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Weekly Announcements for January 14 - January 21, 2018

Sunday Worship

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

Discipleship Hour, **9:45 am**

Sunday, January 28

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

Annual Congregation Meeting, 11:00 am

Concert: Jazz Ensemble

February 11, 4:00 pm

W E L C O M E**TODAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S**

- † WE WELCOME PASTOR DAVID HAHN** as our Presiding and Preaching Minister. Reverend David Hahn, PhD, serves the Northwest Washington Synod part time as the Living Local Coordinator. This is a key initiative (www.livinglocalnw.com) in our synod that engages an adaptive process with congregations to discover God's disruptive invitation among neighbors and neighborhoods. He's an adjunct faculty at Seattle University with a class on Fostering Communities of Faith, and at Luther Seminary, teaching courses in the Missional Church and Evangelism. He is also a part time consultant with Alan Roxburgh, and The Missional Network. His passion in his work centers on forming Spirit-led leadership, and learning with others how to attend to what God is up to in the world. He shares life with Kacey, also a pastor serving Saint Matthew's Lutheran in Renton, and by raising two active teenage kids.
- † BAPTISM:** Megan and Joe Smith present child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 am worship service. Sponsor is Paula Jones. Grandparents are Doug and Paula Jones.
- † 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.

NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

- † HEALING PRAYERS** are offered during the distribution of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month. Trained healing ministers will 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.
- † WORSHIP SERVICE CAPTIONING:** Next Sunday, real-time captioning of the 11:00 am worship service is available, making our worship service accessible to those who are hard-of-hearing or cannot be at church. You can use your smartphone, PC, or tablet to access the captioning (the Sanctuary has a WiFi connection.) Go to: <https://captionsunlimited.lcapapp.com/event/standrews/> (If you see a login page, the captioning is not yet active. Refresh your browser near the beginning of the worship service.) The website displays real-time captions of what is being spoken in the service, similar to closed captioning on television.



Pathways to Renewal

“Pathways to Renewal” is our 2017-2018 theme that serves to ground our mission forward in discipleship, ministry and planned initiatives, including a future capital campaign that will inform our commitment to a building remodel project.

Discipleship:

There is opportunity for engagement with committees, groups and the mission of this church and investment in Christ’s work. This engagement is what stewardship and discipleship are all about. The Discipleship Ministries Committee includes Joyce Kasper (Chair), Emily Harrow (Director of Discipleship Ministries), Marshall Erling (Council Liaison), Emily Andresen (Youth Council Representative), Beth Donahoe, Stephanie Lester, Sonja Feldman, Jessica Allen, Janan Twito, and Mary Davis.

Ministry:

Your Congregation Council is moving forward in their review and consideration of the Joshua Group report (Joshua Process), recommendations, and corresponding “travel plan” that details suggested next steps toward pastoral transition, vision development and leadership refinement. The Council completed initial groundwork in December, and will meet twice in January, first, to commit to, decline and/or revise recommendations, and second, to take action on various recommendations and travel plan waypoints, in advance of the Annual Meeting on **January 28 at 11:00 am**.

Building:

Congregation leadership is informing and educating the congregation on our proposed building remodel. Room 212 has become the “Pathways Hub”, an information center and a place for conversation, questions, and insights. There are display boards with drawings from VIA Architecture and copies of feedback provided by the congregation and staff in 2015. Members of the Building Remodel Team are in the Pathways Hub on Sunday mornings and look forward to talking with you. There are also forms available to provide written feedback. The building remodel team includes Lucy Sannes (Chair), Guy Feldman, Judy Gowdy, Dick Lee, Stephanie Lester, Pastor McEachran, John Nelson, and Dick Swaisgood.

We’re excited about this new theme in discipleship, ministry and foundation building and how Christ will guide us on our “Pathways to Renewal” in Him.
Questions can be directed to Congregation Council President Scott Lester,

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...SUNDAYS

☞ EARLY MORNING SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Paul’s First Letter to Timothy

Sundays, **January 21, January 28, February 25, March 4, March 11**

7:15 am, 322/Conference Room

Facilitators: Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen

Come, consider Paul’s practical (and sometimes controversial) advice to Timothy, a church leader in Ephesus. As Paul nears the end of his life, it’s a time of transition for training new leadership in the Church. Likewise, let us be encouraged, equipped, and challenged to use our gifts for the building up of God’s kingdom in 2018!! Coffee and snacks will be provided. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM

Discipleship Hour at 9:45 am offers classes for age 2 through adult!

- ☞ **SUNDAY OFFERING:** The students of Saint Andrew's have voted to have their Sunday offerings go to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Their offerings this year support LWR with the funds being designated for Bihar, India. Parents, please help your children remember to bring an offering each Sunday for collection during Discipleship Hour. The class with the highest participation will be rewarded with Krispy Kreme donuts each quarter!
- ☞ **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. "Luther's Small Catechism" meets in Room 119; "People of Faith" meets in Room 121; and "New Testament Survey" is in Room 122. 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.
- ☞ **January 14 and 21, 9:45 am**
BUDGET 2018

Facilitators: Congregation Treasurer Joni Barrott, Finance Committee,
Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee

301/Fellowship Hall

We're devoting two discipleship hours for discussion about the 2018 budget. Today, **January 14**, join us for conversations with your Treasurer, Joni Barrott, and members of the Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee to learn about planned opportunities for our outreach ministries in 2018. Next Sunday, **January 21**, Joni and the Finance Committee members will be open to any general questions about the budget, our current fund, and reserve funds.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...DURING THE WEEK

☞ **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Presenter: Pastor McEachran

Every Tuesday, 10:00 am, 322/Conference Room

We continue our study of John 13-17, "*Jesus and His Own*," the Upper Room teachings found only in John's Gospel. Here is the schedule and readings:

- **January 16** "Joy Out of Sorrow." The Third Teaching: John 16:4b-33
- **January 23, 30** "Jesus' Prayer." John 17:1-26

We will conclude with tips on a life in Christ which faces every storm in every time. Invite a friend!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES...YOUTH

- * **SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS** (families with youth age birth through grade 5):
 - **Little Lambs Fellowship:** *Parents of children under two*, please join us **TODAY, January 14**, in 210/Nursery for fellowship. The youngest Sheep and Shepherds families are invited for snacks and coffee, visiting, and play time. We meet once each month, usually on the second Sunday.
- * **GOD SQUAD** (youth in grades 9-12):
 - **Holden Village:** We are headed back to Holden Village next spring, **May 18-20, 2018**, for an unplugged weekend of fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex by **TODAY, January 14**.
 - **Summer 2018 Mission Trip:** In Summer 2018 (**July 21-28**) we will serve the Blackfoot Nation in Montana (with YouthWorks.) We'll learn about the Blackfoot Nation and work with them to serve in their community. Information packets are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. To participate, complete a commitment form by **January 14**, and return it to the church office. The first team meeting is **TODAY, January 14**, at 12:15 pm.

OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

PROJECT BIHAR / LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



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. This matches the core values of our Outreach and Servant Ministries: homelessness, food security, and education. Saint Andrew's has formed a Project Bihar/LWR Working Group that has defined three major components in our mission: **communication, engagement, and giving.**

- **Project Bihar Bookmarks:** Our Working Group has created Project Bihar Prayer Bookmarks to communicate and engage congregants about seven of the Project Bihar families. You will notice that these Project Bihar Prayer bookmarks are in your hymnals. You are free to use them in the hymnals or you can take them home and pray for the highlighted family and their community. The bookmarks can be used as an educational tool about different cultures and lifestyles. Use these to facilitate discussions on how families are the same and/or different. If you take a bookmark home, put it in a place where you will be reminded of the family to pray for them. During prayer at church as you use the bookmark in the hymnal include them in your silent prayers. Thank you for praying and blessing each of these Bihar, India families.

- We welcome donations (please note "Bihar-LWR" on contributions.)
- The Project Bihar/LWR Working Group is actively 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



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- ♥ **SPONSORS OF MAASAE GIRL STUDENTS:** If you want to send a card (no packages) addressed to your student with Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen when they go to Tanzania, please give them to them no later than Sunday, **January 28** (they leave on January 29.)
- ♥ **ITEMS NEEDED FOR PLASTER HOUSE IN TANZANIA:** The Plaster House is a rehabilitation center in Tanzania for post-surgery children, usually in casts (hence the term “Plaster House”). For reasons of health and nutrition, many children cannot rehab successfully in their villages/homes while in casts. They need to stay at the center; the average stay being four weeks. Marvin Kananen and Jean Wahlstrom will travel to Tanzania later this month for a Plaster House board meeting and to celebrate the opening of the new dormitory and volunteer house. They would like to take 150 pounds of needed items for children age 3-15 to the Plaster House. Donations of the following can be placed in the basket in the Narthex.
- coloring books (no crayons)
 - small toys (animals, cars, dinosaurs, etc.)
 - pencils
 - scissors
 - underwear (non-white)
 - metric rulers
 - socks (non-white)
 - Cash/check donations, payable to “Saint Andrew’s” and designated for Plaster House)
- To learn more about the Plaster House, visit www.theplasterhouse.org.
- ♥ **DRIVERS FOR CHICKEN SOUP BRIGADE:** Saint Andrew’s is a distribution hub for weekly deliveries of meals for Chicken Soup Brigade (Lifelong). The delivery window is between 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on **Thursday** afternoons with around 2 to 4 stops. ***Additional volunteer drivers are needed.*** Choose to be a driver in the rotation or to be a substitute driver to cover weeks where regular volunteers are on vacation. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Outreach and Servant Ministries committee chair Marlyn Thorpe.
- ♥ **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 **January**, we are collecting **cooking (vegetable) oil**, 24–32 ounce size. This is an item that Hopelink really needs, but rarely gets donated. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS FOR STUDENTS IN TANZANIA:** Scholarships are needed for 35 new Form One students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), an increase of 10 students from previous years due to current needs. 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).
- ♥ **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:** In 2016, Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen volunteered at the Navajo Lutheran Mission (NELM) in Rock Point, Arizona, an ELCA project. The Mission School has invited Saint Andrew’s to participate in an easy way to secure needed school supplies and equipment. Cut out and bring those little coupons found on various food containers (General Mills products and others) to the envelope attached to the bulletin board in the Narthex, labeled BOX TOPS. Collectively, these box tops will add up to enable these children to get a better education! To learn more, visit www.nelm.org/school or contact Jean Wahlstrom.

SAINT ANDREW'S OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**
 Sunday, **January 14**, 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.

- ✠ **O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints):**
 People don't have a corner on strange behavior at the physician's office. Our pets have tales, too. And their vet has even more. Please join us on **January 16** at 11:45 am to hear Dr. Kit Bowerman's tales of life as a vet: *"Forty-two years of Animal Fun mixed with a Smidgeon of Chaos."* All pet lovers welcomed – you don't have to be older, wiser or even retired to attend. The potluck and social hour begin at 11:45 am. O.W.L.S. is a fellowship of members and friends of the congregation who meet on the third Tuesday of every month for friendship and an awesome potluck. No sign-up or RSVP required. Just come, and if you can, bring a dish to share. See you there! For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.

- ✠ **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT:** Sign up next Sunday, **January 21**, for your secret Prayer Partner for Lent. Sign-ups continue **January 28** and **February 4**. Prayer Partners will receive an envelope with their Prayer Partner's name on **February 11**. Pray for your partner during Lent and wait until **April 8** to find out who the secret Prayer Partners are at our "Reveal". This is an opportunity to enrich our prayer life by praying for someone else and making connections within our worship community.

- ✠ **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 24** dinner is at Bento Box at Overlake (15119 NE 24th St, Redmond.) Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **January 22**, if you would like to join us.

- ✠ **ALL ARE INVITED!** Health and Wholeness Ministry meets for its annual planning retreat at Saint Andrew's on Saturday, **January 27**. Our program will be an update on the current drug epidemic in the Seattle area, with a speaker from the Bellevue Fire Department. The exact time of the program is to be determined. The entire congregation is invited to the program. Contact Parish Nurse Karen Grams, , for more information.

- ✠ **CONSIDERING JOINING SAINT ANDREW'S?** We will receive members on Sunday, **January 28**, at the **9:30 am** worship service. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, if you are interested in joining our Saint Andrew's family or would like more information.

✠ **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** The Annual Congregation Meeting will be on Sunday, **January 28**, at **11:00 am (following one worship service at 9:30 am.)** At the meeting, we will elect people to four 3-year Congregation Council positions, one 2-year position, and one 1-year position, approve a 2018 budget, recognize Quiet Servants, and hear updates about ministry and mission. A quorum is needed and every voice and vote counts! Dorcas Circle will raffle a quilt, with proceeds going to Lutheran World Relief. Please plan to attend.

- ✠ **HEALING PRAYER MINISTER GATHERING:** The Healing Prayer Ministers will meet on Sunday, **February 4**, for a gathering of sharing and supporting. This is for all who are currently Healing Prayer Ministers and for those who are interested in serving in this way. Meet at 12:30 pm in 322/Conference Room. Lunch provided. Contact Parish Nurse Karen Grams or Cheryl Jurrus for more information.

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✠ **WOMEN'S EVENING BOOK STUDY (W.E.B.S.)**
 Facilitator: Cheryl Jurrus
 Wednesdays, **through February 7**, 7:00 pm
 322/Conference Room
 We are learning about India, discussing marriage, society, women's roles, cuisine, and other issues depicted by the author in the book selection for Winter Session for WEBS: *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. Join us for a lively discussion, prayer, sharing, laughter, and maybe some service projects! We hope to include an Indian meal and a special speaker. All women are welcome. Bring a friend!

✠ **CONCERT SERIES: JAZZ ENSEMBLE**
 Sunday, **February 11**, 4:00 pm,
 301/Fellowship Hall
 Chase the winter blues away with a dose of jazz, America's most original art form. Our small Jazz Ensemble, led by Rob Parks, will give you a peek at the musical roles that make jazz music happen. See the next page for details. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

✠ **AED and CPR TRAINING:** An AED and CPR training will be held at Saint Andrew's on Wednesday **February 28**, 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Saint Andrew's staff and Health and Wholeness Ministry will be renewing their certification. Congregation members are also invited, the cost is just \$25 per person. Please let Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman, kurt@salchome.org or 425-746-2529, know if you plan to attend.

✠ **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 2018 is now 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.

✠ **TUESDAY MORNING MEN**
 Facilitator: Dave Marcrander
 Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, Room 212
 All Saint Andrew's Men (SAM) are welcome for study, faith growth, prayer, and conversation. We are studying Galatians using a commentary written by Martin Luther. It is a blessing to share this time together in learning and fellowship - please join us!

✠ **2018 PLEDGES:** Your financial support of Saint Andrew's is core to enabling our mission and ministries, and pledges are very helpful as we complete our financial planning for the year. Thank you to all who have returned your pledge cards for 2018. To date, we have 142 pledges totaling \$541,003. To submit your pledge, you can complete a pledge card, contact Accounting Assistant Russ Stark, russ@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529, or submit it online at stewardship.SALChome.org. If you have any questions, contact Russ Stark.

✠ **JOIN THE SUNDAY SERVERS TEAM:** Take a plunge into something new and try **ushering** or being an **ambassador**. No experience needed. Questions? Contact Sherry Grindeland, sherry@SALChome.org or 425-746-2529.



For Sunday, January 21: Third Sunday after Epiphany
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Servers for January 21

Presiding Minister: Pastor Shelley Bryan Wee

Assisting Ministers:

(I) Karen Grams (II) Jean Wahlstrom

Communion Assistants:

(I) Judi Miller (II) Livi Myhre

Acolytes:

(I) Quinn Myhre (II) Sydney Holmes

Altar Guild:

Signe Wraith and Elmer Neu

Greeters:

(I) Nancy P. Davis (II) The Dolan Family

Lectors:

(I) Roger Koskela (II) Mikel Oswalt

Ushers:

(I) Gary Rudolph, Brett Nelson

(II) The Carmichael Family

Coffee Host:

Mark Davis

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church invites you to an afternoon concert!

Jazz Ensemble



led by Rob Parks

February 11, 2018 ~ 4:00 pm

Chase the winter blues away with a dose of jazz, America's most original art form. We'll explore some of the European and Afro-Cuban musical forms that gave birth to jazz, and we'll demonstrate the continuing influences of musical styles from around the globe.

Our small *Jazz Ensemble* of saxophone, piano, bass, and drums will have some fun with improvisation and we'll give you a peek at the musical roles and the wordless conversations that make jazz music happen.

Mostly, we'll just have fun making music.
Please join us!

The concert is FREE and open to all.



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