



## Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter – December 2024

### Upcoming Events:



**Church Decorating** will take place on Saturday, November 30 at 8:30 am at the church. Please join us!

**The Quilting Bee** will meet at the church on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon- 2 pm. Please join us for this time of fun and fellowship. Contact [Cathy DeWitt](#) for more information.

**The C. S. Lewis discussion group** will meet on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Briggs's home. Please contact [Pastor Curt](#) for more information and the location.

**German Lessons Anyone?** Möchten Sie Deutsch sprechen lernen? (Would you like to learn how to speak German?) Well, it just so happens that our own [Charmaine Briggs](#) is willing to teach you the language. The next classes will meet on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from noon until 2 pm. So, if you are interested, please join us! Wir werden eine tolle Zeit haben! (We'll have a great time!)

**Potluck and Cookie Decorating:** Please join us after the church service on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for this potluck and cookie decorating event. Simply bring in your favorite dish to share. No signups are necessary! Please stick around after the meal to help decorate cookies which will be taken to a local senior center. Please contact [Angie Ziegler](#) for more information.

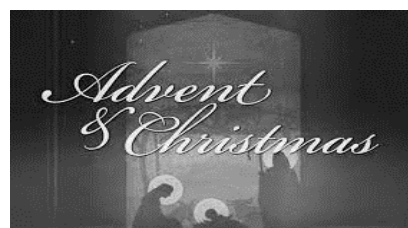


**The Generation Wise Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday December 8, 2024, beginning at 4:00 pm. Everyone over 50 is invited to attend. Please bring a wrapped gift of about \$15 for the gift exchange. Bring your favorite adult beverage and an appetizer to share. It will be held at Jane and Bob Stickney's house, 2712 Reams Place, Franklin, TN. Please let Jane know if you will be attending by email [Jane Stickney](#) or call at 615-790-9105.

### Pre-Midweek Service Meals:

There will be a meal at 6 pm before each Advent Midweek Service (Dec. 4, 11, 18). The Youth will be hosting the Advent meals and a freewill offering will be accepted to go towards the Youth Gathering next summer.

### Advent/Christmas Service Times:



**Advent Midweek Services:** Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on November 29, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Tuesday Evening at 5 pm & 7 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Day Service:** Wednesday Morning at 10 am on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**New Year's Eve Service:** Tuesday Evening December 31 at 7 pm.

## VOTERS MEETING

The next Voters Assembly meeting will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the service. The main topic of discussion will be requesting approval of the 2025 church budget.

### Prayer List:

*Please keep these people in your prayers:*

Barb Smith  
Bruce Meyer  
Carolee Booth  
Cathy Crump  
Estelle Lyons  
Gordy Schnarrs

Herman DePriest  
James Boyd  
Jim Elliott  
Jo Ann Chovan  
Larry Droisum  
Monica Hupp

Nancy Knief  
Pastor Craig Fiebiger  
Ray Hauer  
Ruth Worshik  
Will & Lori Connors

*We also pray for family members of our people and others whose concerns we carry upon our hearts.*

### **Weekly Adult Bible Classes are Available via Skype and In-Person**

Weekly adult bible classes are offered both in-person and via Skype on Wednesday mornings at 10 am (8 am class is in-person only at the church) and on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. The 10 am Wednesday class is held at Brookdale Assisted Living, 910 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN. We carpool after the 8 am class. So, if you would like to catch a ride with us, please be at the church before 9 am. Or you can meet us at Brookdale.

Adult bible class: <https://join.skype.com/HDUsNaV7Dt8c>

### **Where to Find Us**

Church service times are Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM. Please join us! Our church services are recorded weekly and can be viewed on our website, Facebook, or YouTube. You can find us on our Facebook page entitled, **Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN** at <https://www.facebook.com/faithlutherantn/>. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel by going to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf6pYWhszns7n4ZJGnxqDdA>. You can also find the link to our weekly video on our website at [www.faithlutheran-tn.org](http://www.faithlutheran-tn.org). Our sermon transcripts can be downloaded for your convenience from our website at: [Sermon Library 2024 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN \(faithlutheran-tn.org\)](#). Weekly bulletins can be found here: [Weekly Service Bulletins 2024 - Faith Lutheran](#)

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## Evangelism Corner



*James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.*

People come to the end of the year and they start to contemplate “year-end giving”. Mailboxes, postal or email, fill up with requests for us to give funds to organizations to help them accomplish their mission. Lots of choices...

What if Christians first took stock of our “year-end **receiving**”? This is especially important –when we sum up our gifts from God, we are reminded that they are so numerous it’s hard to count them all! Did God give you guidance this year? Did he hear all your prayers? Did he protect you and yours? Did you receive the blessing of Holy Supper and forgiveness of your sins? Was He there for you in dark times as well as bring you happy times?

While we are saved by grace alone, might there be something we are blessed to be able to do—as grateful people who **receive** much but deserve nothing. This year when we think about year-end giving, let’s put it in the context of all we received from our Lord. And, while we’re at it, let’s plan on ways we can share our gratefulness in the year ahead. Here’s a few opportunities for us to make a difference at Faith Lutheran...

- **Feed My Lambs:** Provides Kroger cards to help those who have fallen on hard times financially.
- **Youth Group Fund Raising:** Support for our young people to take Lutheran retreats and attend sessions that strengthen their faith in God.
- **Giving our time and talents:** Requests for help are sent out regularly! Inquire about opportunities that you’re passionate about
- **Generously sharing the Word of God:** Be an evangelist to others.

*We thank you Lord, for all your blessings throughout the year.*

**LindaLou Stockinger**  
**Evangelism**