

First Sunday of Advent

*“As dawn speeds on across the sky, true Dawn, with haste come from on high.
O Word, through whom light came to be, come in your pow’r and set us free”* Ambrose of Milan
ELW Hymn 559, *O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright*, Stanza 3

GATHERING

*Welcome to Worship at Saint Andrew’s!
As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.
Please remember to silence all electronic devices.*

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

PRELUDE *What Child Is This?* [arr. Will Simpson]

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor McEachran

CALL TO WORSHIP *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* [French
Vanessa Wilkie, handbells Processional]

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* bulletin page 20
Stanza 1, 2, and 1

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)

HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW Hymn 240
Stanza 1

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES *Time* Pastor McEachran

WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

L Your Word is truth.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10 *(spoken responsively: A Assisting Minister; C Congregation)*

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

L Your Word is truth.

C Thanks be to God.

(congregation stands)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Wait for the Lord*

ELW Hymn 262

sing 3 times

P The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

What Do You Expect?

Pastor McEachran

HYMN OF THE DAY

He Came Down

ELW Hymn 253

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 We pray, O God.

C Our trust is in you.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(shared in community)

OFFERING

Sister Mary

[African American

Alaina Bland, soloist

Spiritual]

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

M E A L

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

Hold the Christ-Light for Me [Sarah Sherry,
 Worship Ensemble Cooper Sherry]

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

S E N D I N G

BLESSING

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

People Look East ELW Hymn 248
 Stanza 1: All
 Stanza 2: Women
 Stanza 3: Men
 Stanza 4: All

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Christmas Time is Here [Vince Guaraldi]

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister Pastor James N. McEachran
Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson
Assisting Ministers (I) Karen Grams (II) Tom Getzinger
Communion Assistants (I) Judi Miller (II) Celeste Ackerbloom
Acolytes (I) Abby Kasper (II) Sam Wilkes
Altar Guild Linda Powell, Deanna Oeffner
Greeters (I) Anna McLeod, Ella McLeod Cyprian
(II) CJ Tatum, Claire Charlebois
Lectors (I) Beth Donahoe (II) Joni Barrott
Ushers (I) Judi and George Miller
(II) Brent Hicks, Alex Nichols-Hicks
Coffee Hosts The Lester Family
Worship Ensemble Alaina Bland, Kurt Lutterman, Erin Simpson,
Dick Swaisgood, Vanessa Wilkie, *vocals*
Doug Wight, *guitar*
Andy Emery, *percussion*
Will Simpson, *piano, bass*

WELCOME to WORSHIP

ADVENT begins today, **December 2**. Our theme is **"What Child Is This?"**

COMMEMORATIONS:

- Francis Xavier**, missionary to Asia, died 1552 December 3
 A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).
- John of Damascus**, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749 December 4
 A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.
- Nicholas**, Bishop of Myra, died around 342 December 6
 Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.
- Ambrose**, Bishop of Milan, died 397 December 7
 While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

ADVENT

ADVENT begins today, **December 2**. Our theme is **"What Child Is This?"** In a short space of time we learn to listen again to the Word of the Lord. To hear the promise and to trust again that God is at work in human history through Jesus, born of Mary. Once in time, Jesus asked His own, "Who do YOU say that I am?" Peter led the way in His confession that "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." (Matthew 16:16) In our time we will respond to another question, "What Child is This?" Let this be a season of seeking an answer for today. In these times to listen, to see, to learn that the promise is being fulfilled again as Jesus is born anew to us today. Listen! Jesus is coming soon!
 Note these opportunities for worship:

Sundays of Advent

- **December 2** First Sunday of Advent
 Special Worship Music:
 Contemporary Worship Ensemble
- **December 9** Second Sunday of Advent
 Special Worship Music: Handbell Choir
- **December 16** Third Sunday of Advent
 Special Worship Music: Chancel Choir
- **December 23** Fourth Sunday of Advent
 One Worship Service,
 with Holy Communion at 9:30 am
 Children's Christmas Program
 Special Worship Music: Children's Choir

Wednesday Advent Mid-week Worship

- Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
 Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm
 We welcome Pastor Paul Hoffman who will share devotional words on "What Child Is This?"
- **December 5**, Philippians 2:5-11
 "This, this is Christ the King"
 - **December 12**, Luke 1:26-38
 "This, this is the babe, the son of Mary"
 - **December 19**, John 1:1-18
 "This, this is the Word made flesh"

TODAY ~ DECEMBER 2

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

December 2**HOW TO READ THE BIBLE (in Six Easy Steps)**

Presenter: Pastor Drew Yoos

301/Fellowship Hall North

Come for this opportunity to learn new insights into getting into the Word of God.

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. Meet in *302/Fellowship Hall South*

- "Ministry of Service" Jesus invites us to follow him in ways of serving our world. Jill Nichols-Hicks leads a course that focuses on what service looks like both at church and in the world around us.

Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Interim Director of Discipleship Ministries Pastor Drew Yoos or Pastor McEachran for more information.

CROSSWALK is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Got questions? Join us each Sunday in 319/Youth Room for coffee, cocoa, donuts, and conversation. On the last Sunday of each month, gather for "Oasis", a time for our high school students to rest, color, and enjoy a movie.

FELLOWSHIP

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: Come to Room 212 between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Health care professionals from Health and Wholeness Ministry will take your blood pressure and discuss concerns.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING**PARTY:**

Sunday, **December 2**, 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm
Our annual Gingerbread House Decorating party is for everyone! Bring the entire family for an afternoon of creative fun! We will enjoy a potluck lunch and decorate gingerbread houses. Please bring \$10 for a gingerbread house, and if you can, please bring a potluck item to share.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Calling all students in kindergarten through middle school! You are invited to join us for Children's Choir as we prepare to sing as part of worship and the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, **December 23**, at one 9:30 am worship service. This is a great opportunity for you to be a very important part of our worship service that day. Plan to join us; we need your voice! Rehearsals are Sundays, **December 2, December 9**, and **December 16**, from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in 215/Music Room. Contact Children's Choir Director Erin Simpson for more information or to let her know your interest.

SIGN-UP....

- to participate in the Children's Choir (kindergarten - grade 8). Contact Children's Choir Director Erin Simpson,
- for the 2019 Mission Trip to Idaho (grades 5-8) **July 28 - August 1, 2019**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- to help provide soup and bread for the Advent Soup Supper on **December 12**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- for the Mission Trip to Arizona (adults) **March 21 - April 2, 2019**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- to participate in the Children's Christmas Program on **December 23**. Volunteers to help are also welcome. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- to "**Do ONE Thing**" for Disipleship Ministries. Sign up in the Narthex.
- to be an **usher, greeter, or lector**. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

THIS WEEK ~ DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

TUESDAY MORNING MEN

Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, *Room 212*

Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood

We have begun anew book study. It is ***Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*** by William H Willimon. It is about how we are called to treat the "stranger" or "outsider". We will be using this study through December. Invite a friend and join us any Tuesday!

DORCAS CIRCLE: The Dorcas Circle meets in

302/Fellowship Hall South on Tuesday, **December 4**, at 9:30 am. New people are always welcome to join as we sew quilts, school bags, and complete other projects in response to those in need. We also welcome donations of fabric, sheets, crochets or embroidery thread, quilt batting, sewing supplies, and blankets.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: We are studying ***Witness to New Life in Christ --- Paul's Letter to the Romans***. Paul had a new vision for his mission, to travel to Spain in a missionary journey for the Lord. It may have been that his mission support came from the house churches in Rome. The Letter to the Romans was his witness to what new life in Christ really meant. As we weave our way through Romans, this week we'll study Romans 14-15. Never too late to jump in!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

ADVENT SOUP SUPPER and MID-WEEK WORSHIP: Advent mid-week worship services are Wednesdays, **December 5, December 12, and December 19**.

- Join us at 6:00 pm for fellowship and a soup-and-bread supper.
- Holden Evening Prayer worship begins at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Pastor Paul Hoffman will preside.

December 5: Philippians 2:5-11 "*This, this is Christ the King*"

NEXT SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 9**WORSHIP****Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent**

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Servers for December 9*Presiding Minister:* Pastor James McEachran*Assisting Ministers:*

(I) Carolyn McKenna (II) Dana Nasby

Communion Assistants:

(I) Art Gurtel (II) Livi Myhre

Acolytes:

(I) Quinn Myhre (II) Ella Nickel

Altar Guild:

Bev Anderson, Donna Nellist

Greeters:

(I) Larry and Shelly Abner (II) Beverley Watt

Lectors:

(I) Carolynn Ferris (II) Dave Marcrander

Ushers:

(I) Curt and Lois Eckley

(II) Kit and Jan Bowerman

Coffee Hosts:

Dennis and Susan Hegedus

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM**December 9****CONGREGATION COUNCIL UPDATE**Presenter: Congregation Council Leadership
301/Fellowship Hall

Congregation Council leadership will bring updates about initiatives and ministry.

December 9**KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**

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.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS) CLASSES:*South Hall***AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/****CONFIRMATION (ABC):** 302/Fellowship
Hall South

- "Ministry of Service"

CROSSWALK: 319/Youth Room**FELLOWSHIP****EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIRLY TRADED COFFEE****AND MORE:** Support our Global Outreach by purchasing fairly traded coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and chocolate bars (in the Narthex between services). By purchasing these items, you help the coffee and cocoa bean farmers in impoverished countries receive more money for their crops by eliminating the middle man's cut.**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** The Children's Choir (kindergarten through grade 8) will sing as part of worship and the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, **December 23**, at one 9:30 am worship service. Rehearsals are Sundays, **December 2, December 9, and December 16**, from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in 215/Music Room. Contact Children's Choir Director Erin Simpson for more information or to let her know your interest.

LOVE TREE: Thank you to all who took tags. Please return all gifts, unwrapped, no later than Sunday, **December 9**. Questions? Contact Joanne Baker or Carolyn Haralson.

COMING UP

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

December 16

COMBINED YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY:

We have decided to combine the God Squad and Fire Force Christmas parties into one event during Discipleship Hour in 319/Youth Room. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to bring a silly, wrapped gift and a snack and come dressed in their goofiest Christmas attire. We'll play a white elephant game to exchange gifts and enjoy food and fun together!

December 16

A GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE: MAASAE GIRLS SCHOOL, THE PLASTER HOUSE, AND BIHAR!!

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom, Marvin Kananen, Becca Piel
301/Fellowship Hall

Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen will show pictures of the October Form Four Graduation at the School, speak of the current scholarship needs, and inform regarding the November Plaster House surgical clinics. Becca Piel will highlight her January 2019 trip to India to see Lutheran World Relief projects in Bihar that are supported by Saint Andrew's.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP 2019: We are currently in the process of lining up speakers and topics for our Adult Ed discipleship hour for 2019. If you would like to speak or lead a discussion on a topic or know someone who would, please contact Pastor Drew Yoos, drews@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529. We are especially looking for relevant topics in our lives that have an intersection for our faith.

FELLOWSHIP

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS and MID-WEEK

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- Holden Evening Prayer worship begins at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Pastor Paul Hoffman will preside.

December 12: Luke 1:26-38

"This, this is the babe, the son of Mary"

December 19: John 1:1-18

"This, this is the Word made flesh"

CONCERT SERIES: The Saint Andrew's

Concert Series for this year begins on Sunday, **December 16**, with **Bells of the Sound: Home for the Holidays**. *Grab your mug of hot cider and curl up on the couch with your favorite blanket as Bells of the Sound takes you "Home for the Holidays"!* *This concert brings you old favorites as well as fresh takes on holiday classics, and will leave you with dreams of the sugar plum fairy dancing through your head!!* This concert begins at 4:00 pm. All Saint Andrew's Concerts are FREE and open to all. Invite a friend!

FIRE FORCE CHRISTMAS PARTY: On Sunday, **December 16**, Fire Force and God Squad will have a combined Christmas Party during Discipleship Hour at **9:45 am**.

O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints):
Holiday Sing-a-long

Tuesday, **December 18**

Even if you can't carry a tune in your coffee mug, you can still sing along at the O.W.L.S. annual holiday program on **December 18**. Director of Music Ministries Will Simpson will play Christmas carols after the potluck lunch. The O.W.L.S., the Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints, meet the third Tuesday at 11:45 am in 301/Fellowship Hall. We don't ask for ID – so you don't need to be older to join the fun at these great gatherings. No reservations or RSVP needed. If able, please pitch-in with a potluck dish for the luncheon. For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529.

TIMBER RIDGE WORSHIP GATHERING:

Pastor McEachran and Pastor Wes Telyea from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah lead worship gatherings at Timber Ridge on the third Wednesday of the month, at 1:00 pm in Multi-Purpose Room A. Our next worship gathering is **December 19**. 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 room location.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: All children and youth are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Program on Sunday, **December 23**, during the one 9:30 am worship service. No acting experience needed! Parts will be given out at the one rehearsal at 9:00 am on Saturday, **December 22**, in the Sanctuary. Parents needed to help with herding and costuming. If you are interested in participating in this year's Christmas program, please sign up in the Narthex/Commons or by contacting Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR MCEACHRAN:

A celebration of Pastor James McEachran's 35+ years at Saint Andrew's will be held on Saturday, **January 5, 2019**, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at Renton Technical College (3000 NE 4th St, Renton). Please plan to join us for a fun gathering to share memories and thank Pastor McEachran for his years of serving. RSVP for this event to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

SEEKING FAMILY MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS:

The Pastor's Celebration Party team is seeking names and addresses of former members and your family members who no longer attend Saint Andrew's. Many of us have adult children who were baptized, confirmed and/or married by Pastor McEachran but no longer are part of Saint Andrew's. We want to invite them to the celebration. Please give names, addresses and contact information to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salchome.org.

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

It's really all about Jesus, so make your resolutions and reservations (just kidding on this last one) early. The first session is on Sunday, **January 6**, at 8:15 am (yeah!). Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen begin their Winter Bible Study program, looking at **First John**, that five chapter, 105-verse, 2,523-word most gentle epistle. This seven-week series has no exams but does provide coffee and snacks. It does unfortunately meet at 7:15 am (boo!) on the six sessions following (**January 13 - February 17**).

SIGN UP FOR 2019 MISSION TRIP TO IDAHO (open to youth currently in

grades 5-8): Current 5th-8th graders and parents are invited to sign up for our 2019 Fire Force Mission Trip to Shoshone Mountain Retreat through Idaho Servant Adventures. The trip will go from **July 28 - August 1, 2019**, and the total cost will be \$250 per participant. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex/Commons or by contacting Pastor Drew Yoos along with a \$50 deposit.

ADULT MISSION TRIP: Saint Andrew's is sponsoring the first Adult Mission Trip to The Navajo Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, Arizona from **March 21 to April 2, 2019**. (Dates do not include travel time. You provide your own transportation to and from Phoenix.) Jean Wahlstrom, Marvin Kananen, and Sherry Grindeland are leading the volunteer work on a variety of projects for all skills and interest. All we request is your enthusiasm. Housing will be at the mission facilities. Fundraising for materials needed for the projects will begin in mid-January. We provide the training and gather background information so you'll be prepared. Devotions and sightseeing will happen. If you are interested or have questions, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529. Sign up in the Narthex/Commons.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK: Each month, we collect food in the Corner of Blessing. All donations are given to Hopelink to help feed those in our community. In the cold month of December, we will collect hot beverages: **regular coffee** (not decaf), **tea**, and **hot cocoa**. Coffee is the most needed item and should be in ~12 to 16 ounce packages. It can be ground (preferred), whole bean, or instant. Tea is preferred in packages of 20-40 tea bags; individual packets of cocoa mix are requested. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

DISASTER RELIEF: Please pray for all those affected by the wildfires in California, and for all who are who are working to care for these communities. Financial gifts will help Lutheran Disaster Response deliver a robust response to address needs in the devastated communities. To donate to the relief efforts, you can:

- make a donation to Saint Andrew's with "Disaster Relief" noted; OR
- give directly by mail to Lutheran Disaster Response: make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response" (with "U.S. wildfires" or "Where needed most" on the memo line). Mail to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009; OR
- visit the Lutheran Disaster Response website and donate online, www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response.

SOCKS AND KNIT HATS: In **November and December** Dorcas Circle is collecting new white socks and warm hats for Compass Housing Alliance. Donations can be placed in the "Sox Box" in the Narthex/Commons. If you have any questions, contact Linda Willenberg.

UNIFORMS for MAASAE GIRLS LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS: Each year we have the privilege to clothe 50 students at the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) in Monduli, Tanzania. See the display in the Narthex/Commons area and consider outfitting a girl on her educational journey. A gift of \$50 provides a uniform (for 2 years) including: 2 shirts, 1 skirt, 1 sweater, 1 pair of shoes, and socks. There is a cut-out figure of a girl to hang on your tree as a prayer reminder. Place cash or check in the envelope provided and put it in the offering plate OR send a check to: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, putting MGLSS UNIFORMS on the memo line.

2019 COMMITMENTS: Thank you to all who have submitted your 2019 financial pledge. As of November 28, we have received 96 pledges totaling \$434,622. Financial support carries God's work in mission and ministry forward, and pledges are very helpful as we complete financial planning for 2019. Commitment/Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex. You can also submit your pledge online at stewardship.SALChome.org.

DO ONE THING...for Discipleship Ministries:

Consider adding your name to the “**Do ONE Thing**” list. Whenever we are in need of a caring adult to fill in for a one-time role with a youth activity, you might get called in to save the day! And if we call and you say, “Yes!” then you have done your one thing and won’t be called again (unless you want to be). This is a way for the entire congregation- whether you have kids in the program or not- to be involved in the faith formation of our youth. Contact Interim Director of Discipleship Ministries Pastor Drew Yoos, drew@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, for more information.

AN EASY OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: If you typically attend the 11:00 am service, please consider volunteering to be an **usher, greeter** or **lector**. The need is greatest for ushers! We welcome new volunteers for the 8:30 service, too. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529.

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.

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES: Health and Wholeness

Ministry is collecting empty pill bottles -- **with labels removed** -- for The Sophia Way. The bottles are given to the women to put shampoo and conditioner into for their individual use. Bottles can be placed in the small plastic blue tub in the Narthex.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:

Clothing Needed! The CFH Day Center is open year-round providing services to homeless men. Once a week they distribute clothing, and currently are in need of more donations. If you have any gently used men’s clothing, please put them in the basket marked “CFH” near the elevator in the Narthex. Items needed are: *jeans, belts, new underwear, t-shirts, light jackets, sweatshirts, fleece jackets, socks, athletic shoes, casual pants and shirts, towels for showers, sweat pants, and sleeping bags.*

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: In 2016, Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen volunteered at the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. The Mission School has invited Saint Andrew’s to help them 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. These box tops will add up to enable these children to get a better education! To learn more, visit www.nelm.org/school.

Initiative
Vision

Visioning Process Status....December 2, 2018

Look to this space for current information from the Vision Initiative Team.

This Past Week:

The Vision Initiative Team met and reviewed the ideas and input collected during the adult discipleship hour on November 11 and at council on November 12.

This Week:

The Vision Initiative Team will work to schedule meetings with youth to discuss our church's mission and values.

Coming Up:

At the annual meeting on January 27th, the vision initiative team will present the final version of our new Mission Statement and Values Statements.

Initiative
Vision

Baptismal Font:

New to the font is a new bowl. It is a gift from Sue Short and family honoring the life of Ed Short. It was created by a potter in Holden Village.

It symbolizes for us the overflowing love of God for us in Jesus Christ and will hold the water for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. At its center, the bowl has the sign of what was once known as "The Liturgist Cross."

From the beginnings of Pastor Berner's ministry here, three men led the liturgy each Sunday: Dave Kolden, Ray Pates, and Ed Short. At their 25th Anniversary of service, they were each honored with a cross to honor their commitment to serve the Lord week after week at The Lord's Table.

That tradition continues to honor the role of those who serve as Assisting Ministers, Communion, Assistants, Acolytes, and Altar Guild who provide worship which honors God, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.