

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*“I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.”*

Psalm 116:1-2

G A T H E R I N G

Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee [Eric Thiman]
Erin Simpson, soloist

Prelude from Cello Suite #1 [J.S. Bach]
William Johnson, cello

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor McEachran

HYMN

We Praise You, O God ELW Hymn 870

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

[Marty Haugen]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES

Pastor McEachran

What a Friend we have In Jesus

W O R D

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

As the Grains of Wheat ELW Hymn 465

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:5-10

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(congregation stands)

C Congregation
A Assisting Minister
P Pastor

[Sally Ann Morris]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 12:20-36

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

SERMON

In Jerusalem

Pastor McEachran

1. Crowds Surround
2. We would see Jesus
3. Children of the Light

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* ELW Hymn 777
Stanzas 1-4

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 Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.** *(shared in community)*

OFFERING

I. *We Adore You, O Christ* [Richard Proulx]
Chancel Choir

II. *Gethsemane* [Richard Redhead;
Handbell Choir arr. Lee Afdahl]
(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE

[Marty Haugen]

OFFERTORY PRAYER

M E A L

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

[Marty Haugen]

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

ELW Hymn 336

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HEALING MINISTERS

Come to the Table ELW Hymn 481
Word of God, Come Down on Earth ELW Hymn 510
Let Us Break Bread Together ELW Hymn 471

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.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 186

PRAYER

S E N D I N G

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW Hymn 542

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in F Major

[Scott M. Hyslop]

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) Sue Short
Communion Assistants (I) Diane Hogle
Healing Ministers (I) Jan Benson, Jill Nichols-Hicks
 (II) Nayna McLennan, Beverley Watt
Acolytes (I) Sonja Wetmore (II) Quinn Myhre
Altar Guild Ruth Miller, Christine Koch
Greeters (I) John and Joyce Arnold (II) Clare Moe
Lectors (I) Mikel Oswald (II) Jessica Allen
Ushers (I) George Miller, Gary Rudolph (II) Mark Davis
Coffee Hosts Aaron and Mary Davis

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

- ⓘ **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 CHOIR:** The Children's Choir will sing during both worship services next Sunday, Palm Sunday, **March 25**. There is a rehearsal today, **March 18**, from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Contact Children's Choir Director Erin Simpson for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- ⓘ **HOLY WEEK** begins next Sunday, **March 25, Palm Sunday**. Special worship music will feature the Children's Choir at both services.

LENT ~ HOLY WEEK ~ EASTER

During the Time of Lent, we walk together as a community who trusts that God is about the work of love in sending Jesus into the world. As we walk together in this time of renewal, we are called to remember that in Jesus Christ all things are made new, now and forever.

"What Wondrous Love..." is a theme that carries us deeper in the life of discipleship. We share days of worship and learning, fellowship and serving. We are those who carry on the good news that from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, we are the people of the Way. And Jesus said, "Follow me."

A Lent-Easter calendar is available in the Narthex and on the Saint Andrew's website.



- ⓘ **LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE** is Wednesday, **March 21**.

Pastor McEachran brings devotional words focused on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. From forgiveness to reunion, Jesus walks with us into the victory we know and sing on Easter Sunday.

NOTE: Soup Supper will begin at **6:00 pm**.
Holden Evening Prayer Worship is at 7:00 pm.

March 21: John 19:30 "Triumph"
Luke 23:46 "Reunion"

- ⓘ **COLOR DURING LENT:** Gather for fellowship and devotion in the Narthex as Saint Andrew's works together to color the Psalms as a Communal Art Expression. This is a project we will continue throughout Lent. On Easter morning, the final product will be displayed, and cross generational connections will have been made throughout the Sundays in Lent.

- ⓘ **LENTEN OUTREACH:** The *Baskets of Promise* collection during Lent helps to fill the Personal Care Kits that are sent through Lutheran World Relief to areas of the world where an emergency has occurred and people are left with very little. The kits supply basic items for survival.

Our goal this year is to fill 150 kits.

Each week, one item will be emphasized for collection. A complete schedule is on the Lent-Easter calendar, and on the bulletin board display in the Narthex. Place donations in the basket near the elevator in the Narthex.

For next Sunday, **March 25**, our collection item is **bath towels** (27" x 52" maximum size, dark color, lightweight.)

- ⓘ **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT:** Continue to pray for your Prayer Partner throughout Lent. This is an opportunity to enrich our prayer life by praying for someone else and making connections within our worship community.

HOLY WEEK ~ THE THREE DAYS ~ EASTER

- Ⓡ LABYRINTH:** A prayer labyrinth will be available from **March 25-30** in 302/Fellowship Hall South to walk for reflection and prayer throughout Holy Week. A labyrinth is a path which leads, via a circuitous route, to the center of an intricate design and back out again. A labyrinth's route has only a single path. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth is designed for ease of navigation, and it is impossible to get lost within one.
- Ⓡ PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25:**
 Worship with Holy Communion,
 8:30 am and 11:00 am
 Discipleship Hour, 9:45 am
 Palm Sunday leads into the journey of Holy Week.
- Ⓡ MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29:**
 Worship with Holy Communion,
 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm
 With the institution of the Lord's Supper, we are given life and salvation through Christ's body and blood.
 Pastor Paul Hoffman is 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*.
- Ⓡ GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30:**
 Worship, 7:00 pm
 Our service follows the ancient service of Tenebrae, which means "darkness." With spoken word from the Passion According to Saint John (John 18-19), we will remember the price paid to redeem the sins of the world. The gradual extinguishing of the lights will help us to remember that Jesus will be the Victory, the Light of the World.
- Ⓡ RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, VIGIL OF EASTER, MARCH 31:**
 Worship with Holy Communion, 7:00 pm
 The Church gathers for worship in anticipation of the dawn of Easter Day. Readings recall God's deliverance of His people in the Old Testament as we look forward to God's deliverance of all people through the death and resurrection of Christ.
- Ⓡ RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY, April 1:**
 Worship with Holy Communion,
 8:30 am and 11:00 am
 Worship of Word and Sacrament welcomes the good news of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead.
- Ⓡ EASTER BREAKFAST:** Join us for an elegant Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on **April 1**, before or after worship. This event raises funds for our 2018 God Squad Mission Team's trip to learn and serve with the Blackfeet Nation this summer. The breakfast will feature delicious French Toast, with breakfast sausage, hash browns, and fresh fruit. To adequately serve our guests in a timely fashion, we are encouraging reservations. A block of reservations will be set aside each hour. A limited number will be available so be sure to meet us in the Narthex beginning **TODAY, March 18**, to reserve your spot. While reservations will be prioritized, we will still have space for walk-ins available.
- Ⓡ HELP SERVE EASTER BREAKFAST:** The God Squad (High School) Summer Mission Team welcomes volunteers to help serve breakfast on Easter Sunday, **April 1**. Help is also needed on Saturday, **March 31**, to set up. Contact Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, to volunteer.
- Ⓡ FLOWERS FOR EASTER CROSS:** The Altar Guild invites everyone to bring flowers to decorate the Easter Cross. Please bring donations to the church on Friday, **March 30**, before 3:00 pm, or Saturday, **March 31**, no later than 10:00 am.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM

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

Please note that there are no Discipleship Hour classes on Easter Sunday, **April 1**.

- ☞ **SUNDAY OFFERING:** The students of Saint Andrew's have voted to have their Sunday offerings go to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Their offerings this year 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. "Worship and Liturgy" (6th grade) meets in Room 121, "Ministry of Service" meets in room 122, and "Old Testament Survey" meets in room 119. Today, Pastor McEachran teaches the 6th grade class on "Holy Baptism." 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.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ March 18
NAVIGATING CONFLICT IN RELATIONSHIPS
Facilitator: Dr. Mark Hougum
<i>301/Fellowship Hall</i>
We all experience conflict in our lives. Is it inevitable? What causes it? How can we respond to it? Are there ways to make good use of it? Come and join the conversation
<i>Dr. Mark Hougum is a Saint Andrew's member, a Lutheran Pastor, and counselor with Samaritan Center of Puget Sound. He has an office at Saint Andrew's.</i> ☞ March 18
STEPPING INTO THE CHURCH (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of Eighth Graders)
Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson
<i>322/Conference Room</i>
Our focus is on the transition to high school and completing the Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation (ABC) program. Information about discipleship opportunities in high school is also shared.
Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation is June 3, during the 9:30 am worship service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ March 25
FELLOWSHIP
Facilitator: Fellowship Coordinator
Sherry Grindeland
<i>301/Fellowship Hall</i>
Come for an hour of fellowship and conversation. ☞ April 8
PRAYER PARTNER REVEAL
Facilitators: Cheryl Jurrus, Beverley Watt, Health and Wholeness Ministry Committee
<i>301/Fellowship Hall</i>
All are invited to come to the Prayer Partners for Lent "Reveal". Participants will find out who was praying for them. It's a time for sharing, getting to know new people, and learning more about the power of prayer in the life of our congregation. If you didn't participate, you are invited to come and find out what it's all about! God hears our prayers, He cares, and He answers our prayers. <i>"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."</i> John 14:13. |
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VIDEO RECORDINGS OF 9:45 am DISCIPLESHIP HOUR CLASSES:

Video recordings of Sunday adult discipleship classes are available online for approximately four weeks following the class. Links to videos can be found on the Sunday Morning Discipleship webpage: adulted.SALChome.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the links.

The recordings for:

- “Young Adults in Global Mission” from February 18 will be available through March 19.
- “Prouds” from February 25 will be available through March 26.
- “Tanzania” from March 4 will be available through April 2.
- “Women and Justice” from March 11 will be available through April 9.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK**☞ TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

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

We continue with an overview of Hebrews: “*Jesus is the Way into the Truth that is Life.*”. We are Word-Diggers seeing the connections between the First Covenant and the New Covenant. There are those who say that “the old is in the new concealed and the old is in the new revealed.” How do we understand and learn the ways that God’s promise in God’s story reaches into our lives today in Christ. Bring your favorite translation and invite a friend!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...EARLY SUNDAY MORNING**☞ EARLY MORNING SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Second Timothy**

Sundays, **April 8, April 15, April 22, and April 29**

7:15 am, 322/Conference Room

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen

For four weeks in April, Jean and Marvin will wrap up their series on the Pastoral Epistles. Class is at 7:15 am Sunday mornings. Coffee, fruit, and sweets are provided. If you have any questions, contact Jean Wahlstrom. We learn together.

MINISTRY BLESSING FACT:

Fellowship of Sunday Servers

It takes a strong cadre of nearly five dozen Saint Andrew’s saints to staff our two Sunday services. Consider the numbers:

1 Presiding Minister

1 Music Director 1 Accompanist 1 Handbell Choir Director

2 Assisting Ministers 2 Acolytes 4 Altar Guild volunteers

4 Greeters 2 Lectors 4 Ushers 2 Coffee Hosts

18-25 Chancel Choir members 8-12 Handbell Choir members

Please join this fellowship!

You’ll have a good time, the jobs aren’t hard, and there’s free training.

For more information, contact

Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salchome.org.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH


- * **SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS** (families with youth age birth through grade 5):
 - **Servant Event for Youth in Grades 1-5:**
Saturday, **March 24**, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Join us at Sunrise Senior Living at Crossroads, where we will play games, create crafts, and enjoy time reading together with the residents. Parents are welcome to attend. Sign up with Emily, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, or in the Narthex by Sunday, **March 18**.
 - **Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt:**
Saturday, **March 31**, 9:30 am
Saint Andrew's Annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place Saturday, **March 31**. The morning includes a light potluck breakfast, crafts, a service project, and an Easter egg hunt for kids up to 5th grade! You may sign up in the Narthex or with our online form at eastercelebration.SALChome.org. Want to pitch in? We can always use volunteers to help with the potluck, crafts, set up and clean up!
 - **Little Lambs Fellowship:**
Parents of children under two, please join us TODAY, **April 8**, 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. Come for all or some of the time.
- * **FIRE FORCE** (youth in grades 6-8)
 - **Egg Stuffing**
Sunday, **March 25**, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Join us to stuff eggs with candy for the Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt! Bring individually wrapped candy if you'd like! Sign up by Sunday, **March 18**.
 - **Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt**
Saturday, **March 31**, 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Join us on Saturday, **March 31**, beginning at 8:30 am, help hide the Easter Eggs and lead fun games for the Sheep and Shepherd kiddos! Breakfast will be served at 9:30 am. Sign up by Sunday, **March 18**.
- * **GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):
 - **Serve Easter Breakfast, April 1:** The high school youth and adult volunteers provide breakfast for the congregation on Easter morning. It is a service to the congregation and a fundraiser for the summer mission and service trip. Help is also needed on Saturday, **March 31**, to set up. Contact Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, to help.
 - **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.
- * **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. The next team meeting is Sunday, **April 29**, at 12:15 pm. Information packets are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- * **GOD SQUAD and FIRE FORCE** (youth in grades 6-12)
 - **Week-O-Fun:** God Squad and Fire Force will have a Week-O-Fun, Sunday-Thursday, **April 8-12**. Details will be announced soon!

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

♥ **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. The families they support would like to be able to do some baking, but baking supplies are not typically donated. So, for March we will be collecting “**Baking Makings**” – **sugar** (4 pound bags), **flour** (5 pound bags), and **cooking oil** (24 to 32 ounce bottles.) For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

♥ **THE SOPHIA WAY WINTER SHELTER** for women NEEDS HELP! Their supply of the following items is **critically low**: paper towels, Clorox wipes, garbage bags, paper plates, hot/cold cups, water, juice, milk, breakfast/granola bars, oatmeal packets, boiled eggs, bagels, fruit, yogurts. Donations can be delivered to Holy Cross Lutheran in Factoria (4315 129th Place SE, Bellevue) at 8:30 pm any night. They also invite donations of meals for 30 women. Visit www.sophiaway.org/donate-meals/ and click on “Emergency Winter Shelter dinner/breakfast Calendar”. Contact Cheryl Jurrus for more information.

♥ **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.



**PROJECT BIHAR /
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Bihar is a global mission multi-year outreach which engages us in significant outreach in Northeastern India, as part of a sponsored mission through Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and in collaboration with other churches. 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

Saint Andrew’s has formed a Project Bihar/LWR Working Group that has defined three major components in our mission: **communication, engagement, and giving.**

- See the bookmarks in the hymnals for stories of families in Bihar. You are welcome to take the bookmark with you.
- We welcome donations (please note “Bihar-LWR” on contributions.)
- The Project Bihar/LWR Working Group is actively planning next steps. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, 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

✠ **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 amazing potluck. Join us on Tuesday, **March 20**, for *What Lies Beneath Our Feet?* Archeologist and Saint Andrew’s member Brent Hicks will share stories about his archeology work here in Washington. Brent was recently featured in the Seattle Times Pacific Northwest magazine. Although O.W.L.S. stands for Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints, our programs have a wide age appeal and younger, wise Lutherans are welcome! The social hour begins at 11:45 am; the potluck begins around noon. No sign-up or RSVP required. Just come, and if you can, bring a dish to share. See you there!

- ✠ **CANDY FOR EASTER EGGS:** We want your candy!! Candy is needed to put into the Easter eggs for the Annual Egg Hunt. You may bring your bite sized individually wrapped donations to the church office by Thursday, **March 22**.
- ✠ **FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT:** Saturday, **March 31**, 9:30 am
The Saint Andrew's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is for EVERYONE! The morning will include a light potluck breakfast, crafts, a service project and an Easter egg hunt for kids up to 5th grade! You may sign up in the Narthex or with our online form at eastercelebration.SALChome.org. Want to pitch in? We can always use volunteers to help with the potluck, crafts, set up and clean up! Contact Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, for more information.
- ✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**
Sunday, **April 8**, 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.
- ✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN**
Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood,
Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212
Coffee, Conversation, and Controversy
If Jesus were alive today, would he be a member of the Tea Party? "*Killing Jesus*" author Bill O'Reilly, depicts Jesus that way, saying he was "inspired to write the book by the Holy Ghost." Controversial? You bet! – All of which makes the conversation most interesting at the current Saint Andrew's Men's Group meetings. Join this fun fellowship at 6:30 am Tuesday mornings. Free event and free coffee, too.

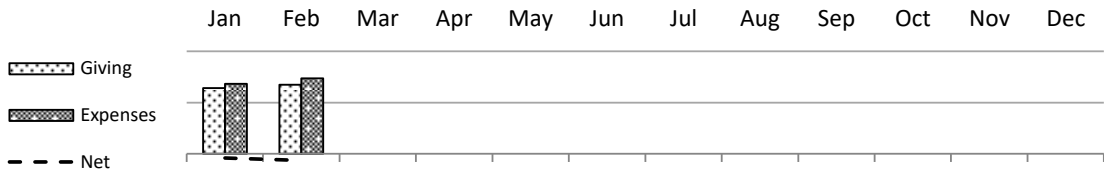
- ✠ **BECOME PART OF OUR FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILY:** The Saint Andrew's congregation is a faith community powered by a belief that God's love offers us a chance to do amazing service through many activities and volunteer opportunities. Our extended family provides ongoing fellowship for all ages. We will be welcoming new members later this month. for more information on how to join, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salchome.org.
- ✠ **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 at 6:30 pm. Our next dinner off-site is Wednesday, **April 11**. Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **April 9**, if you would like to join us.
- ✠ **WOMEN'S EVENING BOOK STUDY (W.E.B.S.)**
Facilitator: Cheryl Jurrus
Wednesday, **April 11 - May 23**, 7:00 pm
322/Conference Room
For its Spring Session, W.E.B.S. is reading another book about India! Plan to join us for a lively discussion, prayer, laughter, and inspirational readings. Our book choice is *Secret Daughter* by Gowda. All women are welcome!
- ✠ **BOOKS ABOUT INDIA:** What would happen if everyone in our congregation read a book about India between now and **May 31**? Would we have more conversations about India? Would we make connections with members that we hadn't talked to lately? Would we be more informed about the largest democracy in the world? Let's try it and see! See the poster in the Narthex for suggested books. Flyers with a list of the books are also available. Sign up for the book you are reading to get conversations started.
- ✠ **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.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LYRIC ARTS ENSEMBLE: The Lyric Arts Ensemble – with Saint Andrew’s musicians Elaine Koga, Shelly Abner, Dana Nasby, Jean Wahlstrom – perform their March concert: “*Perfect Harmony*” – music and great poetry. The concert is TODAY, Sunday, **March 18**, 4:00 pm, First Lutheran Church, Bothell (10207 NE 183rd Street, Bothell). The concert, performed by 17 voices and chamber orchestra, is conducted by Ken DeJong. Admission is free.

Stewardship and Finance Update

Contributions and Expenses – 2018 Operating Fund Financial Report: ending February 2018



	February <u>Actual</u>	January <u>Actual</u>	2018 Year-to-Date <u>Actual</u>	2018 Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>
Contributions/Income	\$ 67,619	\$ 64,286	\$ 131,905	\$ 135,770
Expenses	<u>73,876</u>	<u>68,391</u>	<u>142,267</u>	<u>153,264</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (6,257)	\$ (4,105)	\$ (10,362)	\$ (17,494)

February current fund giving was lower than expenses by \$6,257. So far this year, expenses exceed contributions by \$10,362. For those who are interested, copies of the monthly Finance Committee meeting minutes are available for congregation members in the St. Andrew’s office during regular business hours.

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, March 25: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

Servers for March 25

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Altar Guild:

Assisting Ministers:

CJ Tatum, Karen Grams

(I) Dana Nasby (II) Tom Getzinger

Greeters:

Communion Assistants:

(I) Carol Muecke (II) Deanna and Roger Oeffner

(I)Carolynn Ferris (II) Art Gurtel

Lectors:

Acolytes:

(I) Marli Edde (II) Deanna Oeffner

(I) Ian Maland, Ella Nickel

Ushers:

(II) Quinn Myhre, Caden Feldman

(I) Mikel Oswald, John Nelson

Crucifers:

(II) The Clarke Family

(I) Alden Johnson (II) Collin Feldman

Coffee Hosts: The Camrud Family