

February '10 Tower Chimes Article

During January and the first half of February we find ourselves in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means "appearing," "manifestation," or "demonstration." It is the time which follows the birth of Christ at Christmas, in which Jesus was made known to the world. It is in the six-week period of Epiphany that the Gospel lessons on Sunday share the stories of Jesus teaching and preaching and miraculous works. We also begin to see why there were those who loved Jesus, and why others could not accept him at all. That leads us to the season of Lent, on Wednesday, February 17, in which we are invited to understand our Savior Jesus much more deeply and what he was willing to do to show his amazing love for us and his desire to be in a close relationship with us.

So as we begin the new month of February, and follow Jesus on his journey as our Savior and Lord, may we also take opportunities to walk with him in worship service, and spiritual growth, as well. We will begin our *Companions in Christ* study in the beginning of February on Sunday evenings. It is not too late even now to be a part of this study in which we will have an opportunity to experience several different spiritual practices. On Friday, the 5th members of our music groups will be helping to serve at the Samaritan Dinner at Immanuel Lutheran Church. On Saturday the 6th men from our church have been invited to go to a men's conference with men from Zion. The goal of the conference is spiritual growth and spiritual encouragement. On Sunday, February 14, we will celebrate God's gift of love in worship as the Sunday School children and other youth present a message in the service, and as the adult and youth praise bands offer musical leadership. Ash Wednesday services will take place on the 17th at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Come and be blessed in this time of worship. On the five Wednesdays that follow we will have a soup supper and a time of song and reflection based on Scripture and faith stories, in the Food for Body and Soul format that we enjoyed last year. Also, we continue to have our intergenerational Christian Skate Night at Melody Gardens on Friday, the 26th. All ages are welcome to come and skate or just enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Come and be a part of the journey this month and discover the blessing that the Lord has in store for you.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Ruth