindy Giles Thomas and Tom Rupp were elected to the congregation council. Welcome Cindy and Tom! We are grateful for the service of Jon Runa and Brad Putzer over the past 6 years. THANK YOU!

The Lutheran-Episcopal Discernment Team has been meeting over the past few months. Mostly we have spent our time building relationships and trust as well as looking at the assets and challenges of our congregations and the community. This will be a marathon, not a sprint as we prayerfully and gradually learn what God is call our congregations to. You will be informed of our progress as we move through the process of discernment.

Now that you are all caught up on some of what has been happening at SOTH, here's a look to the future...

- Your generosity will send 11 kids to camp this summer. Because you were so generous, we did not spend all the campership funds and will have a nice starting point for next summer. Thank you!
- Joint Worship with Christ Church is coming up on June 30. This will be an outdoor service (planned for Mountain View Park) and a picnic will follow worship. More details will follow as we get a little closer.
- Rummage Sale is coming July 12 and 13. At this writing we are not yet ready to begin storing donations. Watch for more details coming soon!
- Our Income/Expenses have been good so far. Thank you! A gentle reminder that summer does not make our bills or ministry needs less. Please remember SOTH, and if you would like to use Vanco for electronic giving and would like help getting started, please see me or Charlene and we can walk you through the easy and secure process. (My family uses it for our regular offering and for special offerings as well)

Many of you will be traveling and having weekend opportunities for fun and refreshment! If you worship during your travels and encounter a liturgy or song that especially speaks to you, bring me the bulletin and maybe we can use it here. Whatever you are doing this summer, be safe!

Blessings! Pastor Chris

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COUNCIL

Thanks to Brad Putzer and Jon Runa for serving six years on Council. Your service is appreciated by Shepherd of the Hills members. At the May 19, 2024 Semi-Annual Meeting, Tom Rupp and Cindy Giles-Thomas were elected to fill those vacancies. Welcome !!

Membership is appreciative of the diligence of Barbara Runa as Treasurer as it is great to see a positive balance. Thanks to all of you, who as faith stewards, have contributed to that result. Our membership always volunteers to participate in all activities and causes. REMINDER: Summer is here. In all your activity, please remember SOTH expenses continue. Have a great summer!!

Peace,

Charlene Coulson, Council President

STEWARDSHIP

July 12-13 will be our Rummage sale to benefit Ministry in Excellence—building and grounds maintenance. Dolores Swanson and Linda Ballard are organizing the event. Donations may be left in the art or drama room. No clothing and small furniture items only. A suggestion has been made to include a bake sale. Watch information on various formats. Dolores has said she can be contacted if you need help getting items to church. Her contact information is: hape2binco@yahoo.com

Anyone having special suggestions for special outreach intents for 2025, please relate your ideas to Charlene Coulson, Diana Biggs, Carol Reppert, Bob Erickson, Elaine Putzer or Pastor Chris by July 1, 2024. Current intents are Loaves and Fishes, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and Ministry of Excellence.

September 13, 2024, SOTH will host “THE MAGIC OF CHEMISTRY”. DR. Ronald P Furstenu of the Air Force Academy will be the presenter. The purpose is to get kids excited and interested about the wonders of chemistry as a future career. Mark your calendars, parents;

KIDS, invite your friends. Fliers will be forthcoming. We are very excited to be hosting such an awesome event.

Reminder: SOTH, for your convenience, offers a recurring donation site—Vanco which may be accessed through the SOTH website: sothlutherancc.com; <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5RF/home>; invite code for mobile app is BBYCEY; QR Code for phone scanning is available on Thursday e-mail or the green Sunday attendance folder.

Memorials and special gifts may be directed to the Thrivent Gift account: NYJ1729.

IRA and stock gifts are accepted. Stock gifts are through Thrivent Stock Brokerage Account: TY9157990. Thanks for your continuing financial support of SOTH, our missions and activities.

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The Foundation of Stewardship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. - Psalm 24:1

The Bible consistently gives us a countercultural and counterintuitive understanding of the world and ourselves. It's so radical that many of us can't accept it. The idea is that the world belongs to God, and so does everything *IN* the world. Even *US!* We, who proudly think of ourselves as autonomous, self-directed and self-made, actually belong to God. In other words, we don't own ourselves. We are possessions of the Almighty.

Think about that for just a minute. We don't own the earth, our houses, our cars, our possessions, our animals, our children, or even ourselves. It all belongs to God. We belong to God. Though made in God's image, we are nonetheless humble servants – slaves, actually. The reality that God owns everything, even us, forms the foundation for biblical stewardship. If God owns everything, including us, then we are responsible to God for our wisest and best use of the planet, our possessions, our talents and our lives.

Taking that responsibility seriously, God's people will prayerfully make choices that are in accordance with God's wishes. We will care for ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. We will strive to love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves. How are you doing with all this?

~ Rob Blezard

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NEWS & NOTES

Many thanks to all who sent cards, provided transportation, help around the house ~ and prayers! I can't begin to tell you how much it meant to me to have all the support during my injury recovery time. You are a blessing!

Diana Biggs

A special thanks to all my fellow church members who made Jerry's last days on this earth and then his "Celebration of Life" so special.

Those that visited him and came and cared for him so my children and I could attend a Sons of Norway dinner that I so wish he could have gone to. To Pastor Chris who came and gave him and us two special services with communion, one even before that last Sunday morning and then the day he passed.

Then his Celebration of Life—all my wonderful caregivers who set up for it, donated food, served, worked, cleaned up afterwards and made it happen. To Jill who made a special treasured bulletin, and of course to Andy who streamed the service so our relatives and friends could see it—we are so grateful and blessed by all of you.

Karen and the whole Barslou Family, extended and adopted

NEWS & NOTES

Christmas in July – The Mission Team has chosen SPIN Early Childhood Education Center in Canon City as the beneficiary of the Christmas in July project. We'll be collecting items through the month of July. There will be boxes or baskets where donated items may be placed on and under the Mission Team table. We will collect the below items commonly used in arts and crafts:

Paper (construction paper of any color, reams of unlined white paper, etc.), paints, chalk, Elmer's School Glue, glue sticks, crayons (both regular size and Chubby crayons for the younger children), markers, paint brushes and play dough. (All supplies must be non-toxic and washable.)

Lists of the items will be available on the Mission Team table for your use. If new information is received from SPIN, it will be included in the Thursday congregational emails. Thank you in advance for supporting this project.

Birthdays and anniversaries have returned to The Voice! In the last issue there were several that needed correcting, so this is proving to be a handy way to update the SOTH database and make those changes. If you notice any corrections that need to be made, any birthday or anniversaries that got missed and you would like to add, or prefer to have yours omitted from the newsletter, please let Jill know. Thank you!

Women of the ELCA – The Southeast Colorado Cluster of WELCA will hold its retreat on Saturday, July 20th, from 9 am to 4 pm. The theme is “*Bee Blessed*,” and it will take a fresh look at the Beatitudes. The Bible study will be presented by Pastor Stephani Shoemaker of Atonement Lutheran in Aurora. A continental breakfast and lunch will be included in the cost of registration. Registration forms will become available around June 20th. The retreat will be hosted at Grace Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs. All women of SOTH and their friends are invited to attend. Carpooling to the retreat can probably be available if you don't care to drive.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 8am Men's Breakfast
2	3 9am Peace in Motion 6:30 Orchestra	4	5	6	7 9am Peace in Motion	8 8am Men's Breakfast
9	10 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels 10am Stewardship 6:30 Orchestra	11 7pm Church Council	12 1pm Crafting 2pm Book Club	13 1pm Book Club	14 9am Peace in Motion	15 8am Men's Breakfast
16	17 9am Peace in Motion 6:30 Orchestra <i>PC's Birthday</i>	18	19	20	21 9am Peace in Motion	22 8am Men's Breakfast
23 2pm Camera Club	24 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels 6:30 Orchestra	25	26 1pm Crafting 1pm NAMI	27	28 9am Peace in Motion	29 8am Men's Breakfast
30 9:30am Joint Worship at Mountain View Park	1	2	3	4	5	6

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

SOTH STAFF

Christine Hjelmstad	Pastor
Jill Boxdorfer	Office Administrator
Dena Richter	Faith Formation Director
Gerry Willis	Music Director
Leslie Woodhull	Violinist
Cheri Chiaro	Accompanist
Andy Fisher	Audio-Visual
Barbara Runa	Treasurer
Barbara Knicely	Financial Secretary
Teresa Burdick	Custodian
Caroline Barnhardt	Grounds Maintenance



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30	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day SOTH Office Closed</i>	5	6 8am Men's Breakfast
7	8 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels	9	10 1pm Crafting 2pm Book Club	11 10am Ruth Circle 1pm Book Club	12 Rummage Sale	13 8am Men's Breakfast Rummage Sale
14	15 9am Peace in Motion <i>PC Vacation Begins (through 7/21)</i>	16	17	18 6:30 pm FCCCA	19 9am Peace in Motion	20 8am Men's Breakfast
21 2pm Historical Society	22 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels <i>PC Back in Office</i>	23	24 1pm Crafting	25	26 9am Peace in Motion	27 8am Men's Breakfast
28 2pm Camera Club	29	30	31 1pm NAMI	1	2	3

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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SOTH COUNCIL

Charlene Coulson
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Cindy Giles Thomas
Barbara Runa
Tom Rupp
David Salyer



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You're invited

Worship with us each Sunday morning, in-person or online.

Traditional Worship
9:00 am

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@sothservices1386/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@sothservices1386/streams)

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Our mission

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is a reflection of God's love and grace. Our mission is to grow in faith and love, connect with community, and share and serve with compassion.



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