

**November 28, 2021**  
**10:00 am**





# *First Sunday of Advent*




The other readings for today are Psalm 25:1-10 and 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13. You are encouraged to read them prior to worship or during the week.

## WELCOME!



-  **WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and 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 to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.
-  **IF YOU ARE WORSHIPING ONLINE,** we invite you to find a comfortable place for worship. Get some crackers or bread and something to drink so that we can share Communion. Light a candle if you have one.
-  **HOLY COMMUNION** is God's Word of love made visible in bread and wine. Individual kits are provided for Communion Distribution. These chalice cups have wine or juice in the top and bread on the bottom. When the Eucharist is served during the service simply peel back the seal for each part at the appropriate time. There are trash receptacles in the Narthex at the same tables you picked up the servings from – please deposit the remnants from the kit there.
-  **WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!** Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

  - Take-home paper activity bags with stickers, crayons and paper are available from your usher.
  - "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas 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.
-  **During this heightened time of awareness and prevention** regarding Coronavirus, we would like to let you know.....

  - In compliance with current guidelines, everyone worshiping in-person needs to wear a mask.
  - 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 by individual kits.
  - Worship participants wash hands and use hand sanitizer before, during, and after worship.
  - At the Peace, we share a verbal "Peace be with You" 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.
  - "Common touch" areas are being sanitized daily.
  - Furnaces run to help filter the air in the building.

### — VIDEO and AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS —

**Saint Andrew's livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube, and video and audio recording is currently in progress.**

**It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshipers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.**

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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.*

*In compliance with current guidelines, everyone worshipping in-person needs to wear a mask.*

**PRELUDE** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* [arr. Joel Raney]  
Matt Camrud, Elaine Koga, piano

**WELCOME** Pastor Lara

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The first Advent candle is lit.*

**HYMN** *Hark, the Glad Sound!* bulletin page 18

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

**S** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### KYRIE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES** Pastor Lara

## WORD

*Younger Disciples Tip: If you have a Spark Story Bible, this story is on page 178.*

**READING** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**S** Word of God.

**C** Word of Life.

**MUSIC**

*Gesu Bambino*

[Arr. Molly Ijames]

Hillary Nordwell, Melanie Grad, piano

*Please stand.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 21:25-36

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Lara

*Please stand.*

**HYMN**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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**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.**

*Younger 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** Lord, in your mercy.

**C** hear our prayer.

### **THE PEACE**

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

**C** And also with you.

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

*Please be seated.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Lara

#### **OFFERING**

*Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*  
Elaine Koga, Will Simpson, piano

[arr. Joel Raney]

*If you wish to financially support the mission of Saint Andrew's, in-person offerings can be placed in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex. Additional options for financial giving can be found at <https://salc.church/giving>.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **M E A L**

*Please remain seated.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND 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**

# SENDING

*Please stand.*

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.*

## **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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### **SENDING** (*dismissal*)

**S** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated and remain seated until dismissed by the ushers.*

### **POSTLUDE**

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*  
Matt Camrud, Elaine Koga, piano

[arr. Joel Raney]

## PARTICIPANTS

*Presiding Minister* Pastor Lara Forbes

*Director of Music Ministries/Organist* Dr. Will Simpson

*Acolyte* Sonja Wetmore

*Altar Guild* Karin Eklof, JoAn Eklof

*Singers* Dana Nasby, Jean Wahlstrom, Dick Swaisgood

*Piano* Matt Camrud, Elaine Koga, Melanie Grad,  
Hillary Nordwell, Will Simpson

*Audio/Visual* Sharon Gurtel, Tom Getzinger

*Hospitality Team* Gary Rudolph, John Nelson

*Coffee Hosts* Sherry Grindeland, Joan Tweten

## WELCOME to WORSHIP

**ADVENT** - the new church year - begins today, **November 28**. The word "advent" is from the Latin *adventus*; it means "arrival" or an awaited coming. It's a season of big promises. During these four weeks, the future and the past mingle together as we celebrate the Christ who came and is yet to come. Our Sundays of Advent focus on the themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**.

### COMMEMORATIONS:

**Andrew, Apostle**

**November 30**

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

**Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552**

December 3

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

**John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749**

December 4

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

## SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 28

### EARLY SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP...7:45 AM

#### EARLY SUNDAY MORNING STUDY ~ PROPHETS

Sundays, **November 28 - December 19, 7:45 am**, 322 Conference Room and via Zoom

Led by Pastor Mary-Alyce Burleigh

This Advent series will explore the four Advent prophetic texts of the lectionary for this season: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (November 28); Malachi 3:1-4 (December 5); Zephaniah 3:14-20 (December 12); and Micah 5:2-5a (December 19). These prophets pleaded with Israel for a restoration of the covenant bond that established Israel in the first place. We will look at these promises of the coming Messiah to find encouragement and hope for today.

*Pastor Burleigh served her pastoral internship at Saint Andrew's in 2013-2014.*

For more information and to sign up to get the Zoom link, visit [salc.church/sunday-morning-bible-study](https://salc.church/sunday-morning-bible-study).

### SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:00 AM

**NO YOUTH CLASSES:** There are no classes for youth today, **November 28**.

#### DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM - FELLOWSHIP and ADVENT SHARING

Sunday, **November 28, 9:00 am**, 301/Fellowship Hall North and via Zoom

Facilitator: Dick Szabo

Enjoy coffee and treats, fellowship, and share your Advent/Christmas ideas/traditions of families too! How do you prepare for Christmas?

**Recordings** of past Forums can be found on our Discipleship Hour webpage:

<https://salc.church/discipleship-hour-adults-page>. Scroll to "Discipleship Hour Recordings".

## FELLOWSHIP

### ADVENT FAIR AT HOME KITS PICK-UP:

Please join us for fellowship and fun today, Sunday, **November 28**, from

**11:00 am - 12:00 noon** to pick up Advent Fair At Home Kits! Supplies for a greenery centerpiece, gift tags, cookies and more will be available to kick off the holiday season.

There will also be devotional materials available, for both children and adults, whether you signed up for a kit or not.

**RECONCILING IN CHRIST:** The LGBTQ+ Inclusion Group has published its proposed Welcoming Statement, one of the most important steps in becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. Beth Donahoe, chair of the LGBTQ+ Inclusion Group, will be on hand at the Advent Fair At Home Kit Pick Up on **November 28** to answer questions. There will also be reading materials available.

**CORNER OF BLESSING COLLECTION!** The Hopelink Food Banks have been giving out pre-packed boxes of food throughout the pandemic. During November, we are collecting baking items to help supplement the contents of the pre-packed boxes. The main needs are:

- Flour (5 pound bags)
- Sugar (4 pound bags)
- Spices for baking (i.e. cinnamon, cloves, ginger, nutmeg, vanilla, allspice, etc.)

Also needed are:

- Salt (about 26 ounce)
- Baking soda (1-pound box)
- Baking Powder (about 8 ounce)

Bring donations to the Corner of Blessing in the Narthex. Or on **November 28**, when you come to pick up your "At Home" Advent Kits, there will be a drop-off spot to collect these baking supplies.

**LOVE TREE:** The Love Tree is in the Narthex! There are several ways to support our Love Tree program to spread love and holiday spirit:

- We are purchasing gift cards for residents at two Imagine Housing facilities and for The Sophia Way. To support this effort, make a donation clearly marked "Love Tree" (checks can be made payable to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church) and leave it in the offering plate in the Narthex or mail it to Saint Andrew's.
- The Love Tree in the Narthex has tags with specified gifts for Eastside Baby Corner. Take a tag, purchase the gift, and return it to the the Love Tree no later than Sunday, **December 12**.
- Purchase gifts for a Bridge Disability Ministries client. These people with various degrees of disabilities live in group homes and often have no families. Our gifts may be their only Christmas presents. We have several who haven't been "adopted" yet. If you're able to help, please contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salc.church or 425-746-2529.

**UNIFORMS FOR MGLSS STUDENTS:** Advent is the time we are asked to outfit **60** new students at MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) in Tanzania. A \$50 donation will provide the basic uniform kit for a student that will last for 2 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. To contribute, clearly mark your donation for "MGLSS Uniforms" (check can be made payable to Saint Andrew's.) Place the donation in the offering plate in the Narthex or slip it through the mail slot at church (next to the west door, by the small parking lot) or mail it to Saint Andrew's. On behalf of the students, ASANTE SANA! Thank you very much!



**THIS WEEK ~ NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 4****TUESDAY MORNING MEN:**

Tuesdays, **8:30 am**, via Zoom  
 Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood  
 All men are invited! Tuesday Morning Men are using *Strength in Faith Devotional*, a book of devotions written for men. The pieces are short but thoughtful, scripture based, and have elicited a lot of discussion. Contact Dick Swaisgood for instructions on joining.

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY:**

Tuesdays, **10:00 am**,  
 322/Conference Room and via Zoom  
 Midweek Bible Study is led by Pastor Lara. On **November 30**, we resume our class, examining the readings for the coming Sundays. We will continue this study through the Sundays of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. You can participate in-person or via Zoom. If you have been attending Midweek Bible Study this Fall, there is no need to sign up again. If you have not been attending or need the Zoom link re-sent to you, please sign up at [salc.church/midweek-bible-study](http://salc.church/midweek-bible-study).

**ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP:**

Wednesdays, **December 1 and 8, 7:00 pm**, Sanctuary and via Livestream  
 Join us for a Holden Evening Prayer service of music, Scripture, and devotional reflection as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

**CAROLS, CIDER, and RECONNECTING**

Friday, **December 3, 6:30 pm**  
 Saint Andrew's Parking Lot  
 Join the Saint Andrew's family for a Parking-lot Christmas carol singalong on Friday, **December 3**. Enjoy fellowship, hot cider and a chance to sing a number of our beloved carols as we "Grow Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People." You bring your mask and a favorite sweet treat (such as cookies or candy) to share. We will have hot beverages and offer time to reconnect before Director of Music Ministries Will Simpson leads us in song. No sign-up needed - see you there!

**CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE:** There will be a raffle for a fresh-cut Christmas tree to benefit Youth Ministries. Tickets will be on sale at the Friday, **December 3**, Caroling event and on Sunday morning, **December 5**, before the worship service. Ticket price is \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The winner will be announced at the end of worship on **December 5**, and the winner can take home the tree that day.

## NEXT SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 5

### EARLY SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP...7:45 AM

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### SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP HOUR...9:00 AM

#### HIGH SCHOOL FAITH and FELLOWSHIP:

Sundays, **9:00 am**, 319/Youth Room  
for youth in grades 9-12

All high school youth are welcome to gather for a time to grow together in faith and have some fun.

#### ABC (AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM/ CONFIRMATION):

Sundays, **9:00 am**,  
322/Conference Room and via Zoom  
for youth in grades 7-8

This year we are taking a deep dive into the Small Catechism.

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL:

Sundays, **9:00 am**,  
Grades 5 and 6: Room 122 and via Zoom  
Age 3 through Grade 4: via Zoom

We are getting to know one another as we learn about Bible stories and experience God's love for us.

#### DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM - CHRISTMAS STORY

Sundays, **December 5, 12, and 19,**  
**9:00 am**,

301/Fellowship Hall North and via Zoom

Facilitator: Pastor Lara

We will take a deeper dive into portions of the Christmas story in Luke's gospel, including Zechariah's song, John the Baptist, and Mary.

#### Forums are in-person and via Zoom.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list that receives weekly email notices of Forums, including the Zoom link, email to Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church).

### WORSHIP...10:00 AM

**CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE:** The final chance to purchase raffle tickets for a fresh-cut Christmas Tree is prior to worship on **December 5**.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Worship is at **10:00 am**.

*Special worship music:* Handbells

- **In-person:** In compliance with current guidelines, everyone needs to wear a mask while in the building.
- **Livestream on YouTube:** Links to bulletins and worship services can be found at <https://SALC.church/media>.

#### READINGS for December 5, Second Sunday of Advent:

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

## COMING UP

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Worship is at **10:00 am**, both **in-person** and **livestreamed on YouTube**.

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#### DISCIPLESHIP HOUR FORUM - CHRISTMAS STORY

Sundays, **December 12 and 19, 9:00 am**, *301/Fellowship Hall North and via Zoom*  
Facilitator: Pastor Lara

We will take a deeper dive into portions of the Christmas story in Luke's gospel, including Zechariah's song, John the Baptist, and Mary.

### DURING THE WEEK

**RECONCILING IN CHRIST:** The LGBTQ+ Inclusion Group, with the endorsement and support of the Congregation Council, has published its proposed Welcoming Statement, one of the most important steps in becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. The group welcomes comments and questions from the congregation. You can find the statement as well as the four commitments stipulated to become an RIC congregation at [salc.church/lgbtq-inclusion-task-force](http://salc.church/lgbtq-inclusion-task-force) or in the November 2021 issue of *the VOICE* newsletter.

**DORCAS CIRCLE:** Tuesday, **December 7, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon**, *302/Fellowship Hall South*  
Dorcas Circle meets to assemble and sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You can also cut quilt squares and/or sew quilts at home. Dorcas also needs donations of flat sheets in good condition to use for quilts. Contact Linda Willenberg for information.

#### FIRST TUESDAY HAPPY (ONLINE) HOUR:

Tuesday, **December 7, 5:00 pm**,  
*via Zoom*

Fellowship, friendship and conversation make any gathering a happy event! Sign up at [salc.church/online-happy-hour](http://salc.church/online-happy-hour) by **12:00 noon** on **December 7** so we can get the Zoom link to you. Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland.

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

Wednesday, **December 8, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**, *via Zoom*

All women are welcome. Contact Cheryl Jurrus for the Zoom link.

#### ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP:

Wednesdays, **December 8, 7:00 pm**, *Sanctuary and via Livestream*  
Join us for a Holden Evening Prayer service of music, Scripture, and devotional reflection as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

**KNITWITS (Knitting as Witnesses):**

Thursday, **December 9, 1:00 pm**,  
via Zoom

Knitting as Witnesses (KnitWits) gathers via Zoom to check in, share ideas, and connect with each other. Contact KnitWits coordinator Dianne Chong or Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church), to get the Zoom link.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY:** All youth, grades 6-12, are welcome to join in a fun-filled evening of games and food at Beth Donahoe's house on Friday,

**December 10, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.**

Youth are asked to bring a snack/food item to share. We will be playing Bunco together with prizes! Youth are asked to sign-up at

[salc.church/event/youth-christmas-party](http://salc.church/event/youth-christmas-party) by Wednesday, **December 8**. Address and directions will be sent out to all those who sign-up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church).

**FAMILY ACTIVITY ~ GARDEN D'LIGHTS:**

December's activity is open to **families of children birth through 12th grade**.

We will meet in the church parking lot on Sunday, **December 12**, at **3:30 pm** for festive refreshments and then head to the Bellevue Botanical Gardens for a 4:30 pm walk through of the Garden d'Lights (approximately 45 minutes).

Families will drive themselves to and from the botanical gardens. Tickets are required for this event and must be purchased in advance through the church; availability is limited. Children 10 and under are free, everyone 11 and up is \$5/person.

Advance sign-up is needed, and sign-ups will close once availability is full. To sign-up, visit [salc.church/event/garden-dlights](http://salc.church/event/garden-dlights).

**O.W.L.S. (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN**

**SAINTS):** Tuesday, **December 14, 11:45 am**, 301/Fellowship Hall North  
**Sing your favorite carols as the**

**O.W.L.S.** resume their annual holiday tradition of ham plus trimmings and song. We'll meet at **11:45 am** Tuesday, **December 14**, in-person in Fellowship Hall North. Dr. Will Simpson, Saint Andrew's Director of Music Ministries, will lead the musical portion of the party. You don't have to be older or wiser to join this fun gathering. But you do have to wear a mask unless eating or drinking. Note on the date: OWLS usually meets the third Tuesday of the month but because of Christmas, we're gathering a week early. No sign-up needed. For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**PARENT LISTENING SESSIONS:**

Tuesday, **December 14, 8:00 pm**,  
via Zoom

Each month, on the second Tuesday at **8:00 pm**, we gather via Zoom to discuss a different topics, covering life both in and out of church. This month we will reflect on the joys and challenges of the past year. The Zoom link will be sent out to all parents. Questions, please reach out to Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church).

**BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:**

Wednesday, **December 15, 7:00 pm**, Sanctuary and via Livestream

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. 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.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**STEWARDSHIP:** You are invited to return your 2022 commitment/pledge to the offering plate in the Narthex on Sundays as we give thanks to God who provides for our every need. Alternatively, you can mail your pledge card to the church or submit your pledge online at [salc.church/pledge-online](http://salc.church/pledge-online). Knowing pledged giving is very helpful to the Finance Committee as they develop the budget for next year, and they thank you. Our Stewardship emphasis for the year is "**12 Discipleship Essentials**." The first essential is "**Vision**". Visit [salc.church/discipleship-hour-adults-page](http://salc.church/discipleship-hour-adults-page) to watch the recording of the November 21 Discipleship Forum that explores this essential.

**THANK YOU RUSS STARK:** Russ Stark has been the Saint Andrew's Accounting Assistant since 2006. That is a lot of checks written, contributions counted, financial reports prepared, audits supported, and budgets passed! Russ is retiring on **December 9**. He is a devoted servant of God, and has felt serving this congregation as a calling, not a job. As part of our staff, he brings cheer and humor to our workdays, thoughtful devotions to our staff meetings, and is always happy to help a colleague. We will miss him, and we wish him well!

**COLLECTIONS:** In December Dorcas Circle is collecting the following items for Compass Housing Alliance. Your donations can be placed in the donation baskets in the Narthex.

New hygiene items (bulk, personal, and travel sizes are welcome)

- shampoo and conditioner
- combs
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- razors and shaving cream
- liquid body wash
- body lotion
- deodorant

New clothing items, still in original packaging and not laundered

- black and white athletic socks in adult sizes
- underwear for adult men and women in sizes L-4X
- winter gloves, especially for men, in sizes L-XXL
- white T-shirts for men in sizes XL-4X

**ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT NEEDED:** As a result of Russ Stark's retirement, Saint Andrew's is in need of an Accounting Assistant. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in the position, please contact the church office, [info@salc.church](mailto:info@salc.church) or 425-746-2529, for more information and a job description.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED:** All committees welcome new participants at any time. However, there is an immediate need for new members/chairs for both the Communications Committee and Stewardship Committee. If you feel led to serve in either of these ways, or just have questions, contact current chairs Kendra Mills (Communications) or Scott Lester (Stewardship).

**COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Hosts are needed for the Sunday morning coffee fellowship. Duties include making the coffee and hot cocoa, getting treats and post-event clean-up. It's easy. It's fun. And you get lots of compliments. Free training too! If interested in serving in this way, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**VOLUNTEERS for YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** We need people to work with our youth in our various programs, events, and activities. No need for special experience or training, just a passion to want to get to know our youth. We need help with everything from ABC/Confirmation to our monthly activities. If you are interested in helping out, reach out to Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

# Carols, Cider, and Reconnecting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 PM

SAINT ANDREW'S PARKING LOT



Join the Saint Andrew's family for a Parking-lot Christmas carol singalong!

Enjoy fellowship, hot cider, and sing beloved carols as we "Grow Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People."

You bring your mask and a favorite sweet treat (such as cookies or candy) to share.

We will have hot beverages, a cozy fire, and offer time to reconnect before Director of Music Ministries Will Simpson leads us in song.

No need to sign up.

**See you there!**



# WEEKLY PLANNER: NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 5

**OFFICE HOURS:** The church office is open **Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
November 28	7:45 am	Early Sunday Morning Bible Study	322-Conference Room/online
	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour Forum	301-Fellowship Hall North/online
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	11:00 am	Advent Fair Kit Pick-up	Saint Andrew's
<b>Monday</b>			
November 29	10:00 am	Reopening Task Force	212
	1:00 pm	Saint Andrew's Staff	212
<b>Tuesday</b>			
November 30	8:30 am	Tuesday Morning Men	online
	10:00 am	Midweek Bible Study	322-Conference Room/online
	7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday</b>			
December 1	7:00 pm	Advent Midweek Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
<b>Thursday</b>			
December 2	7:00 pm	Racial Justice Group	online
<b>Friday</b>			
December 3	6:30 pm	Carols, Cider, and Reconnecting	Saint Andrew's Parking Lot
<b>Saturday</b>			
December 4			
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
December 5	7:45 am	Early Sunday Morning Bible Study	322-Conference Room/online
	9:00 am	Discipleship Hour Forum	301-Fellowship Hall North/online
	9:00 am	High School Faith and Fellowship	319-Youth Room
	9:00 am	ABC/Confirmation	322-Conference Room/online
	9:00 am	Sunday Church School/grades 5-6	122/online
	9:00 am	Sunday Church School/age 3 - grade 4	online
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream

## SAVE THE DATE

December 7	Dorcas Circle, 9:30 am - 12:00 noon	Saint Andrew's
December 7	Happy (Online) Hour, 5:00 pm	online
December 8	W.E.B.S. (Women's Early Book Study), 11:00 am	online
December 8	Advent Midweek Worship, 7:00 pm	Saint Andrew's / online
December 9	KnitWits, 1:00 pm	online
December 10	Youth Christmas Party, 6:00 pm	off-site
December 12	Family Activity - Garden d'Lights, 3:30 pm	meet at Saint Andrew's
December 14	O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints), 11:45 am	Saint Andrew's
December 14	Parent Listening Session, 8:00 pm	online
December 15	Blue Christmas Worship, 7:00 pm	Saint Andrew's / online

Please submit announcements for next Sunday's Bulletin no later than  
 Wednesday, **December 1**, at 9:00 am. Email submissions to Susan Hegedus, [susan@SALC.church](mailto:susan@SALC.church)