

Worship Lifeline

Congregational News

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Ministry Site Profile has been posted on the Synod website. We anticipate that it will take 1-2 weeks before we begin receiving responses/inquiries when the matching process begins.

The Rev. Karen Boda is our Synod liaison, and committee members are Tom Wagner (Chair), Maddy Faass (Secretary), Martha Wooden, Barb Litke, Mary Yale, and Blandon Johnson. Herb McCaulla is the Council liaison.

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### \*\*\*ASH WEDNESDAY ZOOM WORSHIP\*\*\*

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on Feb 17 at 7pm. The Zoom link will be emailed along with the bulletin.

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RECORDS SECRETARY AND DIRECTORY

As of January 1, Laura Trittin is serving as our Records Secretary and Kelly Kraus is handling updates to the membership directory (Instant Church Directory). Many, many thanks to Rica Kelly for her years of service in the role of Records Secretary.

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### \*\*\*DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE\*\*\*

10am at the church – drive by to drop off donations:

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| Feb 20 | Lilburn Coop     |
| Mar 6  | SE Gwinnett Coop |
| Mar 20 | Lilburn Coop     |
| Apr 3  | SE Gwinnett Coop |
| Apr 17 | Lilburn Coop     |

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SAVVY TAX STRATEGIES

Brought to you by Thrivent

Feb 24, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Want to understand how taxes might affect your retirement? Join us for Savvy Tax Strategies with Thrivent Financial Consultant, Michael Fuehrmeyer. This free educational event provides a fundamental overview of the topic, including:

- The critical tax question you must answer before retirement
- The Social Security “tax trap” and how you can avoid it
- Mistakes to avoid when it comes to your investment portfolio, health care, and estate
- A summary of the SECURE Act

This virtual event is open to all. Feel free to share the event details with friends and family. This event will not be recorded.

No products will be sold. For more information visit [Thrivent.com/social](https://www.thrivent.com/social)

Ministry This Week

Sunday, Feb 7, Epiphany 5

10:00 AM—Z ASLC Worship
8:00 PM—F AA

Monday, Feb 8

6:00 PM—F Cub Scouts Pack
7:30 PM—Virtual Meeting OA

Tuesday, Feb 9

9:00 AM—F Sandwich MeetUp*
10:15 AM—Z Christian Conversations
7:00 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

Wednesday, Feb 10

6:15 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness
6:30 PM—LL Word of Faith
7:00 PM—Z Bible Study with Pastor Ruth
8:00 PM—F AA

Thursday, Feb 11

6:00 PM—LL Cub Scouts Den
7:00 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness
7:00 PM—S Casa de Dios para las Naciones
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

Friday, Feb 12

Saturday, Feb 13

9:00 AM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness
9:00 AM—Virtual Meeting OA

Sunday, Feb 14, Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:00 AM—Z ASLC Worship
8:00 PM—F AA

Z=Zoom; PL=Parking Lot; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1; CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

In Scripture Today

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

On the Sundays after Epiphany and after Trinity Sunday in year B, we repeatedly encounter the paradox set out by Mark: Jesus, although hidden from many, is revealed as Christ to believers. This Sunday those who recognize Jesus and receive his power are assembled in a house, as were the first hearers of Mark's gospel. We too arise from our sickbed to serve others, proclaiming the kingdom and sharing holy communion.

Mark 1:29-39

Mark's gospel situates most of Jesus' ministry in the northern region of Galilee. In synagogues and private homes Jesus embodies the coming reign of God in

word and deed. This passage exemplifies the paradoxes in Mark: Jesus enacts divine power, yet also desires his identity to be hidden. The Christian communities in the 70s gathered in homes and hearing Mark's gospel are aligned with Peter's family and the disciples, recognizing the hidden messiah and serving one another. The theme of unclean spirits is continued, in the references to demons.

Isaiah 40:21-31

Chapter 40 begins Second Isaiah, which took shape about 550 bce following the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 587. Isaiah 40-55 proclaims the hope that God will restore the city and will end the people's political exile, which the poet likens to God's powerful conquering of chaos at creation. Scholars view theologians such as Second Isaiah as history's first monotheists: even though the chosen people are exiled away from their holy land, God is still their God, since their Lord God is the only God, with power over the whole world.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul has been explaining his understanding of what the gospel is, what an apostle is, and the relationship between an apostle and a worshiping community. He stresses the freedom granted by the gospel and the paradox of Christian freedom, which is to serve others, since Christ's "law" of love has replaced the Jewish law of Torah. In verse 1 he states that he has seen the risen Lord, yet in verse 22 he asserts a willingness to be weak.

Readings for Feb 14

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha

Psalm 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ

Mark 9:2-9

Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

Russ' Reminders

Anniversaries

FEBRUARY

19 Marc and Lisa Mitchell

Birthdays

FEBRUARY

16 Charlene Adams
18 Rica Kelly
20 Beverly Patterson
24 Hannah Rosselle
Tom Wagner
27 Jackie Szalkowski
Sue Martinson
28 Betty Bradford

Worship Assistants

Feb 7 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Jack Branscomb

Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus

Counters: Tom & Barb Litke

Feb 14 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Jackie Szalkowski

Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus

Counters: Tom & Barb Litke

Feb 17 (Zoom) – Ash Wednesday

Lector/ Worship Assist: Barb Litke

Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus

Counters: Tom & Barb Litke

Feb 21 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: John Holdrich

Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus

Counters: Tom & Barb Litke

Feb 28 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Amy Cauble

Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus

Counters: Tom & Barb Litke

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