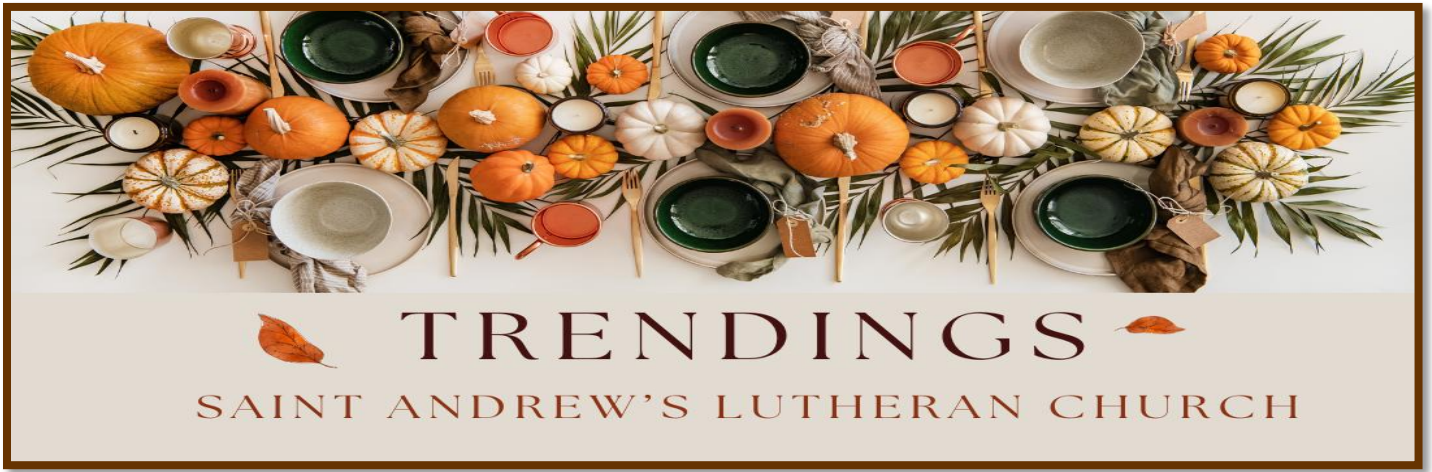




November 19, 2025

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

O God, make me ready.
Ready for the disappointment
and delight that will come today.
Ready for the tears and
triumphs the day will bring.
Ready for the person who will get on my last nerve
or push my final button.
Ready for the person who will let my spirit soar
and cause my heart to sing.
Ready me, O God.
Make me ready even when I don't want
to listen deeply,
to speak gently,
to act boldly,
to love fiercely.
O God, make me ready.
Amen.

Bishop Deon K. Johnson, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Pastor 'scams': It's the holiday season, a time when internet/email scams show up frequently. Please note - Pastor Lara WILL NEVER email or text you requesting cash or gift cards. If you receive something like that -mark as spam and delete!

NOTE: The office will be CLOSED Wednesday, November 26 and November 27 for Thanksgiving. Trendings will be sent next Tuesday !

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

November 23: Juliet Zhang and Mike Engan, Greeters

Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen, Coffee Hosts

November 30: ADVENT FAIR!!

Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to be a Sunday greeter or to Host coffee hour.

Sign up to provide flowers on the Flower Chart in the Narthex.

Worship is at 10:00 am on Sundays, both in-person and via livestream.

Livestream: Visit salc.church/media to access the bulletin and livestream link on YouTube. If you have a Google account, we invite you to offer a greeting or comment in the chat window.

Sunday, November 23rd at Saint Andrews:

9:00 AM Adults: *Bloodworks NW, Karen Dawson*

Sunday School - (Pre-K - 5th Grade!)

10:00 AM Worship in-person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed

Readings for November 23

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

John 14:25-27

Tuesday Morning Men: Every Tuesday at 8:30 AM, this group meets for discussion and prayer via ZOOM.



Join Pastor Lara in the Library or on ZOOM for Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM. Email Pastor (pastor@salc.church) for the ZOOM link.

“Humble & Holy”, the 2025 Devotions for Advent and Christmas from Augsburg Fortress are available in the Narthex! There are small and large print versions. Additional devotional materials will be available at the Advent Fair.

Join us for the Advent Fair Sunday, November 30 At 8:30 AM.

We're opening early this year to give you time to enjoy all the activities.

- Pick out your Christmas devotional materials, and Advent calendars.
- Help pack 80 food bags for Hopelink, make an Advent centerpiece or wreath, frost a cookie (or two) and eat them.
- Nancy Davis and her crafty team will help you make a fancy gift tag.
- Come prepared to purchase something from our bake sale – a fundraiser for the Women's Retreat.
- Check out the book about the Massae Girls' School.
- Make a Christmas ornament or two!

The Fair will be open from 8:30 to 9:45 AM and 11 to 11:30 AM.

Volunteers still needed to bake goodies for the bake sale, cutout cookies and help with a couple of the booths.

To volunteer contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



Comcast email users: If you have a comcast.net email, I'm sure you are aware that your email address is in the process of converting to a yahoo.com address. **PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW WHEN YOU'RE EMAIL HAS CHANGED**, whether you change to yahoo or opt to create a gmail, outlook or other email account. **Also, with a new/changed email account, please make sure that your emails from church are getting to you ... don't mark them as spam!**



Love Tree

CHRISTMAS 2025

Beginning November 23rd you can shop and support the following agencies:

Kid Vantage

(Board books, Board games, dolls, trucks/cars)

Lantern Hill

(\$25 toward building supplies)

Compass Housing

(socks/t-shirts; gloves/mittens)

The Sophia Way

(\$25 gift cards to QFC/Fred Meyer/Safeway)

We also support uniform purchases for the Maasae Lutheran Girls school in Tanzania (\$65 donation) Look for that display on the bulletin board!

Donate + take an ornament.



Sunday, November 23

9:00 AM

Adult Education Hour

Come and Meet

Karen Dawson from
Bloodworks NW!

She's going to tell us how EASY it is to donate and get us ready for our January 22nd donation drive!

**Sunday School for preschool – 5th
graders, too!**

Worship at 10:00 AM

In-Person and Livestream
www.salc.church



Big thanks to our
'tag teams' for getting
The Love Tree tags
put together!!



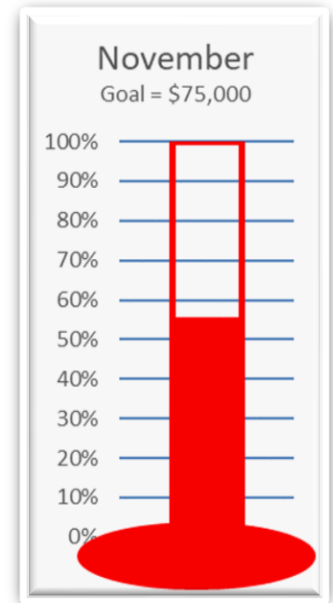
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Outlook for the Remainder of 2025

To reach our budget goals and address a deficit of \$73,776, Saint Andrew's congregation must raise \$223,634 during the final two months of the year. Last year, contributions totaled \$65,087 in November and \$138,758 in December. Based on this history, our targets for 2025 are set at \$75,000 for November and \$148,366 for December. Achieving these goals is possible with the support and generosity of our church community.

The progress toward meeting the November goal of \$75,000 is being tracked and displayed on the thermometer graphic to the right, allowing everyone to see how close we are to reaching this important milestone. Contributions from all sources for the first 3 weeks in November total \$41,015, 55% towards the goal of \$75,000.



Encouragement for Thanksgiving Giving

As Thanksgiving approaches, it is a meaningful time to reflect on the blessings we have received – both individually and as a church family. We encourage everyone to consider making a generous Thanksgiving offering to help support the mission and ongoing work of Saint Andrew's.

For those eligible, making Qualified Charitable Deductions from retirement accounts may offer tax benefits by reducing taxable income. Please explore this option if it is available to you.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about these financial figures or the overall budget status, please contact Treasurer Bill Brueggemann at Bill@salc.church.



STEWARDSHIP FOLLOWUP

Last Sunday, I wanted to keep the Stewardship Chancel-chat brief. I think that I achieved that goal. That being said, I want to follow up with a couple of thoughts on financial giving.

I had mentioned IRA Qualified Charitable Donations (used to be called RMDs). As you remember, when you put money into your IRA, you gained a tax deduction for that year. When you take it out, you are taxed at that time, and you are required to take out a prescribed amount each year. As I mentioned in the Chancel chat, any money taken from your IRA and donated to charity is 100% tax deductible, which also lowers your overall taxes for that year. Many people use this vehicle for their charitable giving instead of writing a check or putting it on a credit card during the year.

This year, we are below budget. We will hopefully see the numbers rise in the next two months. We (finance and stewardship committees) are encouraging a “13 month” giving, which is an extra month contribution to fulfill the church’s budgetary needs. If it works for you, it would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Kit Bowerman, Stewardship Chair



Pastor’s Reading List: Several books have been suggested to me over the last few weeks. I have not read them yet, but I trust the people that recommend them. As the situation in our country continues to evolve, they may be helpful for you, too. Please feel free to share this list.

- *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*
- *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*
- *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*
- *Let This Radicalize You: Organizing and the Revolution of Reciprocal Care*



Clothing Needed! From **October 2025 through February 2026**

Dorcas Circle will be collecting men's and women's clothing and toiletries for Compass Housing Alliance in Seattle. There is a 'clothing' bin near the elevator for your donations. **ALL DONATED CLOTHING ITEMS MUST BE NEW, UNWASHED, AND IN UNOPENED ORIGINAL PACKAGING.**

Women's clothing is most needed in sizes Medium through Extra Large.

- Underwear
- Long sleeve warm shirts
- Sweat pants
- Warm hats
- Warm scarves
- Mittens/gloves

Men's clothing is most needed in sizes Large and Extra Large.

- Boxer shorts
- White T-shirts
- Long sleeve T- shirts
- Long sleeve warm shirts
- Sweat pants
- Warm hats
- Warm scarves
- Mittens/gloves



The Sophia Way

Shelter. Safety. Stability.

Lunchtime at Sophia's Place!

St. Andrew's will once again provide the lunch for the ladies at the Sophia's Place Shelter.

It will be a meat loaf/mashed potatoes, (and more!) meal.

If you would like to provide an item for the lunch, or want to learn more, please contact Joyce Arnold. **She will be collecting food and pantry supplies on Tuesday, Nov.25th.** The lunch will be served on Wednesday, November 26th.

Volunteer Opportunity to Support KidVantage

Saturday, November 22 | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon or 1:00 pm - 4:00pm | KidVantage in Issaquah

Volunteers are needed for a work party at KidVantage on Saturday, **November 22**. There are two shifts 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Our volunteers will be helping Saint Andrew's member Liz Rudolph sort, prep and package toys for holiday gifting. Liz volunteers at KidVantage and helps oversee the toy storage and distribution. The minimum age for youth to help is 14.

To volunteer, contact Liz Rudolph (lizzyrudolph@gmail.com) or Dick Szabo (dick.szabo@comcast.net) or sign up [HERE!](#)

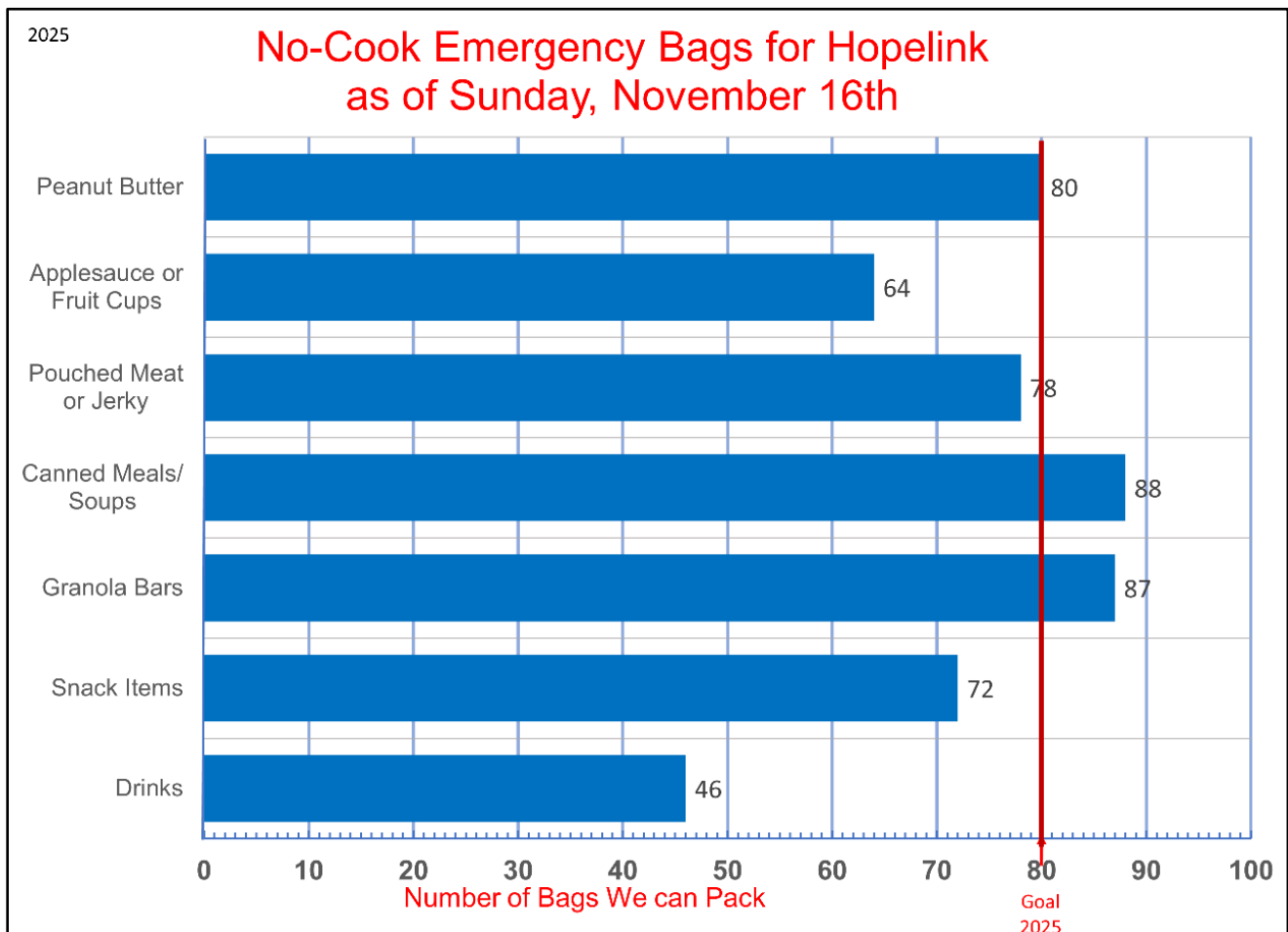


Foods of the Months – October & November

This is the last week (Sunday, Nov 23)
collecting food for the Emergency bags

As of Sunday, November 16th, we are making great progress toward our goal of packing 80 No-Cook Emergency bags for Hopelink. But this Sunday is the last chance to bring food for packing into the E-bags. After that we will be preparing to pack the bags at the Advent Fair on November 30th.

Check out the Progress Chart below. As you can see, for this week the most needed items are shelf-stable Drinks and Applesauce or Fruit Cups. The next most needed item is the Snack Items. (The snack items can be in larger (Costco) packages since we repackage them into Ziplocks of 5 items.)



The items in these bags need to be able to be eaten directly without being heated or the use of a can opener. These need to be things that can be eaten cold and plain.

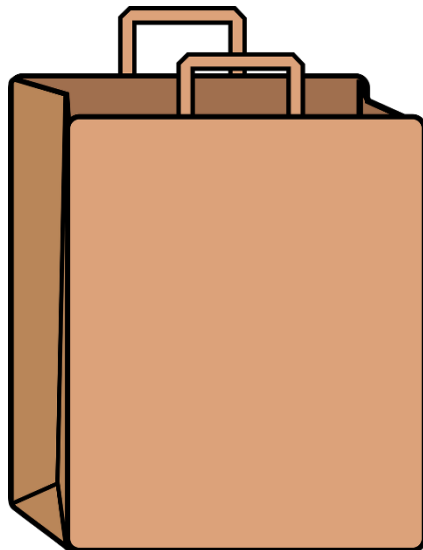
****ALL CANNED ITEMS MUST HAVE A POP-TOP LID. Only soups and meals are in cans.**

****PAY ATTENTION TO SIZES. Keeping the weight down is important for homeless.
Bigger sizes can't be used**

****MAKE SURE TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATES. They need to be on or after
February 2026.**

Here are the seven items we are collecting:

- **2 - Shelf-Stable Drinks** – (Something that does not require refrigeration and will not puncture easily. Ex: juice boxes, water, protein shakes.) (**Most Needed Item) (Pay attention to Expiration dates – Feb 2026 or later)
- **1 - Applesauce or Fruit Cups Package** – (packages of 4 or 6 cups (about 4 ounce cups), kept in original packaging so that it contains the label, ex: peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce) (**Most needed item)
- **5 - Snack Items** (high in calories & will not crush easily. Ex: dried fruit, nuts, trail mix. Individual packages – look for ones that are at least 100 – 150 calories each - total at least 500 calories). (**Next most Needed Item) These can be in larger packages (Costco size) since we repackage them.
- **2 - Pouched Meat or Jerky** – (beef jerky or meat sticks (like slim Jims) , pouched meat like tuna, chicken, salmon (Starkist is a common brand) Common sizes for both are about 2.5 - 3 ounces.)
- **1 - Peanut Butter** – (~16 oz. plastic jar – no-stir)





ELCC (Eastside Lutheran Church Community) churches, the Synod and the ELCA:

The Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC) has created a new logo and the website has been updated with events throughout the summer to mark on your calendars!

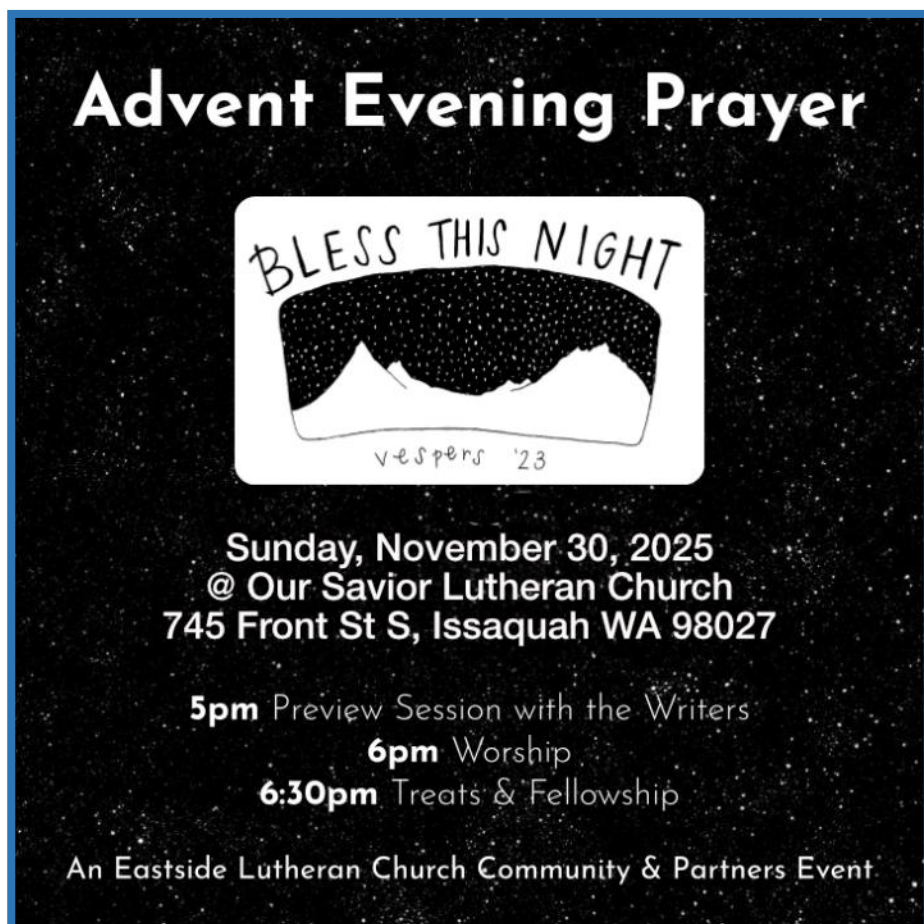
Be sure to check out the website [HERE](#).

From a NWWA Synod Congregation:

A poster for a community sing event. The background is dark blue. At the top, a large yellow speech bubble contains the text "COMMUNITY SING: SONGS OF PROTEST". To the right is a brown heart. Below the heart is a yellow starburst with the text "LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING!". In the center, a circular image shows four raised fists of different skin tones. To the left of the fists is a rainbow flag with the text "RESIST MINDLESS CAPITALISM!". Below the flag is a yellow speech bubble with the event details: "Saturday, Nov. 29th", "2 PM - 4 PM", "Immanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary", "1215 Thomas St", "Seattle, WA 98109". At the bottom, a yellow speech bubble contains the text: "COME TOGETHER WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO LEARN AND SING SONGS OF PROTEST AS A REMINDER THAT WE ARE MORE THAN CONSUMERS. BUILD RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND NURTURE COMMUNITY IN SONG. WE SING TOGETHER AND FOR OUR NEIGHBORS." At the bottom left is a yellow star. At the bottom center, the text reads: "Wheelchair accessible for all | Call for accommodations" and "IMMANUELSEATTLE.ORG | 206.622.1930 | OFFICE@IMMANUELSEATTLE.ORG".



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island will have mid-week Advent soup suppers and Holden Evening Prayer. If you're planning on attending, please sign up [HERE](#) so they have a head count for food.





PLU Christmas: All Shall Be Well: Join us for our beloved series of PLU Christmas Concerts as the Choir of the West, University Chorale, and University Symphony Orchestra present *All Shall Be Well*, a theme taken from the title of J.A.C. Redford's setting of Julian of Norwich's famous 14th-century text: "All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Leave inspired and transformed by the themes of hope, joy, peace, and love in works that celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season.

Tickets on sale November 4 at 10am

Order them online here: <https://www.plu.edu/christmas/>

Local Concert Date:

December 8 at 7:30pm in Benaroya Hall

A celebration of light & hope.

Please join St. Luke's for our 27th annual

Saint Lucia Celebration

with a lunch of Swedish meatballs
(vegetarian meatballs also served)

Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share. Freewill offering.

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

@ 11:30am

We welcome children and youth to participate in the maiden & star boy pageant. Please pre-register (to make sure we have enough gowns.) Star boys, please wear a white shirt and black pants.





RSVP

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
3030 Bellevue Way NE Bellevue, WA 98004 (425) 822-7907 slukes.org

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 19

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, final meeting

Thursday, November 20

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 21

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 22

1:00 PM Song of Seattle Holiday Art Fair & Tea

Sunday, November 23

9:00 AM Adult Education,
Sunday School Preschool – 5th grade

10:00 AM **Worship**

Monday, November 24

1:00 PM Staff meeting

7:00 PM Outreach Committee

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

2:00 PM Sophia Way Lunch drop off

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, November 26

Office is closed for Thanksgiving

7:00 PM JEDI Committee meeting

Thursday, November 27 – THANKSGIVING!

Office is closed – Enjoy your turkey!

Friday, November 28

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

Advent 1 – Advent Fair + Bake Sale

8:30 AM Advent Fair

10:00 AM **Worship**

Monday, December 1

1:00 PM Staff meeting

6:00 PM Finance Committee meeting

7:30 PM Executive Committee meeting

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

10:00 AM Bible Study

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 3

You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.

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