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# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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## Second Sunday in Lent “When Losing Is Winning”



We’ve been focusing on the lectionary passages that are found in Mark’s gospel for the past several weeks. We’ve talked about how different Mark is from the other two synoptic gospels (Matthew and Luke). We’ve considered Mark’s frequent use of the word “immediately” as he moves us quickly from one event to another.

This week, we’ll move ahead in Mark to the eighth chapter and consider a teaching of Jesus that gets right at the heart of the gospel. It’s a teaching that was very difficult for the disciples to hear – one that even caused Peter to take Jesus aside to reprimand him. Jesus promptly rebuked Peter for his lack of understanding and quickly put him in his place.

We tend to judge Peter harshly for his criticism of Jesus, but we’re really no different. We think our commitment in faith should be something that will bring us a life of ease and a level of admiration from others. Jesus suggests that the truth is quite the opposite. We read his words and we think we can understand and accept them and yet, in reality, we’re every bit as oblivious as the disciples were.

The standards of the world continue to beckon us and tempt us. We look favorably upon the so-called “winners” in this world and we look pitifully on the losers. We ourselves want to be winners and not losers. In the midst of the current Winter Olympic games, one can see how the world views even those who “only” win a silver or bronze medal – they aren’t winners.

Jesus suggests something different – a view of the world that is completely the opposite of what has become acceptable. Read Mark 8:31-38 to discover “When Losing Is Winning.”

Lenten Blessings,  
Dennis

## SYI Mission Trip News



Please join Donna Cooke in the Parlor this Sunday immediately after the 10:30 Worship Service for an informational meeting on the upcoming Mission Trip to Pittsburgh (July 14 - July 20). Find out things like What is SYI?, How is SYI different from other Mission Trips?, How much is the cost?, and more!

*Thank you for the prayers, concerns, and beautiful cards during my rehabilitation from open heart surgery. The highlight of my day is when Mel brings in the mail! We are so blessed to have such a caring and loving church family.*



Blessings,  
Marilyn Ellsperman

## EPC T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!

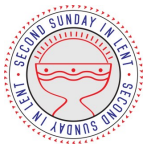
What a great way to support your church...wear one of these great t's! If you would like a t-shirt the cost is \$15 each. T's are located in the Narthex. See Donna or Trey to get yours. All proceeds benefit the Community & World Missions Committee.

Thank you for your support!



## Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Roland Small & family, Janet, Bob Gudgel, Austin Smith, Tracey Manis, Connie Nichols, Pam, Marilois Barker, Donna Davis, Chris Hoefling’s friends & family, Carol Palmer & Marilyn Ellsperman. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or con-



Sunday, February 25, 2018

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Dottie Mans

#### USHER

Matt Fiedler

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Pam Doerter

#### HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

#### USHERS & GREETERS

TBA

Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

#### ACOLYTE

Chloe Webb

#### CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht



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**Office Hours**  
Thursday 4:30 - 7 PM



Congratulations to Maddie Holden on being the first of the youth to complete her memory work. As a reward for quickly completing her memory work Maddie will be deciding all youth group activities this week. As a lesson topic she has chosen that we take a look at a couple of characters from Toy Story and perhaps by doing so we will gain a little more understanding about what happened between Paul and his lesser known companion Barnabas. At the conclusion of the lesson we will be playing a game also chosen by Maddie. this will take place between 6:00pm and 8:00pm on Sunday.

### —TAKE NOTE—



Just a reminder that an informational meeting will be held regarding the mission trip to Pittsburgh immediately after worship this Sunday. I encourage all who are interested to join us. All ages are able to participate.

See you in The Place,  
Trey



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Marilois Barker who passed away on February 17, 2018.



## The Tuesday Book Club

Join the Tuesday Book Club at Western Ribeye on Tuesday, February 27, where we will discuss The Woman in the Window by

### EPW NOTES

#### SHOWER FOR HOUSE OF BREAD AND PEACE EXTENDED

Because of this month's inclement weather issues, the Shower of Blessings for the women and children at House of Bread and Peace will continue through March 7<sup>th</sup>. Laundry baskets will remain in the Narthex to receive new items from the congregation such as soaps, lotions, toiletries, laundry supplies, tissues, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaners, zip storage bags, trash bags, diapers (newborn), and personal items, such as hair brushes, hairbands, socks, panties (all sizes, including children's). Delivery will be made following our next EPW meeting.



#### EPW RUMMAGE COLLECTION



If you're spring cleaning, downsizing, or decluttering, EPW is now accepting your clean, gently used items for our June 16<sup>th</sup> rummage sale in the church basement. We'll make arrangements for large item pick-up the week prior to the sale. Note that we cannot accept adult clothing or shoes, nor any electronic items including TVs. We will begin sorting, pricing and boxing items in March, anyone in the congregation is welcome to come and help. Watch for dates and times. Contact Marlene Huffaker with your questions or for specific information. Your donations support EPW mission projects in our community and our world.



# Christian Education

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### Summer in Psalms Reading Schedule

Psalm 1:2 Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

February 19-Psalm 47

February 20-Psalm 48

February 21-Psalm 49

February 22-Psalm 50

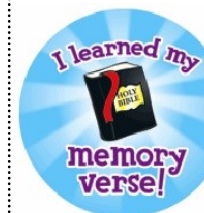
February 23-Psalm 51

February 24-Psalm 52

February 25-Psalm 53

No pressure! Just catch up as you are able to. Keep on keeping on!

### Memory Contest is off to a Great Start



Alex Kuhs and Maddie Holden are among the first to finish their memory work! We couldn't be more proud that these young people are continuing such a wonderful tradition. Several children and youth are off to a wonderful start by saying a few of their memory verses this week! Can you believe it? Their brain power and muscle memory for the Word of God is AMAZING!! Let's keep up the great work! As always, let someone from Christian Education know if you need a book: Patti Garcia, Cheryl Ison, Vickie Rauch, Gordon Wiley, Suzanne Fritz, Meredith Garcia or Erin Tipton. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next week!

Happy Memorizing!  
The Christian Education Committee

### HELP WANTED!



Sundays, March through May—Are you a caring adult with a heart for the education of our little ones? The Christian Education Committee needs your help. Several adorable children meet during church in Room 103 for their children's church and would like to meet the adults in their church family for a lesson and worship time. But, they need leaders. If you would be interested, please let any member of CE know, Erin Tipton, or contact the church office! We are looking to fill the months of March through May with volunteers. Lessons will be provided. We pay in smiles!

**March 4-Erin Tipton**

**April 1-Erin Tipton**

**May 6-**

**March 11-**

**April 8-**

**May 13-**

**March 18-**

**April 15-**

**May 20-**

**March 25-Erin Tipton**

**April 22-**

**May 27-**

### Coming Soon to a Church Near you



Just for fun and to learn the vocabulary of the rooms in our church we are going to do a painted rock scavenger hunt. What is the Narthex? Where is Fellowship Hall? Can you find the Gallery? Find all of the rocks in various locations and get a prize! Don't write yet? No problem! Get your parents involved and have them help you.

