

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING

*Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.*

**PRELUDE** *Finlandia* [Jean Sibelius; arr. Guy Ragan]  
Erin Hersey, Rebekah Lacy, Bryant Wilkie, Vanessa Wilkie  
Bell Quartet

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY** Pastor McEachran

**HYMN** *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* ELW Hymn 835

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(congregation is seated)*

**A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES**

Pastor Hoffman

## WORD

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 50:15-21

**L** Word of God.

**C** Word of Life.

**PSALM 103:1-13** *(spoken responsively: A Assisting Minister; C Congregation)*

**SECOND LESSON** Romans 14:1-12

**L** Word of God.

**C** Word of Life. *(congregation stands)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 18:21-35

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**C** Congregation  
**A** Assisting Minister  
**P** Pastor

### Today's Theme

We mark the second Sunday of a three week series in which the foundations of "Pathways to Renewal" will be set. On the first foundation of Jesus Christ, we live the Reformation truths of

Word Alone –  
Scripture,  
Grace Alone –  
Holy Baptism,  
and

Faith Alone –  
Holy Communion.  
These are the Means of Grace in the life of the Church.

**SERMON**

Pastor Hoffman

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Your Mercy, Like a Magnet*

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS**

Pastor Hoffman

**I. INSTALLATION OF DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES TEAM**

**II. PRESENTATION OF CATECHISMS**

**THE PRAYERS**

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you. *(shared in community)*

**OFFERING**

**I.** *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian, In My Heart*

[African-American Spiritual,  
arr. William Farley Smith]

Chancel Choir

**II.** *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

[Spiritual;  
[Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson]

Handbell Choir

*(congregation stands)*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**



**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*(continued)*

**SANCTUS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

*(congregation is seated)*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HEALING PRAYERS**

*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* ELW Hymn 458

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
 strengthen and keep you in God's loving grace, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**PRAYER**



**BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on  
 you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and  
 give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of  
 the Holy Spirit. *Numbers 6:24-26*  
**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** *All My Hope on God Is Founded* ELW Hymn 757

**A** Go in peace and live in Christ.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**P A R T I C I P A N T S***Presiding Minister* Pastor James N. McEachran*Preaching Minister* Pastor Paul E. Hoffman*Director of Music Ministries/Organist* Dr. Will Simpson*Assisting Minister* Sharon Gurtel*Communion Assistants* (I) Diane Hogle (II) Livi Myhre*Healing Ministers* (I) Jan Benson, Mikel Oswalt

(II) Beverley Watt, Misty Weber

*Acolytes* (I) Ian Maland (II) Hannah Wilcox*Altar Guild* Donna Nellist, Bev Anderson*Greeters* (I) Deanna and Roger Oeffner (II) Patsy Gottschalk*Lectors* (I) Deanna Oeffner (II) Jack Holmes*Ushers* (I) Gary Rudolph, Brett Nelson (II) The Wilcox Family*Coffee Host* Aaron Davis**LITURGICAL MUSIC** in this service is from *Mass of Hope and Harmony* by Kevin Keil**For Sunday, September 24: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jonah 3:10--4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**Servers for September 24***Presiding Minister:* Pastor James McEachran*Assisting Ministers:*

(I) Dick Swaisgood (II) Dana Nasby

*Communion Assistants:*

(I) Judy Gowdy (II) Celeste Ackerbloom

*Acolytes:*

(I) Izzy Clarke (II) Grace Cottrell

*Altar Guild:*

Karin Eklof, JoAn Eklof

*Greeters:*

(I) Beverley Watt (II) The Wilcox Family

*Lector:*

(I) Cheryl Jurrus (II) Jean Wahlstrom

*Ushers:*

(I) The Clarke Family

(II) The Carmichael Family

*Coffee Hosts:*

Delores Johnson

## W E L C O M E

## TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

Ⓡ **WE WELCOME PASTOR PAUL HOFFMAN** as our Preaching Minister. Pastor Hoffman was Pastor of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle from 1996 through May 2013. He is a nationally-recognized author, preacher, and leader. His books include *Faith Forming Faith*, *Faith Shaping Ministry*, and *Stations of the Cross*.

Ⓡ **WE CELEBRATE AND THANK** Pastor McEachran for 34 years of service as Senior Pastor of Saint Andrew's! Pastor McEachran was installed as Senior Pastor on September 18, 1983. Our congregation and community are thankful for his ministry and leadership.

Ⓡ **HEALING PRAYERS** are offered during the distribution of Holy Communion. Kneelers are provided on the east and west sides of the sanctuary. Trained healing ministers are waiting to receive your requests before or after receiving the Eucharist. It can be especially meaningful to have a laying on of hands and an anointing of oil, if desired. It is appropriate to bring ANY request or concern that you may have for yourself or someone else. These may be prayers for emotional, spiritual, or physical healing. It can be a peace that brings wholeness, according to God's will, in a number of ways. If you are unable to walk to the kneelers, please ask an usher to assist or move to the bottom of the stairs on the East side of the sanctuary (near the pulpit) and the Healing Minister will come to you.

Ⓡ **WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING:** Today, real-time captioning of the 11:00 am worship service is available. You can use your smartphone or tablet to access the captioning (the sanctuary has a WiFi connection.) Go to: <https://captionsunlimited.lcapapp.com/event/standrews/> (If you see a login page, the captioning is not yet active. Refresh your browser near the beginning of the worship service.) The website displays real-time captions of what is being spoken in the service, similar to closed captioning on television.

Ⓡ **DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES TEAM:** Today at the 8:30 am service, we install our Sunday Church School, Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation (ABC), and CrossWalk (high school) teachers, and youth volunteers. They are:

Karin Eklof  
Amy Myhre  
Livi Myhre  
Sara Carmichael  
Karen Laub  
Sue Z Trudell  
Lisa Gamrath  
Katrina Rindy  
Nona Gram  
Sarah Newsum  
Ann Clarke  
Joyce Arnold  
Marshall Erling  
Ashalata Prasad  
Jill Nichols-Hicks  
Ben Johnson  
Kendra Mills  
Mark Thorpe  
Beth Donahoe  
Scott Lester  
Mary Davis  
Jon Thorpe  
Dana Nasby  
Mark Davis  
Brent Hicks  
Sherry Grindeland  
Pastor McEachran

Erika Cottrell  
Mark Cottrell  
Andy Wilkes  
Suzanne Wilkes  
Miriam Kroschel  
Jennifer Johnson  
Marv Kananen  
Jean Wahlstrom  
Todd Carmichael  
Sara Carmichael  
Dick Szabo  
Debbie Szabo  
Susan Zantello  
Zoë Henderson  
Todd Smith  
Donna Smith  
Danielle Holmes  
Kirk Myhre  
Kristin Gufstason  
Stephanie Lester  
Sonja Feldman  
Emily Andresen  
Alaina Bland  
Livi Myhre  
Jennifer Bland  
Lois Nelson  
Kari Henderson  
Kathy Benson

## Pathways to Renewal



As we continue to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, you have taken a walk, a walk with Christ. Whether you participated in the Walk to Wittenberg, engaged in one or many ways with our DiscipleFIT campaign, or simply approached God for direction in your life, you walked.

From that walk, we now enter this fall season with a new map and compass before us. “**Pathways to Renewal**” serves to ground our mission forward in discipleship, ministry and planned initiatives, including a future capital campaign that will inform our commitment to a building remodel project.

In the weeks ahead, you will have the opportunity for deeper engagement with committees, groups and the mission of this church through your involvement and investment in Christ’s work. This engagement is what stewardship and **discipleship** are all about. You’ve been in training all year for this moment with DiscipleFIT. You’re ready. The “Pathway to Renewal” is now before you.

Your engagement and participation will be encouraged as part of the Joshua Process. The Joshua Process will serve as a map for us in defining our strategic vision, where we want to go as a congregation, as well as inform our next steps in pastoral transition and **ministry**. Please complete the Mission Assessment Profile survey as your first step in The Joshua Process. The “Pathway to Renewal” is before you.

And finally, church leadership will begin taking the next steps in informing and educating the congregation on our proposed **building** remodel. As part of that exercise, we will lay the foundation for preparing for a congregation vote on a capital campaign, but not without your help, questions and engagement. The “Pathway to Renewal” is before you. The building remodel team includes Lucy Sannes (Chair), Guy Feldman, Judy Gowdy, Dick Lee, Stephanie Lester, Pastor McEachran, John Nelson, and Dick Swaisgood.

We’re excited about this new theme in discipleship, ministry and foundation building and how Christ will guide us on our “Pathways to Renewal” in Him.

### More on the Joshua Process and the Mission Assessment Profile

The Joshua Group has developed a process called Purpose Mapping. This process walks organizations through deep listening and discovery in order to gather valuable data and input for constructing a unique Travel Plan for their ministry. A variety of tools have been developed to assist in this process, as well as a unique set of way points that every organization is asked to give energy and focus.

The first tool, the **Mission Assessment Profile (MAP)** survey is a critical element in guiding us forward. A link to the MAP survey was emailed last week and included in the *Trendings* eNews. If you prefer to access the MAP at church, computers are set up in Room 212 with volunteers to assist you. Paper copies are also available - stop by the church office to pick one up, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The MAP survey is open through Sunday, **October 1**.

A Purpose Mapping Team has been formed to guide the Joshua Process. Members of this team are: Bill Brueggemann, Brent Hicks, Dana Nasby, Lois Nelson, Steve Gustafson, John Andresen, and Jessica Allen.

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**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS**


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Discipleship Hour at 9:45 am offers classes for age 2 through adult!

- ☞ **SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS)** classes welcome children age 2 through grade 5. All classes are downstairs in South Hall. The SCS office is located on the lower level near the Narthex stairs. Students who are new to our congregation are asked to come to the SCS office to register and be welcomed to your class.
- ☞ **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (ABC)** classes are geared toward youth in grades 6-8. “Old Testament Survey” meets in Room 119; “Bible 101” meets in Room 121; and “Ministry of Service” is in Room 122. Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Director of Discipleship Ministries Emily Harrow or Pastor McEachran for more information.
- ☞ **CROSSWALK** is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Got questions? Join us each Sunday for coffee, cocoa, donuts, and conversation. On the last Sunday of each month, gather in the youth room for Oasis, a time for our high school students to rest, color, and enjoy a movie.
- ☞ **September 17**  
**REFORMATION 500: LUTHER IN CONTEXT**  
Presenter: Dr. Michael Trice  
*301/Fellowship Hall North*  
We welcome Dr. Michael Trice of Seattle University. Dr. Trice will lead us through a discussion on the challenges Martin Luther faced in his time and the challenges we face today.
- ☞ **September 17**  
**STEPPING INTO AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of Sixth Graders)**  
Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson  
*302/Fellowship Hall South*  
This session focuses on the transition to middle school, with a teacher or current middle school student present to answer questions. Students are presented with a Catechism at the 11:00 am worship service today, **September 17**.
- ☞ **September 24**  
**EMERGENCY EXERCISE DRILL**  
We will prepare for an emergency with a drill planned by Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman and the Emergency Operations Plan Planning Team.
- ☞ **October 1**  
**WHY BEING LUTHERAN IN THE NORTHWEST MATTERS**  
Presenter: Marcia Riggers  
*301/Fellowship Hall North*  
Marcia Riggers of Seattle University (and Saint Andrew’s) will lead us through a discussion on “Why Being Lutheran in the Northwest Matters.”
- ☞ **October 1 and October 8**  
**STEPPING INTO THE BIBLE (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of Third Graders)**  
Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson  
*322/Conference Room*  
Third grade students will be blessed and presented with a Bible on Sunday, **October 1**, at the 8:30 am worship service. On **October 8**, Crissie Petro, a counselor from Samaritan Center of Puget Sound (with an office at Saint Andrew’s), will be our guest speaker. Parents of children in grades 3-5 are invited to this session. Join us for a conversation about age development and common issues/concerns of this age group.
- ☞ **October 8 and October 15**  
**ATONEMENT THEOLOGY**  
Presenter: Dr. Lynn Hofstad  
*301/Fellowship Hall North*  
Dr. Lynn Hofstad of Seattle University will lead us through two sessions. At the first we will discuss *Atonement Theology; What do we do vs. what does God do for us?* We will also explore Luther’s perspective on Atonement Theology. On **October 15**, Dr. Hofstad will follow up with a feminist critique of Atonement Theology.
- ☞ **October 15 and October 22**  
**STEPPING INTO THE STORIES (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of Kindergarteners)**  
Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson  
*322/Conference Room*  
Kindergarten students will be blessed and presented with a Story Bible on Sunday, **October 22**, at the 11:00 am worship service.

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☞ **October 22**  
**RESOURCING LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION**

Presenter: Pastor James McEachran  
 301/Fellowship Hall North  
 Pastor McEachran will wrap up our Reformation 500 series with Luther Resources for fun, devotion and re-creation.

☞ **October 29**  
**REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION**

301/Fellowship Hall North  
 Join us for a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation!

### DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...SUNDAYS

☞ **EARLY MORNING SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: PHILIPPIANS**

Sundays, **October 1 - November 12, 7:15 am, 322/Conference Room**

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen

Want a little more JOY in your life? Imagine sitting in prison and writing about the keys to true joy!

That's where the Apostle Paul was when he wrote his LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS. Come, join Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen as they lead an Early Morning Sunday Bible Study (EMSBS) for seven sessions. Coffee and some edibles provided. Attendance is never taken and no exams are given, instead we laugh and learn together!

### DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK

☞ **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

Every Tuesday, 10:00 am, 322/Conference Room

**"Getting into the Story of Jesus."** Pastor McEachran guides us into the four gospels. Where did they come from? How are they organized? What was their function in the congregations in the first generations of Christianity? How do they become the framework for our witness to Jesus in the 21st Century?

Assignment: Read the Gospel of Mark as if reading it for the very first time. Make a few notes on how it helps guide you into the story of Jesus. Bring your favorite translation, invite a friend, and join this 10-week tour of the gospels.

### DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH

\* **GOD SQUAD and FIRE FORCE** (students in grades 6-12): On Sunday, **October 8**, we will prepare and serve dinner for the men staying at Congregations for the Homeless shelter hosted at East Shore Unitarian Church. Everyone will make a batch of chili to bring. Meet at Saint Andrew's at 5:30 pm and return at 8:30 pm. Sign up by email or in the Narthex.

\* **FIRE FORCE** (youth in grades 6-8): **Fall Lock In!** Friday-Saturday, **October 13-14** Join us as we get to know one another, play games including Sock Samurai, enjoy late night pizza and a movie. The fun begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, **October 13**, and will go to Saturday, **October 14**, at 10:00 am. Sign up in the Narthex.

\* **GOD SQUAD SUMMER 2018 MISSION TRIP** (youth in grades 9-12): In Summer 2018 (**July 21-28**) we will serve the Blackfeet Nation in Montana (with YouthWorks.) We'll learn about the Blackfeet Nation and work with them to serve in their community. Information packets are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. To participate, complete a commitment form by **January 14, 2018**, and return to the church office.

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- \* **YOUTH REGISTRATION FORMS:** We ask that all families complete a Youth Registration Form each year. This form gives us the information needed to help keep children safe while participating in Saint Andrew's activities. It includes medical information and permissions, and is used for all activities at Saint Andrew's for 2017-2018. Complete one form per family. There is space for up to four children and it covers all youth from age 2 through Grade 12.
- Paper copies of the form can be found in the Narthex on the bulletin board near the church office, in the Sunday Church School office, and in classrooms. Return completed forms to the church office.
  - The form is also ONLINE as an interactive PDF form; it can be found at [www.ce.SALChome.org](http://www.ce.SALChome.org).
    - Open the form and SAVE it to your computer.
    - Open the saved form, complete the information, and SAVE it again.
      - Please note: If you have a saved registration form with "revised August 2014" (or more recent date) at the bottom, you can submit that form. Open it and update the school year and "Today's Date", make any other necessary changes, and save.
    - Either email the form to [info@SALChome.org](mailto:info@SALChome.org) or print and return the form to Saint Andrew's.

## OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

- ♥ **PROVIDE MEALS FOR CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** From Sunday, **October 1**, through Sunday, **October 15**, Saint Andrew's will provide dinners for the men served in Congregations for the Homeless' (CFH) shelter program. Volunteers are needed to prepare, deliver and serve the meals at Eastshore Unitarian Church. Dinner is served at 7:15 pm. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for individuals, small groups, families and friends. Sign-up in the Narthex. For more information, contact Marlyn Thorpe.
- ♥ **HURRICANE RELIEF:** Help is on the way to those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma through the ELCA Disaster Response Teams. We can make a difference and help reach out to those impacted. Contributions can go directly to ELCA Disaster Response:
  - <https://community.elca.org/ushurricanerelief>
  - by mail: make checks payable to "Hurricane Response - United States" and send to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009; or
  - by phone: 800-638-3522
 Offerings can also be made to Saint Andrew's (please note "Hurricane Relief" on the donation). Thank you to all who have contributed \$1060 to this effort.
- ♥ **CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK:** Each month, we collect one food item in the Corner of Blessing. All donations help feed those in our community who are hungry. In September, we are collecting **cold cereal** (any variety.) For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.
- ♥ **COLLECTIONS:** Dorcas Circle, Health and Wholeness Ministry, and Outreach and Servant Ministries welcome your contributions for Lutheran World Relief, Compass Housing Alliance, Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way. Lists of needed items are in the baskets near the elevator in the Narthex. Donations can be placed in the same baskets.
- ♥ **DRIVERS FOR CHICKEN SOUP BRIGADE:** Saint Andrew's is a distribution hub for weekly deliveries of meals for Chicken Soup Brigade (Lifelong). The delivery window is between 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on **Thursday** afternoons with around 2 to 4 stops. **Additional volunteer drivers are needed.** Choose to be a driver in the rotation or to be a substitute driver and cover weeks where regular volunteers are on vacation. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Outreach and Servant Ministries committee chair Marlyn Thorpe.

♥ **THE SOPHIA WAY:** The Sophia Way helps homeless women journey toward independence and a home of their own. Volunteers are needed at the Day Center (at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue) to sort donated items they receive, and to help ensure the women there have the clothing they need. To volunteer or for more information, contact their volunteer coordinator Tara, 425-463-6285.

♥ **SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** We continue to need funding for students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School and for the MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship fund, used for the students who qualified for university study. **ANY AMOUNT** given is helpful. Make contributions by check to "Saint Andrew's" with "MGLSS or MGLSS Post-Secondary Scholarship" in the memo line. Funds will be forwarded to Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA).



Lutheran World Relief

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF...BIHAR, INDIA

Bihar is a global mission outreach which will engage us in significant outreach in Northeastern India, as part of a sponsored mission through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The goals of this mission are agricultural improvements, year-round food security for the family, empowering women in the community, and increasing incomes for families. This matches the core values of our Outreach and Servant Ministries: homelessness, food security, and education.

- Our **SPARE CHANGE FOR WATER AND SEEDS** water feature will be in the Narthex through the end of September. Loose change is being gathered to help our Bihar, India community plant and grow vegetables, which in turn help expand their diet, increase year-round food security, provide additional income for their children's education and improve their family and communities economic situations. The water pump display includes stories and pictures of families from Bihar and how growing these vegetables are so vital to the success and livelihood of themselves and their communities. We invite everyone to bring in spare change for LWR Bihar that will contribute to these agricultural communities. If you wish to donate by check, make it payable to Saint Andrew's and note "Spare Change - Bihar" on the memo line. Please join us and watch how our change provides seeds for wonderful growth for all. So far, \$884 has been contributed - thank you!
- In addition, we give thanks for the \$1642 in above-and-beyond giving that has been designated for Bihar.
- If you are interested in joining our Bihar Working Group contact Marlyn Thorpe.

Remember in prayer this continuing outreach ministry.

Contributions can be made with "Bihar-LWR" in the Memo Line.

*The best source of updated information is at [www.lwr.org/bihar](http://www.lwr.org/bihar)*



## SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **ALTAR GUILD**  
**TODAY, September 17, 9:45 am, 322/Conference Room**  
 Looking for a way to volunteer? The Altar Guild is welcoming new members! We are responsible for preparing the altar for communion. This entails about an hour of set up on Saturday, another half an hour between services, and an hour of clean up after the second service. We always work with a partner, so it's a great way to get to know other church members. It's an honor to set the Lord's Table. Join us for our meeting today in 322/Conference Room, or contact Karin Eklof or JoAn Eklof with questions. Thanks!

✠ **SAINT ANDREW'S AMBASSADORS and EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP):** There are opportunities to support Saint Andrew's new EOP:

- 1) **Ambassadors** - As part of the new EOP, Saint Andrew's will implement a new Sunday Server position: *Ambassador*. The job description is to keep a watchful presence in the Narthex during services. You may direct people to the restroom, answer questions about our Ministry offerings, or push a button to trigger a Lockdown and call 911 as the situation dictates. To sign up to be an Ambassador, contact Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman, kurt@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- 2) **Congregation EOP Drill** - During Discipleship Hour next Sunday, **September 24**, at 9:45 am, we'll conduct an emergency exercise drill.
- 3) **Emergency Supplies Shed:** You may have noticed the shed being built in the Southeast corner of the parking lot. Building and Property Committee and volunteers are building that to serve as an emergency supplies storage location. If our main building were severely damaged in an earthquake, fire or other disaster, this shed will provide ready access to emergency food, water, medical and other supplies. If you'd like to help out building the shed, let Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman know, kurt@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

✠ **O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints): *Helping Hands Needed at O.W.L.S.!*** Join the O.W.L.S. for a work party and potluck lunch at 11:45 am Tuesday, **September 19**. We will be packing welcome kits for residents who will be moving into Athene, the Imagine Housing complex in Kirkland for low income seniors. This hands-on project is part of a monthly luncheon series at Saint Andrew's that offers social time, great food and interesting programs. Despite the O.W.L.S. name, you don't have to be older, wiser, or even retired to attend. No need to sign up or RSVP; just come and, if you can, bring a dish to share for lunch. Have an idea for a program? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

✠ **DONATE TO ATHENE WELCOME BAGS:** Athene, the latest Imagine Housing project, will open soon in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. Our church has been asked to supply welcome home bags to the 91 residents moving into this affordable housing project for low income seniors. The welcome bags include personal items and cleaning supplies. We will be packing the bags on Tuesday, September 19, at the O.W.L.S. (Older, Wise Lutheran Saints) meeting. If you would like to contribute to this venture, checks can be made payable to "Saint Andrew's." Mark your donation: "Athene Welcome Kits." For further information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529

✠ **ALL CHURCH WORK DAY**  
Saturday, **September 23**, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
We only have one Work Day a year, in the fall. Please plan on attending, and getting to know your fellow church members in a different way. There will be lots of cleaning, maintenance and landscaping jobs for all ages, abilities and interest levels.

✠ **KATIE LUTHER, THE MUSICAL:** To mark this 500th year of the Reformation, we welcome Pastor Sara Yoos as a guest artist-in-residence this fall to partner with our congregation to bring *Katie Luther, The Musical*, to life. Pastor Yoos is leading us through acting, dancing, storytelling, and music that will culminate into performances at Saint Andrew's on **October 20 and 21**. There are open roles still available! The time commitment for these open roles is only two of the rehearsals in addition to the full run and dress rehearsal. Sign up online (go to home.SALChome.org and scroll down to Katie Luther the Musical) or email Pastor Yoos. Rehearsal dates are today, **September 17**, 3:00 - 4:00 pm; Thursday, **September 28**, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm; Sunday, **October 1**, 3:00 - 7:00 pm; Sunday, **October 8**, 3:00 - 6:00 pm; Sunday, **October 15**, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (full run); and Thursday, **October 19**, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

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- ✠ **TIMBER RIDGE GATHERING:** Several members of Saint Andrew's live at Timber Ridge in Issaquah. Bi-monthly worship gatherings at Timber Ridge are planned; the next one is Tuesday, **September 26**, at 1:00 pm. Pastor McEachran and Pastor Wes Telyea from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah will lead worship. All are invited (members and friends of Saint Andrew's - whether you live at Timber Ridge or not!); inquire at the front desk to Timber Ridge when you arrive and they will direct you to the specific room location.
- ✠ **YOUNG ADULTS** (those who have graduated high school and older): Young adults of Saint Andrew's get together for dinner on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our next dinner is Wednesday, **September 27**. Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **September 25**, if you would like to join us.
- ✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**  
Sunday, **October 1**, 9:45 am,  
302/Fellowship Hall South  
The KnitWits are a fellowship group whose primary mission is to provide items of comfort that are knit or crocheted. All are welcome to join us anytime! Contact Dianne Chong for more information.
- ✠ **W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study):**  
Wednesdays, **October 4 - November 15**, 7:00 pm  
322/Conference Room  
Join us for our Fall book selection *Katharina Luther: Nun, Rebel, Wife* by Anne Boileau. Learn about Luther's wife: her childhood, time at the convent, life as an ex-nun, and wife. It is based on historical facts and is timed to help us commemorate the 2017 Reformation Anniversary. W.E.B.S. is the Women's Evening Book Study of Saint Andrew's. We don't just read books---we delve into them, study them, apply them to our own experiences, and look for God's work in our world and our lives. We pray, discuss, share, laugh, and have fun together! *All women are welcome!* Contact Cheryl Jurrus for more information.
- ✠ **SMALL GROUPS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER:** We're forming small groups this fall for fellowship and conversation. We'll enjoy getting to know one another by sharing conversation, some God talk and dessert. Groups will meet on either Friday night or Sunday night monthly from **October to May** in someone's home. Meet at 7:00 pm and say farewell at 8:30 pm. The groups will be small in number (6-10) but mighty in spirit.  
Would you like to be a leader? A host? Or just show up and enjoy? Initially we will try to divide interested people into geographical areas and/or household demographics (young kids, empty nesters, retirees). Sign up in the Narthex bulletin board, or online at smallgroups.SALChome.org, or contact Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529. Indicate which night works best for you – Friday or Sunday.
- ✠ **ORCHESTRA:** The Saint Andrew's orchestra will play during both worship services on Sunday, **October 8**. There is one rehearsal on Saturday, **October 7**, at 10:00 am. To participate or for more information, contact Dr. Will Simpson, will@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- ✠ **WHAT WOULD LUTHER DO?** Prepare to be fascinated, entertained and educated! Dr. Samuel Torvend, Professor of Religion at Pacific Lutheran University, will present a program based on his book "*Luther and the Hungry Poor*" at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If college classes were as much fun as Dr. Torvend's seminars, we would all still be in school. Please plan to join us for the session which will include plenty of coffee and treats and a light lunch. Space will be limited. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529, for more information.
- ✠ **JOIN THE SUNDAY SERVERS TEAM:** Take a plunge into something new and try ushering, lecturing greeting, or being an ambassador. No experience needed. Questions? Contact Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN**  
 Facilitator: Dave Marcrander  
 Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212  
 All Saint Andrew's Men (SAM) are welcome for study, faith growth, prayer, and conversation. We have begun a study of Galatians. After Galatians, we will return to our Reformation focus for the remaining Tuesdays leading to the 500th anniversary. It is a blessing to share this time together in learning and fellowship - please join us!

✠ **COMMUNION BREAD:** Everyone is invited to bake bread used in the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. The sign-up through **December** is now available. You can sign up online for a specific Sunday. Links to the sign-up and to the recipe for Luther Bread can be accessed on the Saint Andrew's website: [www.worship.SALChome.org](http://www.worship.SALChome.org). Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.

✠ **MEN'S RETREAT:** Save the date and plan to gather for "The Adventure of Faith" at the Men's Retreat on Friday-Saturday, **November 3-4**. This year Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah is hosting the retreat with Saint Andrew's. Pastor David Ellingson is our retreat leader. Brochures with registration forms are in the Narthex.

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

🌐 **BEER BREWING AT SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN:** Saint Luke's Lutheran in Bellevue is hosting an eastside Reformation Celebration on Sunday, **October 29**, featuring beer and brats. TODAY, **September 17**, at 5:00 pm, all are invited to Saint Luke's to brew beer that will be served at that event. Please contact Pastor Mark Griffith, [pastor@slukes.org](mailto:pastor@slukes.org), to let him know you will be joining them. Saint Luke's also invites home brewers to provide beer for the **October 29** event. Contact Pastor Griffith if you can help.

🌐 **INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND SHELLEY M. BRYAN WEE:** Everyone is invited as the Northwest Washington Synod formally welcomes Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee as the new assistant to the Bishop. The installation service is Saturday, **September 23**, at 3:00 pm, at St. John United Lutheran Church (5515 Phinney Avenue North, Seattle.) A reception will follow. May God bless this new ministry partnership!

🌐 **LUTHERAN NATIONAL CHOIR CONCERT:**

*Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today and Forever, with the National Lutheran Choir*

The National Lutheran Choir leads a community-wide evening of singing in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This unique program will celebrate the rich treasury of music – from early hymns to new works – expressing the journey of the Church. Under the direction of Dr. David Cherwien, the 64-voice National Lutheran Choir seeks to strengthen, renew and preserve the heritage of sacred choral music. The choir will be joined by singers from area churches (including singers from Saint Andrew's!)

The concert is Friday, **September 29, 2017**, at 7:30 pm, at St. Mark's Cathedral (1245 10th Avenue E., Seattle). It is free and open to the public. A free-will offering to benefit local Seattle ministries serving the homeless, Compass Housing Alliance and Imagine Housing, will be generously matched up to \$20,000 by Rick Steves.

*If you would like to sing in the mass choir*, with the National Lutheran Choir and other local Lutheran churches, please sing up by sending an email to [sept29singer@gmail.com](mailto:sept29singer@gmail.com). They will send you information on the rehearsal and will have music for you.

**LET'S CARPOOL!** Join us in the Saint Andrew's parking lot at 6:00 pm on **September 29**, and we'll form informal carpools. Sign up on the sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@SALChome.org](mailto:sherry@SALChome.org) or 425-746-2529.