



Weekend Update

Happy New Year!

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Publications for print from our Web site:

- Weekend Updates
- Monthly Messengers

Welcome visitors

Please stop by the "Welcome Center" located in the lobby for information brochures.

Sunday worship

- 8 and 11 a.m. - traditional
- 9:30 a.m. - contemporary
- 6:00 p.m. - cont. liturgical

Education for all ages

- 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
- Look for posters listing options.

Today in worship

The Epiphany of Our Lord

- **When is the day of the Epiphany celebrated?** Since ancient times, the day of the Epiphany has been celebrated on Jan. 6. The season of Epiphany is from Jan. 6 until the day before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent). Churches often celebrate it on the Sunday closest to the 6th.
- **What does the word "epiphany" mean?** The word "epiphany" comes from two Greek words, the preposition *epi* and the verb *phainen*, and can variously mean, "to shine upon," "to reveal," or "to appear, manifest."
- **What are we celebrating on the Epiphany?** The Epiphany celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah and Savior of the world. It not only commemorates the fact that Jesus appeared to save us, but that God revealed the identity of Jesus to the world.
- **Why do we emphasize the account of the magi on the Day of the Epiphany?** Because it is a clear example of God revealing the true identity of Jesus as God and Messiah. Through the star and the Scriptures, God revealed Jesus to the Gentile magi. They received Him and responded by worshipping Him and bestowing gifts.

Special Epiphany Worship Tonight at 6:00 Make the transition from Christmas to Epiphany. *At 5:00 the Adult Choir will be hosting a soup supper.* All soup and bread will be furnished. Then following a brief service in the sanctuary, we will go outside to burn Christmas tree branches and sing carols led by the Adult Choir. *Bring a few real tree branches if you have them.*

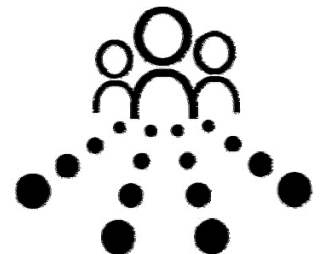
Visioning Event, Part 2

Saturday, January 9

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (doors open at 8:45, we begin at 9)

Faith Fellowship Hall

- Coming this Saturday, the vision for Faith Lutheran Church will be unveiled. Guest speaker, Rev. Scott Rische of First Lutheran Church, El Cajon, Calif., will help us envision a future in which our congregation is Spirit-driven and missional. He will share how three key relationships--in God, with each other and in the community--can transform our lives. Being relational in learning, worship and service is the "how" Faith Lutheran Church will continue to grow in faith and share Christ's love. Your attendance and continued prayers for your church will be an encouraging sign that God is Lord over our church and your life. A \$5 catered lunch and free child care will be available (RSVP if you need child care).



Calendar: This week at Faith

Today	8:00 am	Traditional worship
	9:30	Sunday Education
	9:30	Contemporary worship
	10:45	Sunday Education
	11:00	Traditional worship
	5:00 pm	Soup Supper
Mon	6:00	Epiphany worship
	6:30 pm	Girls of Faith (Audrey's)
	7:00	Boy Scouts
Tue	7:30	Men's Basketball (TLS)
	9:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	9:30	Hanson Small Group
Wed	7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	5:00	Prayer Team
	5:30	WOW
	5:30	Confirmation
	6:15	Signing Class
Thur	6:15	Women's Bible Study II
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
	7:00	Spiritual Life Board
	6:00 pm	Sr Youth Bible Study
	6:00	Bell Choir
	7:30	Adult Choir
Sat	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	9:00	Visioning Event #2



Editor's Note - If you have something to be published in the **Weekend Update**, please send to **Linda Meyer** via e-mail or drop off during office hours, by **Thursday noon** the week of publication.

New Bible studies offered

- **How to Relate to Those Suffering** “Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart” Bible study offers examples and suggestions about what to say or do, what not to say or do and offers a guide in bring Christ’s loving care to hurting people when they need it most. The study will be led by Jan Hoover (357-7063), and Mary Shaw (272-4212) on Sundays in two identical six-week studies:
Session 1: begins TODAY at the 9:30 a.m. education hour
Session 2: begins Feb. 14 at the 10:45 a.m. education hour
- **Women’s Bible Study II** Come Wednesdays beginning Jan. 6 during WOW (6:15-8:00 p.m.) in room S-14 to a Bible study for women called “Believing God” by Beth Moore. Originating from a concept introduced in Isaiah 43:10, “Believing God” examines what it means to believe God rather than only believe in Him. Participants study the lives of Abraham and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of people who believed God. For more information, contact Brenda Schwartz at 785-484-3262 or ksbenji@hotmail.com
- **Hymn Bible Study** The hymn of the month is “Shine, Jesus, Shine” which will be explored further, along with Christianity of South Korea, on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, then again on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft. For more information, contact Young Chung at 272-4214 or youngmusic@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- **Troop 59 Pancake Breakfast** Come Saturday, Jan. 16, 7 a.m. - Noon, in the Fellowship Hall, for their annual pancake breakfast of a drink, sausage and all the pancakes you can eat for \$4. Advance tickets are available from Troop Scouts on Sunday mornings at the bottom of the stairwell. Proceeds support scout's summer camp trip and activities.
- **Retirees Group** Retirees are invited to a get-together on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a soup and salad lunch followed by bunco (a non-thinking dice game). Bring a “white elephant” gift for bunco prizes. Contact Elaine Eggold, 232-9708, if you have questions.
- **Crown Financial Seminar** Check out the insert in this publication about the “Journey to Financial Freedom” seminar at Faith on Jan. 23 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$30. You can register online at www.crown.org/events/ or at the display in the lobby. *Note: there will be NO childcare as stated in the Messenger.* If you would like more information, contact Colleen Lippe at 272-9165 or cjlippe@cox.net.

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Doorway to Faith Class This six-week class for those wanting to learn more about Christianity from a Lutheran perspective begins Jan. 10 at 10:45 a.m. in Room 100A. This class may lead to membership at Faith.

Talent Show Acts On Friday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m., the Contemporary Praise Team will be hosting a Talent Show to help defray costs to attend a praise workshop this summer. WE NEED ACTS! If you have a talent you want to show to others, here is your chance to shine. Contact Linda Meyer in the church office (272-4214 or lindamsecretary@swbell.net).

Sunday School Offerings

Christian Service Team has designated the ministries to receive our Sunday school offerings for the first part of 2010: *January*—Lutheran Hour Ministries; *February*—Topeka Rescue Mission; *March*—Doorstep, Inc.

Ministry Team Leaders:

Written reports of your 2009 Ministry Team activities should be completed and in the church office by Jan. 17 for the Annual Meeting Jan. 24.

Quilting Come to Room 100 on Monday, Jan. 11 and 25 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You may come and go as you please, bring a sack lunch if you stay all day. Donations of material are always appreciated.

2010 Flower Chart If you would like to donate altar flowers on a given Sunday next year, sign up on the chart near the nursery door. A set of two arrangements begins at \$60. Cynthia Barrett will contact you prior to your Sunday with more details.

Children's Ministry

- **W.O.W.** On Wednesday evenings from 5:30-8:15, WOW offers a meal, fellowship time, Bible study and worship skills for preschoolers-7th grade and adults. The new semester of WOW begins Wednesday, Jan. 6. The only cost is the meal (\$3). For more information or to register, contact Marilyn Shults at the church office.
- **Epiphany Party** Today during the education times (9:30 and 10:45), grades 1-4 will have Epiphany parties. Enjoying food, singing Christmas songs and playing games help us celebrate our Savior's birth.
- **Baptism Class** For any adults and sponsors who desire to know about Lutheran baptism, come to a class Sunday, Jan. 10 at 10:45 in Room 104.
- **Child Care Needed** An adult is needed on Monday mornings from 9:30-11 a.m. to watch a couple of toddlers during a women's Bible study at Faith. If interested, contact Marilyn Shults at 272-4214 or marilyn4kids44@swbell.net

Youth Ministry

Junior Youth Ministries *for grades 5-8*

- **5th/6th grade** Sunday, Jan. 17 come to 'Destination Unknown Lock Out' from 6 p.m.-midnight. \$10 per person. It's a mystery... you won't know anything until you get there.
- **7th/ 8th grade** Sunday, Jan. 17 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. is Advanced Lazer Tag in Kansas city. \$100 per person includes pizza buffet and three hours of lazer tag.

Senior Youth Ministries *for grades 9-12*

- **Ignite Youth** Sundays at Faith, 6-8 p.m. Bible study and feast (except the third Sunday of the month where they'll meet at Christ Lutheran's gym for dodgeball tournaments). Pizza is always provided Bring a few bucks to offset costs.
- **Lock-in at PowerPlay in KC** Friday, Jan. 22-23 (9:45 p.m.-8 a.m.) The cost is \$35-40 for unlimited everything including pizza buffet (except arcade games).

Worship Ministry Opportunities

- **Adult Choir** - Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (resumes Jan. 7)
- **Bell Choir** - Thursdays at 6 p.m. (resumes Jan. 7)
- **Praise Team for 9:30 Worship** - rehearse Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
- **6 p.m. Worship Musicians** - rehearse at 5 p.m. Sundays
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** If you like to knit or crochet (or would like to learn), come to Room S-14 on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at either 1:30 or 7 p.m. to make prayer shawls. Contact Jan Hoover, 357-7063 for more information

our MEMBERS

Zach & Erin Snethen, at the birth of a son, Oliver, who remains hospitalized

Luke Savage, hospitalized with infection

Ron Reigel, hospitalized after a fall

Pearl Figge, hospitalized

Patrica Voss, recovering from ankle surgery

Ed Richardson, broken elbow from a fall

Herb Eisler, recovering at home

Susan Thowe, recovering from knee surgery

Fred Crowder, recovering from surgery

Kristin Putney, recovering from ankle surgery

Shirley Martin, recovering from surgery

Allyson Harris, difficult medical issues

Terry Carlson, health concerns

Jeff Kuhn, needing a kidney transplant

Susan Borghardt, cancer, undergoing chemo

Phil Gjerstad, leukemia, bone marrow transplant process

Barb McComas, cancer treatment

Anne O'Gara

Ben Bahner

Roy Benaka

Belmont Evans

Wilma Gregg

Vernon Hass

If you or an immediate family member are entering the hospital, call the church office at 272-4214 so a staff member may visit/pray with you.

FAMILY and FRIENDS

Norma, mother of Kim Burnam, health concerns

Dhana, friend of Brenda Ruhnke, seizures

Tom, friend of Jane Nelson, recovering from a stroke

When a name is submitted in this "Family and Friends" section, it will be printed for three weeks. If you would like to continue the name on the prayer list, please contact the church office through phone, e-mail or prayer card.

family. friends w/ CANCER

Dan Richardson, son of Ed, surgery

Randy Flanagan, son of Marty

William Janousek, father of Jim

Rodney Ohlde, father of Kim Savage

Bob Hogrefe, father of Kim Hernandez

JoAnna Burke, mother of Kelly

Betty, sister of Chuck Urban

Beva, sister of Bob Gabler

Amy, aunt of Janet Zima, surgery

MaryKay Lowry, aunt of Kelly Burke

Lois Nelson, great-aunt of Paige Grisell

Mikey Cummings, great-nephew of Kathy Orth

Chrystal Holub, cousin of Doug Helmke

Chip West, cousin of Kelly Burke

Jay, cousin of Darrel Savage

Kelsey Kataret, cousin of Sandra Raney

Cindy Hammond, relative of Hullons

Naomi Harkness, relative of Gwen Lehman

Adam, friend of Jessica Atchison

Dalton, friend of Jan Williams

Denise, friend of Smelter family

Kris, friend of Gary Orth

Laura, friend of Diana Beitz

Laura, Sheri, Sondra, friends of Sandra Sweet

Laurie, friend of Yvonne Hamilton

Lyn, friend of Marge Carver

Maire, friend of Sweet family

Sandy, friend of Mary Shaw

Tammy & Tanya, friends of Jennifer Harris

Tina, friend of Aaron & Jennifer Hilderman

Zach, child friend of Sheila Krohe

in the MILITARY

Chase Briggs

David Conwell

Bryan Conwell

Tim Kemp

David Marstall

Rebecca (Briggs) Waterman

Matt Thomas, husband of Chelsie (Saunders)

James Brown, father of Ashley Brown

Leslie Bolz, daughter of Tim & Marian

Joshua Schultz, son of Gene & Peg

Alex Kroenke, grandson of Mel & JoAnn

Angela Rokey, granddaughter of Goodings

Joel Gaston, brother of Juli Mazachek

John O'Brien, brother of Maggie O'Brien-Domingo

Chuck Taylor, brother of David

Tom Palenske, brother-in-law of Juli Mazachek

Jim Edwards, uncle of Caitlyn Lambrecht

Dani Knudson, niece of Alex & Joy Hoover

Kristen Wilburn, niece of Landmans

Chuck Campbell, nephew of Charlotte

Lee Fox, nephew of Ed & Valeda Pinick

Brett Hahn, nephew of Ron & Ethel Kufahl

Marcus Higdon, nephew of Gayla Hoyt

Mitchell Kent, nephew of Terri Bynum

James Kroenke, nephew of Cathy Atchison

Jared McClung, nephew of Mike Maloun

Seth Ostermann, nephew of Linda Laird

Michael Phelps, nephew of Betsy Hawkins

Scott Pracht, nephew of Ron & Ethel Kufahl

Elizabeth Doss, great niece of Bob Gabler

Brian Kolterman, Bolz family member

Chris Crocker, cousin of Kahlee

Kevin Nolan, cousin of the Janouseks

Kevin Sweeney, cousin of Dean Landman

Mark Manieri, cousin of Nadine Barnhill

Damon Browning, friend of Janouseks

John Brun, friend of Jessi Saxton

Gilbert Gonzales, friend of Kristen Fay

Damon Harris, friend of the Kissling family

Chris Kieffer, friend of Kristen Fay

Glenn & Kelsey, friends of Kahlee Crocker

Justin Rapp, friend of Judy Thompson

Zack Stiffler, friend David & Jennifer Schmitt

Preparing for Church Work

Christina Shults, Pacific School of Religion (seminary), Berkeley CA

Drew & Nicole Bradshaw, awaiting DCO call

Matt Morgan, Concordia, St. Paul MN (DCO)

Amie Zillinger, Concordia, Seward NE (teacher)

Kory & Cara Fay and family, Lutheran Bible Translators training in France

Andrew Cummings, deaf ministry training

In Service & Mission Work

Spiritual Life Leaders

Parish Nurses

Stephen Ministers

Lay Deacons

Topeka Lutheran School & CYC

Faith Early Learning Center

Children's Christian Concern Society

Guinea, W. Africa missions

Heiney and Carlos families

(missionaries to Guinea, West Africa)

LCMS chaplains serving in Iraq and other troubled areas

LINC Ministry Dallas, TX

Ysleta Luth. Mission El Paso, TX

Outreach/Ministry to Washburn University

If you are submitting a prayer request for someone other than yourself for this publication, please be sure to get their permission. If you submit a card for prayer in a worship service, please indicate that you want it in this publication. If you would like your prayer included on the Prayer Chain, call Bobbie Nixon (272-7845) or Eva Brunkow (272-2102).