

Epiphany of Our Lord

“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’”

Genesis 12:1-2

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 *St. Andrew’s Processional* [arr. Mark Schweizer]

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor McEachran

HYMN *As with Gladness Men of Old* ELW Hymn 302

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 [Kevin Keil]

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW page 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(congregation is seated)

A TIME FOR LITTLE DISCIPLES *Plant a Seed* Pastor McEachran

WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

they all gather together, they come to you;

L Word of God.

C Word of Life.

MUSIC *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* [arr. Cathy Moglebust]

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Handbell Choir

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12

L Word of God.

C Word of Life.

(congregation stands)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Mark 4:1-9

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

SERMON *Sowing and Growing on the Way* Pastor McEachran

HYMN OF THE DAY bulletin page 16

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 Hear us, O God.
C **Your mercy is great.** *(congregation is seated)*

BLESSING FOR GLOBAL MISSION: BECCA PIEL

A time of silence.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

A Gaelic Blessing [John Rutter]

Chancel Choir

(congregation stands)

OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW Hymn 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Stanza 1

OFFERTORY PRAYER


M E A L
GREAT THANKSGIVING**SANCTUS**

ELW page 153

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER*(congregation is seated)***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

[Isensee]

Kelley Mannon, vocalist; Ken DeJong, piano

LAMB OF GOD

[Kevin Keil]

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION*Be Thou My Vision* [arr. Joseph Martin]*Over the Sea to Skye* [arr. Joseph Martin]

Elaine Koga, piano

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW Hymn 461*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ELW Hymn 494**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 314

Arise, Your Light Has Come

Stanzas 1, 4

PRAYER

S E N D I N G
BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of
the Holy Spirit. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *On What Has Now Been Sown*

ELW Hymn 550

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister Pastor James N. McEachran
Director of Music Ministries/Organist Dr. Will Simpson
Assisting Minister Sharon Gurtel
Communion Assistant Dick Swaisgood
Acolytes Izzy Martin, Emily Elien
Crucifer Quinn Myhre
Altar Guild Phillip Misner, Christine Koch
Greeters The Engan Family
Lector Shelly Abner
Ushers George and Judi Miller
Coffee Hosts Shirley and Dean Hobson
Brass Ensemble Mark Baker, Jack Prindle, *trumpet*
 Rob Parks, *percussion*

WELCOME to WORSHIP

COMMEMORATIONS:

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 January 9
 African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR MCEACHRAN

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

Fellowship and a time of celebration for Pastor McEachran follows worship.

TODAY ~ JANUARY 6

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

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 17

FIRST JOHN

322/Conference Room

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom, Marvin Kananen

It's really all about Jesus. 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** for the next six Sundays (**January 13 - February 17**).

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

Please note that there are no Discipleship Hour classes today.

SIGN-UP....

- ☑ 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.
- ☑ 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 "**Do ONE Thing**" for Discipleship 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 ~ JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 12

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

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!

DORCAS CIRCLE: The Dorcas Circle meets in 302/Fellowship Hall South this 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

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.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 13

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Please note that next Sunday, **January 13**, there are two worship services, with Holy Communion, at **8:30 am** and **11:00 am**. Discipleship Hour is at 9:45 am

WORSHIP**Sunday, January 13: Baptism of Our Lord**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Servers for January 13

Presiding Minister: Pastor Drew Yoos

Assisting Ministers:

(I) Karen Grams (II) Sue Short

Communion Assistants:

(I) Judi Miller (II) Celeste Ackerbloom

Acolytes:

(I) Emily Elien (II) Sam Wilkes

Altar Guild:

Bev Anderson, Carolyn Haralson

Greeters:

(I) Lowell and Lois Arneson

(II) Ben and Jenny Johnson Family

Lectors:

(I) Brett Nelson (II) Jessica Allen

Ushers:

(I) Lois and Curt Eckley

(II) The Feldman Family

Coffee Hosts:

George and Judi Miller

Larry and Shelly Abner

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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 meeting on Sunday, **January 13**, at 9:45 am to find out more. If you have questions, please contact Altar Guild chair Linda Powell.

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.

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*

On **January 13**, the Vision Initiative Team meets with students.

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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (ABC) LUNCH: Next 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.

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.

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.

COMING UP

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

January 20

BUDGET 2019

301/Fellowship Hall

Facilitators:

Congregation Treasurer Joni Barrott, Finance and Outreach and Servant Ministries Committees
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FELLOWSHIP

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. 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.

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 dinner on Wednesday, **January 23**, is at Crossroads Food Court. Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **January 21**, if you plan to join us.

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**. At this meeting, we will...

- vote on a slate of eight candidates for four positions on the Congregation Council, plus a Youth Representative and Treasurer;
- vote on a slate of six candidates for the Nominating Committee;
- receive an update on finances and the Imagine Housing Investment Fund;
- vote on the 2019 Current Fund Budget;
- introduce our Transition Pastor Brian "Red" Burchfield, and receive an update on the transition process;
- receive an update from the Vision Initiatives Team and formally introduce a new Mission Statement and Values Statements;
- receive an update on the Interim Director of Discipleship Ministries Position;
- receive updates on other Council Initiatives; and
- recognize Quiet Servants.

A quorum is needed, and every voice and vote counts!

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 an Adult Mission Trip to The Navajo Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, Arizona from **March 21 to April 2, 2019**. 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. More information to come in mid-January. We provide the training and background information. 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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/. Drop off times and location can be found on the website.
- Meals are also needed; visit 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 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***

2019 COMMITMENTS: Thank you to all who have submitted your 2019 financial pledge. As of December 31, we have received 130 pledges totaling \$546,982. 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.

Initiative
Vision

Visioning Process Status....January 6, 2019

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

This Past Week:

The Vision Initiative Team prepared for vision meetings with two youth groups, Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation (ABC) and high school.

This Week:

Today, January 6, the Vision Initiative Team will meet with the high school youth to discuss our draft Mission Statement and Values.

Next Sunday, January 13, the Vision Initiative Team will meet with the ABC (middle school) youth to discuss our draft Mission Statement and Values.

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.

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