



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

**February 16, 2025
9:30am**

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Mission Statement: "Make Known God's Grace"
Motto: "Blessed to be a Blessing"

WELCOME! WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We pray that you will find our worshipping community to be welcoming and a place where you will hear and feel God's grace. If you are new to our church, please stop by the Welcome Table in the entry area where you can get additional information. We trust God's Spirit has led you here and that God will speak to you today.

NEW MEMBERS

***If you would like to inquire about membership here at SOTH,
please notify the church office for more information.***

Hearing Amplification Devices Available

Please see an usher if you would like to use a device to assist in hearing.

In Need of a Bible? A member of our church has graciously donated a supply of Bibles to be given to anyone in need of one. Pick one up from the Welcome Center Table in the back of the church.

*Restrooms are located in both the Education and Administrative wings.
A Baby Changing Station is located in the Restroom in the Education wing.*

Holy Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord's Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you at your seat.

Communion wafers & wine are offered.

Grape juice (instead of wine) and gluten free wafers (non-wheat) are available by request when you come forward to receive communion.

*Reference to hymnals are as follows: **LBW:** Lutheran Book of Worship hymnal (green); **WOV:** With One Voice (blue); **ELW:** Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal*

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Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe to" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and offers power to heal us all.



PRELUDE

WELCOME

A TIME FOR SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

WOV 718 v1-4



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

REETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

*KYRIE

W&P 81 v1-4


Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Living God,

C: in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

L: ⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1 (*read responsively by verses*)

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

- L: ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of
you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection
of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not
been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has
been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because
we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is
true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then
Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is
futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in
Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we
are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of
those who have died.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(spoken together)*
Alleluia.
Rejoice and leap for joy,
for surely your reward
is great in heaven.
Alleluia.



***GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:17-26**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning in the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

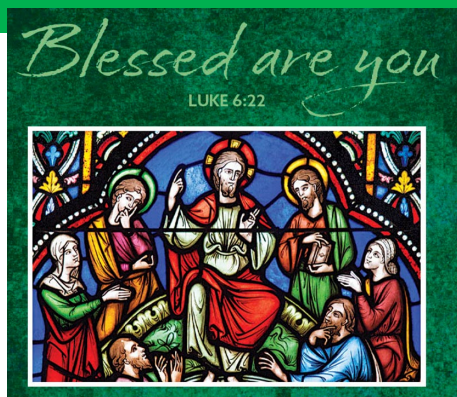
²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



***HYMN OF THE DAY**
"Blest Are They"

WOV 764 v1,2&5

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they . . . who seek peace; . . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
 All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(Verse sung before and after the prayers.)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

(Response after each petition:)

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: We share God's peace with one another.



MEAL

*OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

*DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff starts with 'Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes' and the fourth staff concludes with 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.....

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*** THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray in the words that Jesus taught us.

C: Our father, who art in heaven.....

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All Baptized Christians are welcome at our Lord’s Table. Please come forward and extend an open hand, palm up, if you wish to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice is offered on the Pastor’s left.

If you are not baptized or are waiting for your first communion, please come forward for a blessing. You may cross your arms across your chest or fold your hands together to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

“Beautiful Savior”


Reflective

Tune: Amazing Grace

ELW 461 v1-3

LBW 518 v1-4

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  strengthen and preserve you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Awesome God”**

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow’r, and love—
our God is an awesome God! (repeat)**

**Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

COMMUNITY SHARING

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Canticle of the Turning"

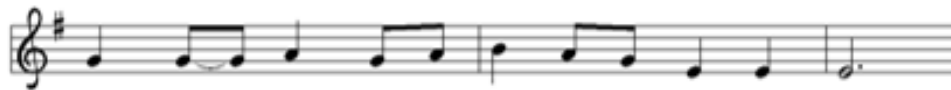
ELW 723 v1,2&4



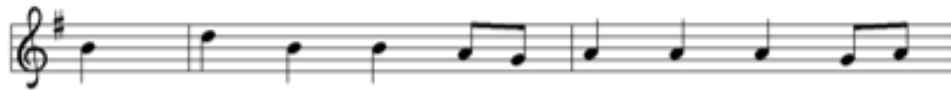
1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God

SERVING IN WORSHIP

This Sunday 2/16/2025

LAY MINISTER	Joe Montfort
LECTOR	Bob McDonald
COMM. ASSISTANT	Barbara Lentz
POWERPOINT	Alice High
USHERS	??
COUNTERS	Linda & Judy

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Next Sunday 2/23/2025

LAY MINISTER	Joe Montfort
LECTOR	Sylvia Quayle
COMM. ASSISTANT	Barbara Lentz
POWERPOINT	??
USHERS	??
COUNTERS	Diane & Kevin

Communion Hymns:

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

ELW 461 v1-3



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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"Beautiful Savior"

LBW 518 v1-4



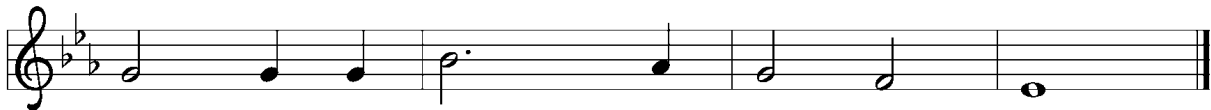
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar for February 16th are given by Susan Olson in Celebration of Anita Olson's birthday



Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar for February 16th are given in Celebration of Ken and Ruth Glotfelty's 65th Anniversary.



Feb 16 - Feb 22

Feb 18	Karen Schumacher
Feb 18	Anita Olson
Feb 21	Connie Kersten

There will be a Men's Retreat at Luther Springs Bible Camp on February 28-March 2. Cost is \$135.

(If financial assistance is needed, please contact Joe Montfort)

For more information you can visit the following link:
https://luthersprings.org/fall_spring_programs/master-builders/



Scholarship deadline is April 1st. Application forms are available in the office.



There will be a brunch on Sunday, February 23rd following service



Super Bowl of Caring 2025

\$245.55 was raised for the Neighborhood Center and everyone enjoyed the Valentine's Day treat.



**Luther Springs 2025 Summer Camp Registration
NOW OPEN**

Register between December 1, 2024 and February 15, 2025 to receive \$30 off.



Luther Springs offers a place set apart where children in grades 1-12 can unplug from technology for a week, experience exciting adventures, get inspired by nature, and grow in faith!

Our on-site programs are a great experience for that first-time camper or the camper that isn't quite as adventurous as others. For those thrill seeking children in grades 6-12 we offer special "Outdoor Adventure Programs" where kids can challenge themselves with new adventures like zip lining, horseback riding and more. A week of camp is an investment that will impact the life of your child for years to come! [Details and registration here.](#)



Attendance
February 9, 2025
9:30 am 126
Online 44

Church Giving Totals*
January 27 – February 2

Weekly Giving Totals	\$4,148
Budgeted Weekly Giving	\$4,558
Difference Overage (Shortfall)	\$ (410)



This Week at Our Church

Sunday	2/16/2025	9:30am	Sunday Worship Sunday School
Tuesday	2/18/2025	8:00am 10:00am 10:45am 6:30pm	Tuesday Breakfast (at iHOP) Women's Circle Prayer Group Council Meeting
Thursday	2/20/2025	6:00pm	Choir Practice



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Benjamin Andreachi, *grandson of Darlene Andreachi*
Darlene Andreachi
John Andreachi, *son of Darlene Andreachi*
Darrell Aulds, *father of Pastor Karin Albaugh*
Marquis Beagle, *friend of Kathy Oberg*
Anthony Black, *friend of the Halberts*
William Blaisdell, *brother of Tina Blaisdell*
Gloria Bork, *sister of Linda Cummings*
Kelly Carpenter
Robin Carroll, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*
Carol Cenyar, *sister-in-law to Bob McKee*
Kelli Colarusso, *friend of Diane Bursey*
Sandy Criner
Phil and Beth Dobbs, *friends of Ruth Riley*
Gwen Doyle, *daughter of Dorothy Derrick*
Kimberly and Jayson Eddins, *daughter & son-in-law of Linda Cummings*
Tom Ford, *friend of Joe and Jean Montfort*
Duane Fry, *son of Nancy Fry*
Nancy Fry
Craig Gennrich, *son of Jeanie Gennrich*
Sharon Grubbs, *friend of Dave and Diane Acheson*
Virginia Hart, *friend of Diane Bursey*
Chetinna Hodges
Bob Holzer
Sandy & Denny Horazak, *sister and brother-in-law of Pat Rach*
Mindy Longenbach
Peg Massaro, *heartfelt sympathy up passing of husband, Fred*
Bobby McGee, *son-in-law of Marge Zuelke*
Caity Mitchell, *cousin of Joe Foryan*
Kathy Oberg
Marshall Penny, *brother of Barbara Lentz*
Rakesh Premdass, *son of Chandra Premdass*
Cynthia Schindele, *daughter of Marion Dielman*
Denise Schlector
Karen Schumacher
Lee Anne Sebring
Linda Sheerin
Jay Shipbaugh, *grandson of Marge Zuehlke*
Jordyn Smith, *daughter of Robert & Linda Smith*

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

Dave Student
Kathy Thorby
Ray Thorby
Luis Torres, *father-in-law of Diane Acheson's son*
Harlan Wick, *brother of Dennis Wick*
Brian, *nephew of Joe Foryan*



THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Michael Reid, *US Marines, Darlene Andreachis nephew's son*
Capt. USAF Griffith Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son-in-law*
Capt. USAF Kat Hiss, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's daughter*
Capt. Neils Seim USAF, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
Lt. Justin Seim US Army, *grandson of Rocky & Maria Lafaro*
SGT USAF Andrew Stutesman, *Thomas and Cheryl Stutesman's son*
LTC Andrew West, *USAF*