

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

January 7, 2024 • Epiphany Sunday • Installation of 2024 Council

GATHERING SONGS

What a Glorious Night
We Three Kings

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

BIBLE READING **Matthew 2:1-12** Pew Bible pg. #879

²In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON

The Example of the Magi

1. *Passionate*
2. *Humble*
3. *Faithful*

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG

Light of the World (Sing Halleluiah)

INSTALLATION OF 2024 COUNCIL

*Laura Beardsley, Alan Berdal, Ritchie Case, Stephen Dean,
Doug Goins, David Mabry, Ted Primka, Connie Rist, Rick Smenner*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

CREED FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

All: *We believe that the radiance of all people and all creation is Everlasting God. We believe God revealed Jesus to the nations by the leading of a star and Jesus is the full vision of the glory of God. We believe that He is the Light of the World and we have His illuminating presence in our lives.*

We believe we have been drawn together as the church in the brightness of Christ to love, serve and strive for reconciliation between all people.

We believe in boldly naming the sin in our lives, seeking unity in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. We believe we can offer our lives to God in praise and gratitude. Praise God for light and life and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Saw the Light

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Our mission calls us to love God, love others, serve!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Poinsettias on the altar given by members & friends of Faith Lutheran Church
in honor or memory of loved ones.*

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Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Tellico Village

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry • Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

Dr. Bob Stelter — *Pastor*

Greg Bohlken — *Ministry Associate*

Lynn Rognsvoog — *Organist*

Collin Kasefang — *Choir Director*

Lisa Stelter — *Worship Graphics*

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

Sandra Bohlken — *Contemporary Worship Leader*

Trace Taylor — *Sound Technician*

Tiffany Bryson — *Nursery Caregiver*

Kim Frasch — *Quiet Music Ministry*

Mary Boring — *Office Manager*

Phylis Garrison — *Publications*

Barbara Birkholz — *Financial Secretary*

Mildred Fenske — *Prayer Chain Coordinator*

Alicia & David Brondos — *Missionaries*

WELCOME! *As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.*

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism, our ministries and considering membership? Contact Greg Bohlken at greg@faithloves.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 & 11:11AM

Live in the sanctuary or online at:

[YouTube.com/@FaithLutheranKnoxville/stream](https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranKnoxville/stream)

WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Handbells, 5:30pm • Chancel Choir, 6:30pm

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS

THURSDAYS, 6PM & SUNDAYS, 10:15AM

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY resumes 1:30pm on January 9.

ADULT, CHILDREN & TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMES TODAY, 10:15AM

YOUR BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS which made our church so glorious during Christmas may be taken home after the 11:11am service.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the narthex for you to pick up.

2024 FLOWER CHART is posted by the library. Sign up now to honor or to remember loved ones with flowers on our altar.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 and to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	
11:11am Contemporary Worship Service	
Altar Guild	Melissa Horning
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Amy Monteagudo, Carrie Parrott Scarlett Parrott, Jack Parrott
Greeter	Joanne Sills
Ushers	Linda & John Shoemaker
Offering Stewards	Debbie Ragucci, Brad Nelson

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mondays, January 8, 3-5pm & 22, 3-6pm.

CURRENT NEEDS

Boxed potatoes • **Syrup** (*plastic bottles*)

Jelly (*plastic bottles*) • **Soup** (*large cans*)

Contact: René Stone, 865-599-7424.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

“RESTORING THE CHURCH” SUNDAY, TODAY, 12:15PM

Join us for a quick removal & storage of the Christmas decorations we've all enjoyed through the holidays.

MOPS January 9 & 23 at 6pm in the nursery.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 6:30PM in the library. Join us as Melissa Russ presents

By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept by Paulo Coelho.

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

We'll visit both the men's & women's shelters to distribute your gifts of treats and needed L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs. Contact Michael Lee, 865-405-6585 or Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945.

FAITH SERVES KARM on **JANUARY 27, noon meal.**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH we join with Knox-area ELCA youth for fun events.

Spring semester dates

JANUARY 21 MARCH 17 MAY 19

FEBRUARY 18 APRIL 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Peace Lutheran Church on Cedar Bluff.

NOTE the time change from our fall events.

3rd-5th grade, 12:30-2pm

6th-12th grade 2:30-4pm

Giving: 12.31.2023

Offerings last Sunday: 24,699

Offerings Year to Date 664,492

Walk by Faiths of December 31 756,217



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PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Mary Blackburn, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Jonas Greenman, George Herbold, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Patricia Mabry, Lin & Mike McKinley, Joe Poole, Bobbie Steele, Maurice and Rebecca.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

FRIENDS: Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Jan Colangelo, Errol Dennis, Sr. & family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Gutelius family, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymer, Mike Jones, Liebert family, Buddy Little, Loyacano family, Auora Tyler Moore, Scaglione family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Austin Stephens, Frank Tyler, Lauren Wolfe, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Darcy, Jody and those we name to you.

BLESSINGS ON OUR 2024 COUNCIL: Laura Beardsley, Alan Berdal, Ritchie Case, Stephen Dean, Doug Goins, David Mabry, Ted Primka, Connie Rist, Rick Smenner.

JOY: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

LOVE: Marriage of Ben Dickinson to Ericka Beane.

JOY AT THE BIRTH OF:

Alvin, son of Antonia & Kevin Roberts; big brother, Felix.
Adam Christopher, son of Abby & Travis Dean;
grandparents: Nancy & Stephen Dean.
Carter, son of Kristen & Chris Joy; big sister, Cora.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Roger Madson, Mary Ruth Frazier, Jack Cleave, Lee North.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Denisha, Tara, Leila, Theresa, Jayda, Larissa, Stephanie, Brittany, Genesis, Gibby, James, Ralph, Jimmy, Teddy, Fey, Eddie, Roy, Bill.

PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

LEARNING & PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT: William Bales at Concordia Seminary.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

PEACE: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Tyler Hitter, Olivia Parrott, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



COUNCIL

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WEEK OF JANUARY 7-14, 2024

Sunday, January 7 First Sunday of Epiphany

9:00am Traditional Worship Service *Sanctuary*
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Adult Sunday School
Childrens Sunday School
Teen Sunday School
Confirmation Class
11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Monday, January 8

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *library*
3-5pm Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, January 9

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
6:00pm MOPS for Moms & Children
6:00pm AL-ANON meeting *zoom*
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, January 10

4:15pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, January 12

9:30am UT Cole Center Parkinson Band
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, January 13

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Sunday, January 14 Baptism of Our Lord

9:00am Traditional Worship Service *Sanctuary*
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Adult Sunday School
Childrens Sunday School
Teen Sunday School
11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Holy Name of Jesus; New Year's Day. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18.
Wednesday: Psalm 110; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 4:1-10. • **Thursday:** Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17.
Friday: :Psalm 110; Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31.
Saturday: Epiphany of our Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.
Baptism of our Lord: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.