

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE *Antiphon for Two Trumpets and Organ* [Robert J. Powell]
Jack Prindle, Mark Baker, trumpet; Will Simpson, organ

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY Pastor McEachran

HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW Hymn 733

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor McEachran

Singing as Prayer: "Jesus Loves Me"

WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 3:3-14

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40 *(spoken responsively: A Assisting Minister; C Congregation)*

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-11

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God.

(congregation stands)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

Today's Theme

Prayer is the landscape of the life of the disciple. As we continue to focus on prayer in the life of the believer, we remember The Lord's Prayer and Jesus' call that His students, becoming witnesses, pray and become those sent to be His mission in the world. Today, we hear the power of confessing Jesus Christ as Lord and hear both Solomon and Jesus pray and speak to the wisdom of God.

SERMON

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Pastor McEachran

1. The Landscape of Belief: Prayer
2. Prayer is rooted in Confident Confession of Faith
3. The Wisdom of Witnessing in Word and Action
4. A Servant Prayer: "Lord, make me an instrument."

HYMN OF THE DAY O Word of God Incarnate

ELW Hymn 514

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(shared in community)

OFFERING

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Congregation and Orchestra

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY PRAYER



GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

(congregation is seated)

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HEALING PRAYERS

Children of the Heavenly Father ELW Hymn 781
Break Now the Bread of Life ELW Hymn 515

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
 strengthen and keep you in God's loving grace, now and forever.
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

PRAYER



BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on
 you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
 give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of
 the Holy Spirit. *Numbers 6:24-26*
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW Hymn 597

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* [John B. Dykes]

P A R T I C I P A N T S

Presiding Minister Pastor James N. McEachran
Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson
Assisting Ministers (I) Sharon Gurtel (II) Dick Swaisgood
Communion Assistants (I) Judy Gowdy (II) Sue Short
Healing Ministers (I) Mikel Oswalt, CJ Tatum (II) Jan Benson, Karen Grams
Acolytes (I) Livi Myhre (II) Collin Feldman
Altar Guild Linda Powell, Phillip Misner
Greeters (I) John and Judy Gowdy (II) Mark and Nancy Davis
Lectors (I) Alexander Erling (II) Carolyn McKenna
Ushers (I) John Nelson, Tom Anderson (II) Kit and Jan Bowerman
Coffee Hosts Dave and Sherry Grindeland
Orchestra
Violin Karin Islip, Barbara Spadavecchia, Becky Soukup,
 Shelly Abner, Vickie Nelson, Vishal Erling
Viola Nancy McEachran, Brian Lew
Cello Michele Nelson, John Andresen, Fred Clark
Bass Linda Peragine
Flute Kristin Bateman, Wendy Baker, Jakki Parks, Lynne Boeger
Oboe Dennis Calvin
Clarinet Bryant Wilkie
Alto Sax Joan Tweten
Bassoon Penny Bugni
Trumpet Jack Prindle, Mark Baker
Trombone John Bolender, Spencer Durand
Tuba Seth Tompkins
Percussion Andy Emery
Piano Matt Camrud

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture readings are from the NRSV.

W E L C O M E**TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S**

† HEALING PRAYERS are offered during the distribution of Holy Communion. Kneelers are provided on the east and west sides of the sanctuary. Trained healing ministers are waiting to receive your requests before or after receiving the Eucharist. It can be especially meaningful to have a laying on of hands and an anointing of oil, if desired. It is appropriate to bring ANY request or concern that you may have for yourself or someone else. These may be prayers for emotional, spiritual, or physical healing. It can be a peace that brings wholeness, according to God's will, in a number of ways. If you are unable to walk to the kneelers, please ask an usher to assist or move to the bottom of the stairs on the East side of the sanctuary (near the pulpit) and the Healing Minister will come to you.

- Ⓜ **WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING:** Today, real-time captioning of the 11:00 am worship service is available, making our worship service accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing. You can use your smartphone or tablet to access the captioning (the sanctuary has a WiFi connection.) Go to: <https://captionsunlimited.1capapp.com/event/standrews/> (If you see a login page, the captioning is not yet active. Refresh your browser near the beginning of the worship service.)
The website displays real-time captions of what is being spoken in the service, similar to closed captioning on television.

NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- Ⓜ **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (ABC) MENTOR/MENTEE/FAMILY DINNER:**
ABC students, bring your mentor and family for dinner at Saint Andrew's next Sunday, **February 26**, at 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know your mentor as you move towards your Affirmation of Baptism. RSVP to Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, by **February 24**.
If you have not identified a mentor yet and need assistance, please contact Emily Harrow.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM

Discipleship Hour offers classes for age 2 through adult!

- ⊕ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS)** classes welcome children age 2 through grade 5. All classes are downstairs in South Hall. The SCS office is located on the lower level near the Narthex stairs. Students who are new to our congregation are asked to come to the SCS office to register and receive a class assignment.
- ⊕ **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (ABC)** classes are geared toward youth in grades 6-8. All ABC students gather in 302/Fellowship Hall South from 9:45 am - 10:00 am before heading to classes in Rooms 121, 122, 119, and 321/Youth Room. Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Director of Discipleship Ministries Emily Harrow or Pastor McEachran for more information.
- ⊕ **CROSSWALK** is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Got questions? Join us each Sunday for coffee, cocoa, donuts, and conversation. We are also creating tie fleece blankets that will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. On the last Sunday of each month, gather in the youth room for Oasis, a time for our high school students to rest, color, and enjoy a movie.
- ⊕ **February 19**
A TASTE OF WORLD RELIGIONS
Presenter: Pastor James McEachran *301/Fellowship Hall North*
For 15 years, Pastor McEachran taught Comparative World Religions in the MA-TESOL Graduate Program at Seattle Pacific University. Join the conversation as we explore Islam.
- ⊕ **February 26**
FAITH IS A VERB - A JOURNEY AND PERSPECTIVE
Presenter: Marcia Riggers *301/Fellowship Hall North*
How we come to faith and how it grows and develops within each of us is shaped by who we are and our lived experience. Is it a learned process? A theological/religious expectation? Or, perhaps, a random event? Join in a conversation about the role and purpose of prayer and spiritual practice in a life of active faith. *Saint Andrew's member Marcia Riggers has spent more than forty years in education as a teacher, university faculty and state administrator, and has served on boards of directors and in areas of leadership for numerous organizations, Lutheran and secular.*



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK

☞ TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

Every Tuesday, 10:00 am, 322/Conference Room

Tuesday Morning Bible Study is studying the book of Hosea. This week we will launch into the center of Hosea and listen to the story of Israel's unfaithfulness to the God of covenant love. How does God reach into our lives as a people when we are not faithful and trusting? How does God's promise of merciful forgiveness enfold and empower us to be bold and confident in mission? Be reading Hosea 9:1--13:16. Bring your favorite translation and join the adventure.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH

*** GOD SQUAD and FIRE FORCE** (youth in grades 6-12):

- **March at the Movies!** Mark your calendar for Sunday, **March 5**, for an afternoon outing at the movies. We'll see a movie followed by FroYo and discussion about the movie. Times to be announced.

*** GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):

- Our **Summer 2017 Mission Trip** is **July 16-22** to Chicago to work with Center for Student Missions (CSM), the organization that we partnered with on our San Francisco and Toronto trips. Our students will learn, minister, and be exposed to new situations, opportunities and physical surroundings that will challenge their stereotypes and assumptions. (To learn more about CSM, watch an introductory video at <https://vimeo.com/107150526>.) Our next Mission Trip Team meeting is Sunday, **February 12**, at 12:15 pm. Speak with Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org, for more information.

- **YOUTH REGISTRATION:** Saint Andrew's has one registration form that includes medical information and permissions. This form is used for all activities at Saint Andrew's for 2016-2017. Complete one form per family. Paper copies of the form can be found in the Narthex on the bulletin board near the church office. Return completed forms to the church office. The form is also ONLINE as an interactive PDF form; it can be found at www.ce.SALChome.org. Complete the form and SAVE it to your computer. Either email the form to info@SALChome.org or print and return the form to Saint Andrew's. Please note: If you completed a form for 2015-2016 and saved it on your computer, you can submit that form. Open it and update the school year, "Today's Date", and make any other necessary changes. Return the form via email or print and return the form to Saint Andrew's.

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

- ♥ **CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK:** Each month, we collect one food item in the Corner of Blessing. All donations help feed those in our community who are hungry. In February, we are collecting **baby food and infant formula**. These are items that are always in short supply at Hopelink. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.
- ♥ **WINTER SHELTER AND DAY CENTER NEEDS:** Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) has been serving around 80 men each night at the Emergency Winter Shelter in Bellevue. It is located off 116th Avenue just north of NE 4th Street. The Day Center offers breakfast and lunch, computer time, and other services five days a week. CFH is in need of paper towels, Clorox wipes, toilet paper, paper plates, napkins, plastic cutlery, hand sanitizer, blankets, towels, warm coats, paper cups, coffee, tea, and snack items like granola bars, fruit, and cookies. Donations can be left in the basket in the Narthex marked CFH. They are also in need of meals - Contact: Danette Mushatt Edwards 425-296-3797.

- ♥ **SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** We continue to need funding for students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School and for the MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship fund, used for the students who qualified for university study, nursing school, and teacher training. Currently 17 MGLSS students need scholarships. Full year funding for a student in Forms 1-4 is \$1000; in Forms 5-6, \$1200. **ANY AMOUNT** given is helpful. Make contributions by check to “Saint Andrew’s” with “MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship” in the memo line. All funds will then be forwarded to OPERATION BOOTSTRAP AFRICA (OBA). You can also contribute directly to OBA online or by mail.
- ♥ **COLLECTIONS:** Dorcas Circle, Health and Wholeness Ministry, and Outreach and Servant Ministries welcome your contributions for Lutheran World Relief, Compass Housing Alliance, Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way. Lists of needed items are in the baskets near the elevator in the Narthex. Donations can be placed in the same baskets.
- ♥ **DRIVERS FOR CHICKEN SOUP BRIGADE:** We would welcome two more volunteers (or volunteer teams) to deliver meals to Eastside clients of Chicken Soup Brigade (Lifelong). The meals are picked up at Saint Andrew’s and delivered between 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm on **Thursday** afternoons; usually around four or five stops. Volunteers deliver about once a month. Contact Claudia Browers for more information.
- ♥ **THE SOPHIA WAY:** The Sophia Way helps homeless women journey toward independence and a home of their own. Volunteers are needed at the Day Center (at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue) to sort donated items they receive, and to help ensure the women there have the clothing they need. If you are interested or want more information, contact their volunteer coordinator Tara, 425 463-6285. For other ways to help, visit www.sophiaway.org.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF...BIHAR, INDIA



Learn about Bihar... visit www.lwr.org/bihar

Where is Bihar? In northeastern India; in places where the Northeastern India Lutheran Church serves a very rural, agrarian population. The needs are great in the areas of nutrition and food security, enhancing barren land into fertile farm plots, empowering women through self-help groups and through creating savings accounts, and education.

Why serve in Bihar? Lutheran World Relief invited us to consider a global partnership in India. We are one of two congregations in the Northwest Washington Synod to join a growing list of congregations in the United States. Our commitment is to engage in a four-year collaborative partnership, including Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland (Whidbey Island), which will involve education, working towards a deeper sense of our mission in Christ to serve in the world.

Where can I get involved? First of all, learn more about India. There will be numerous connections with other congregations with individual and shared projects in creating school kits, seed money collections, and learning about the inter-village rallies and beginning of Self-Help Groups and co-ops for farmers. We are creating a project working team within the congregation. Jean Wahlstrom has agreed to be a key player in this new global outreach opportunity. If you are interested, contact Marlyn Thorpe, chair, Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee.

Where do I learn more?

The best place is to access www.lwr.org/bihar.



Lutheran World Relief

SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT** is a program where participants are given the name of another participant to pray for during the season of Lent. Praying for someone else is a blessing to another person as well as enriching to our own spiritual journey. By praying for members of our faith community, we become closer. Complete a request form TODAY, **February 19**. You may also include a request for prayers for a special need. Place your request in the "Prayer Partner" box in the Narthex or give it to a member of the Health and Wholeness Ministry Committee. Pick up your Secret Prayer Partner's name and prayer requests in the Narthex next Sunday, **February 26**. For more information, contact Beverley Watt or Mikel Oswald.
- ✠ **O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints)** will explore the history of technology during an inter-generational luncheon on Tuesday, **February 21**. *All ages* welcomed as we learn about tweeting on Twitter, Facebook, apps for cell phones, telephone party lines, telephone dating hook-ups, and texting. Social time begins at 11:30 am and the potluck at 11:45 am. *You don't need to be older or wiser to attend!* Hosts needed for February and March. Sign up by contacting Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529. O.W.L.S. is a lively fellowship group which meets on the third Tuesday of the month for fellowship, a potluck lunch, and an interesting program. There is no need to sign up or RSVP. Just come and, if you can, bring a dish to share.
- ✠ **YOUNG ADULTS** (those who have graduated high school and older): On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, young adults of Saint Andrew's get together for dinner at 6:30 pm. Our next dinner is on **February 22** at Bai Tong Thai Restaurant (Overlake Fashion Plaza, 14804 NE 24th Street, Redmond.) Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **February 19**, if you would like to join us! Looking ahead, Young Adults will serve Lenten Soup Supper on **March 15**.
- ✠ **W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study):** **through February 22**, 7:00 pm, 322/Conference Room
Facilitators: Cheryl Jurrus, Vickie Kirm
W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study) invites all women for fellowship, devotions, and discussion. This session, we are discussing *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Contact Cheryl Jurrus or Vickie Kirm for more information.
- ✠ **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER:** Begin the Lenten season with a longtime religious tradition – a pancake dinner on Shrove Tuesday, **February 28**. The dinner will be held in 301/ Fellowship Hall beginning around 5:00 pm. Serving pancakes on Shrove Tuesday developed more than 1,000 years ago in Europe. It comes from "to shrive" which meant to hear confessions. As part of Lent, faithful people were expected to give up meat, milk, eggs and butter. Families used up their dairy supplies on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday by serving a dinner of pancakes. This fellowship fundraiser will help defray costs of the Saint Andrew's Women's Gathering in March.
- ✠ **LENT BEGINS MARCH 1:** Ash Wednesday is **March 1**. Worship with Holy Communion is at 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm. There is no soup supper on Ash Wednesday.
- ✠ **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve soup and bread on Wednesdays, **March 8** and **March 22**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- ✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**
Sunday, **March 12**, 9:45 am, 322/Conference Room
The KnitWits are a fellowship group whose primary mission is to provide items of comfort that are knit or crocheted. All are welcome to join us anytime! Contact Dianne Chong for more information.

✠ **CHILI COOK-OFF:** Mark your calendar to attend the Chili Cook-off on Saturday, **March 18**, at 6:00 pm. Cook up a pot of chili and see how it compares to others in the congregation. Or just come and taste (and vote for your favorite!) This is a fun fellowship event for everyone. Enjoy some award-winning chili and put some bids on great auction items. All proceeds support the 2017 Chicago Mission Trip. We are collecting items now. Items we love: artwork, homemade items, wine, trips, etc. Contact Emily Harrow, Director Discipleship Ministries, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, for more information on how to enter the chili contest and what items will be available for bidding.

✠ **WOMEN'S GATHERING:** Plans are being made for a Saint Andrew's Women's Gathering (formerly known as a retreat) for the weekend of Friday-Sunday, **March 24-26**. Pastor Mary-Alyce Burleigh will help lead the program. Volunteers needed to help plan this fun event. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, for information.

✠ **DISCIPLEFIT in EPIPHANY: Only 2 weeks to go!** Grow Spiritually and Mentally by memorizing Bible verses! There is a selection of Bible verses in the bulletin each week during Epiphany (see page 11.) Youth and adults are invited to memorize a verse. Recite it to a member of the Communications Committee to receive a small prize! Committee members are wearing nametags and are available during Discipleship Hour. Youth may recite the verse(s) to their classroom teacher.



✠ **DISCIPLEFIT - WALK TO WITTENBERG:** Are your walking shoes ready??? Everyone is invited to participate in a "Fitness and Witness" program to commemorate the 500-year anniversary of the Reformation. The program runs from **May 1 to September 4**, but we are inviting sign ups now so that we can form teams of up to 10 people who will compete in racking up "miles" that will count towards our virtual race to Wittenberg. Along the way, we'll have some group activities and single events, and learn more about Luther and the Reformation. All forms of physical activity will count. We want to have everyone able to participate – if you are over 70 or under 16, your "miles" will be doubled. If you are over 80, your miles are tripled! Sign up in the Narthex to be a part of this fun program. May the best team win!!!



✠ **NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!** We would like you and your family to join Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. For more information, please contact Sherry Grindeland, Fellowship Coordinator, sherry@salchome.org or at 425-746-2529.

✠ **USHERS NEEDED!!!** We need more ushers to round out our cadre of Sunday servers. No experience needed! Free training provided. We're particularly short ushers for the 11:00 am services but need additional help for 8:30 am, too. More greeters, coffee hosts and lectors also welcomed. Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN (TMM)**
 Facilitator: Dave Marcrander
 Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212
 We have begun our year long focus on the REFORMATION, in recognition of the 500th anniversary in 2017. Our first study is the book, *MARTIN LUTHER, A Life*, by Martin Marty. Join us on Tuesday mornings; ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.

- ✠ **COMMUNION BREAD:** Everyone is invited to bake bread used in the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. The sign-up list through **June 2017** is available. You can sign up online for a specific Sunday. Links to the sign-up and to the recipe for Luther Bread can be accessed on the Saint Andrew's website: www.worship.SALChome.org. Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 🌐 **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY UW:** The Board of Lutheran Campus Ministry to the University of Washington (LCM to the UW) is actively seeking an organized individual to fulfill the volunteer position of Board Secretary to help fulfill the mission of LCM to the UW to "Love All, Seek Justice, Practice Faith". For more information and a more detailed description of the responsibilities, please contact Tricia Donhowe.
- 🌐 **ENGAGING THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES OF LENT AND THE THREE DAYS:**
 Sunday, **March 5**, 3:00 pm - 5:30pm, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front Street S., Issaquah
 In this workshop, participants will consider a newer (but actually much older) understanding of Lent and how Luther's Small Catechism offers a model for engaging spiritual practices that lead to the renewal of Christian life at Easter. This is a practical workshop that will give participants a number of practices to consider as we move into the season of Lent that culminates in the Three Days. You can expect a well-organized, engaging, and thoughtful time to reflect on what matters in Christian life -- all touched with a wry sense of humor. Dr. Samuel Torvend holds the University Chair in Lutheran Studies at PLU where he has been teaching for 18 years. He also serves as the associate for Adult Christian Formation at Christ Church in Tacoma. One of his most recent books touches on this workshop: *Flowing Water, Uncommon Birth: Christian Baptism in a post-Christian Culture* (Augsburg Fortress, 2011). The cost for the workshop is free, but please RSVP so we can make enough copies for those in attendance. RSVP to: office@oslciissaquah.org.



For Sunday, February 26: Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 14:22-34

Servers for February 26

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Ministers:

(I) Sue Short (II) Dana Nasby

Communion Assistants:

(I) Lynn Mack (II) Jan Bowerman

Acolytes:

(I) Ian Maland (II) Izzy Clarke

Altar Guild:

Jill Nichols-Hicks, Karin Eklof

Greeters:

(I) Nancy P. Davis

(II) Ann Ross-Clarke

Lectors:

(I) Vishal Erling (II) Misty Weber

Ushers:

(I) Brett Nelson, John Arnold

(II)

Coffee Hosts:

Susan and Dennis Hegedus

February 19, 2017

Be DiscipleFIT in Epiphany

Have you ever been strengthened or comforted by recalling from memory a familiar Bible verse or passage? During Epiphany, the Communications Committee invites everyone to grow Spiritually and Mentally by memorizing Bible verses.

Memorize one (or more!) of the verses below - use any translation you prefer. Recite the verse(s) to a member of the Communications Committee next Sunday, **February 26**, to receive a small prize! Youth may recite verses to their classroom teacher.

Members of the Communications Committee are:

Judi Miller, Ben Johnson, Roger Koskela, Kendra Mills, Susan Hegedus

This week's theme: **Love**

Profound personal attachment or deep affection. Agape love is "the highest form of love, charity; the love of God for man and of man for God." It is universal, unconditional love.

from the *New Revised Standard Version*

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Luke 10:27

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Psalms 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

Colossians 3:14

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Contact Communications Committee Chair Judi Miller for more information.

