

# Annoucements

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry is in need of soup.

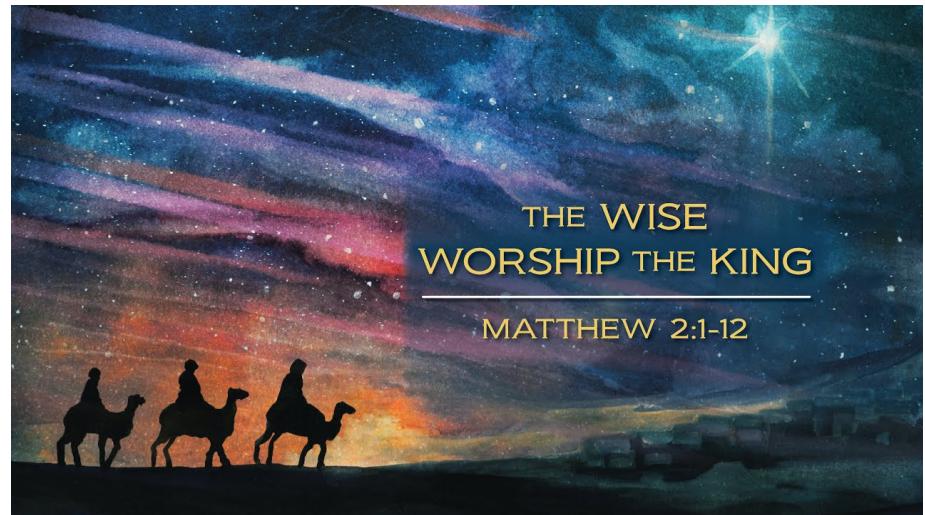
**Help Needed:** It's time to take down our beautiful Christmas decorations. If you can help, please come Tuesday morning from 10:00am to Noon on January 7. Any time you can give, will help!

**Blood Drive:** A blood mobile will be coming to St. Luke's UMC on January 12 at 9:30am. They will be located in the CLC parking lot.

## Prayer Requests

Bev Shepherd, Nita Taylor (Larry Kaler's niece), Sheridan Harris, Tom Burkett, Buddy Ellis, Isabel Paredes (Mirria's friend), Marty Cobb, Barbara Lockett (Stella Day's sister-in-law), Deborah Sanders, Betty Carter, and Barry Ware (St. Gelais'scousin).

*If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at [pata9276@gmail.com](mailto:pata9276@gmail.com) or call the church office at 452-6262*



## January 5th, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.*

## Did You Know?

**John 10:14 ESV: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.**

Thank you for worshiping here with us at St Lukes. Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact info- we want to get to know you! Your attendance is a gift to us from God.



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*Order of Worship*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

Arr. Walter Pelz

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

**People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

**Leader:** The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

**People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

**Leader:** The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

**People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

**Leader:** So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

**All: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day.**

Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH 220

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** - Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Chapel during the last verse of the opening hymn

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*We Three Kings*

UMH 254

**\*SCRIPTURE**

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Matthew 2:1-12

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Jonathan Schmidt, Piano

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Jim McKinney

**AN INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

UMH 12

**UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Gracious God, receive and bless what we offer here! Take us and use us as you would see fit so that we might bring praise and glory unto your name both now and in the year to come.*

**OFFERTORY**

JS Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*The First Noel*

UMH 245

*God of Grace*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Arr. Paul Manz

\*Congregation stand as able.

*If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.*