

# The Call is for You

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The Second Sunday in Advent  
9 December, A.D. 2018  
Mal. 3.1-7b; Phil. 1.2-11; Lk. 3.1-14

God blesses us all with our different personalities. In a few words, describe your personality:

The zealous John the Baptist was called to prepare the way of the Lord.

We are not saved for who we are or what we do.  
What does John mean when he says, "The ax is at the foot of the tree."?

If we are NOT saved by our actions, why does John give them a list of things when they ask what they should do?

**Romans 8:7**, "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed it cannot."

What was the purpose of John's baptism?

You are called too.

**Matthew 28:19**, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

God calls you despite your weakness.

**1 Corinthians 1:26-29**, "For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

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**John 13:35**, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



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Each month, the brewmaster at BrewFinity Brewery will tell us about a new beer, which we will be able to sample. Afterwards, our presenters, with beer in hand and jolly in mood, will take the mic and give a conversational talk on a serious theological subject. We will then eat and chat amongst ourselves.



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**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

***All I Want for Christmas (A Theology of Things)***

Presenter: Rev. Steve Scharnell, Oconomowoc, WI

5:00: Brewmaster -- 5:30: Presentation -- 6:15: Food & Fellowship

If you know you're coming (to plan for food), contact: Rev. Lance O'Donnell [podonnell@splco.org](mailto:podonnell@splco.org) or 262-567-5001.



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**WHERE:** St. Paul's Lutheran School  
210 E. Pleasant St.  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

**TIME:** 4:30 – 7:30 pm

**COST:** Free will offering  
*Funds will go towards 2019 South Dakota Trip*

*Parents will need to supply snacks*

Please contact Mary Wangler at  
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and let her know if you plan to come.