

**December 13, 2020**  
**9:30 am**

# *Third Sunday of Advent*

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*“The other readings for today are 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 and John 1:6–8, 19–28.  
You are encouraged to read these lessons prior to worship or during the week.*

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## WELCOME!



- WELCOME TO LIVESTREAM WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together online to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.
- During this heightened time of awareness and prevention** regarding Coronavirus, we would like to let you know.....
- As part of normal practices, the Altar Guild washes hands prior to preparing the Communion supplies and ensures that common use items are cleaned for use weekly.
  - In addition to these practices, the Altar Guild is also:
    - ◊ sanitizing trays and bowls before and after services.
    - ◊ wiping down the altar, railing, and baptismal font before and after services.
  - Communion is set for each worship participant at physically distanced locations in the Sanctuary.
  - Worship participants wash hands and use hand sanitizer before, during, and after worship.
  - At the Peace, a verbal "Peace be with You" is encouraged to maintain physical distancing.
  - We are wiping down "common touch" areas in the Sanctuary, such as the armrests and tops of pews, before each service.
  - Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building for use.
  - Frequent and thorough handwashing is encouraged.
  - "Common touch" areas are being sanitized daily.
  - Furnaces are running full-time to help filter the air in the building.
- HOLY COMMUNION** is God's Word of love made visible in bread and wine. At Communion Distribution, the **BREAD** is gluten free. **RED WINE** is offered by individual cup. **WHITE GRAPE JUICE** is offered by individual cup.
- WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** and offer a variety of resources to include them:
- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas about how to engage children in worship.
  - "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all children to listen to a message.
  - Links to download and print an activity sheet for Sunday are in each week's *Trendings* eNews.

## ADVENT

Our **ADVENT** theme is "**PROMISE**"

The season of Advent is often considered to be a companion season to Lent in the sense that it is a season of preparation. We are asked to spend time in intentional reflection and repentance to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Within this reflection and repentance, however, we find promise – specifically that God coming to us as Jesus, the Messiah, will forever change the world.

### Advent Devotional Materials Available

We have an assortment of Advent devotional materials available for both children and adults. If you'd like some, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529, to coordinate a time for pick-up or delivery.

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Order of Worship

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## GATHERING

**C** All  
**S** Singer  
**P** Pastor

*Welcome to Worship!*

*As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.*

*Find a comfortable place in your home for worship.*

*Get some crackers or bread and something to drink so that we can share Communion.*

*Light a candle if you have one.*

*During this season of Advent, you are encouraged to have four candles  
in your worship space at home.*

*This morning, light two candles before worship begins.*

**PRELUDE** *Et In Terra Pax (And on Earth, Peace)* [John Purifoy]  
Sharon Gurtel, Vanessa Wilkie, Dana Nasby, trio

**WELCOME** Pastor Lara

**HYMN** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW Hymn 242

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**KYRIE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES** Pastor Lara

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**W O R D**


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*READING (recorded)*

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**L** The Word of God.

**C** Word of Life.

*MUSICAL INTERLUDE**PSALM 126 (recorded)*

**L** The Word of God.

**C** Word of Life.

*SERMON*

Pastor Lara

*HYMN**Creator of the Stars of Night*

ELW Hymn 245

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

Apostles' Creed

**S** Trusting in God's baptismal promises,  
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

*Little Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.*

### **THE PRAYERS**

**S** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

### **THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*If you are at home, we encourage you to post the peace on a social media platform.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERING**

*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

[arr. Don Michael Dicie]

Sharon Gurtel, Vanessa Wilkie, Dana Nasby, trio

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **M E A L**

*Little Disciples Tip ~ Communion: If you have a Spark Story Bible, have your children follow along on page 465. The Lord's Prayer is on page 280.*

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **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.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**



## SHARING GOD'S GENEROSITY ~ STEWARDSHIP

### INTRODUCTION

Our focus this commitment season is **generosity**, a celebration of a generous God and our response as God's people. The source of our focus comes from ELCA's Generosity Project, a year-round stewardship program developed for congregations. During October and November, Sunday bulletins and *Trendings* shared a verse, an affirmation and blessing, and a single word that served as a point of focus: WHY, WHO, WHERE, HOW, and HERE and NOW. You were also invited to participate in a weekly generosity challenge. Visit <https://salc.church/stewardship> for these weekly reflections.

### 2021 COMMITMENTS

A letter to the congregation, along with a commitment card for 2021, has been mailed to church households. Knowing pledged giving is very helpful to the Finance Committee as they develop the budget for 2021.

Commitment cards can be returned to the church.

Alternatively, you can submit your commitment with our confidential online form at <https://salc.church/commitment-pledge-online-form>.

Thank you!

## SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 13

### EARLY SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP...8:15 AM

#### EARLY SUNDAY MORNING STUDY ~ TITUS:

Sunday **December 13, 8:15 am**, via Zoom

Led by Marvin Kananen and Jean Wahlstrom

This Sunday we conclude our study of **TITUS**, the 56th book in the Bible. A lesser-known Letter of the Apostle Paul, this five-week, three-chapter book speaks about the organization, leadership, and expectations of the church. A student of Paul, Titus was left behind on Crete to establish the church and its relationships as a faith community.

### SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...10:45 AM

#### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION:

**Sundays, 10:45 am**, via Zoom, for youth in grades 7-8

The Affirmation of Baptism and Confirmation (ABC) class prepares Saint Andrew's youth to understand and affirm their faith. A Zoom link has been sent directly to families.

#### DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM: ADVENT ~ An Exploration of Spirituality and Prayer

Sunday, **December 13, 10:45 am**, via Zoom

*Facilitator: Pastor Cara Tanis, Pastor and Mission Developer at Emmaus Table/7400 Woodlawn*

**Enter in and Break us open to Welcome You, O Christ!**

Each session is designed to stand alone so you are welcome to attend, even if you have missed the first two sessions. We explore classic models of prayer and spirituality as well as history and themes of Advent. You are also invited to experience spiritual disciplines (some familiar and some perhaps new). No previous experience is necessary. Everyone will be challenged to open oneself to a spirit of emerging growth.

- **December 13** – Holy Anticipation, Blessed Incarnation, and Intentional Liberation. In week 1, I planted the seed that there will be some significant silence in week 3. Meeting ourselves, our neighbors, and the Divine in silence, movement and the re-wilding of God's Beloved Kingdom (Yes! KIN...DOM)

*Your host and learning companion is Cara Tanis (pastor, spiritual director, coach). Cara is currently serving as pastor and mission developer at Emmaus Table/7400 Woodlawn in the Green Lake area of Seattle. She is eager to be journeying with you this Advent.*

Sign up online at <https://salc.church/discipleship-hour-forums-sign-up> so we can get the Zoom link emailed to you and other class materials sent in time.

**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM RECORDINGS:** Audio and video recordings of past Discipleship Hour Forums can be found at <https://salc.church/discipleship-hour-adults-page>. Scroll to "Discipleship Hour Recordings".

## SIGN-UPS

### To sign-up for events and activities:

- Use the link provided in the event/activity announcement, OR
- visit [www.salc.church/forms-resources](http://www.salc.church/forms-resources) and select the desired button, OR
- contact Susan Hegedus, [susan@SALC.church](mailto:susan@SALC.church) or 425-746-2529, and she will sign you up.

## THIS WEEK ~ DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 19

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

#### NW WASHINGTON SYNOD HUNGER TEAM:

Monday, **December 14, 6:00 pm**, via Zoom

Facilitator: Synod Director for Evangelical Mission, Deacon Dianne Johnson

Are you passionate about local, national, and global hunger ministries? Please consider joining the NW Washington Synod Hunger Team at their next meeting on Monday, **December 14**. Your inspiration and ideas are important in continuing to shape this team! During this meeting we will break into the following small groups. As you prepare for the meeting, consider which small group you would like to join.

- Promoting ELCA World Hunger resources and fund drives
- Connecting and supporting local hunger ministries
- Discussing the intersections of race and hunger

To get the Zoom link, contact Dianne Johnson, [dem@lutheransnw.org](mailto:dem@lutheransnw.org), or Saint Andrew's Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church).

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

#### SAINT ANDREW'S MEN:

Every Tuesday, **8:30 am**, via Zoom

Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood

All men are invited to gather via Zoom on Tuesdays with the Saint Andrew's Men's Group (SAM). We are reviewing and discussing articles from *Living Lutheran* magazine. If you feel inspired to join in the discussion, please fill your coffee cup, no dress code required, shaving is optional, and meet us online Tuesday mornings. Email Dick Swaisgood for instructions on joining this online meeting.

#### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY:

**Tuesdays, 10:00 am**, via Zoom

Pastor Lara leads this midweek Bible study. Each week, we take an in-depth look at the upcoming Sunday readings. We meet via Zoom at 10:00 am, but Pastor Lara "starts" the meeting at **9:45 am** so that you have time to check in with each other and get settled prior to our opening prayer. Sign up at <https://salc.church/midweek-bible-study> to get the Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### O.W.L.S. (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SAINTS):

Tuesday, **December 15, 11:45 am**, via Zoom  
**HAM It Up at O.W.L.S.!**

Our traditional December Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints luncheon has ham on the potluck table. This **December 15**, we'll feature virtual ham – some corny holiday trivia, and hammy jokes guaranteed to make you groan.

No potluck dish needed for this virtual event. And you don't need to be older or wiser to join this fun group. We gather via Zoom at **11:45 am** for conversation and check-in. The program begins at **12:00 noon**. Sign up at <https://salc.church/older-wiser-lutheran-saints-o-w-l-s>. Reservation deadline is **5:00 pm** Monday, **December 14**, so we can email you the Zoom link. For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16****BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:**

Wednesday **December 16, 7:00 pm**, Livestream on YouTube

*What is a Blue Christmas worship service and why are we having one?*

The holidays are often referred to as being “the most wonderful time of the year” and, indeed, there are many reasons to be festive and celebratory. For many people, though, this time of year is anything but wonderful and is, instead, filled with depression, sadness, and grief. This year, in particular, has given us much to be upset about. In addition to the grief we’ve experienced over the deaths of loved ones, we are also faced with not being able to come to church during Advent or on Christmas Eve, as well as with the likelihood of having to be apart from family and friends during this season.

A Blue Christmas worship service is a contemplative time of prayer and music that gives voice to these feelings and assures us that we are not alone in them. More importantly, it offers us the promise that God is with us in this time and that there is reason to hope.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17****KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses):**

Thursday, **December 17, 1:00 pm**, via Zoom  
Knitting as Witnesses (KnitWits) will gather via Zoom to check in, share ideas, and connect with each other. Bring your knitting and let us know what you’ve been working on. Contact KnitWits coordinator Dianne Chong or Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church), to get the Zoom link for this meeting.

**PARENT SOCIAL HOUR and CHECK-IN:**

Thursday, **December 17, 6:00 pm**, via Zoom  
On Thursday, **December 17**, we will have another Parent Check-In and Social Hour. This time we are inviting all parents of youth grades 6-12 to come and talk with Doug as we approach the end of 2020 and look to 2021. Sign-up at <https://salc.church/parent-social-hour-and-check-in> no later than **12:00 noon** on **December 17**. If you have any questions, please reach out to Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

**NEXT SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 20****WORSHIP**

**LIVESTREAM ONLY:** Please log on and worship via **livestream on YouTube**, at **9:30 am**.

Details and links can be found at <https://SALC.church/media>. *The church is not open for in-person worship.*

**ADVENT WORSHIP:** Each Sunday in Advent, we will consider the different facets of God’s promise and how it is made visible in our lives. You are encouraged to have four candles in your worship space at home during Advent and light one each Sunday.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The tradition of the Saint Andrew’s Children’s Christmas Pageant continues this year with a new twist – a virtual program. Children and youth have been recorded individually, and the recordings combined to create a Christmas Pageant video. The video will be shown at the end of the livestream worship next Sunday, **December 20**.

For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**Sunday, December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55; Luke 1:26-38

**SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...10:45 AM****AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION:**

*Please note:* Class will not meet on **December 20** and **December 27**.

**DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM:**

*Please note:* There are no Forums scheduled for **December 20** and **December 27**.

## FELLOWSHIP

**YOUTH SECRET SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE:**

- Bring gifts to church by Thursday, **December 17**
- Gift Exchange: Sunday, **December 20, 6:00 pm**, via Zoom

**For youth grades 6-12.**

\$15 maximum per gift. Gifts must be wrapped, labeled who they are for, and dropped off at the church by Thursday, **December 17**, so that they can be delivered by December 20.

Our Secret Santa Gift Exchange will be via Zoom on Sunday, **December 20**, at **6:00 pm**. More information will come soon...Zoom, Secret Santa Rules, and more. If you have any questions, please reach out to Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

## COMING UP

## WORSHIP

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Worship is via **livestream on YouTube**, at **9:30 am**.

Details and links to bulletins and worship services can be found at <https://SALC.church/media>. Washington State's "Washington State's "Smart Start" approach to reopening does not allow large gatherings until Phase 4. As we continue to follow health, state, and synod guidelines, livestream only (no in-person) worship will continue until further notice.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP:** There are no midweek Advent services this year.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Lara provides weekly Advent devotional reflections. Find them each week on Wednesdays, in *Trendings* and at <https://salc.church/sermons-and-worship-media>.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:**

Thursday, **December 24, 4:30 pm**, *Livestream on YouTube*

There is one livestreamed worship service on Christmas Eve. It will be a service of Lessons and Carols... to listen, to sing, to see, to learn, to remember the promise fulfilled in Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25:** No worship service scheduled.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27:**

The Northwest Washington Synod is recording a worship service for December 27. It will include music by Saint Andrew's musicians. Details and the link to this service coming soon.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3:**

Saint Andrew's worship is via **livestream on YouTube**, at **9:30 am**.

## SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...10:45 AM

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION:**

**Sundays, 10:45 am**, via Zoom, for youth in grades 7-8

The Affirmation of Baptism and Confirmation (ABC) class prepares Saint Andrew's youth to understand and affirm their faith. A Zoom link has been sent directly to families.

*Please note:* Class resumes meeting on **January 3**.

## FELLOWSHIP

**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS:**

To be counted for 2020, contributions must be dated and postmarked or received no later than Wednesday, **December 30**.

Contributions can be mailed to church or dropped in the mail slot located to the left of the west doors to the church (the doors by the small parking lot.)

Alternatively, you can donate through our online giving page, <https://salc.church/giving-options> and select the blue "Donate" button, or via text message to 425-970-9567 (include the amount of donation and the words "Current Fund".)

**DORCAS CIRCLE:**

Tuesday, **January 5, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon**, 302/Fellowship Hall South, 5 people maximum Dorcas Circle will meet to put together and sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We can have a maximum of 5 people, all wearing masks. Please contact Linda Willenberg if you would like to attend Dorcas on January 5, 2021 or if you would like to drop off quilts or pick up fabric at church that day.

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

Wednesdays, **January 6 - February 10, 11:00 am**, via Zoom

Join us for our Winter Session to discuss the book **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult. We meet at 11:00 am on Wednesdays on Zoom. We start with devotions and a prayer and end on time at 12:30 pm. *All women are welcome* to join us as we share our experiences, impressions, and questions about the topics in this novel based on an actual incident. We will discuss resilience, racism, and human nature. The title comes from a quote by Martin Luther King: "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way". Email Cheryl Jurrus for a reading schedule and an invitation for Zoom.

**ZOOM YOUTH GROUP:**

Wednesdays, **January 6 and January 20, 5:00 pm**, via Zoom

All Youth, **grades 6-12**, are invited for Zoom Youth Group. We are meeting at **5:00 pm**. For more information reach out to Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

The Zoom link will be sent directly to youth and families.

**YOUTH GAME ~ AMONG US:**

Thursday, **January 14, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**, via Zoom

Join us for our monthly Among Us game! All youth, **grades 6-12**, are invited for a fun game over Zoom. We will be playing in private games starting at 6:00 pm and ending no later than 8:00 pm. No need to sign-up; just join in the Zoom call and be ready to play. Note that you will need to have downloaded the game onto your phone, tablet, or computer to be able to play. Questions: Reach out to Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**From the RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP:**

DID YOU KNOW?.....That a local TV program examines race, social justice, and racial inequality in the Pacific Northwest? If you are seeking information on how these issues are affecting our local communities, this is an excellent place to start. Hosted by local anchor Joyce Taylor, "Facing Race" airs Sundays at 9:30 pm on KING 5. The previous episodes are available on KING 5's YouTube channel using the following link: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=facing+race](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=facing+race)

**NEW APP FROM WASHINGTON STATE:** There is a new app for smartphones that is designed to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Washington Exposure Notifications (also known as **WA Notify**) is a new tool that works through smartphones, without sharing any personal information, to alert users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. It is completely private, and doesn't know or track who you are or where you go. We encourage you to install this app. Visit <http://wanotify.org> for more details about the app, its use, and instructions for installing it on your phone. There is also a 2-minute video there that gives a good overview.

**FLOWERS IN 2021:** We welcome flowers on Sundays during this time of livestream-only worship. An online sign-up for flowers in 2021 is now available; visit <https://salc.church/flowers>. As your selected date approaches, you will be sent guidelines on how to deliver the flowers to church and how to pick them up following worship.

**SANCTUARY PRAYER:** While we can't yet hold traditional in-person worship services, **you can come to the Sanctuary for prayer.** Keeping our congregation healthy and safe is our paramount concern, so we are asking everyone to sign up to come to pray. This will limit numbers and maintain physical distancing. The Sanctuary is available **7:00 am - 8:00 pm** Monday through Friday, and **2:00 pm - 8:00 pm** Sunday. Sign up (at least 24 hours in advance) at <https://salc.church/sanctuary-prayer>. You will be sent details and instructions for accessing the building after signing up. Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** The Human Resources Committee is looking for one or two new members to assist in their work. The Committee typically meets 4 or 5 times in a year and when there are issues that need to be addressed. Most of their focus is on developing or refining personnel policies and providing guidance around salaries and benefits. If you have any interest in joining this committee, please contact Carolynn Ferris.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES WITH A FOCUS ON FAMILIES:**

We are excited to announce that we have two new ways to stay connected with what is going on for our families here at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. We now have a new **Facebook** page and an **Instagram** account for our families. You can find both by searching for @SALCFamilies on each social media page. Or you can go to the links below for each website.

This is a great way to stay informed on what's going on, see pictures from events and activities, and to connect with other families. Both the Facebook Page and the Instagram account cover events and activities for families with youth of all ages. Come and check it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to Doug Johnson, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, doug@salc.church or 425-746-2529.

<https://www.facebook.com/SALCFamilies>  
[www.instagram.com/salcfamilies](http://www.instagram.com/salcfamilies)

### **NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD COVID-19**

**RELIEF FUND:** Our synod has established a grant program for congregations and ministry sites. The synod's hope is that this fund will work in two ways: to distribute monies to those who need funding (particularly our most vulnerable ministries) and also provide an opportunity to donate for those who are seeking a way to support others. Read more at [www.lutheransnw.org/covid-relief-fund](http://www.lutheransnw.org/covid-relief-fund).

## OUTREACH AND SERVANT MINISTRIES

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING for Christmas:** Want to send a gift of love without going out to shop? Many organizations have alternative gift ideas.....

- **ELCA:** Go online to [ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://ELCA.org/goodgifts). Small gifts can make a huge difference all over the world. See what you can give for only \$10: chicks, school supplies for a child, a fruit-tree seedling, one mosquito net, a warm blanket, or stock a backpack with food!! These gifts, given in someone's honor, multiply the love!
- **Lantern Hill, Mexico:** A Christmas donation of \$25 will provide food and a small gift to one of the families in their program. Visit <https://www.friendsoflanternhill.org/christmas> to learn more and to donate.
- **Uniforms for MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) Students:** A \$50 donation purchases one uniform kit, which lasts a new MGLSS student two years. Each uniform kit includes 2 logo shirts, a khaki skirt, a red sweatshirt, a pair of black shoes, 3 pairs of socks, and 3 pairs of underwear. Checks can be made payable and returned to Saint Andrew's with "MGLSS Uniforms" in the memo line.

### **SAINT ANDREW'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

Please remember in prayer these organizations we provide ongoing support for.....

- **Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM):** Our Team of volunteers served for a week in March at this Mission and School in Rock Point, Arizona. Please continue to pray for the NELM community, as the Navajo Nation has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mission continues to provide meals to children, seniors, and anyone who is hungry. Funds for the mission school can be provided through Box Top\$ for Education; use the digital app to scan your grocery receipts. Visit [www.nelm.org](http://www.nelm.org) to learn more and/or to donate directly to them.
- **The Sophia Way** continues to serve women in need of meals, shelter, and services.  
**Lunch!** On Wednesday, **January 13, 2021**, Saint Andrew's will donate a lunch for the women at Sophia's Place in Bellevue. Since we cannot enter the building, one or two of us will "drop off" the food. For more information or to contribute, contact Joyce Arnold, 425-644-4585 (please leave your name and phone number on the recording.)  
 Visit [www.sophiaway.org](http://www.sophiaway.org) for other ways to help. Monetary donations can also be made from the Saint Andrew's online giving page ([www.salc.church/giving-options](http://www.salc.church/giving-options) and press the "Donate" button), or via check to Saint Andrew's marked "The Sophia Way".
- **Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)** is collecting food and hygiene donations. For many of the multicultural families they serve, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact. The requests for food and hygiene products in their Resource Centers are significant, and they are asking for help to keep their community pantries stocked. Visit <https://lcsnw.org/office/north-puget-sound/> to learn more.

- **MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) and The Plaster House in Tanzania:**  
MGLSS serves 350 students. The Plaster House is currently treating 50 children with 140 on the waiting list. Monetary support for these organizations can be sent to Saint Andrew's. Note the "MGLSS" or "Plaster House" in the memo line of your check.
  - ◆ **Uniforms:** Donations for uniform kits for new MGLSS students are welcome. A \$50 donation purchases one kit, which lasts a student two years. Checks can be made payable to Saint Andrew's with "MGLSS Uniforms" in the memo line.
- **Lantern Hill, Mexico:** Please pray for the health and well being of the children and families of Lantern Hill. Lantern Hill is continuing to provide food staples every other week to the families of the children they serve and continuing to support the higher education of their graduates. Contributions can be sent directly to Friends of Lantern Hill, 1907 Buckington Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017; or you can contribute through Saint Andrew's, with "Lantern Hill" noted on your check.  
Christmas Gifts: A Christmas donation of \$25 will provide food and a small gift to one of the families in their program. Visit <https://www.friendsoflanternhill.org/christmas>.
- **Congregations for the Homeless** continues to serve men in need of meals, shelter, and services. Visit [www.cfhomeless.org](http://www.cfhomeless.org) for information on the best ways to help during this time. Monetary donations can also be made from the Saint Andrew's online giving page ([www.salc.church/giving-options](http://www.salc.church/giving-options) and press the "Donate" button), or via check to Saint Andrew's marked "Congregations for the Homeless".
- **Hopelink:**
  - ◆ **Monetary donations** provide the most flexibility and can be made from the Saint Andrew's online giving page ([www.salc.church/giving-options](http://www.salc.church/giving-options) and press the "Donate" button), or via check to Saint Andrew's marked "Hopelink", or directly to Hopelink.
  - ◆ **Amazon Wish List:** Hopelink has set up a wish list (with their greatest needs) through Amazon, where people can order items to be delivered directly to Hopelink. Click [Hopelink Wish List](#) for the link (or go to [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/APDBC9GDXAOP/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl\\_cl%20%20onclick=](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/APDBC9GDXAOP/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl%20%20onclick=) ) The link can also be accessed through Hopelink's website: [www.hopelink.org/how-help-hopelink](http://www.hopelink.org/how-help-hopelink). At checkout, select the Hopelink Gift Registry address.
- **Lutheran World Relief (LWR):**
  - ◆ **Face Masks for Lutheran World Relief:** LWR continues to accept face masks and their partnering agencies welcome them! If you sew masks for LWR, you can bring them to church and we will mail them to LWR (drop them in the mail slot outside of the west door. Mark them for LWR.)
  - ◆ **Items for Personal Care Kits:** Please keep items at home until we can collect them.

**WEEKLY PLANNER: DECEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 20**

<b>Sunday</b>		
December 13	8:15 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study - Titus online
	<b>9:30 am</b>	Sunday Worship <b>via YouTube</b>
	10:45 am	Affirmation of Baptism and Confirmation (ABC) online
	10:45 am	Discipleship Hour Forum online
<b>Monday</b>		
December 14		OFFICE CLOSED
	1:00 pm	Saint Andrew's Staff 322/Conference Room
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council online
<b>Tuesday</b>		
December 15		OFFICE CLOSED
	8:30 am	Tuesday Morning Men online
	10:00 am	Midweek Bible Study online
	11:45 am	O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints) online
	7:00 pm	Communications Committee online
	7:00 pm	Racial Justice Group online
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee online
<b>Wednesday</b>		
December 16		OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00 pm	Blue Christmas Worship Livestream via YouTube
<b>Thursday</b>		
December 17		OFFICE CLOSED
	1:00 pm	KnitWits online
	6:00 pm	Parent Social Hour and Check-in online
<b>Friday</b>		
December 18		OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Saturday</b>		
December 19		
<b>Sunday</b>		
December 20	<b>9:30 am</b>	Sunday Worship <b>via YouTube</b>
		The Children's Christmas Pageant video will be shown at the end of worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Secret Santa Gift Exchange online

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ongoing	Worship with Holy Communion, 9:30 am	Livestream via YouTube
ongoing	Fair Trade Coffee Available for purchase contact Sherry Grindeland	
ongoing	Pray in the Sanctuary, available Sunday-Friday	Saint Andrew's
December 24	<b>Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve</b> Worship, <b>4:30 pm</b>	Livestream via YouTube
December 25	Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day No worship service	
December 27	Pre-recorded Worship from the NW Washginton Synod	
January 6	W.E.B.S. (Women's Early Book Study), 11:00 am	online
January 6	Winter Session begins	
January 6	Zoom Youth Group, 5:00 pm	online
January 14	Youth Game ~ Among Us	online

Please submit announcements for next Sunday's Bulletin no later than  
Wednesday, **December 16**, at 9:00 am.  
Email submissions to Susan Hegedus, [susan@SALC.church](mailto:susan@SALC.church)