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6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026
9:30am

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Mission Statement: “Leading by Christ’s teaching and example of loving, caring, sharing, and joyfully connecting to all others as God loved us.”

Vision: “We rejoice in making Christ known through reaching out by faith and proclaiming the good news of God.”

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 back of the church.

An asterisk (*) throughout the bulletin indicates that members of the congregation stand if you are able.

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

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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.



All commemorations are taken from the Lutheran Calendar of Saints. The ELCA makes this information available to us through *Sundays and Seasons*, our worship planner.

Upcoming Commemorations

Matthias, Apostle **Thursday, May 14, 2026**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**
"Oh, Sing to the Lord"

ELW 822

1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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***GREETING**

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

C: **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise "Glory to God"

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor/Choir, All repeat; thereafter: All

Give glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

L: A reading from Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move

and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20 *(read responsively by verses)*

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

L: A reading from Second Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Music on screen*)

***GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Jesus said to the disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE:

Rev. Dr. Joann Heaney-Hunter

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

ELW 808



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour;
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

***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**

"O Lord, Hear my Prayer"

**O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer,
come and listen to me.**



(Response after each petition:)

P: Merciful God,

C: **Receive our prayer.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"This Day Was Made by the Lord"

REFRAIN (♩. = ca. 76)

Descant

This day was made by the Lord, let us re-joice, let us be glad. This

Melody

This day was made by the Lord, let us re-joice, let us be glad. This

D D/C# G/B A A7/G D/F# Em A D

div.

day was made by the Lord, let us re-joice in sal - va - tion! va - tion!

D/C# G/B A A7/G D/F#

day was made by the Lord, let us re-joice in sal - va - tion! va - tion!

1-5 to Verses Final Fine

C D C D

VERSES

Cantor

1. I thank you, your love is e - ter - nal, you have giv - en me life.
 2. Your hand raised me up in tri - umph, you have giv - en me life.
 3. The stone which the build - ers re - ject - ed is the cor - ner - stone,
 4. You o - pened the gates of heav - en, you have giv - en me life.
 5. You are my strength and my Sav - ior, you have giv - en me life.

D G/B A A7 D

Descant

All

Melody

1. You have giv - en me life.
 2. You have giv - en me life.
 3. is the cor - ner - stone.
 4. You have giv - en me life.
 5. You have giv - en me life.

A A7 D Em A D.C.

I will pro-claim the won-ders you do!

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Music on screen*)

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

...into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

...with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again.

...in your church, without end. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the Risen Lord.

"Lamb of God" (*Music on screen*)

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 and gluten free bread 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

"Here Is Bread"

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 483

ACS 1043

ELW 715

*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: Life-giving God, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

SENDING

WELCOME OF VISITORS

COMMUNITY SHARING

*BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the
still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Communion Hymns

"Here Is Bread"

ELW 483

VERSE

C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.

5 C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G I. C Fm/C

Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus
 We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci -

CHORUS

9 2, 3. C Gm⁷ B^b/C Fmaj⁷ F⁶ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷

here. In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's
 fled.

13 B^b/C C B^b/D C/E Fmaj⁷ F⁶ Em⁷ A+⁷

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,

16 Dm⁷ G⁷ I. C D.C. 2. C

Christ is with us here. here.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. It includes a guitar part with chords and a vocal part with lyrics. The score is divided into a Verse and a Chorus. The Verse starts at measure 1 and ends at measure 8. The Chorus starts at measure 9 and ends at measure 16. There are two endings for the Chorus: the first ending (I.) leads back to the beginning of the Chorus, and the second ending (2.) leads to a final chord.

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

ACS 1043

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



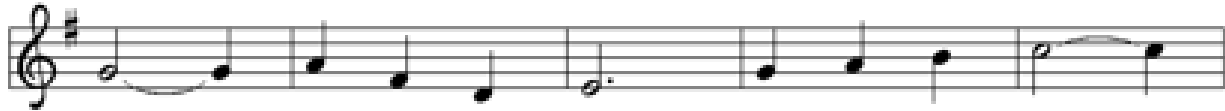
fear deed, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
day, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
love will be my fin - est la - bor.

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



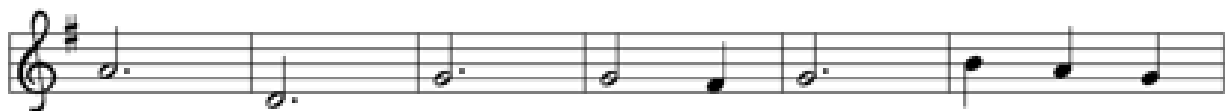
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



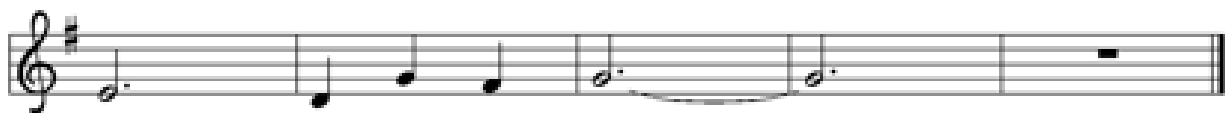
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



Announcements

- **Altar Flowers:** Given by Shepherd of the Hills to the Glory of God.
- **Birthdays May 10 – May 16:** 16th Edward Prinz, 14th Joe Foryan, 14th Robert Daniels, 15th Paul Motto.
- **May 10th:** Mother’s Day Brunch following service. Volunteers needed following brunch to take down chairs.
- **May 12th:** No activities due to lighting installation.
- **Council Meeting:** May 19th at 6:30pm.
- **Church Library:** Be sure to stop by. Devotionals. Puzzles. Bible Studies. Fiction. Inspiration. Music [CD's](#).
- **Announcements:** Copies of announcements from Power Point are available in the back.
- **Church Directory:** Pickup yellow form available in back.
- **2027 Cruise:** Contact Ray or Kathy Thorby.



This Week at Our Church

Sunday	5/10/2026	9:30am	Sunday Worship Sunday School
Tuesday	5/12/2026	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Pastor’s Breakfast (at iHOP) Women’s Circle Prayer Group
ALL DAY - LIGHTING INSTALLATION			
Thursday	5/14/2026	6:00pm	Choir Practice



Attendance May 3, 2026

9:30 am	86
Online	30

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Benjamin Andreachi, *grandson of Darlene Andreachi*

Darlene Andreachi

John Andreachi, *son of Darlene Andreachi*

Darrell Aulds, *father of Pastor Karin Albaugh*

William Blaisdell, *brother of Tina Blaisdell*

Gloria Bork, *sister of Linda Cummings*

Kelly Carpenter

Robin Carroll, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*

Esther Catino, *friend of Wayne Oberg*

Carol Cenyar, *sister-in-law to Bob McKee*

Family of Wayne Cheslak, *son of Eleanor Cheslak*

Kelli Colarusso, *friend of Diane Bursey*

David Cordell, *nephew of Bob & Kay Holzer*

Sandy Criner

Gwen Doyle, *daughter of Dorothy Derrick*

Ethelmae Eck, *friend of Marion Dielman*

Kimberly and Jayson Eddins, *daughter & son-in-law of Linda Cummings*

Virginia Hart, *friend of Diane Bursey*

Charlotte High

Chetinna Hodges

Kevin Jacobs

Janice Johnson, *Sister-in-law of Jim & Marie Johnson*

Ken Koenig

Marilyn Koenig

Dee, Don & Emily Lampen, *friends of Gooding family*

Yvette Lewis, *sister-in-law of Lafayette Hendricks*

Family of Mindy Longenbach

Arlene McKee, *wife of Bob McKee*

Mike Meier

Caity Mitchell, *cousin of Joe Foryan*

Agnes Mulick, *mother of Paula Boeger*

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

Tucker & Trenton O'Neill

Anita Olson

Calvin Prentice, *Lafayette Hendricks*

Dietmar & Sigrid Resch, *Marion Dielman's cousin and his wife*

Cynthia Schindele, *daughter of Marion Dielman*

Karen Schumacher

Jennifer Shelton, *daughter of Darlene Andreachi*

Dee Shields

Jay Shipbaugh, *grandson of Marge Zuehlke*

Bob Smith, *son of Carol Barbaccia*

John Smith, *son of Carol Barbaccia*

Bill Tucker, *son-in-law of Bob & Kay Holzer*

Harlan Wick, *brother of Dennis Wick*

Frank Wrobel, *cousin of Marion Dielman*

Elizabeth, *sister of Chris Russell*

Kevin, *friend of Joe Foryan*



THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Michael Reid, US Marines, *Darlene Andreachi's 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, *son of Kristi & Terry West*