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Weekly Announcements for May 20 - May 27, 2018

Sunday Worship

Worship with Holy Communion, **8:30 am** and **11:00 am**
Discipleship Hour, **9:45 am**

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

June 3

during the **9:30 am** worship service

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

June 10, 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.

TODAY ~ MAY 20**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM****May 20****BUILDING A WORSHIP SERVICE**

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

301/Fellowship Hall North

Join Pastor McEachran for a workshop in creating a worship service. The meaning of the pathway of our liturgy and how your input can be heard as we create a service of praise and thanksgiving.

VIDEO RECORDINGS OF 9:45 am**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR CLASSES:**

Video recordings of Sunday adult discipleship classes are available online for approximately four weeks following the class. Links to videos can be found on the Sunday Morning Discipleship webpage: adulted.SALChome.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the links.

The recordings for:

- "Prayer=Breath of the Holy Spirit" (Pastor McEachran, April 22) will be available through **May 28**.
- "Mexico" (Pastor Elizabeth Rawlings, May 6) will be available through **June 4**.
- "I-90 Ministries" (Pastor Wesley Telyea, May 13) will be available through **June 11**.

Please note that today is the last day of youth classes until September.

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. "Jesus of Nazareth" (6th grade) meets in Room 121, "A Question of Ethics" meets in room 122, and "ABC Prep" meets in room 119. Those students new to our congregation are asked to contact Director of Discipleship Ministries Emily Harrow or Pastor McEachran for more information.

CROSSWALK is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Got questions? Join us each Sunday for coffee, cocoa, donuts, and conversation. On the last Sunday of each month, gather in the youth room for Oasis, a time for our high school students to rest, color, and enjoy a movie.

SIGN-UP...

- to attend the Synod Gathering on **June 2** at Saint Andrew's. Visit www.lutheransnw.org/2018-Synod-Gatherings to register by **May 22**.
- to participate in the Hopelink Volunteer Event on **June 8**. Sign up in the Narthex.
- to participate in or volunteer for Vacation Bible School, **July 9-13**. Information and forms are in the Narthex or at vbs.SALChome.org.
- for the All Church Retreat to Mt. Rainier National Park **August 17-19**. Sign up in the Narthex or at retreat.SALChome.org.

FELLOWSHIP

PUSHING THE ENVELOPE...for MONTANA: The 2018 God Squad Mission Team is Pushing the Envelope for Montana during the month of May! Help support the team to reach this fundraising goal of \$5,050 by purchasing envelopes displayed on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The team will offer 100 envelopes for purchase, numbered 1-100. You pay the number on the outside of the envelope. Want to donate \$30? Grab envelope #30! Alternatively, you may split a large numbered envelope with another congregation member. When all the envelopes are purchased, we will raise \$5,050! Thank you for supporting our students in mission as they prepare to serve and learn on the Blackfeet Reservation this July. Thank you for your donations totaling over \$1000 so far!

GOD SQUAD (youth in grades 9-12): Our high school youth and adult volunteers return from Holden Village today. Please pray for this group of young people as they conclude their weekend of service and fellowship.

THIS WEEK ~ MAY 21 - MAY 26

TUESDAY, MAY 22

TUESDAY MORNING MEN

Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood
Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212
No matter what stage of life you're beginning, you can bet God has a plan for you. The Tuesday Morning Men's group has just begun reading and discussing "**Calling & Clarity: Discovering What God Wants for Your Life.**" Author Doug Koskela is the son of long-time Saint Andrew's members, Kay Lynne and Roger Koskela. Writing books is a sideline for Doug. He is a professor of theology and associate dean for undergraduate studies at Seattle Pacific University. The men's group gathers for coffee, conversation, some prayer and early morning snacks at 6:30 am each Tuesday. Questions? Contact Dick Swaisgood.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Presenter: Pastor McEachran
Every Tuesday, 10:00 am, 322/Conference Room
We continue with an overview of Hebrews: "**Jesus is the Way into the Truth that is Life.**" We are Word-Diggers seeing the connections between the First Covenant and the New Covenant. There are those who say that "the old is in the new concealed and the old is in the new revealed." Bring your favorite translation and invite a friend! We continue this Tuesday with Hebrews 13.

SYNOD GATHERING - REGISTRATION

DEADLINE: In lieu of a Synod Assembly, the Northwest Washington Synod is holding two gatherings. One is at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, **June 2**, beginning at 8:30 am. With the theme of "Who Is My Neighbor?" the day features three forum times with a variety of topics to help us discover and explore being "neighbor." The cost for the day is \$40 which includes materials and lunch. **Anyone** can attend. Be fed. Be inspired. Be sent. Register by **May 22** and find more information at www.lutheransnw.org/2018-Synod-Gatherings.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

WOMEN'S EVENING BOOK STUDY (W.E.B.S.)

Facilitator: Cheryl Jurrus

Wednesday, **May 23**

7:00 pm, 322/Conference Room

On **May 23**, W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study) will have a guest speaker who has spent more than 4 months in India and has returned very recently. Fiona Larkin is Ruth Miller's granddaughter who was studying at the University of Hyderabad Graduate School in Hyderabad, India. She will share her perceptions and experiences as an American in India. Please come even if you haven't read the book *Secret Daughter*. We will open with a short devotion at 7:00 pm in 322/Conference Room and end promptly at 8:30 pm. **All are welcome.** Please join us.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ MAY 27

WORSHIP

**For Sunday, May 27: The Holy Trinity**

Isaiah 6:1-8 ; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Servers for May 27*Presiding Minister:* Pastor James McEachran*Greeters:**Assisting Ministers:*

(I) Lydia Folsom, Louise Oda

(I) Karen Grams (II) Sue Short

*Lectors:**Communion Assistants:*

(I) Mikel Oswald (II) David Mills

(I) Art Gurtel (II) Livi Myhre

*Ushers:**Acolytes:*

(I) The Lester Family

(I) Emily Elien (II) Quinn Myhre

(II) Ann Thorpe, Sherry Grindeland

*Altar Guild:**Coffee Hosts:*

Mary Jo Nelson, Ruth Miller

Karen and Tom Getzinger

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

May 27**Fellowship**

301/Fellowship Hall North

Coffee, chatting, confections!

May 27**Constitution Bylaw Change Discussion**

322/Conference Room

In preparation for a vote on proposed Bylaw changes at the Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, **June 10**, Art Gurtel and Linda Powell will be facilitating a discussion regarding the changes. The proposed changes include a new Bylaw which modifies the Council member election procedures and a committee name wording change.

COMING UP

FELLOWSHIP

BOOKS ABOUT INDIA: What would happen if everyone in our congregation read a book about India between now and **May 31**? Would we have more conversations about India? Would we make connections with other members? Let's try it and see! See the poster in the Narthex for suggested books. Sign up for the book you are reading to get conversations started.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Our summer worship schedule -- one worship service at 9:30 am, followed by a time of fellowship hosted by committees and groups -- begins Sunday, **June 3**.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: Four students will Affirm their Baptism on Sunday, **June 3**, during the 9:30 am worship service. Please pray for *Izzy Clarke, Seeley Lester, Alex Stedman, and Jake Wilkes* as they prepare for this step in their faith journey.

HOPELINK VOLUNTEER DAY: Friday, **June 8**, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, is a Congregation Volunteer Event at Hopelink's Bellevue Food Bank. The Bellevue food bank has limited space, so we are limited to 10 people at this event. The food bank is not open on Fridays, so we will be sorting food, stocking shelves and repackaging bulk items. Meet at 11:30 am at the Bellevue food bank located at 14812 Main Street. Sign-up in the Narthex. For more information contact Dick Szabo. Sign up. Mark your calendars. Make a difference!

CONCERT: The Rong Rong Chinese Folk Choir rehearses at Saint Andrew's on Saturday mornings. They invite everyone to their concert which will be held at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, **June 9**, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The Choir has provided 10 complimentary tickets to this concert. If you would like one, call or stop by the church office.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation is Sunday, **June 10**, at 10:45 am (following the 9:30 am worship service.) Updates on ministries and initiatives will be shared, and proposed changes to the Saint Andrew's Constitution will be discussed and voted upon. A quorum is needed and every voice and vote counts. Please plan to attend.

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 Wednesday, **June 13**, at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **June 11**, if you would like to join us.

KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)

Sunday, **June 17**, 10:45 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.

EMILY HARROW MINISTRY CELEBRATION:

Following worship on Sunday, **June 24**, we will celebrate and thank Emily Harrow for her eight+ years of ministry at Saint Andrew's. A gift is planned, but we invite your contribution to a "New Life in Missouri" Fund for the Harrow Family. Join us! And if you would be willing to help set up and serve contact the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS):***God's Gardeners:******Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Respond***Monday-Friday: **July 9–13, 2018**

- For 4-year-olds (birth date between 9/1/2013 and 8/31/2014) through youth entering 7th grade.
- There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available!
- VBS will be held at Saint Andrew's and is co-sponsored by Saint Andrew's and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah.
- See pages 12-13 for more information. Registration and volunteer forms are in the Narthex and online at vbs.SALChome.org.
- Questions? Contact Emily Harrow, emily@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

VBS EXTENDED CARE: Extended Care for the week of Vacation Bible School (**July 9-13**) is available from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm for members of Saint Andrew's. Extended care is intended for families whose parents work full time. Please refer to the extended care form in the Narthex for more information or contact Emily Harrow. Cost: \$100 per child.

HOLDEN VILLAGE GATHERING (JULY 15-

20) UPDATE: For those going to Holden with the Saint Andrew's group **July 15-20**, read this!

- Boat Tickets: Make your reservation at the Lady of the Lake website at www.ladyofthelake.com or call 1-888-682-4584. The boats fill fast so do this now!
- Pre-trip meeting: Join us at 8:15 am on Sunday, **June 24** in 301/Fellowship Hall for a short meeting.
- Final Payment: Deadline is **June 24**. Checks should be made out to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church with Holden Trip on the subject line.
- Clothing, Meals, and What to Do At Holden: check out the Holden Village website at www.holdenvillage.org.

Questions? Contact Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salchome.org or 425-746-2529.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT TO MOUNT RAINIER:

Our annual All Church Retreat is Friday-Sunday, **August 17-19**! Enjoy the company of family and friends and spend time focused on God. We have reserved a limited number of spots again at Cougar Rock Campground at Mt. Rainier National Park. Please sign up to let us know you're coming! Sign up in the Narthex or online at www.retreat.SALChome.org. For those who do not wish to tent camp, we recommend reserving an RV spot at Cougar Rock Campground or a room at the National Park Inn at Longmire, <https://www.mtrainierguestservices.com/accommodations/national-parkinn>. Reservations should be made **as soon as possible**. For information on Cougar Rock Campground go to <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/cougar-rock-campground>. Questions? Email Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at sherry@SALChome.org or call at 425-747-2529.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK: Each month, we collect food in the Corner of Blessing. All donations are given to Hopelink and help feed those in our community who are hungry. In May, we are collecting **baby food** and **size 6 diapers**. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

COMMUNION BREAD: Everyone is invited to bake bread used in the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. You can sign up online for a specific Sunday (**the sign-up for all of 2018 is available**.) Links to the sign-up and to the recipe for Luther Bread can be accessed on the Saint Andrew's website: www.worship.SALChome.org. Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:

CFH (Congregations for the Homeless) Day Center is open year-round providing services to homeless men, including distributing clothing. They currently need 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, sweat pants, and sleeping bags.

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, 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/immediate-needs/. Drop off your donations at Sophia's Place (on the lower level of St. Luke's Lutheran Church) from 8:00 am - 11:00 am and 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm.
- Meals are also needed; visit www.sophiaway.org/donate-meals/ to sign up or for more information.

Contact Joyce Arnold for more information.

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, for specific locations and hours. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things. For more information go to www.babycorner.org.

PROJECT BIHAR / LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Bihar is a global mission multi-year outreach which engages us in significant 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**. 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.) If you would like to be involved with the Project Bihar/LWR Working Group 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

Stewardship and Finance Update
 Contributions and Expenses – 2018 Operating Fund Financial Report: ending April 2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Contributions/Income			\$ 76,007	\$ 67,536								
Expenses			<u>75,675</u>	<u>66,573</u>								
Surplus/(Deficit)			\$ 332	\$ 963								
									2018			2018
									Year-to-Date			Year-to-Date
									Actual			Budget
									\$ 275,447			\$ 290,316
									<u>284,514</u>			<u>306,797</u>
									\$ (9,067)			\$ (16,481)

April current fund giving was higher than expenses by \$ 332. So far this year, expenses exceed contributions by \$ 9,067. 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



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Cost: \$100 per child.

Programs for 4-year-olds through entering 7th grade:

4-year-olds: Birth date between 9/1/2013 and 8/31/2014 (for VBS 2018)

Students entering 5th, 6th, and 7th grade will be involved in VBS Camp and will be leaving Saint Andrew's to various places in the area (transportation provided).

Costs	Before July 1	After July 1
4-year-olds to 4th Grade	\$15	\$20
Camp (5th-7th Grade)	\$25	\$35
Family maximum	\$35	\$45

Financial assistance available upon request.

Complete a VBS Registration form found in the Narthex and return it to the VBS box in the Narthex with payment

Or complete the Online form found at vbs.salchome.org

VBS is co-sponsored by Saint Andrew's and Our Savior Lutheran Churches.

Questions?

Contact Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church's Director of Discipleship Ministries, Emily Harrow (Emily@salchome.org or 425-746-2529)

If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING, complete a form in the Narthex or online.

Our Savior and Saint Andrew's Lutheran Churches'
Vacation Bible School

God's Gardeners

Reduce · Reuse · Recycle · Respond

July 9—13, 2018
MONDAY—FRIDAY

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available!
Please indicate where you can help.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

I can help BEFORE VBS:

- Help Decorate Prepare/ purchase snacks
Prepare Craft projects (cutting, making patterns, etc.)

I can help DURING VBS:

- Teacher...Grade preference (if any)
Teacher Assistant ... Grade preference (if any)
Camp Leader (5-7th grade) Craft Helper
Registration Table Games
Music Assistant Music Director
Snack Coordinator Snack Helper

Please return this form to the VBS box in the Narthex or the church office of
Saint Andrew's (2650 148th AVENUE SE, Bellevue, WA 98007).

Questions? Contact Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church's
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