

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE *Fugue in G* [J.S. Bach]

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY Pastor McEachran

HYMN *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* ELW Hymn 669

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 McEachran

We are All God's Children

WORD

FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:10--4:11

L Word of God.

C Word of Life.

RESPONSE *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage* ELW Hymn 509

SECOND LESSON Philippians 1:21-30

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 20:1-16

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 third 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

But, this isn't fair!

Pastor McEachran

- 1) "I have work for you." Called!
- 2) "I have been working." Missional Pathway.
- 3) Pay Day ☺

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Saints of Old

ELW Hymn 695

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.

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. *Rondeau from Abdelazer Suite* [Henry Purcell;
Handbell Choir arr. William H. Griffin]

II. *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian, In My Heart*
[African-American Spiritual,
arr. William Farley Smith]
Chancel Choir

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY PRAYER



GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Come to the Table ELW Hymn 481
 First time: (I) Vanessa Wilkie, (II) Chancel Choir
 Second time: Congregation
Beautiful Savior ELW Hymn 838
For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW Hymn 494


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 *Let Justice Flow like Streams* ELW Hymn 717

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

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G* [J.S. Bach]

P A R T I C I P A N T S

Presiding Minister Pastor James N. McEachran

Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson

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

Lectors (I) Cheryl Jurrus (II) Jean Wahlstrom

Ushers (I) The Clarke Family (II) The Carmichael Family

Coffee Host Delores Johnson

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W E L C O M E**NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S**

- Ⓡ **NAME TAGS:** The first Sunday of the month is the time to wear name tags. This is a wonderful way to get acquainted and greet those around you.
- Ⓡ **BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK:** Come to **210/ Nursery** between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Health care professionals from Health and Wholeness Ministry will take your blood pressure and discuss concerns.

- Ⓡ **WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING:** Next Sunday, real-time captioning of the 11:00 am worship service is available, making our worship service accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing or cannot be at church. You can use your smartphone, PC, or tablet to access the captioning (the sanctuary has a WiFi connection.) Go to: <https://captionsunlimited.1capapp.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.

**For Sunday, October 1: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philipians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Servers for October 1*Presiding Minister:* Pastor James McEachran*Assisting Ministers:*

(I) Tom Getzinger (II) Sharon Gurtel

Communion Assistants:

(I) Judi Miller (II) Alaina Bland

Acolytes:

(I) Quinn Myhre (II) Isabel Weibel

Altar Guild:

Gayle Rhymes, Carla Smith

Greeters:

(I) Jim Kittilsby

(II) Gladys and Andy Anderson

Lectors:

(I) Jean Wahlstrom (II) Sydney Holmes

Ushers:

(I) George Miller, Brett Nelson

(II) Mark Davis, Ann Thorpe

Coffee Hosts:

Marvin Kananen



Pathways to Renewal

“Pathways to Renewal” is our 2017-2018 theme that 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.

Discipleship:

There is opportunity for engagement with committees, groups and the mission of this church and investment in Christ’s work. This engagement is what stewardship and discipleship are all about. The Discipleship Ministries Committee includes Joyce Kasper (Chair), Marshall Erling (Council Liaison), Emily Andresen (Youth Council Representative), Beth Donahoe, Stephanie Lester, Sonja Feldman, Jessica Allen, Janan Twito, and Mary Davis.

Ministry:

We have engaged a consultant - the Joshua Group - to work to develop a vision of Strategic and Transition Planning for Saint Andrew’s. 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. Your engagement and participation are encouraged.

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 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.

Joshua Group consultants will be at Saint Andrew’s on Thursday, October 26, for the MAP Interpretation and on Friday-Saturday, October 27-28, for the Listening Interviews with individuals and groups.

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.

Building:

Congregation leadership is taking the next steps in informing and educating the congregation on our proposed building remodel. We will lay the foundation for preparing for a congregation vote on a capital campaign, but not without your help, questions and engagement. Room 212 has become the “Pathways Hub” with information about this path. The building remodel team includes Lucy Sannes (Chair), Guy Feldman, Judy Gowdy, Dick Lee, Stephanie Lester, Pastor McEachran, John Nelson, and Dick Swaisgood.

Pathways Hub (Room 212):

The Pathways Hub is a center for conversation and to share questions and insights....we invite everyone to take advantage of the opportunity.

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.

Questions can be directed to Congregation Council President Scott Lester.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS

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

- ☞ **SUNDAY OFFERING:** Last year the students of Saint Andrew's voted to have their Sunday offerings go to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). This year their offerings will continue to support LWR with the funds being designated for Bihar, India. Parents, please help your children remember to bring an offering each Sunday for collection during Discipleship Hour. The class with the highest participation will be rewarded with Krispy Kreme donuts each quarter!
- ☞ **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 24**
REFORMATION 500: RESOURCING LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION
 Presenter: Pastor James McEachran
301/Fellowship Hall North
 Pastor McEachran continues our series by sharing resources on the life and times of Martin Luther and the Reformation, including children's resources.
- ☞ **EMERGENCY EXERCISE DRILL POSTPONED**
 The emergency exercise drill, scheduled for today, has been postponed..
- ☞ **October 1**
REFORMATION 500: 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 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**
REFORMATION 500: 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.

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☞ **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.

☞ **October 22**
REFORMATION 500:
THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION
 Presenter: Pastor James McEachran
 301/Fellowship Hall North
 The Augsburg Confession, written in 1530, became the central statement for Lutherans. It was written by Philipp Melancthon, a lay person. Pastor McEachran leads us through the sections of this important document of Lutheran theology.

☞ **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.
 - **Servant Event at Northwest Harvest:** On Saturday, **November 11**, we are headed to Kent to serve at the Northwest Harvest Warehouse. Northwest Harvest is the only nonprofit food bank distributor operating statewide in Washington, and they provide more than 2 million meals every month. You can help by joining us to serve on **November 11**. We will gather at Saint Andrew's at 11:00 am.
- * **GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):
 - **Servant Event at Compass on Dexter:** On Saturday, **November 4**, we will serve at Compass on Dexter (756 John Street, Seattle) and lead an excited group of kids in cupcake decorating and possibly other crafts. We will gather at Saint Andrew's at 11:15 am and return at 3:30 pm. Please wear closed-toed shoes. Sign up by Sunday, **October 29**, in the Narthex or by email.
 - **Summer 2018 Mission Trip:** 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.
- * **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.
 - 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 or print and return the form to Saint Andrew's.

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

- ♥ **PROVIDE MEALS FOR CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:** Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, **October 1**, and serving through Sunday, **October 15**, Saint Andrew's is providing 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. Volunteers are still needed for **October 1, 5, 6, 12, 13, and 15**. Sign-up in the Narthex. For more information, contact Marlyn Thorpe.
- ♥ **DISASTER RELIEF:** From recent hurricanes and earthquakes, to refugee crises in several nations – Lutheran Disaster Response is at work around the world. 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 "Disaster Relief" on the donation). Thank you to all who have contributed \$1260 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.) In October, we'll collect brown rice (5 pound bags or smaller preferred.) 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.
- ♥ **DONATE TO ATHENE WELCOME BAGS:** Athene, the latest Imagine Housing project will open soon in the Totem Lake area of Kirkland. Our church has packed welcome home bags for the 91 residents moving into this affordable housing project for low income seniors. The welcome bags include personal items and cleaning supplies. We packed the bags at the September O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Saints) meeting. If you would like to contribute to this venture, please mark your donation: "Athene Welcome Kits." For further information, contact our Fellowship Coordinator, Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- ♥ **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, \$901.68 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



SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **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 Wednesdays, **September 27**, at The Berliner, (221 Main Avenue South, Renton). 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.

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- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **FLU SHOTS** will be available here at Saint Andrew's on Sunday, **October 8**, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, in 210/Nursery. The shots will be administered by the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association. There will be two types available - the preservative-free flu shot and the 4-strain or "regular" flu shot. **DO** join us in this opportunity. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, along with information on **WHY** we should all have the flu shot. Signing up helps ensure we have an adequate supply of vaccine. When you sign up, please take a consent form and bring it with you on **October 8**, along with your insurance card/Medicare card. Most insurances will cover the cost. If you are not covered by insurance, the cost is \$30, cash or check only. For more information, contact Parish Nurse Beverley Watt.
- ✠ **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** In gratefulness for God's creation we will gather on Sunday, **October 15**, at 4:00 pm with our special pets for a service to give God thanks and praise along with prayers and blessings for our animals. Invite and bring a friend (furry, scaly, feathery, reptile, or human.) Please make sure your pet is leashed or caged and in control. Alternatively, you can bring a photo of your pet. Following the service, the humans will gather for a potluck dinner in 301/Fellowship Hall North. For more information, contact Jill Nichols-Hicks.
- ✠ **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.

- ✠ **KATIE LUTHER, THE MUSICAL:** Please note that the performances of *Katie Luther, the Musical*, have been cancelled. We are appreciative of Pastor Sara Yoos and the Saint Andrew's volunteer cast for their efforts to stage this musical..
- ✠ **CONGREGATION REFORMATION LUNCH:** Celebrate 500 Years of Reformation! Join us for October Fest at 12:15 pm on Sunday, **October 29**, in 301/Fellowship Hall. We'll celebrate with traditional German food, root beer and some fun family games. No lederhosen needed to participate! Volunteers needed to help put on this fun event; contact Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **SAINT ANDREW'S AMBASSADORS and EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP):** Help 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) **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.
- ✠ **WALK TO WITTENBERG T-SHIRTS:** We have approximately 20 Walk to Wittenberg t-shirts in the church office. You are welcome to take one, whether you participated in WTW or not.
- ✠ **JOIN THE SUNDAY SERVERS TEAM:** Take a plunge into something new and try **ushering** or being an **ambassador**. No experience needed. Questions? Contact Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- ✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN**
Facilitator: Dave Marcramer
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. Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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 or 425-746-2529.

-  **PEDALS, PIPES, and PIZZA:** On Saturday, **November 4**, from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm at Saint Andrew’s, the Seattle Chapter of The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is hosting “Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza” as outreach to young musicians. This program introduces young piano students (ages 11-16) to the pipe organ, the “King of Instruments.” Students engage in a hands-on experience with the pipe organ, learning how it works and having the opportunity to play it. Pre-registration by **October 30** is required; visit www.agoSeattle.com/PPP.html for a registration form. Contact Rita Stoess for more information. Dr. Will Simpson is Dean of the Seattle Chapter of the AGO.

Stewardship and Finance Update

Contributions and Expenses – 2017 Operating Fund Financial Report: ending August 2017

| | August Actual | July Actual | 2017 Year-to-Date Actual | 2017 Year-to-Date Budget |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Contributions/Income | \$ 48,304 | \$ 61,962 | \$ 538,815 | \$ 564,336 |
| Expenses | <u>70,276</u> | <u>69,125</u> | <u>563,078</u> | <u>590,127</u> |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | \$ (21,972) | \$ (7,163) | \$ (24,263) | \$ (25,791) |

August contributions were lower than expenses by \$21,972. August financial results increased our year-to-date (YTD) deficit to \$24,263. Your continued support and gifts to Saint Andrew’s for our mission and ministries are greatly appreciated. Thanks be to God!

Your Finance Committee,

John Andresen

Joni Barrott, Congregation Treasurer/Council Liaison

Brady Kasper, Finance Committee Chair

Russ Stark, Staff Accounting Assistant

Jeff Stedman