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January 21 at 9:30AM In-Person Worship

WORSHIP WITH US

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and work all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.



Annual Meeting Sunday January 28th after worship

Potluck luncheon to follow!

Hear the latest from our committees and year-end reports!

Meet new members and break bread with old friends.

Welcome New Members!

Today we welcome to CLC: John Bender, Cindy Halligan, Chuck Hemma, and Allison Kring. May God bless our ministry together as we grow.

Upcoming Events

Sunday Jan. 21st, 9:30am Worship

"3rd Sunday after Epiphany"

New CLC Members may join on Sunday, January 21st.

Sunday Jan. 28th, 9:30am Worship

"4th Sunday after Epiphany"

(Installation of Council Members)

Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon immediately following worship

Join us for a year in review and then looking ahead!

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT GIVE-AWAY

With your generosity, we provided two gifts and a stocking stuffer for SEVENTY local kids!

Due to many unexpected donations, we have a supply of gifts for next year too!





CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for

SOUP

The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

In case of emergency....

Did you know we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

Did you know we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call. You know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

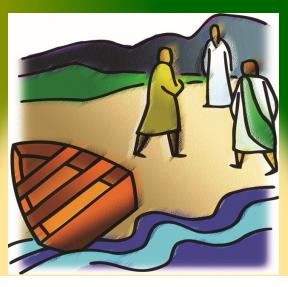
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3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Each Call Unique

Aside from the proclamation that "the kingdom of God has come near," Mark records no introduction on Jesus' part about who he is or what he is about. He simply invites people, "Follow me." Simon and Andrew, James and John make it look so easy: they just follow—no questions asked! If this is what true discipleship looks like, how can we ever measure up? But that's not the point.

Jesus calls people in countless ways. Even these four fishers were likely not all moved by the same things. Perhaps Simon was frustrated by Roman dominance over his country, and the news of a new kingdom caught his ear; maybe Andrew was itching to do something different and inspiring. Did James and John sense a call other than inheriting their father's business? Jesus would go on to invite dozens of others to join him—surely each discerning the call in a unique way. Their responses were also likely not as fast and easy as it appears from the outside. The four fishers might have been wrestling with matters of spirituality for months before Jesus showed up.

Others who joined Jesus may have long prayed for solutions to injustice in society. The Gospel of Mark gives a summary, a tight-ened-up version, of Jesus' earthly ministry. Many details are lost to time; others were only ever known by an individual and the one they came to call Messiah.

What we learn from these brief call narratives—and others in scripture—is that God reaches out in as many ways as there are people. God may get your attention in worship on a Sunday morning, at your work on a weekday, or in the night as you comfort a child in your care. Or—one never knows—God might just call from the shore when you are out in a fishing boat. Jesus' "Follow me" might lead you somewhere you've never been, maybe away from friends and family and the career you planned. Or his invitation might nudge you right back home, taking up familiar routines in a new way, seeing loved ones with fresh vision. ~

This Week at CLC:

Sunday

January 21 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Reminder

Week at

Monday

January 22 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

3:30-7:30 Violin, 5-6 TOPS Club

6-7 Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL

Tuesday

January 23 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8:30pm Violin

Gathering Place booked for Literacy PGH

Wednesday

January 24 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community

Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7-8pm Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

Thursday

January 25 - 6pm ESL Tutoring,

6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

January 26 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

January 27 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

January 28 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Annual Congregational Meeting with Potluck

to follow

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Upcoming Commemorations



Agnes, martyr, died around 304 Sunday, January 21, 2024

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Conversion of Paul Thursday, January 25, 2024

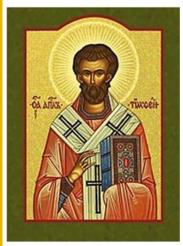
The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.



Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

Friday, January 26, 2024

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.



Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith Saturday, January 27, 2024

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.



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. †



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