

# Third Sunday of Advent

*“The Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is an Advent season, that is, a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God is in the Manger*

## 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.*

### PRELUDE

*Gaudete* [Medieval Latin Carol,

Chancel Choir arr. by Michael Burkhardt]

*Gaudete! Gaudete!*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Christus est natus ex Marie virgine: Christ is born of the virgin Mary:*

*Gaudete!*

*Rejoice!*

*Now the time has come at last, bringing joy and gladness;  
time foretold by sages past, healing earth’s deep sadness.*

*Nature marvels at the sight, earth looks on in wonder;  
for the Lord of love and light rends the heavens asunder.*

*Christ is born: Emmanuel, hope of every nation!*

*Therefore let us sing noel with the whole creation!*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

(I) Pastor McEachran

(II) Pastor Yoos

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

[Plain Chant]

Vanessa Wilkie, handbells

### HYMN

**Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

ELW Hymn 244

### 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, 3

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**C** Congregation

**A** Assisting Minister

**P** Pastor

### Today’s Theme

Advent continues to call us to wait, but to know that the child born is the Savior of the World. A baby born is not unexpected, but the one born of Mary and Joseph means to surprise our expectations, that is the way, into the truth, that is life.

#### Prelude Music

*Gaudete* is from *Piae Cantiones*, a collection of Finnish/Swedish songs originating in the 14th century. Text is public domain.

**A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES**

*You Were a Baby Once Too*

**W O R D**

**FIRST LESSON**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

**L** Your Word is truth.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

*The Angels and the Shepherds*

[Bohemian traditional carol, arr. C.H. Trevor ]

Chancel Choir

**SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 4:4-7

**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 3:7-18

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

*Expect the Unexpected*

Pastor McEachran

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

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*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

**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** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* [E.H. Sears,  
Traditional English Tune,  
Chancel Choir arr. Sir Arthur Sullivan]  
*(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 AND HEALING PRAYERS**  
*Rocking Carols* [arr. John Purifoy]  
Chancel Choir  
*Now Comes the Savior of the Nations* [J.S. Bach]  
Will Simpson, Organ

**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**

**P** May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for  
**CLOSING HYMN** *Spirit of Gentleness* ELW Hymn 396

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* [16th Century French Tune]

## PARTICIPANTS

*Presiding Minister* (I) Pastor James N. McEachran (II) Pastor Drew J. Yoos

*Preaching Minister* Pastor James N. McEachran

*Director of Music Ministries/Organist* Dr. Will Simpson

*Assisting Ministers* (I) Pastor Drew Yoos (II) Sue Short

*Communion Assistants* (I) Judy Gowdy (II) Jan Bowerman

*Healing Prayer Ministers* (I) Jan Benson, Mikel Oswalt  
(II) CJ Tatum, Karen Grams

*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) Karin Eklof, Adam Camrud, Andrew Camrud

*Coffee Hosts* Larry and Shelly Abner

*Percussion* Rob Parks

**WELCOME to WORSHIP**

**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.

**COMMEMORATIONS:**

***Las Posadas*** December 16

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

***Katharina von Bora Luther*** December 20  
*renewer of the church, died 1552*

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

## 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 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 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 16

### DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

### December 16

#### **A GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE: MAASAE GIRLS SCHOOL, NAVAJO MISSION, 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, introduce the Navajo Mission site (Rock Point, Arizona), and give an update on surgical needs at The Plaster House. 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:**

**God Squad** and **Fire Force** get together in 319/Youth Room for a Christmas party. 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

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.

**FELLOWSHIP**

**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 next 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. Our final rehearsal is today, **December 16**, 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 today, **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!

**SIGN-UP....**

- to participate in the Children's Choir (kindergarten - grade 8). Contact Children's Choir Director Erin Simpson
- 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 Pastor McEachran's celebration on **January 5**. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.
- for the Mission Trip to Arizona (adults) **March 21 - April 2, 2019**. 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.
- 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 17 - DECEMBER 22****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18****TUESDAY MORNING MEN**

Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212  
 Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood  
 We are studying 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. This week we'll study Romans 14-16. Our class concludes on **December 18.**

**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 North. 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.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**ADVENT SOUP SUPPER and MID-WEEK WORSHIP:** Our Advent mid-week worship service is 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 preach.

**December 19:** John 1:1-18 *"This, this is the Word made flesh"*

**TIMBER RIDGE WORSHIP GATHERING POSTPONED:** Please note that the worship gathering at Timber Ridge, scheduled for **December 19**, has been postponed.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**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 rehearsal at 9:00 am on Saturday, **December 22**, in the Sanctuary. Parents are expected to stay for the rehearsal to help with costumes and placements. If you are interested in participating please sign up in the Narthex/ Commons or by contacting Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.



**NEXT SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 23**

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE:** Please note that there is one worship service, with Holy Communion, at **9:30 am** on Sunday, **December 23**. The Children's Christmas Program will be a part of the worship service, and the Children's Choir will sing.

**BAPTISM:** David and Lindsey Cliffe will present their child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 9:30 am worship service. Sponsors will be Angela and Mark Friesen. Grandparents are Chris and Sandra Badcon.

**WORSHIP****Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Luke 1:26--2:20; Matthew 2:1-15

**Servers for December 23**

*Presiding Minister:* Pastor Drew Yoos  
*Preaching Minister:* Pastor James McEachran  
*Assisting Minister:* Jean Wahlstrom  
*Communion Assistant:* Dick Swaisgood  
*Acolyte:* Sara Marti

*Altar Guild:* Jill Nichols-Hicks, JoAn Eklof  
*Greeters:* Louise Oda, Lydia Folsom  
*Lectors:* Youth  
*Ushers:* The Rudolph Family

**CHRISTMAS EVE ~ DECEMBER 24**

**WORSHIP: "What Child Is This?"** With this question goes that compelling question of Jesus to the 12, "Who do YOU say that I am?" And to each of us the pause begs an answer which we call a "witness" to what we believe. In these times to listen, to see, to learn that the promise is being fulfilled again as Jesus is born anew to us today.

**WORSHIP****Monday, December 24: Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve**

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

**Servers for December 24**

*Presiding Minister:* Pastor James McEachran  
*Assisting Ministers:*  
 (4:00 pm) Sharon Gurtel  
 (6:30 pm) Karen Grams  
 (9:00 pm) Sue Short  
*Communion Assistants:*  
 (6:30 pm)  
 Judi Miller, Jan Bowerman, Art Gurtel  
 (9:00 pm) Livi Myhre  
*Acolytes:*  
 (4:00 pm) Anthony Martin, Izzy Martin  
 (6:30 pm) Sonja Wetmore, Abby Kasper  
 (9:00 pm) Alden Johnson, Gavin Johnson  
*Crucifers:*  
 (4:00 pm) Sam Wilkes  
 (6:30 pm) Collin Feldman  
 (9:00 pm) Quinn Myhre

*Altar Guild:*  
 (6:30 pm) Phillip Misner, Karin Eklof  
 (9:00 pm)  
 Phillip Misner, Karin Eklof, Christine Koch  
*Greeters:*  
 (4:00 pm) Sarah Cannon  
 (6:30 pm) The Wilcox Family  
 (9:00 pm) JJ and Maureen Dorwart  
*Lectors:*  
 (4:00 pm) Linda Gilham  
 (6:30 pm) Shelly Abner  
*Ushers:*  
 (4:00 pm) Marv Kananen, Sherry Grindeland  
 (6:30 pm) Brady Kasper, Quinlan Kasper  
 (9:00 pm) Kirk and Amy Myhre, Mark Davis

## 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**. 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** 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 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

**2018 YEAR-END OFFICE HOURS:** Please note that the church office hours will be 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on **December 26, December 27, December 28, and December 31**. The church office will be closed on Tuesday, **December 25**, and Tuesday, **January 1**.

**2018 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS:** To be counted for 2018, contributions must be **dated December 31** or earlier and received in the church office no later than **December 30**.

**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.

**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 is Wednesday, **January 9**, at Crossroads Food Court. Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **January 7**, if you plan to join us.

**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.

**O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints):**  
*Learn ins-and-outs of*  
**Bellevue Botanical Garden**

Tuesday, **January 15**  
Garden Manager Nancy Kartes will share stories and highlights of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. (There's still time to catch the annual Garden D 'Lights display, open 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm daily until **December 30**. Tickets are \$5 per person.). 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.

**W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study):**  
Wednesdays, **January 16, - February 27**  
7:00 pm, 322/Conference Room  
Facilitator: Cheryl Jurrus  
Our Winter Session book is *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes. The story takes place in Seattle and the San Juan Islands and is written as a mystery to be solved about the silk embroidery that tells a story. All women are welcome to join us for a great discussion of the author's story, our stories, and God's part in our lives. We meet for devotions, prayer, sharing, laughter, and critical discussions. Contact Cheryl Jurrus for more information.

**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

**2019 COMMITMENTS:** Thank you to all who have submitted your 2019 financial pledge. As of December 12, we have received 122 pledges totaling \$518,222. 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](http://stewardship.SALChome.org).

**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.

**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.

**DORCAS CIRCLE NEEDS SHEETS:** Dorcas Circle uses sheets to back quilts that we create for Lutheran World Relief. We particularly appreciate colored sheets and sheets with patterns. New sheets and used sheets in good condition may be placed in the Dorcas collection basket in the Narthex. All sizes are welcome. Please contact Linda Willenberg if you have any questions.

**GOD SQUAD (grades 9-12) and FIRE FORCE (grades 6-8) FAMILIES:** Please pick up a copy of the 2019 Event Calendar from the bulletin board in the Narthex/Commons.

**EASTSIDE BABY CORNER (EBC) -**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:** People have requested more information on how to help this organization that supplies diapers, clothing, baby furniture and other things to needy and underserved families and where to donate things. New and gently used items can be donated at several EBC sites on the Eastside. Check the EBC website, [www.babycorner.org](http://www.babycorner.org), for specific locations and hours. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things. For more information go to [www.babycorner.org](http://www.babycorner.org).

**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](mailto:sherry@salchome.org) or 425-746-2529.

**THE SOPHIA WAY:** The Sophia Way helps homeless women journey toward independence and a home of their own.

- Volunteers are needed at the Day Center (on the lower level of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3032 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue) to sort donated items they receive, and to help ensure the women there have the clothing they need. To volunteer or for more information, contact their volunteer coordinator Tara, 425-463-6285.
- The Sophia Way welcomes donations of clothing, personal items, food, and other essentials. A current list of needed items can be found at [www.sophiaway.org/shelter-needs/](http://www.sophiaway.org/shelter-needs/). Drop off your donations at Sophia's Place (on the lower level of St. Luke's Lutheran Church); drop off times can be found on the website..
- Meals are also needed; visit [www.sophiaway.org/donate-meals/](http://www.sophiaway.org/donate-meals/) to sign up or for more information.

Contact Joyce Arnold for more information.

**PROJECT BIHAR / LUTHERAN WORLD****RELIEF**

Bihar is a global mission project which engages us in significant multi-year 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.**

- Saint Andrew's member **Becca Piel** has felt the call to join the LWR trip to Bihar, representing Saint Andrew's, **January 17-24, 2019**. She is a member of the Chancel Choir and the Outreach Servant Ministries Committee.
- 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 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](http://www.lwr.org/bihar)***

**RECORDINGS OF CLASSES:** Video and audio recordings of Sunday adult discipleship classes are available online. Links to recordings can be found on the Sunday Morning Discipleship webpage: [adulted.SALChome.org](http://adulted.SALChome.org).

**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 on preparations and arrangements for meetings with youth in early January.

This Week:

The Vision Initiative Team will have this week off.

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.



# ALONG THE WAY

Celebrate Pastor James McEachran's ministry  
at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

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1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 5, 2019

Program begins about 2:00 p.m.

Renton Technical College  
3000 NE Fourth Street - Building I  
Renton 98056

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We welcome stories and photographs for a party slide show and booklet.

RSVPs for the celebration are appreciated.

Send RSVPs, stories, and photographs to  
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