



A Little Something



Say the Same Thing

January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Hymns & Songs

Great is Thy Faithfulness
How Great is Our God
Forever

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-4
Matthew 4:18-22
1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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2/01	Gwen Chan
2/01	Amelia Edd
2/01	John Johnson
2/08	Elaina Mullins
2/12	Connie Drehmer
2/16	Karen LaGesse
2/18	Lily Mullins
2/20	Levon Grotzke
2/21	Joan Kendrick
2/26	Carol Nylander
2/29	Don Thompson

February

Food Cupboard

Challenge

Warm Coats/Jackets
Sleeping Bags
Backpacks
Tents



Tuesday, Feb. 3 @ 6:00 pm

Wildflour Pub

Fundraiser/\$60.00

Ladies, you're invited to a fun-filled night to support youth, families and seniors in Coos County. Guest will indulge in a delicious dinner and craft project. To secure your spot or for more info. Call or email

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Women's Retreat

Holy Redeemer is once again holding their Women's retreat. This is a free retreat for women in our community.

Date: January 24, 8:30-1:30

Theme: Renew, Restore, Refresh

Register by: January 22

More Info. and registration forms can be found in the Parlor and Office.

Giving Reports

2025 giving reports are now available. You can find them in the Parlor or call the office if you would like yours mailed.

YOU ARE A
VERY SPECIAL PERSON



JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU
ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:18-22

God doesn't call the qualified; God qualifies the called.

—Attributed to A.W. Tozer, Corrie ten Boom, et al.

When I read today's Bible passage about when Jesus approached some fishermen and invited them to follow him because he would teach them how to fish for people, I wondered about the biggest fish ever caught on a rod and reel. I went to my computer and started to research.

I learned that on May 17, 1985, Les Anderson of Soldotna, Alaska, landed the all-tackle world record king salmon, a 97-pound, 4-ounce beast from the Kenai River. The mammoth Chinook was nearly 5 feet long and had an amazing 37.5-inch girth! It took him 40 minutes to bring it in. The fish was nearly as long as a grown man's arm span, and the story made headlines across the country. To this day, that salmon still holds the world record for the largest caught on sport tackle. People marveled — not just at the fish, but at the patience, strength and persistence it took to land it. According to one source, Anderson's record catch is still on display at the Soldotna Visitor Center.¹

Fishing takes patience, timing, skill, and a little bit of faith that what's beneath the surface will bite. So, it's no surprise that when Jesus called his first disciples, he called fishermen. "Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fishers of people" (v. 19).

Peter, Andrew, James and John weren't famous or powerful. They were just regular working men with nets in hand. But when Jesus called, they dropped everything. The Bible says, "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." No hesitation. No excuses.

Now you might be wondering, "What does that have to do with me? I'm not holding a fishing pole, and I don't get around like I used to." But here's the truth: Jesus still calls you. And you can still "fish" for people.

Fishing for people doesn't mean thumping a Bible in someone's face, or inviting a friend to church. Fishing for people, as with fishing for fish, requires *lures*. What can you do to attract people to Christ? Perhaps expressing appreciation is the ticket. Sometimes it means writing a card of condolence, making a phone call, praying for someone by name, or sharing your story of faith with a grandchild. Do you see what I mean? Fishing with lures means keeping your heart open and your eyes alert for someone who needs encouragement, forgiveness or a gentle word of understanding. You don't need a boat to be a fisher of people. You just need love and willingness.

—Timothy Merrill

¹ Les Anderson's World Record King Salmon: The Biggest Fish Story. <https://alaskasportshall.org/inductee/les-andersons-king-salmon>

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for still calling us to follow you. Give us the courage and compassion to keep fishing—not with nets, but with love. Amen.

 **HOME**TOUCH® Activity Page

Week of January 25, 2026

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Job 1-4
Monday: Job 5-7
Tuesday: Job 8-10
Wednesday: Job 11-13
Thursday: Job 14-17
Friday: Job 18-20
Saturday: Psalms 7-9

What well-known expression do you see here?

little little
late late

Answer: Too little, too late

Answer: Ma has a ham; Euston saw I was not Sue.

PALINDROME PUZZLE

Directions: A *palindrome* is a word that reads the same backward or forward, like *radar*, *sis*, *Bob* or *racecar*. But here are short sentences with the words mixed up. Rearrange the words so that the sentence is the same spelled forward or backward. Write your answer on the line provided.

has ham Ma a

was Sue I Euston saw not

UNSCRAMBLE THE MINOR PROPHETS

Our readings this week take us into the Minor Prophets, so called because most of them are short books. The list below contains all 12 of the Minor Prophets. Unscramble their names to discover their identities!

OJEL _____

AZAEHINPH _____

MCIAH _____

NJHAO _____

ABKUKKAH _____

AGIAGH _____

DHAIABO _____

OASM _____

MUNAH _____

AHRIZAHCE _____

OAESH _____

IHCMALA _____

Unscramble the circled letters to reveal the secret word (the first letter is provided).

K _____

Answer key to UNSCRAMBLE: Joel, Zephaniah, Micah, Jonah, Habakkuk, Haggai, Obadiah, Amos, Nahum, Zechariah, Hosea, Malachi. Secret word: KINDNESS.