

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

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Weekly Announcements for October 21 - October 28, 2018

Sunday Worship

Worship with Holy Communion, **8:30 am** and **11:00 am**

Discipleship Hour, **9:45 am**

Commitment Sunday

November 18

Worship with Holy Communion, **9:30 am**

Commitment Celebration, **10:45 am**

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:

James of Jerusalem October 23
martyr, died around 62

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608 October 26

Johann Heermann, died 1647

Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying."

Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith.

Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

TODAY ~ OCTOBER 21

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Sundays, **through November 18**

7:15 am, 322/Conference Room

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen

Journey with us through the book of AMOS this fall at the Early Sunday morning Bible Study.

The prophet Amos brought a message of responsibility in an affluent time.

October 21**EMERGENCY DRILL**

Facilitators: Building and Property Committee

The church will be exercising an emergency drill during the Discipleship Hour. This year, the practiced action will be a police response. Real world scenarios that could initiate a police response at Saint Andrew's could be something as simple as someone yelling or becoming belligerent. Or it could be as devastating as a Sandy Hook or Parkland type of event. Anytime that a police response is appropriate, anyone can push one of the blue Police buttons located at exit doors throughout our building. The buttons are simple to operate: lift the cover, press and hold the blue button for about two seconds. This will sound the "police siren" alarms throughout the building, call 911 for a police response, lockdown the exterior doors, and send text messages to teachers and staff.

If you hear the siren alarm in the building, you should take one of these three actions, in preference order:

- **RUN** – If you can safely run away from the event, that should be your first priority. While at Saint Andrew's, you should run to the Mormon Temple parking lot.
- **HIDE** – If you don't know where the event is, or cannot safely run in the opposite direction, you should hide in your current location. You should lock the doors to the room, close the blinds and shades, turn off the lights, and be silent. There are room-specific protocols to effectively Hide in every room; they are on the back of the Evacuation Map.
- **FIGHT** – Only as a last resort, if you cannot Run or Hide, should you engage the attacker. Some teachers and staff choose to carry keychain size pepper spray. You can also disrupt the attacker by throwing books, chairs, or anything available to you.

The best short video demonstrating these actions is at: <https://youtu.be/5VcSwejU2D0>. A more appropriate video for children is at: <https://youtu.be/aQIR1pqd3k8>. Washington schools are required to have a lockdown drill three times each year, so kids are probably more familiar with this than adults.

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*

- ABC will not meet today, **October 21**, due to the Fire Force Fall Retreat. Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Interim Director of Discipleship Ministries Pastor Drew Yoos or Pastor McEachran for more information about ABC.

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

FIRE FORCE FALL RETREAT: Please pray for the youth and adults returning from the Fire Force Fall Retreat today.

SIGN-UP....

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for the Men's Retreat on October 26-27. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex; it includes a registration form.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for the Sheep and Shepherds Game Night on November 4. Sign up in the Narthex.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for Dinner with Young Adults on November 14. Contact Carolyn McKenna.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for the God Squad service event on November 17. Sign up in the Narthex.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for the 2019 Mission Trip to Mexico July 28 - August 3, 2019. Sign up in the Narthex.</p> |
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THIS WEEK ~ OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 27

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE will meet Monday, **October 22**, at 7:00 pm in Room 121. Jon Buuck, Associate Director of Philanthropy for Lutheran World Relief and former Pastor, will join us to discuss ministry in Bihar, India. All are welcome to attend.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

TUESDAY MORNING MEN

Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, *Room 212*
 Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood
 We are studying **Mark** with "Immersion Bible Studies" by Emerson B. Powery. This study series invites prayerful reading, reflection, and engagement with Scripture, including how to put it into practice in our lives. 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, we began with Romans 16. Over the next two weeks, we are digging into Romans 1:18-3:20 with the theme "The Worlds Need of God" and Romans 3:21-4:25 with the theme "Justification by Faith Alone: Abraham." Never too late to jump in!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study):

Wednesdays, October 3 - **November 14**, 7:00 pm, 322/Conference Room
 Our book for this Fall Session is ***Everything Happens for a Reason (and other lies I've loved)*** by Kate Bowler. Pastor McEachran will join us on November 14 for the last meeting of this session, talking about the Prosperity Gospel and sharing his views on the book. *All women are welcome* for in-depth discussion, sharing, laughter, and prayer. Contact Cheryl Jurrus or Marlyn Thorpe for information.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26-27

MEN'S RETREAT: Men: Join us for our Men's Retreat on Friday-Saturday, **October 26-27**, at Valley Camp in North Bend.

Our facilitator for the weekend is Pastor Timothy Weber, who will speak on the theme **"Enriching Life by Embracing Our Dying: The Proper Use of Death Bed Regrets."** A description.... *Psalm 90 admonishes to do the unnatural: "Teach us to number our days that we might apply our hearts unto wisdom." We do everything to avoid the reality of our dying. It is unnatural, maybe even frightening, for us to look at our dying boldly in the face with the prayer: teach me to learn from my dying how I might live with greater abundance. For this task we need the power of the Spirit, courage to face the conversation, and partners in our faith community who might help us. The promise of Christ is that the abundant life awaits us even more than we would ever think.* Brochures with registration forms are in the Narthex. Pick one up, take one for a friend, and register by today, **October 21**.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 28

WORSHIP

REFORMATION SUNDAY is next Sunday, **October 28**. It marks a time of festive remembrance of the renewal that came through the life and ministry of Martin Luther and reformers who brought the clear Gospel call of "by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ" as central to the mission of the church. Red is the festive color of celebration in the church year, and you are invited to wear RED on this Sunday of celebration.

**Sunday, October 28: Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; Mark 10:46-52

Servers for October 28

Presiding Minister: Pastor Drew J. Yoos

Preaching Minister: Pastor James McEachran

Assisting Ministers:

(I) Jean Wahlstrom (II) Dana Nasby

Communion Assistants:

(I) Judi Miller (II) Jan Bowerman

Acolytes:

(I) Alden Johnson, Gavin Johnson

(II) Sam Wilkes, Sonja Wetmore

Crucifers:

(I) Quinn Myhre (II) Alaina Bland

Altar Guild:

Janan Twito, Christine Koch

Greeters:

(I) Curt and Lois Eckley

(II) Philip and Judie Maakestad

Lectors:

(I) Linda Gilham (II) Joni Barrott

Ushers:

(I) Janan Twito, Tom Anderson

(II) Ann Thorpe

Coffee Hosts:

Matt and Christine Camrud

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DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

October 28**TEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REFORMATION**

Presenter: Pastor James McEachran
301/Fellowship Hall North

Spend Reformation Sunday with Pastor McEachran looking back at the Reformation and ahead as we celebrate its **501st** anniversary.

KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)

Sunday, **October 28**, 9:45 am,
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.

2019 MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO: We are seeking youth currently in grades 8-12, parents, and **all interested adults** for our 2019 mission trip to Baja, Mexico as we partner with Lantern Hill for a cross cultural exchange and service trip. Due to some confusion, there will be another informational meeting in 319/Youth Room during the Discipleship Hour (9:45 am) next Sunday, **October 28**. This meeting is for all youth in grades 8-12 AND their parents (at least one parent must be there) AND any others who may be interested in hearing more about this opportunity.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS) CLASSES:

South Hall

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/ CONFIRMATION (ABC): 302/Fellowship Hall South

Hall South

- "Introduction to Old Testament"

CROSSWALK: 319/Youth Room

FELLOWSHIP

PERSONAL CARE KITS: Health and Wholeness Ministry is collecting items for Personal Care Kits which will be sent in November. The kits contain basic hygiene items and are sent to areas of the world by Lutheran World Relief where they are needed. Our needs for the fall shipment include the following items:

- toothbrushes
- bath towels - 20"x40" to 52"x37", light weight, dark color
- soap - 4 or 5 ounce bars

Please place items in the basket in the Narthex labeled Health and Wholeness. Items received by next Sunday, **October 28**, will be included in the fall shipment.

COMING UP

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

November 4**COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE**

Presenter: Andrew Lyon

Andrew Lyon from Compass Housing will join us to talk about issues of poverty and homelessness.

301/Fellowship Hall North

November 4

STEPPING INTO ADULTHOOD (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of High School Seniors)

Facilitators: Lois Nelson, Kari Henderson
322/Conference Room

At this session, we discuss the high school senior experience, planning for life beyond high school, and encoring parents to engage in important conversations around expectations and learning to let go. We will also discuss senior gifts which will be presented by the parents on June 9.

November 11

VALUES STATEMENT UPDATE

Facilitators: Vision Initiative Team
301/Fellowship Hall North

The Vision Initiative Team will present results from the third workshop on Values. At that time, they will share draft Values statements developed from the ideas the congregation provided at the Values workshop.

KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)

Sunday, **November 11**, 9:45 am,
322/Conference Room

November 18

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION

301/Fellowship Hall

We will worship together at one 9:30 am service, followed by a celebration and thanksgiving for God's many gifts.

November 25

ADVENT FAIR

Facilitators: Sherry Grindeland, Beth Donahoe, Mary Davis 301/Fellowship Hall

Enjoy the Season! During this hands-on event, you can help assemble emergency kits for Hopelink and create gifts for service organizations. The Advent wreath/ centerpiece-making station will be set up. Enjoy fellowship, treats, crafts and activities for all ages. Pick up your Advent devotional materials, too

FELLOWSHIP

SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS FAMILY GAME NIGHT:

Sunday, **November 4**, 5:00 pm.
We'll gather in 301/Fellowship Hall for a night of games and a potluck dinner for all families with children age birth through grade 5.

DORCAS CIRCLE: The Dorcas Circle meets in 302/Fellowship Hall South Tuesday,

November 6, at 9:30 am. Everyone is 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 Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Our next dinner is **November 14** at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **November 12**, if you plan to join us.

GOD SQUAD SERVICE EVENT: On Saturday, **November 17**, from 8:30 am - 12:00 noon, God Squad (grades 9-12) will be serving a meal with Lifelong, which provides food and care for people living with HIV. There are a limited number of spots available. Sign up in the Commons/Narhex.

ADULT MISSION TRIP: We are considering an adult mission trip to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. Probable dates would be **March 21-April 4, 2019**. The trip would include a combination of construction work (no experience necessary) and less physical things. Cost would be air fare and hotel stays for two nights, and space is limited. If you are interested or have questions, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org.

SIGN UP AND DEPOSIT FOR 2019 MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO: We are starting preparations for our high school Summer 2019 Mission Trip to Baja, Mexico through partner organization Lantern Hill. The trip is open to all youth currently in **8th-12th grade**, parents, and **any interested adult**. Participants can sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex/Commons and remember to give pastor Drew a \$200 deposit per youth when you sign up. The trip will be from **July 28-August 3, 2019**. Contact Interim Director of Discipleship Ministries Pastor Drew Yoos, 425-746-2529 or drew@SALChome.org, for more information.

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 **October and November**, we are collecting items that go into Hopelink's Emergency Bags, which ensure that everyone who comes to Hopelink leaves with food to eat. Pick up a complete list of needed items on the Corner of Blessing table. For next Sunday, **October 28**, we welcome **pudding snack packs** (non-refrigerated) and **rice** (1 or 2 pound bags, brown or white). For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED: We are thankful for the many people who are giving their time and energy to growing disciples at Saint Andrew's. Our SCS/ABC teachers and mentors are still in need of extra support and that responsibility falls to all of us. If you have any interest and passion for furthering the discipleship ministry of this congregation by using your gifts, please contact Pastor Drew, drew@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

JOIN THE SUNDAY SERVERS TEAM: If you typically attend the 11:00 am worship service, please consider volunteering to be an usher, greeter or lector. **The need is greatest for ushers!** We welcome new volunteers for the 8:30 am service, too. Please contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529.

COLLECTIONS: Dorcas Circle, Health and Wholeness Ministry, and Outreach and Servant Ministries welcome your contributions for Lutheran World Relief, Compass Housing Alliance, Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way. Lists of needed items are in the baskets near the elevator in the Narthex. Donations can be placed in the same baskets.

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

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(CFH): Once a week the CFH Day Center distribute clothing, and currently are in need of more donations. If you have any gently used men's clothing, please put them in the basket marked "CFH" near the elevator in the Narthex. Items needed are: *jeans, belts, new underwear, t-shirts, light jackets, sweatshirts, fleece jackets, socks, athletic shoes, casual pants and shirts, towels for showers, and sweat pants.*

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: In 2016, Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen volunteered at the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona. We collect box tops (those little coupons found on various food containers) for the Mission School to help them secure needed school supplies and equipment. Drop your box tops into the envelope attached to the bulletin board in the Narthex, labeled BOX TOPS. To learn more, visit www.nelm.org/school or contact Jean Wahlstrom.

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.

YOUTH REGISTRATION FORMS: We ask that all families complete a Youth Registration Form **each year**. This form gives us the medical information and permissions needed to help keep children safe while participating in all Saint Andrew's activities for 2018-2019. Complete one form per family.

- Copies of the form can be found in the Narthex near the church office, in the Sunday Church School office, and in classrooms. Return completed forms to the church office.
- The form is also ONLINE as an interactive PDF form; find it along with information on completing and submitting it, at www.ce.SALChome.org.

Visioning Process Status....October 21, 2018

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

This Past Week:

On Sunday, October 14, workshop #3 on Values (Why we do what we do) was held after the 11:00 service. During that workshop there was a lot of enthusiastic discussion and many great ideas were shared and collected by the vision initiative team.

The Vision Initiative Team met to begin to go through the ideas collected at the Values workshop and start synthesizing values statements

This Week:

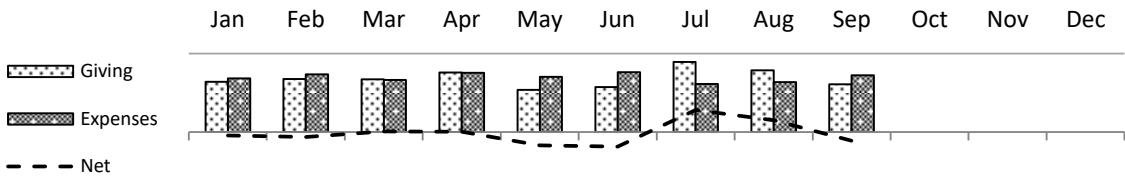
The vision initiative team will continue working with your ideas and input from the values workshop and preparing values statements.

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Stewardship and Finance Update

Contributions and Expenses – 2018 Operating Fund Financial Report: ending September 2018



	September Actual	August Actual	2018 Year-to-Date Actual	2018 Year-to-Date Budget
Contributions/Income	\$ 61,216	\$ 79,001	\$ 616,982	\$ 628,468
Expenses	<u>72,384</u>	<u>63,855</u>	<u>629,126</u>	<u>667,440</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (11,168)	\$ 15,146	\$ (12,144)	\$ (38,972)

September current fund giving was lower than expenses by **\$ 11,168**. So far this year, expenses exceeded revenue by **\$ 12,144**. For those who are interested, copies of the monthly Finance Committee meeting minutes are available for congregation members in the Saint Andrew's office during regular business hours.

Your continued support and gifts to Saint Andrew's for our mission and ministries are greatly appreciated. Thanks be to God!

Your Finance Committee,

John Andresen

Joni Barrott, Congregation Treasurer

Brady Kasper, Finance Committee Chair

Russ Stark, Staff Accounting Assistant

Jeff Stedman

Dick Szabo, Council Liaison