Adult Formation for February 9, 2025 **Saint Paul's Church**

<u>The Book of Esther</u>
Study Questions

1. This week we will focus on the Book of Esther. Last week, Robin Merriman led us in a discussion about the Book of Ruth. Do you see any similarities or parallels between the situations of Esther and Ruth?

2. As many Bible scholars have noted, there is no direct reference to God in the Book of Esther. The word God does not appear at all. What actions do Mordecai and Esther take that demonstrate their dependence on and loyalty to God?

3. How does the Book of Esther have relevance for us as Christians? Do you see any parallels between Esther and Jesus or Mordecai and Jesus?

4. Esther is a Persian name meaning "star." In what way can the story of Esther serve as a guiding star for the faith of Christians?

5. What Christian virtues do Mordecai and Esther model and how do they model them? (Examples of Christian virtues: faith, compassion, humility, patience, gentleness, fortitude, temperance, prudence.)

6. Have you ever been in a situation where taking action to prevent an injustice put you and possibly those you love and care for at risk? Have you ever been put at risk because you refused to participate in an injustice? What part did your faith, especially prayer, play in the action you took or did not take?