

Second Sunday of Advent

“God has to work in the soul in secret and in darkness because if we fully knew what was happening and what Mystery, transformation, God and Grace will eventually ask of us, we would either try to take charge or stop the whole process.” John of the Cross

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 *Coventry Carol* [arr. Carl Wiltse]

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor McEachran

CALL TO WORSHIP *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* [Plain Chant]
Vanessa Wilkie, handbells

HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW Hymn 283

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
Stanzas 1, 2

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES Pastor McEachran
Time for a Gift

WORD

FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

L Your Word is truth.

C Thanks be to God.

LUKE 1:68-79 *(spoken responsively: A Assisting Minister; C Congregation)*

Philippians 1:3-11

SECOND LESSON

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 3:1-6

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*What do YOU Expect?
Ready or not...Jesus is Coming Soon!*

Pastor McEachran

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

ELW Hymn 241

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

Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

[arr. Joel Raney]

Handbell Choir

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE *The King Shall Come*

ELW Hymn 260

Stanza 5

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

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn [Susan Palo Cherwien]
 Vanessa Wilkie, soloist

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW Hymn 815
Love Has Come ELW Hymn 292

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 Hymn 288

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
 Stanza 3

PRAYER

S E N D I N G

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

ELW Hymn 242

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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

POSTLUDE

Carol of the Bells

[Ukrainian Carol,
arr. Will Simpson]

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister (I) Pastor Drew J. Yoos (II) Pastor James N. McEachran
Preaching Minister Pastor James N. McEachran
Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson
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 Ruth Miller, Donna Nellist
Greeters (I) Larry and Shelly Abner (II) Beverley Watt
Lectors (I) Carolyn Ferris (II) Dave Marcrander
Ushers (I) Curt and Lois Eckley (II) Kit and Jan Bowerman
Coffee Hosts Dennis and Susan Hegedus

WELCOME to WORSHIP

COMMEMORATIONS:

Lucy, martyr, died 304 December 13
 Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

John of the Cross, December 14
renewer of the church, died 1591
 John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

ADVENT

OUR THEME FOR ADVENT 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 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
No Discipleship Hour

Wednesday Advent Mid-week Worship

- Soup Supper, 6:00 pm
 Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm
 We welcome Pastor Paul Hoffman who shares devotional words on "*What Child Is This?*"
- **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*"

CHRISTMAS

Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve ~ December 24

- **4:00 pm** Family Worship, (no Holy Communion)
PRELUDE MUSIC: We welcome all children and teens to consider sharing a piece for the prelude music to the 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
- **6:30 pm** Worship with Holy Communion (worship music: Chancel Choir)
- **9:00 pm** Worship with Holy Communion (worship music: Handbell Choir)

Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day ~ December 25

- No worship service scheduled. Church office closed.

First Sunday of Christmas ~ December 30

- **9:30 am** One worship service, with Holy Communion. No Discipleship Hour

TODAY ~ DECEMBER 9

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

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) is 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

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.

LOVE TREE: Thank you to all who took tags. If you have not returned your gift to the Love Tree, please contact Joanne Baker or Carolyn Haralson.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Students in kindergarten through middle school 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. Rehearsals are Sundays, **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,
- to help provide soup and bread for the Advent Soup Supper on **December 12**. 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.
- for the 2019 Mission Trip to Idaho (grades 5-8) **July 28 - August 1, 2019**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- for the Mission Trip to Arizona (adults) **March 21 - April 2, 2019**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- 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 10 - DECEMBER 15

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

TUESDAY MORNING MEN

Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212
Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood
We have begun a study of the book ***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!

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. Our class concludes on **December 18**.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

ADVENT SOUP SUPPER and MID-WEEK WORSHIP: Advent mid-week worship services are Wednesdays, **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 preach.

December 12: Luke 1:26-38 "*This, this is the babe, the son of Mary*"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

MIKE LENCI MEMORIAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Our brother in Christ, Mike Lenci, died November 20. A Memorial Celebration of Life will be at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, **December 15**, at 1:00 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 16

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

WORSHIP



Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Servers for December 16

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Ministers:

(II) Sue Short

Communion Assistants:

(I) Judy Gowdy (II) Jan Bowerman

Acolytes:

(I) Emily Elien (II) Josie Marti

Altar Guild:

Janan Twito, Karin Eklof

Greeters:

(I) Bev Anderson, Trudi Gertis

(II) Carolyn and Jerry Haralson

Lectors:

(I) Diane Hogle (II) Marli Edde

Ushers:

(I) Tom Anderson, John Arnold

(II) Darcy and Dan Johnson

Coffee Hosts:

Larry and Shelly Abner

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

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.

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!

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS) CLASSES:

South Hall

FELLOWSHIP

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. Rehearsal on Sunday, **December 16**, is from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in Room 106. Contact Children's Choir Director Erin Simpson for more information.

CONCERT: 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!

COMING UP

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...7:15 AM

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 17**FIRST JOHN**

7:15 am, 322/Conference Room

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom, Marvin Kananen

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**).

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

January 13 and January 20**BUDGET 2019***301/Fellowship Hall*

Facilitators: Congregation Treasurer Joni Barrott, Finance and Outreach and Servant Ministries Committees

We're devoting two discipleship hours for discussion about the 2019 budget. On January 13, Treasurer Joni Barrott and Finance Committee members will be open to any general questions about the budget, our current fund, and reserve funds. On January 20, join us for conversations with your Joni and members of the Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee to learn about planned opportunities for our outreach ministries in 2019.

JANUARY 13**ALTAR GUILD***322/Conference Room*

Altar Guild invites everyone to consider joining them to serve at Saint Andrew's! Working in teams of two, Altar Guild members prepare the elements and set the altar for communion. Each member chooses when to serve. It takes about 1 hour on Saturday, 1/2 hour between services, and 1 hour after second service. Come to our next meeting on Sunday, **January 13**, at 9:45 am to find out more. If you have questions, please contact Altar Guild chair Linda Powell.

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, drew@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529. We are especially looking for relevant topics in our lives that have an intersection for our faith.

FELLOWSHIP

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.

ADVENT SOUP SUPPER and MID-WEEK**WORSHIP:** Wednesday, **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 19: John 1:1-18*"This, this is the Word made flesh"*

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, so that they can be invited to the celebration. Please give names, addresses and contact information to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salchome.org.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP MEETING: All participants in the 2019 Summer mission trip to Mexico should plan to attend our mandatory meeting on Saturday, **January 12**, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in 319/Youth Room. At this meeting we will plan our fund raisers.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/ CONFIRMATION (ABC) LUNCH: On Sunday, **January 13**, all ABC students, parents, and mentors should plan on attending the ABC lunch after the 11:00 am worship service. We will eat together, learn together, and share faith together. Our topic for this lunch will be, "*Being Lutheran in 2019.*" Potluck assignments: 6th- Main dish; 7th- side/salad; 8th- dessert. 8th grade families will be responsible for setup and clean up.

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.

SOCKS AND KNIT HATS: In **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.

MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS: The "Managing God's Gifts" bulletin inserts from October and November are in the Narthex/Commons. Please pick up the the cards you are interested in today.

2019 COMMITMENTS: Thank you to all who have submitted your 2019 financial pledge. As of December 4, we have received 121 pledges totaling \$514,022. 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: Please consider volunteering to be an **usher**, **greeter** or **lector**. The need is greatest for ushers! Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529.

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).

FOOD BANK OFFERING: We invite you to participate in our monthly offering for Hopelink through the pew envelope. Our monthly goal is \$500. Mark your checks for "Hopelink" on the memo line. Any non-perishable food donations can be placed in the Corner of Blessing in the Narthex.

COMMUNION BREAD: This quite easy and important ministry needs volunteers to give an hour to baking bread which feeds our faith family every Sunday at the altar.

There are two ways to help:

- You can sign up for a specific Sunday to bring bread. The link to the sign-up can be found on the Saint Andrew's website: www.worship.SALChome.org. Scroll down to "Bake Communion Bread".
- The bread freezes well, so you can also bake when it is convenient for you, without signing up for a specific day. The bread can be baked anytime, sealed in zip lock bag with the date baked on the label, and brought to church. Place the bread in container marked "Altar Guild Bread" in the freezer in the Scullery.

Visit www.worship.SALChome.org to find links to the sign-up and to the recipe for Luther Bread. Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.

Initiative
Vision

Visioning Process Status....December 9, 2018

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

This Past Week:

The Vision Initiative Team worked to schedule meetings with youth, in early January, to discuss our church's mission and values.

This Week:

The Vision Initiative Team will work to make arrangements for and prepare for meetings with youth in early January.

Coming Up:

At the annual meeting on January 27, the Vision Initiative Team will present the final version of our new Mission Statement and Values Statements.

Vision Initiative

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.