

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## 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.*

- Congregation
- Assisting Minister
- Pastor

**PRELUDE** *Air in D* [J.S. Bach]

**WELCOME**

**HYMN** *Lift High the Cross* ELW Hymn 660

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God* ELW page 148

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Congregation is seated.*

**A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES** Pastor Burchfield

## WORD

**FIRST LESSON** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Word of God.

Word of Life.

**SECOND LESSON** Philemon 1-21

Word of God.

Word of Life.

*Congregation stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW page 151

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** Luke 14:25-33

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

*Soli Deo Gloria*

Stanzas 1 and 2

*Thy Holy Wings*

Stanzas 1 and 3

*O Word of God Incarnate*

Stanzas 1 and 2

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

Stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Pastor Burchfield

ELW Hymn 878

ELW Hymn 613

ELW Hymn 514

ELW Hymn 389

*Congregation stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Are Called*

ELW Hymn 720

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

**A** Trusting in God's baptismal promises,  
we affirm 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.

**PRAYERS**

**A** In your mercy, O God,

**C** hear our prayer.

**THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

*Congregation is seated.*

**OFFERING**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* [John Newton,

W. Walker, Southern Harmony]

Sonja Wetmore, Soloist

*Congregation stands.*

**OFFERTORY VERSE**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

ELW Hymn 686

Stanza 1

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**M E A L**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The Presider prays a prayer of Great Thanksgiving over bread and wine.*

**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.*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Lamb of God* [Kevin Keil]

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* ELW Hymn 814

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* ELW Hymn 800

*Congregation remains seated.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**S E N D I N G**

**BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Congregation stands.*

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW Hymn 807

**SENDING** *(dismissal)*

**A** People of God, we are a community,  
**C** Growing together in Christ to love and serve all people.  
**A** Go in peace; Christ go with you.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude* [G.F. Handel]

## PARTICIPANTS

*Presiding Minister* Pastor B. Red Burchfield  
*Director of Music Ministries/Organist* Dr. Will Simpson  
*Assisting Minister* Sharon Gurtel  
*Communion Assistant* Art Gurtel  
*Acolyte* Ian Maland  
*Altar Guild* Carla Smith, Bev Anderson  
*Greeters* Joyce and John Arnold  
*Lector* Shelly Abner  
*Ushers* Brent Hicks, Alex Nichols-Hicks  
*Sound Booth* Judi Miller  
*Coffee Hosts* Aaron and Mary Davis

## WELCOME to WORSHIP

**COMMUNION BREAD:** In support of "Walk to Bihar", naan (Indian bread) is being used for Communion during the summer. Many thanks to all who have faithfully baked Luther Bread to nourish Saint Andrew's members and visitors at the altar. Please enjoy your summer and come back to bake in September!

### COMMEMORATIONS:

**Peter Claver**, *priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654* September 9  
 Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the slaves that arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity

**John Chrysostom**, *Bishop of Constantinople, died 407* September 13  
 John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

**Holy Cross Day** September 14  
 Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

## CALL COMMITTEE

The **CALL COMMITTEE** thanks the congregation for your continuing prayers and support. We look forward to informal conversations in the Narthex after worship or by call or email. Please see the September issue of *the VOICE* newsletter for updates on the call process.



The following summary of the posting for our pastoral position may be seen at [www.elca.org/Call-Process/Current-Openings](http://www.elca.org/Call-Process/Current-Openings):

***Saint Andrew's is a healthy congregation with inspiring worship, good age diversity and a passion for service in our community. We live in a multi-cultural region representing a broad spectrum of faith and economic backgrounds. The new Lead Pastor will partner with strong laity and staff to live out our Mission Statement: "Growing together in Christ to love and serve all people".***

**Please pray** for our Call Committee members as they continue their work: Marc Bateman, Bill Brueggemann (chair), Dianne Chong, Mary Davis, Stephanie Page-Lester, and Linda Powell. For more information, contact Pastor Burchfield, [red@SALC.church](mailto:red@SALC.church) or 425-746-2529.

## TODAY ~ SEPTEMBER 8

### FELLOWSHIP FOCUS...10:45 AM

**September 8, 10:45 am**

#### **DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES MEET**

**AND GREET:** On Sunday, **September 8**, parents and youth have the opportunity to find their Sunday Church School, Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation, or high school classroom, meet the teachers, and complete your family's youth registration form. Everyone will gather in 301/Fellowship Hall for a shared opening time.

**September 8, 10:45 am**

#### **EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIRLY TRADED**

**COFFEE AND MORE:** Support our Global Outreach by purchasing fairly traded coffee, hot cocoa, and chocolate bars in the Narthex following the worship service. 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.

## SIGN-UP....

- ☑ to indicate your willingness to serve on a Congregations for the Homeless shelter core support team. Complete a form in the Narthex or online at [salc.church/congregations-for-the-homeless-volunteer-liaison-and-core-team](http://salc.church/congregations-for-the-homeless-volunteer-liaison-and-core-team)
- ☑ for dinner with Young Adults on Wednesday, **September 11** Contact Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **September 9**.
- ☑ to go to Holden Village **September 15-20**. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@SALC.church](mailto:sherry@SALC.church) or 425-746-2529.
- ☑ to indicate your interest to serve on the Congregational Care Team and to sign up for training sessions in **September** or **October**. Complete a form found in the Narthex or online at [salc.church/congregational-care-team](http://salc.church/congregational-care-team).
- ☑ for the Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry on **September 21**. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Debbie Szabo.
- ☑ to play Sock Samurai (youth in grades 6-12) on **September 28**. Sign up in the Narthex or online at [salc.church/sock-samurai](http://salc.church/sock-samurai).
- ☑ for "Dinners for Eight" beginning **September 29**. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@SALC.church](mailto:sherry@SALC.church) or 425-746-2529.
- ☑ to serve a dinner for the Congregations for the Homeless rotating men's shelter **October 2-14**. Sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.
- ☑ for the Men's Retreat **October 11-12**. Brochures with a registration form are in the Narthex or online at [salc.church/mens-ministry-saint-andrews-men-sam](http://salc.church/mens-ministry-saint-andrews-men-sam).
- ☑ to be an **usher, greeter, lector and/or coffee host**. Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@SALC.church](mailto:sherry@SALC.church) or 425-746-2529.

## THIS WEEK ~ SEPTEMBER 9 - SEPTEMBER 14

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN**Every Tuesday, 6:30 am, *Room 212*

Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood

**Who was GOD before Luther?** The Tuesday Morning Men are reading a modern translation of *The Cloud of Unknowing*, a 14th century book written to a young man considering a career as a monk. Tuesday Morning Men is using a newly written Study Guide to the book. Join us, learn of how our forefathers looked at God. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 am in Room 212. Coffee is provided. Welcome!

**HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN:** Rehearsals for the Handbell Choir resume on **September 10**. The **Handbell Choir** rehearses on **Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm. New ringers welcome! Contact Director Bryant Wilkie for information.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**PROVIDE LUNCH FOR THE SOPHIA WAY:****Summer Salad Time!**

Saint Andrew's will provide a chicken and salad lunch for the Sophia Way Day Center ladies on Wednesday, **September 11**.

We could use a few more salads! If you would like to make one, please let Joyce Arnold know by Friday, **September 6**, and she will fill you in on the details!

Thank you!

**WORD FOR THE WEEK BIBLE STUDY:**

Pastor Burchfield leads a weekly text study. For the **September 11** class, the readings are Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10.

**YOUNG ADULTS** (those who have graduated high school and older): Young adults get together for dinner on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We'll meet on **September 11** at Crossroads Mall Food Court. Contact coordinator Carolyn McKenna by Monday, **September 9**, if you plan to join us.

## NEXT SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 15

## WORSHIP

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Next Sunday, **September 15**, we return to our "regular" schedule of two worship services, at **8:30 am and 11:00 am**, with Discipleship Hour at **9:45 am**.

**DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES COMMISSIONING:** Next Sunday, **September 15**, at both services, Discipleship Ministries teachers, facilitators, and committee members will be commissioned and blessed.

**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.

**Sunday, September 15: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

**Servers for September 15**

*Presiding Minister:* Pastor Burchfield

*Assisting Ministers:*

(I) Sharon Gurtel (II) Dana Nasby

*Communion Assistants:*

(I) Lynn Mack (II) Jan Bowerman

*Acolytes:*

(I) Emily Elien (II) Sara Marti

*Altar Guild:*

Karin Eklof, JoAn Eklof

*Greeters:*

(I) Larry and Shelly Abner

(II) *volunteer(s) needed*

*Lectors:*

(I) Scott Lester (II) Jenna Marti

*Ushers:*

(I) Lois and Curt Eckley

(II) Karin Eklof, *volunteer needed*

*Coffee Hosts:*

Larry and Shelly Abner

## SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

**September 15 - October 27, 9:45 am****BIBLE STUDY: EPHESIANS**

Facilitators:

Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen  
322/Conference Room

Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen are teaching Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Paul's classic description of the church as the body of Christ. The class will be offered at 9:45 am. This series will cover the six chapters in seven-weeks. Coffee is encouraged, as are laughter, questions, and bad puns. Attend when you can, we take no roll and give no exams. All are welcome!

**September 15, 9:45 am****STEPPING INTO AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Faith Stepping Stones for Parents of Sixth Graders)**Facilitators: Karin Eklof, Christine Camrud  
This session focuses on the faith development of middle schoolers. Students are presented with a Catechism at the 11:00 am worship service on **September 15**. The Catechisms are a gift of the Faith Stepping Stones Ministry on behalf of the congregation.**September 15, 9:45 am****ALTAR GUILD MEETING**

302/Fellowship Hall South

Altar Guild invites you to serve at Saint Andrew's...in teams of two, Altar Guild members prepare the elements and set the altar for communion. Please come meet us and find out what Altar Guild is all about. If you have questions, contact Linda Powell.

**September 15 and 22, 9:45 am****LEARNING TO TALK LIKE CHRISTIANS**

Facilitator: Pastor Red Burchfield

301/Fellowship Hall North

We live in a polarized world that is longing for someone to reach out across the divisions and help bridge the gaps among us. This longing for honest and respectful dialog gives us, as Christians, a unique opportunity to "make a witness" in our broken world to the power of God's reconciling love. In contrast to our popular culture which teaches us to talk 'at' each other we will take the time to look to the Bible for insight, instruction and guidance on how we can talk "with" each other. This is an opportune time to bring a powerful witness to our community and world as we re-learn and practice how to agree and disagree about challenging issues without being disagreeable.

**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (SCS) classes**

welcome children age 2 through grade 5. All classes are downstairs in South Hall.

2- and 3-year olds - Room 115

4-year-olds and Kindergarten - Room 113

Grades 1 and 2 - Room 112

Grades 3 and 4 - Room 118

Grade 5 - Room 117

**PRE-ABC (Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation)**is for youth in **grade 6**. Meet in Room 119 downstairs in South Hall.**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/****CONFIRMATION (ABC)** is geared toward youth in grades 7-8. Meet in 321/Youth Room.**CROSSWALK** is focused on high school age youth, grades 9-12. Join us each Sunday in 319/Youth Room.

## FELLOWSHIP

**ABC LUNCH AND ORIENTATION**

Sunday, **September 15**,  
12:15 pm, 301/Fellowship Hall  
All Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation  
(ABC) students, parents, and mentors are  
invited to the first of our fellowship lunches  
for 2019-2020. At this event, parents and  
students will learn about the ABC curriculum,  
meet the ABC mentors, and enjoy fellowship  
with one another.

**SAINT ANDREW'S HOLDEN VILLAGE**

**TRIP:** There are still a few spots open to go  
on the Saint Andrew's trip to Holden Village  
**September 15-20**. The cost is \$380 per  
adult for the five-night stay, plus the cost  
of the boat trip. Sign up in the Narthex  
or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry  
Grindeland, sherry@SALC.church or 425-  
746-2529, if you would like to go!

## COMING UP

## SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:45 AM

through **October 27**, 9:45 am

**BIBLE STUDY: EPHESIANS**

Facilitators:  
Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen  
322/Conference Room

**September 22**, 9:45 am

**LEARNING TO TALK LIKE CHRISTIANS**

Facilitator: Pastor Red Burchfield  
301/Fellowship Hall North

**September 22**, 9:45 am

**KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses)**

**September 15**, 9:45 am  
Room 121  
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.

**September 22** 9:45 am

**EMERGENCY DRILL**

The church will conduct our annual  
emergency drill on Sunday, **September 22**,  
during the Discipleship Hour. Again this year,  
our drill will be a police response emergency.  
When you hear the police siren alarms in  
the building, remember to Run, Hide, Fight.  
More information on specific actions to  
take, and how Saint Andrew's has prepared  
are online at [salc.church/emergency-  
preparedness](http://salc.church/emergency-preparedness).

**September 29**, 9:45 am

**NEIGHBORS IN FAITH**

301/Fellowship Hall North  
**Reverend Terry Kylo** is an ELCA pastor  
serving as the Director of two interfaith  
organizations: The Tracy Levine Center and  
Neighbors in Faith. Both organizations are  
dedicated to the promotion of understanding  
what bridges divides and builds relationships  
among people across religious, cultural,  
ethnic, and social lines, through educational  
and experiential activities that build stronger  
communities and engage public issues in  
promotion of a peaceful world. Pastor Kylo  
was the recipient of the Faith Action Network  
Interfaith Leadership Award in 2016, the  
Interfaith Leadership Award from the Muslim  
Association of Puget Sound in 2017, and the  
Sultan and Saint Peace award in 2017.  
Pastor Kylo is also preaching that morning.

**September 29**, 9:45 am

**ABC - WORSHIP SUMMARY FOCUS**

321/Youth Room  
On Sunday, **September 29**, all Affirmation  
of Baptism/Confirmation ABC students  
should plan to attend the **8:30 am** worship  
service, which will be followed by the ABC  
classes focusing on completing a worship  
summary together.

**October 6, 9:45 am****WALK TO BIHAR CELEBRATION**

301/Fellowship Hall North

91 people are participating in our "Walk to Bihar." On Sunday, October 6, join these teams in celebration of their journey. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this walk.

## FELLOWSHIP

**CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS REQUEST**

Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) has requested that Saint Andrew's consider hosting their Rotating Shelter Program for the month of March. On August 20, CFH Executive Director David Bowling and Volunteer Relations Manager Sarah Bustad presented information about this Program and how it operates with host churches. A video recording of the presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/OX8bkNiiUjM>

Prior to making a decision, the Congregation Council seeks to identify a team of volunteers from the congregation (two to serve as Liaisons plus a core support team) to oversee and coordinate our involvement. There are forms in the Narthex and online at [www.salc.church/congregations-for-the-homeless](http://www.salc.church/congregations-for-the-homeless) with more information and a place to indicate your commitment. If interested in serving in this way, return the commitment form to the church office (or submit the online form) by TODAY, **September 8**, in preparation for our Council conversation on Monday, **September 9**. Please contact Council President Art Gurtel with comments or questions.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM TRAINING:** Would you like to:

- Be part of a team reaching out to those who are shut-in and homebound?
- Receive solid biblical and practical training as part of a visitation ministry team?
- Be trained to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and share Holy Communion with those who cannot come to church?

In the spirit of hospitality and care and because we want to make sure that we are reaching out to all those who are not able to come to worship on a regular basis, the Health and Wholeness Ministry Committee is organizing a new ministry called the **Congregational Care Team**.

To support and empower this new ministry team there will be training sessions on Mondays, **September 16, 23, and 30**, at 1:00 pm in 322/Conference Room. These sessions will be repeated on **October 14, 21, and 28**. We will also provide training for those are unable to attend these sessions. To indicate your interest to serve on this Team and to let us know which training sessions you can attend, complete a form found in the Narthex and return it to the offering plate or church office. Find more information at [salc.church/congregational-care-team](http://salc.church/congregational-care-team)

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY:** The annual

All Church Work Day is Saturday, **September 21**, 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. There are jobs for every skill and interest, inside and outside, and tasty treats as well! There are tasks in cleaning, light maintenance, and landscaping categories. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know other Saint Andrew's members better. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman, [kurt@salc.church](mailto:kurt@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

**MAYORS' DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE**

**HUNGRY:** Saturday, **September 21**, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry is the largest food drive of the year for many of the organizations fighting hunger. Saint Andrew's will have teams of volunteers to collect nonperishable food items at a local grocery store from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This consists of handing out a "shopping list" flyer and thanking people for their donations. All donations will go to Hopelink. Shifts are 1 ½ hours long, and 4-6 volunteers are needed per shift. All ages can participate and it is a wonderful family activity! Sign up in the Narthex. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

**O.W.L.S.**

**(OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SAINTS):**

Tuesday, **September 24**, 11:45 am  
301/Fellowship Hall North

*Do One Thing and Make a Difference*

Learn what you can do to impact your local community at this O.W.L.S. Luncheon.

Linda Powell, a longtime Saint Andrew's member, using nonpartisan materials, will discuss why your vote in the 2019 local elections is so important for each community, state, and our country.

No reservations needed for these entertaining and informational gatherings that begin with a potluck lunch. If able, please pitch-in with a potluck dish for the luncheon. For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salc.church or 425-746-2529.

**GOD SQUAD/FIRE FORCE**

**SOCK SAMURAI:**

Saturday, **September 28**, 6:00 pm  
*for grades 6-12*

Invite a friend or two and join us for our favorite Saint Andrew's game! Everyone participating (including friends) needs to have a registration form for 2019-2020 completed.

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT:** Get to know the Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church community better! This fall we're convening a new fellowship program – Dinners for Eight. Join people over a casual dinner for food and fellowship. Open to families, couples and singles. We will launch the first dinners late afternoon on Sunday, **September 29**. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salc.church or 425-746-2529.

**PROVIDE DINNERS FOR CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS:**

From Monday, **October 1**, through Sunday, **October 14**, Saint Andrew's is providing dinners for the men served by Congregations for the Homeless in their Rotating Shelter Program. Volunteers are needed to prepare, deliver, and serve the dinner meals at Eastshore Unitarian Church. Deliver the meal at 6:30 pm; serving begins at 7:15 pm. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join in the meals with the men. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for individuals, small groups, families and friends. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**DORCAS CIRCLE:** The Dorcas Circle meets in 302/Fellowship Hall South on Tuesday, **October 1**, 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.

**W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Book Study):** Wednesdays, **October 2 - November 13**, 7:00 pm, 322/Conference Room  
Our theme for this year is "*The Common Good*" and we will focus on what makes us care about others and what is good for society as a whole instead of focusing only on our own profit and well-being.  
Our book selection for the Fall session is Michelle Obama's memoir ***Becoming***. *All women are welcome* for in-depth discussion, sharing, laughter, and prayer. Contact Cheryl Jurrus for more information.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** In gratefulness for God's creation we will gather on Sunday, **October 6**, at 4:00 pm with our special pets for a service to give God thanks and praise along with prayers and blessings for our animals. Invite and bring a friend (furry, scaly, feathery, reptile, or human.) Please make sure your pet is leashed or caged and in control. Alternatively, you can bring a photo of your pet. Following the service, the humans will gather for a potluck dinner in 301/Fellowship Hall North.

**MEN'S RETREAT:** *Men:* Join us for our fall retreat at Valley Camp in North Bend on **October 11-12**. Our topic is "***Our Prodigal God***: *A deep dive into Jesus' parable in Luke 15.*" Our retreat leader is Pastor Paul Hoffman, who will lead us through this familiar parable in ways that will be new and challenging. We'll get more deeply acquainted with the wayward son, the welcoming parent, and the older brother. Hopefully along the way, we'll discover some of the ways that we ourselves are "prodigal" with the gifts that God has given us. The cost is \$50. Brochures with registration forms can be found online at [salc.church/mens-ministry-saint-andrews-men-sam](http://salc.church/mens-ministry-saint-andrews-men-sam), and in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Dick Swaisgood.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**CORNER OF BLESSING/HOPELINK:** Each month, we collect specifically asked for items in the Corner of Blessing. All donations are given to Hopelink to help support those in our community who are in need. In September, we are collecting **canned chicken**. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo.

**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 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).

**COMMUNION BREAD:** Baking Communion bread is a quite easy and important ministry that you and your family can do and which feeds our faith family every Sunday at the altar. We use the Luther Bread recipe.

- You can bake the bread when it is convenient for you, seal it in a zip lock bag with the date it was baked on the label, and place in the container marked "Altar Guild Bread" in the freezer in the Scullery at church.
- You can also sign up online for a specific Sunday to provide bread.

The link to the sign-up for 2019 and the Luther Bread recipe can be found on the Saint Andrew's website: [salc.church/communion-bread](http://salc.church/communion-bread). Contact coordinator Jill Nichols-Hicks for more information.

**YOUTH REGISTRATION FORMS** for 2019-2020 can be found in the Narthex near the church office or online at [SALC.church/youth-registration](http://SALC.church/youth-registration). This form provides important permissions and contact and medical information.

- Families need to update and return the form each year, as it is used for all Sunday Education classes, Youth, and other activities at Saint Andrew's. It covers all youth from age 2 through Grade 12. Complete one form per family. There is space for up to four children.
- The online form is an interactive PDF form which can be saved and updated each year. Follow the instructions at the link above. (*Note: if you have a form dated "August 2014" or more recent saved on your computer, you can submit that form. Open it and update the school year, "Today's Date", and make any other necessary changes, and return the form to Saint Andrew's.*)
- Optional Background Check Form: For the safety of all, background checks are required for all adults who work with children and vulnerable adults. The registration form has space for two adults in the household to authorize Saint Andrew's to perform a background check. This authorization is optional, but will save time and effort for any adult who may want to volunteer with youth this year.

# WALK TO BIHAR

**JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2019**

We are on a journey of faith through **September 27** to honor and support our partnership mission with Lutheran World Relief/Bihar and our efforts to support the communities of Bihar. We are exercising our way to Bihar - a total of **7,123 miles**. All types of exercise count towards steps and miles walked! An exercise conversion chart can be found at [www.SALC.church/walks](http://www.SALC.church/walks)

In support of Saint Andrew's Lutheran LWR/Bihar mission participants and members have a voluntary option to make a monetary pledge in support of Bihar. To make it fun, one could pledge one cent a mile, 5 cents a mile or 10 cents a mile or pledge any amount at the completion of the event. Track your pledge on your own and make your contribution when convenient. Mark your contribution "Walk to Bihar" and return it to the offering plate or church office.

Report your miles each Friday online at <http://bit.ly/miles2bihar>. You can participate and contribute miles even if you are not assigned to a team!

For more information, visit [SALC.church/walks](http://SALC.church/walks) or email one of the Outreach Bihar members, Marlyn Thorpe, Becca Piel, or Dawn Guymer for details.

Grab your walking shoes, gardening gloves, bike helmet and/or yoga mat as we walk to Bihar!



## **BIHAR FUN FACT....**

### **State Symbols**

The state animal is the Ox, state bird is the Sparrow, state tree is the Peepal, state flower is the Marigold, and the state fish is the Mangur.