

December 17, 2017

8:30 am

Order of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

*From God's heart the Savior speeds, back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death's command, back to reign at God's right hand.*

Savior of the Nations, Come, ELW Hymn 263

G A T H E R I N G

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* [arr. John Leavitt]
Children's Choir

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY Pastor McEachran

HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound!* ELW Hymn 239

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Come, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come [Herman Stuempfle]

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Anna McLeod and Ken Cyprian present their child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sponsors are Karen Koll, Matthew Williams, and Heidi Mellroy.

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES *Child of God* Pastor McEachran

W O R D

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE *He Came Down* ELW Hymn 253

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

Today's Theme

Advent is a time of seeking for God. A space of days to reflect and to remember that God is present in our lives through Jesus Christ. Each week, we will find focus in Scripture and in worship to remember that we commemorate not just a holiday, but a holy-day in which a gracious Creator came to all in a Manger in Bethlehem. And He came "**Just in Time.**" One writer has it that "Advent is a time for telling the truth of our weariness and anxiety, yes, but also the truth of the relentless generosity of God, which opens up futures that seem to be shut down." (Richard Floyd).

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(congregation stands)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Wait for the Lord*
sing twice

ELW Hymn 262

P The Good News of Jesus according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Words Count

Pastor McEachran

1. The Word of Creation
2. The Word Made Flesh
3. The Word for You, for Me

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn 605

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

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

Welcome, Lord Jesus
Children's Choir

[Cindy Berry]

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE *Savior of the Nations, Come*
Stanzas 1 and 4

ELW Hymn 263

OFFERTORY PRAYER



GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**☩ 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

Sing We Now of Christmas [French carol]
 Children's Choir
Come, Let Us Eat ELW Hymn 491
What Feast of Love ELW Hymn 487

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 204

PRAYER



BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *On Our Way Rejoicing* ELW Hymn 537

☩ Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
☩ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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 Jon Thorpe
Communion Assistants Diane Hogle
Acolytes Beka Gordon
Altar Guild Mary Jo Nelson, Linda Powell
Greeters Nancy P. Davis
Lectors Carolynn Ferris
Ushers The Lester Family
Coffee Host Larry and Shelly Abner
Children's Choir Erin Simpson, *Director*
 Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
 Abby Kasper, Julia Lacey, Avery Laub, Anna Marti,
 Josie Marti, Sara Marti, Christopher Oftedal,
 Duane Rindy, Savannah Rindy, Jackie Solem,
 Lauren Solem, Sonja Wetmore, Jack Womack,
 Maia Womack

W E L C O M E

TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

† **BAPTISM:** Anna McLeod and Ken Cyprian present their child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8:30 am worship service. Sponsors are Karen Koll, Matthew Williams, and Heidi McIlroy.

† **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.

† **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** As part of the 11:00 am worship service today, our children and youth will share the story of the birth of Christ.

† **WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING:** Please note today's worship is not being captioned. Our next captioned service will be **December 31** at 9:30 am.

† **SAINT ANDREW'S CONCERT SERIES - BELLS OF THE SOUND**
TODAY, December 17, at 4:00 pm
Bells of the Sound presents "Peace on Earth" featuring traditional carols and songs of peace from around the world. Saint Andrew's member Vanessa Wilkie is a member of Bells of the Sound. See the back page of the bulletin and visit www.bellsOfTheSound.org for more information. Pick up a concert series brochure in the Narthex.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT SAINT ANDREW'S

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God." Galatians 4:4-7

"Just in Time"..... is our Advent/Christmas theme. In God's time, the time of Mary was suddenly changed into nine months' time when an angel visitation promised a birth that would change the world.

Note these worship opportunities:

**Wednesday Advent Mid-Week Worship**

Soup Supper 6:15 pm
Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 pm
We welcome Pastor Paul Hoffman who shares
Devotional Words on the theme

"The Advent of Our God"

December 20 Galatians 5:13-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24.... "All Ready!"

Worship 9:30 am
No Discipleship Hour

December 24 Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve.... "He is Here and Just at the Right Time"

Family Worship (no Holy Communion) 4:00 pm
Worship with Holy Communion (worship music: Chancel Choir) 6:30 pm
Worship with Holy Communion (worship music: Handbell Choir) 9:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE MUSIC:

We welcome all children and teens to consider sharing a piece for the prelude music to the 4:00 pm Family Worship service on Christmas Eve. The piece does not have to be Christmas themed but can be something you played in a recital. Contact Dr. Will Simpson, will@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, to participate or for more information.

December 25 Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day (No worship service scheduled)

December 31 First Sunday of Christmas.... **"It is a NEW TIME"**

One Worship Service 9:30 am (No Discipleship Hour)



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), Emily Harrow (Director of Discipleship Ministries), Marshall Erling (Council Liaison), Emily Andresen (Youth Council Representative), Beth Donahoe, Stephanie Lester, Sonja Feldman, Jessica Allen, Janan Twito, and Mary Davis.

Ministry:

Your Congregation Council is moving forward in their review and consideration of the Joshua Group report (Joshua Process), recommendations, and corresponding “travel plan” that details suggested next steps toward pastoral transition, vision development and leadership refinement. The Council is completing some initial groundwork in December, and then will meet twice in January, first, to commit to, decline and/or revise recommendations, and second, to take action on various recommendations and travel plan waypoints, in advance of the Annual Meeting on January 28.

Building:

Congregation leadership is informing and educating the congregation on our proposed building remodel. Room 212 has become the “Pathways Hub”, an information center and a place for conversation, questions, and insights. There are display boards with drawings from VIA Architecture and copies of feedback provided by the congregation and staff in 2015. Members of the Building Remodel Team are in the Pathways Hub on Sunday mornings and look forward to talking with you. There are also forms available to provide written feedback. 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.

Questions can be directed to Congregation Council President Scott Lester.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...SUNDAYS

☞ EARLY MORNING SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Paul’s First Letter to TIMOTHY

Sundays, **January 7 - February 18, 7:15 am**, 322/Conference Room

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen

Come, consider Paul’s practical (and sometimes controversial) advice to Timothy, a church leader in Ephesus. As Paul nears the end of his life, it’s a time of transition for training new leadership in the Church. Likewise, let us be encouraged, equipped, and challenged to use our gifts for the building up of God’s kingdom in 2018!! Coffee and snacks will be provided. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM

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

Please note that there will be no classes on Sundays, **December 24** and **December 31**.

- ☞ **SUNDAY OFFERING:** Last year the students of Saint Andrew's voted to have their Sunday offerings go to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Their offerings 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. "Luther's Small Catechism" meets in Room 119; "People of Faith" meets in Room 121; and "New Testament Survey" 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.
- ☞ **December 17**
CHRISTMAS CAROL SING
 Facilitator: Dr. Will Simpson
301/Fellowship Hall
 Dr. Will Simpson will lead us through an hour of your favorite carols. Get in the Christmas Spirit as we await the Birth of our Savior!
- ☞ **January 7**
BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS
 Facilitator: Sherry Grindeland
301/Fellowship Hall
 We will celebrate Epiphany the first Sunday in January with a baby shower for Jesus. Plan to bring baby clothes and supplies in honor of Jesus. No need to wrap these baby gifts – they will be going to Eastside Baby Corner to outfit needy and underserved families. Look to Sunday bulletins and *Trendings* eNews for suggested items to bring.
- ☞ **January 7**
STEPPING INTO ADULTHOOD (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of High School Seniors)
 Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson
 We look forward to meeting with our parents of seniors to talk about the next steps for their children as they get ready for life after high school. High school seniors are blessed and presented with a quilt/gift from their family on **June 10** during the 9:30 am worship service.
- ☞ **January 14 and 21**
BUDGET 2018
 Facilitators: Congregation Treasurer Joni Barrott, Finance Committee, Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee
301/Fellowship Hall
 We're devoting two discipleship hours for discussion about the 2018 budget. On January 14, join us for conversations with your Treasurer, Joni Barrott, and members of the Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee to learn about planned opportunities for our outreach ministries in 2018. The following Sunday, January 21, Joni and the Finance Committee members will be open to any general questions about the budget, our current fund, and reserve funds.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK

☞ TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

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

 We continue our study of John 13-17, "*Jesus and His Own*," the Upper Room teachings found only in John's Gospel. Here is the schedule and readings:

- **December 19** "Absence and Presence." The First Teaching: John 13:31-14:31
- **December 26** -- No Class
- **January 2** --No Class
- **January 9, 16** "Jesus and His People." The Second Teaching: John 15:1-16:4a
- **January 23, 30** "Joy Out of Sorrow." The Third Teaching: John 16:4b-33
- **February 6, 13** "Jesus' Prayer." John 17:1-26

We will conclude with tips on a life in Christ which faces every storm in every time. Invite a friend!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH

*** SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS** (families with youth age birth through grade 5):

- **Little Lambs Fellowship:**
Parents of children under two, please join us Sunday, **January 14**, in 210/Nursery for fellowship. The youngest Sheep and Shepherds families are invited for snacks and coffee, visiting, and play time. We meet once each month, usually on the second Sunday.

*** FIRE FORCE** (youth in grades 6-8):

- **White Elephant Gift Exchange and Christmas Party**
TODAY, **December 17**, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
We will enjoy a White Elephant Gift Exchange to celebrate the Christmas season. Search the depths of your closet, get rid of that Christmas sweater Aunt Sally got you last year, and bring your tacky, silly, ridiculous gift item (wrapped). Please spend a minimum amount of money on your gift; ideally it will cost you \$0!! We will also celebrate with a variety of fun and silly games. Sign up in the Narthex by TODAY, **December 10**.

*** GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):

- **White Elephant Gift Exchange:** Today, **December 17**, during CrossWalk at 9:45 am, we will enjoy a White Elephant Gift Exchange to celebrate the Christmas season. Bring your tacky, silly, ridiculous gift item (wrapped). Please spend a minimum amount of money on your gift; ideally it will cost you \$0!! Sign up in the Narthex by TODAY, **December 10**.
- **Holden Village:** We are headed back to Holden Village next spring, **May 18-20, 2018**, for an unplugged weekend of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex by **January 14, 2018**.
- **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**, and return it to the church office.

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

- ♥ **SOCKS AND HATS:** During the months of November and December, Dorcas Circle is collecting NEW socks and warm knit hats for Compass Housing Alliance. Your donations of NEW tube socks, crew socks, and warm knit hats can be placed in the “Sox Box” in the Narthex. Contact Linda Willenberg with questions.
- ♥ **UNIFORMS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** Once again we “clothed Maasai girls” in new uniforms at the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS). We have purchased over 50 outfits for the new Form 1 students. Thank you!
- ♥ **CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK:** Each month, we collect food in the Corner of Blessing. All donations are given to Hopelink and help feed those in our community who are hungry. In **December**, we are collecting **canned meats** (SPAM, canned tuna, canned chicken, vienna sausage.) 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.
- ♥ **SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** Scholarships are needed for 35 new Form One students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), an increase of 10 students from previous years due to current needs. We continue to also need funding 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).
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **UPDATE TO ITEMS NEEDED - PLASTER HOUSE IN TANZANIA:** The Plaster House is a rehabilitation center in Tanzania for post-surgery children, usually in casts (hence the term “Plaster House”). For reasons of health and nutrition, many children cannot rehab successfully in their villages/homes while in casts. They need to stay at the center; the average stay being four weeks. Marvin Kananen and Jean Wahlstrom will travel to Tanzania in 2018 for a Plaster House board meeting and to celebrate the opening of the new dormitory and volunteer house. They would like to take 150 pounds of needed items for children age 3-15 to the Plaster House. Donations of the following can be placed in the basket in the Narthex.
- coloring books (no crayons)
 - small toys (animals, cars, dinosaurs, etc.)
 - pencils
 - scissors
 - underwear (non-white)
 - metric rulers
 - socks (non-white)
 - Cash/check donations, payable to “Saint Andrew’s” and designated for Plaster House)
- To learn more about the Plaster House, visit www.theplasterhouse.org.

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- ♥ **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:** In 2016, Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen volunteered for a month at the Navajo Lutheran Mission (NELM) in Rock Point, Arizona, an ELCA project. The Mission School has invited Saint Andrew's to participate in an easy way to secure needed school supplies and equipment. Cut out and bring those little coupons found on various food containers (General Mills products and others) to the envelope attached to the bulletin board in the Narthex, labeled BOX TOPS. Collectively, these box tops will really add up to enable these children to get a better education!! To learn more, visit www.nelm.org/school or contact Jean Wahlstrom.

PROJECT BIHAR / LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Lutheran World Relief

Bihar is a global mission outreach which engages 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.

- Thank you to those who have contributed \$3537 this year to Bihar in above-and-beyond regular giving. We welcome donations (please note "Bihar-LWR" on contributions.)
- The Bihar Mission Outreach Team is actively planning next steps. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, join them today, **December 17**, at 9:45 am in Room 117 or contact Marlyn Thorpe.

Remember in prayer this continuing outreach ministry.

The best source of updated information is at www.lwr.org/bihar



SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**
Sunday, **December 17**, 9:45 am,
322/Conference Room
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.
- ✠ **O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints)**
is a fellowship of members and friends of the congregation who meet on the third Tuesday of every month for friendship and an awesome potluck. Everyone is always welcome! Please join us on **December 19** at 11:45 am. Tune-up your voice for the O.W.L.S. Annual Holiday Song Fest led by Dr. Will Simpson. Following our potluck lunch, we'll enjoy both traditional church Christmas hymns and other seasonal favorites. You don't need to be older or wiser to attend – and you don't need to be a trained singer – just enthusiastic - to enjoy this program!
- ✠ **END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:** To be counted for 2017, contributions need to be dated **December 31** or earlier. If mailed, they need to be postmarked by **December 29**. If brought to church, they need to be received no later than **December 31**.
- ✠ **2018 PLEDGES:** Knowing pledged giving is very helpful as we complete our financial planning for next year. Thank you to all who have returned your pledge cards for 2018. Please remember to fill out a pledge card and/or contact Russ Stark, russ@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, if you intend to do so, but haven't gotten around to it yet. You can also submit your pledge online at stewardship.SALChome.org.
Your financial support of Saint Andrew's is core to enabling our mission and ministries, and each of our gifts are important in God's eyes. If you have any questions about pledging, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Finance Committee or Russ Stark.

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✠ WOMEN'S EVENING BOOK STUDY (W.E.B.S.)

Facilitator: Cheryl Jurrus

Wednesdays, **January 3 - February 7**, 7:00 pm
322/Conference Room

Do you want to learn more about India? We will discuss marriage, society, women's roles, cuisine, and other issues depicted by the author in the book selection for Winter Session for WEBS.

Now is the time to get your copy of *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar (available on Amazon for \$10). Join us for a lively discussion, prayer, sharing, laughter, and maybe some service projects! We hope to include an Indian meal and a special speaker. All women are welcome. Bring a friend!

✠ CONSIDERING JOINING SAINT

ANDREW'S? We will receive members at the 8:30 am service on Sunday, **January 28**, followed by an all-church reception and get-acquainted hour at 9:45 am. New and current members will get to test their church knowledge with a Saint Andrew's 101 game led by Pastor McEachran. Expect yummy treats, a warm welcome to our new members, and some social time. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

✠ **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 Marcrander

Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212

All Saint Andrew's Men (SAM) are welcome for study, faith growth, prayer, and conversation. We are studying Galatians using a commentary written by Martin Luther. After Galatians, we will return to our Reformation focus. It is a blessing to share this time together in learning and fellowship - please join us!

✠ **FLOWERS IN 2018:** The flower chart for 2018 is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please take a moment to reserve your Sunday.

✠ **COMMUNION BREAD:** Everyone is invited to bake bread used in the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. 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.

✠ SAINT ANDREW'S AMBASSADORS:

As part of the new Emergency Operations Plan, 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.



For Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Servers for December 24, 9:30 am

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Minister: Jean Wahlstrom

Acolyte: Hannah Wilcox

Altar Guild: Phillip Misner, Christine Koch

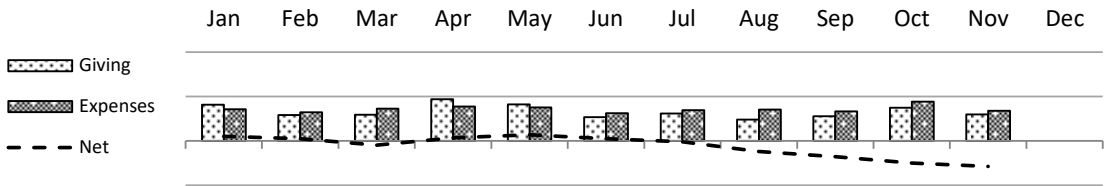
Greeter: Carol Muecke

Lector: Cheryl Jurrus

Ushers: Tom and Bev Anderson

Stewardship and Finance Update

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



	November Actual	October Actual	2017 Year-to-Date Actual	2017 Year-to-Date Budget
Contributions/Income	\$ 59,764	\$ 74,440	\$ 728,361	\$ 773,707
Expenses	<u>67,542</u>	<u>88,639</u>	<u>786,077</u>	<u>822,409</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (7,778)	\$ (14,199)	\$ (57,716)	\$ (48,702)

Please note this is the **6th consecutive month** where giving has been lower than necessary expenses and we are currently **\$45,346** below budgeted giving year-to-date. 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



For Sunday, December 24: Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Servers for Christmas Eve Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Ministers:

(6:30 pm) Jon Thorpe

(9:00 pm) Sue Short

Communion Assistants:

(6:30 pm) Art Gurtel, Judi Miller

(9:00 pm) Judi Miller, Jan Bowerman

Acolytes:

(4:00 pm) Caden Feldman, Jillian Nielsen

(6:30 pm) Livi Myhre, Beka Gordon

(9:00 pm) Izzy Clarke, Sidney Cottrell

Crucifers:

(4:00 pm) Collin Feldman

(6:30 pm) Quinn Myhre

(9:00 pm) Torin Carmichael

Altar Guild:

(6:30 pm) Phillip Misner, Karin Eklof

(9:00 pm) Phillip Misner, Christine Koch

Greeters:

(4:00 pm) Sarah Cannon

(6:30 pm) JJ and Maureen Dorwart

(9:00 pm) CJ Tatum

Lectors:

(4:00 pm) Dave Marcrander

(6:30 pm) Shelly Abner

(9:00 pm) Linda Gilham

Ushers:

(4:00 pm) David and Sherry Grindeland

(6:30 pm) Mark Thorpe, Brett Nelson

(9:00 pm) Ann Thorpe, Gary Rudolph, Josh Rudolph

Bells of the Sound*presents**Peace on Earth*

"Peace on earth, goodwill to men!" was the message the angels brought to the shepherds in the fields on that first Christmas eve. This is the very essence of the Christmas spirit that fills us this time of year. Bells of the Sound will share this message as we present ***Peace on Earth***, featuring traditional carols and songs of peace from around the world. We invite you to join us on this goodwill journey as we ring in the holiday spirit!

Sunday, December 17, 2017**at 4:00 PM****Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church****Bellevue, WA***Admission is free.**For more information*www.bellofthesound.orginfo@bellofthesound.org

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