

First Sunday of Christmas

*“...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth...”
Philippians 2:10*

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 *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* [arr. Martin]

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Yoos

HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* ELW Hymn 275

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW Hymn 289

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES Pastor Yoos

W O R D

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

L Word of God.

C Word of Life.

PSALM 148 *(spoken responsively: **A** Assisting Minister; **C** Congregation)*

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

L Word of God.

C Word of Life.

(congregation stands)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION On Christmas Night ELW Hymn 274

Stanza 1

P The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

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

SERMON

Are You Overwhelmed?

Pastor Yoos

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ELW Hymn 279

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 Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great. *(congregation is seated)*

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *(shared in community)*

OFFERING

Allemande from 4th Suite in E-Flat

[J.S. Bach]

Isaac Berglind, cello

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW Hymn 686

Stanza 1

OFFERTORY PRAYER



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

It Came upon the Midnight Clear ELW Hymn 282
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ELW Hymn 272

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 292

Love Has Come

PRAYER



BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW Hymn 270

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Violin Concerto No. 5 [Vieuxtemps]
Allegro non troppo
 Anna Kiesewetter, violin; Elaine Koga, piano

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister Pastor Drew J. Yoos
Pianist/Organist Elaine Koga
Assisting Minister Dick Swaisgood
Communion Assistant Judy Gowdy
Acolyte Sonja Wetmore
Altar Guild Elmer Neu and Signe Wraith
Greeters Joyce and John Arnold
Lector Mikel Oswald
Ushers Brett Nelson, Joan Tweten

WELCOME to WORSHIP

WE WELCOME ISAAC BERGLIND AND ANNA KIESEWETTER, who are sharing their musical gifts with us.

Isaac is studying cello at Eastman School of Music. He is the grandson of Larry and Ann Berglind. Anna has earned accolades in several competitions, including winning the 2018 Evergreen Philharmonic Concerto Competition and being a finalist in the NCCO Concerto Competition. Anna has been a member of the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras for six years. Anna sat concertmaster for the 2017 WMEA Junior All-State Orchestra, and has been accepted into the 2019 WMEA All-Northwest Orchestra. She is currently a first violinist in Evergreen Philharmonic.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Name of Jesus

January 1

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872

January 2

A nineteenth-century German Lutheran pastor, Loehe worked to enliven the church with the Eucharist at its center, from which would flow evangelism and social ministry. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and the Ukraine.

CELEBRATIONS FOR PASTOR MCEACHRAN

PASTOR MCEACHRAN'S last Sunday at Saint Andrew's is January 6.

CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR MCEACHRAN

on JANUARY 5: 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 Street, Renton). Please plan to join us for a fun gathering to share memories and thank Pastor McEachran for his years of serving.

- Yes, you can still RSVP. We want you there!
- Plus we need your help. Volunteers are needed on party day.
- To RSVP or volunteer, return your RSVP envelope or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

JANUARY 6: Please note that there is one worship service, at 9:30 am, on Sunday, **January 6.** A celebration for Pastor McEachran follows worship.

TODAY ~ DECEMBER 30

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

Please note that there are no Discipleship Hour classes today.

SIGN-UP....

- 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 Coffee and Compline on **January 20.** Sign up in the Narthex/Commons 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.
- 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.
- to be an **usher, greeter, or lector.** Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

THIS WEEK ~ DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 5**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be open from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

2018 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS: To be counted for 2018, contributions must be **dated December 31** or earlier and postmarked no later than **December 31**.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed.

TUESDAY MORNING MEN will not meet.

THE PARISH NURSES will not have office hours.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

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NEXT SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 6

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE: Please note that there is one worship service, with Holy Communion, at **9:30 am** on Sunday, **January 6**.

WORSHIP**Sunday, January 6: Epiphany of Our Lord**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Servers for January 6

Presiding Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Altar Guild: Phillip Misner, Christine Koch

Assisting Minister: Sharon Gurtel

Greeters: The Engan Family

Communion Assistant: Dick Swaisgood

Lector: Shelly Abner

Acolytes: Izzy Martin, Quinn Myhre

Ushers: George and Judi Miller

Crucifer: Ian Maland

Coffee Hosts: Shirley and Dean Hobson

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 meets at **7:15 am** on the six sessions following (**January 13 - February 17**).

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

Please note that there are no Discipleship Hour classes on **January 6**.

FELLOWSHIP

CELEBRATION: A celebration for Pastor McEachran follows worship.

COMING UP

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

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.

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.

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

DORCAS CIRCLE: The Dorcas Circle meets in 302/Fellowship Hall South on Tuesday, **January 8**, 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, crochet or embroidery thread, quilt batting, sewing supplies, and blankets.

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.

CARL WILKENS AT SAMMAMISH HILLS LUTHERAN: Carl Wilkens will be at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church on Sunday, **January 13**, at 4:00 pm for a screening of the documentary, "*I'm Not Leaving,*" followed by a Q-and-A. Carl was the only American to stay in Rwanda during the 1994 Genocide. Each year he returns to Rwanda with students and educators to see for themselves how people are working together to rebuild their country and rebuild trust. For more information, contact Pastor Larry Thomas through Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, 425-392-7799.

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.). 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.

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.

COFFEE AND COMPLINE: All youth and adults are invited to join us for an outing to Seattle for coffee followed by the evening Compline service at St. Mark's Cathedral on Sunday, **January 20**. Compline is a meditative, sung evening prayer service led by a choir. We will meet at Saint Andrew's at 7:30 pm and return by 10:45 pm. Everyone interested is asked to sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex/Commons or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual congregation Meeting on Sunday, **January 27**. We will worship together at one 9:30 am worship service. The meeting will begin following worship, at **10:45 am**.

GOD SQUAD (youth in grades 9-12): SIGN UP FOR HOLDEN VILLAGE RETREAT.

The 2019 Holden Village May Youth Weekend is **May 24-26, 2019**. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Glow!" about letting God's light shine in the darkness. All interested High School youth and adult leaders should sign up in the Narthex/Commons and give \$100 to Pastor Drew by Sunday, **January 27**.

NEW MEMBERS: 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 in mid-January or early February. For more information on how to join, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@SALChome.org.

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.) 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. 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

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.

SOCKS AND KNIT HATS: 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.

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 are collecting 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. In the month of January, we are collecting **cooking (vegetable) oil**, small size (24 – 32 ounces.) This is something that Hopelink really needs, but never gets donated. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

2019 COMMITMENTS: Thank you to all who have submitted your 2019 financial pledge. As of December 24, we have received 129 pledges totaling \$544,002. 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.

FLOWERS IN 2019: The flower chart for 2019 is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex/ Commons. Please take a moment to reserve your Sunday.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: If the weather is bad, you may wonder if events at church are on as scheduled or have been cancelled. Up-to-date information can be found at www.weatherupdates.SALChome.org. There is a link to a list of daily events that will note if they have been cancelled. There are also links to the Bellevue city traffic camera located near the church, which you can use to check road conditions. Safety is paramount. Please come to church only if you feel safe traveling the roads.

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.

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.

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.

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). The entire congregation- whether you have kids in the program or not- can 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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN

TANZANIA: Scholarships are needed for new Form One students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS). 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).

PILL BOTTLES NO LONGER NEEDED: Please note that we are not collecting pill bottles. The Sophia Way has an ample supply. Thank you to all who contributed!

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 30, 2018

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

This Past Week:

The Vision Initiative Team had this week off.

This Week:

The Team will continue to work on preparations and arrangements 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.

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.



ALONG THE WAY

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

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

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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