

A few questions and ideas to consider throughout the week...

Think about times in your life when you've seen light shining in the darkness (either literally or metaphorically); how does that shape your understanding of this reading from John? Read the opening verses of Genesis 1 and compare them with John 1; what do you notice?

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### MTKO Meal—Friday, January 9

Spirit of Hope is planning a meal for MTKO on Friday, Jan 9. Contact team lead Steve Bank at 402-890-8876 with any questions. Several grocery items have been secured through Thrivent donations, but some items remain to be purchased. A sign-up for donations and volunteer opportunities is on the counter in the lobby. Please deliver any donations to the church by Wednesday evening, January 7.

### 2026 Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for both altar flower sponsorship and donuts are on the counter in the lobby by the coffee pot.

Please pray for our Spirit of Hope family and friends. In the Military: *Stephen Austria; Peyton Lange (grandson of Chuck & Marcia Carlson); and Ross Witters (son of Nancy Witters)*  
Prison Ministry: *Pr. Rob Corum*

### Prayer Requests - Padlet

The easiest way to get to our Padlet Prayer Request is the link in our Spirit of Hope app for your smart device!

Once you launch the Spirit of Hope app you will find the link near the middle labeled: "Padlet Prayer Request". You may use your smart device to scan this QR code to connect to Padlet Prayer Requests.



### Connect with Spirit of Hope

Use this QR Code below to let us know you'd like to hear from someone at Spirit of Hope.



Council Member Available Today  
Cindy Grothen

### "SOUPer" Excited About LFS

Join us next Sunday for our first Fellowship Sunday event of 2026. Bring a side or dessert to share and stay for a potluck.



Scan here for our mobile donation site:



**January 4, 2026  
10:00 am**

## Today's Worship

Welcome

Songs: *O Come All Ye Faithful; Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Greeting

Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14,  
John 1:1-18

Children's Message

Message:

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Song: *Joy to the World*

Affirmation of Faith

Offering

Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

Song: *Silent Night (Stille Nacht)*

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

Song: *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

Dismissal

Below is a list of bible studies, meetings, and events. To view a complete list and details please visit our website or mobile app.

### Group Bible Studies -

1/4 @ 7pm—Everyday Spirituality

1/7 @ 10am—Coffee & Conversation

1/8 @ 6:30pm—Gather Bible Study

1/18 @ 7pm—Everyday Spirituality

### Youth Faith Formation—

1/11 @ 11am—Fellowship Sunday

1/11 @ 6:30pm—Confirmation

### Group Meetings -

1/8 @ 9:30am—Piecemakers Quilting

### Upcoming Worship & Events -

1/8 @ 10am—FALC Worship

1/9 @ 5pm—Serving a meal at Matt

Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

1/11 @ 10:00am—In-person and

Livestream Worship

1/11 @ 11am—LFS leading Fellowship

Sunday with potluck lunch

1/15 @ 10am—FALC Worship

1/18 @ 10:00am—In-person and

Livestream Worship

1/18 @ 11:00am—Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation

SERMON  
Notes:

sermon take away: