

SLC BEACON

The Creeds, Hymns, and Liturgy of the New Testament

Are there creedal statements in the New Testament? Are there hymns that authors of the New Testament wove into their writings? Could there be vestiges of liturgical texts used by the earliest churches embedded in the New Testament?

Yes! But more importantly, what do these creedal statements and hymns tell us about Christ and our mission? It is in vogue these days to try and get behind or before the New Testament writings to get a picture of the first churches but the NT writings actually embody the earliest beliefs of Christ followers and in these hymns and creedal statements we find a clear look at the actual head waters of our faith.

Therefore, for the next couple of months in Pastor Bill's Sunday class, we will closely study these important hymns and creedal statements to understand the early church's convictions and then ask what they have to say to us in our contemporary situation.

These Bible studies will also be complimentary and help prepare us for our visiting scholar, Dr. Troy Troftgruben of Wartburg Seminary, who will conduct this year's Lay School of Theology entitled

Rooted and Renewed, Imaging the Church's Future
in Light of New Testament Origins



Next Week's Worship Leaders (January 26th)

January Altar Care: (8:30) Lawrence & LaVonne Greaves

(11:00) Beth Adams & Family, Carissa Robideaux

Liturgists: (8:30am) Sue Weaver (11am) Sue Shultz

Communion Assistants: (8:30am) Lou Ann Wood, Chris & Suzanne Love, Brandi Snow

(11am) Carissa Robideaux, Debbie White, Greg & Martha Patterson Readers: (8:30am)

Gloria Crawford (11am) Billie Jean Liedahl

Acolytes: (8:30am) Unavailable (11am) Unavailable

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:

Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

IN THE NEWS

LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY *Sat. March 21st & Sunday March 22nd*

To discern our future, as a church, we need to start with our past. Many of the questions we face today -- about spaces, unity, leadership, practices, and witness -- were no less relevant to the earliest believers. Building off themes in the book *Rooted and Renewing* (2019), we will engage scripture and our family history (as a church) to think about such topics as unity, core spiritual practices, and bearing public witness.

Saturday March 21st 5:00pm—8:00pm

Dinner donation: \$10 per person, \$20 max family

Suggested class donation: \$5—\$10 per person

Sunday March 22nd 9:40am—10:40 am

Sunday between services.

Troy M. Troftgruben

Rooted and Renewing

**Imagining the Church's
Future in Light of its
New Testament Origins**



IN THE NEWS

There will be a Care Ministry meeting on Tuesday, Jan 21 at 9 am in the high school room in the Gathering Place.

SLC Family Follies Sat. Jan 25th @ 5pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a night of games, food and general mayhem! Relays, paper bag skits, blindfolded taste tests, and a build your dessert contest. Dinner will be a baked potato bar.

Sign up to bring a topping or side:

www.PerfectPotluck.com/QDZM0897

family
fun night

HOMELESS

SOCK & GLOVE



DRIVE



SOCKS AND SUNDRIES

is happening next week!

Help our helpers by donating socks, hats, gloves or other items to be distributed to the homeless by our youth and adults. You can also donate financially and we'll shop for these and other hard to purchase items for our brothers and sisters in need.

SLY Summer Servant Trip Comedy Fundraiser Feb 7th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Need a great adult night out that also benefits our youth preparing to serve in Costa Rica? Come out for a night of laughs at the Cloverleaf as we gather with friends for a comedy night. Tickets are available between services in the church entry, or by going to:

<https://tinyurl.com/tslhj7>



EVENTS



February 1st All Church Ski Day

Whether you are an experienced skier or boarder or just starting out, this day is for you. Mark February 1st for a great day hitting the slopes and enjoying all the mountain beauty this area has to offer. We can help you with lesson and gear sign ups if you need it. All ages and abilities are welcome. Sign up now and join in the pow pow road trip for a day of adventure and snow much more. **Site/leave/return times TBA.**



You are invited to a Saint Valentine's Celebration to raise money for Empowering Life

*a Lutheran ministry serving the women incarcerated at
Washington correctional centers in Gig Harbor and Mission
Creek.*

The celebration will feature elegant desserts, a silent auction and Hybrid - a jazz/soul band. It will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8 pm at St. Mark's** by the Narrows Lutheran Church, 6730 N 17th Street, Tacoma. *There is a \$15 suggested donation.*

RSVP to Empowering Life Director Joan Nelson

Email: joan2nelson@comcast.net **Phone:** 253-208-3307,

Mail check to: Empowering Life, PO Box 1803, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Intern Marietta is involved in Empowering Life as a board member. She has led worship and attended worship at the Gig Harbor facility. Marietta is unable to attend this event due to seminary class commitments, but would be happy to help coordinate a group from SLC to attend as it is Empowering Life's main fundraising event for the year. Contact Marietta if you are interested. Email: groupconn@silverdalelutheran.org or Cell/text (712) 890-9882.



SLY Youth—Upcoming Trip COSTA RICA 2020 Meetings & Fundraisers

◇ Feb 2— Trip meeting #4—Auction Item ideas/flyers due

◇ Traveler Payment #2 due \$250

◇ Feb 7th—Comedy Fundraiser at Cloverleaf Tavern

◇ Mar 1st—Trip meeting #4 @ 12:30pm

****Copies of passports due****

◇ Mar 14th—Auction Prep and set up Mar 15th—2020 Auction and Dinner

◇ April meeting—Final Payment due

◇ April 12th—Easter Brunch Fundraiser



EVENTS

Feb. 21st (President's Day)— All Church Snow Day

What do George Washington and Abe Lincoln have in common? They're both from snowy states. So why not celebrate their legacy by appreciating the soft white glory of our nation's most beautiful state? Join your church family and bring your friends, all are welcome. On President's Day 2020 for a road trip into the snow to sled and/or snowshoe. If you can walk you can shoe, and we can help you with the rental process. Just sign up and join in one more chill adventure in the snow. Site and leave/return time will be announced as we get closer to the trip, but plan on an all day adventure.



Winter Women's Retreat St Andrews | Feb 21-23



As women, we often sacrifice our own wellness in service to others. This weekend get-away is an opportunity to be well, to grow in faith and to join with other women in celebrating who God has created us to be. We hope you can join us for a beautiful weekend on the Hood Canal, where we will talk about wellness in our **Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength**.

The cost is \$220 (All inclusive).

Scholarships are available upon request.

Registration on your ministry card, or online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/vscfdvc>

Thank you to everyone who generously purchased tickets and attended the **Applebees Flapjack Fundraiser!**

We raised \$ 1289 to help with the cost of our summer servant trip to Costa Rica through Youth Works and Rice & Beans ministry.



EVENTS



Is 2020 Your Small Group Year?

Small groups are growing at Silverdale Lutheran! Here's what small group members reported from their experiences in 2019:

- ◇ 87 percent reported that their small group had always or often helped them feel more connected to Christ
- ◇ 98 percent reported that their small group always or often helped them feel more connected to each other
- ◇ 78 percent reported that they grew in the Christian faith
- ◇ 60 percent reported that they felt more confident to talk about their faith with others

Do you feel called to join a small group or lead a small group and connect more to Christ and other people? Watch this space for a chance in the coming weeks to experience what a small group can be.

Questions? Contact Small Groups Connector Marietta

Church: (360) 692 - 9263 | cell: (712) 890- 9882.

Email: groupconn@silverdalelutheran.org;

SLY AUCTION | March 15th

Put a circle around March 15th as we gather for a night of fun and fellowship, with a little bit of comedy and a whole lot of great silent and live auction items.

A wonderful dinner and free childcare are also part of the night. Be connected and entertained as you support our faithful service team on their way to share food and faith with people in the mountains of Costa Rica.

Do you have an item, service, time share, or tickets you can donate?

Contact Kathleen Johnson at 360-908-5737 or minprograms@silverdalelutheran.org



Celebrations

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

David Dietz	Jan 19	Edward Bye	Jan 24	John Adair	Jan 25
Lyn Halvorson	Jan 19	Meghan Johnson	Jan 24	Russell Fee	Jan 25
Jerri Sanchez	Jan 21	Jeffrey Prichard	Jan 24	Joan Priest	Jan 25
Karen Kunkel	Jan 22	Todd Winters	Jan 24		

ANNIVERSARY

Marc & Linda Laude	Jan 19 (28 yrs)	Joe & Joyce Sartain	Jan 20 (52 yrs)
Don & Heidi Thorsen	Jan 19 (29 yrs)	Dennis & Julie Enebo	Jan 23 (27 yrs)

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2019 will be mailed to those with envelope numbers by January 31. If you do not have an envelope number and would like a statement, please see Bruce in the office and he will assign you a number. *If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Kramer, Financial Secretary, at 360-692-9263.*

Monthly Treasurer's Update

Below is a 3-year financial comparison of income vs. expenses through December each year. 2019 fiscal trends were marked with unusual highs and lows. Overall giving was at an all-time high, and especially generous during the first half of the year. A decline in giving and higher expenses during the last half of the year resulted in the greatest year end deficit in the past six years, -\$19,490. The Unrestricted Net Assets account, with a balance of \$82,831 at the end of 2019, will be drawn upon to balance the budget and begin 2020 with \$0 deficit. SLC total assets remains strong in the \$300,000 - \$400,000 range and includes a number of well-funded designated and equity accounts. 9.78% of SLC's total 2019 income supported outreach, paying \$78,093 toward benevolences, another all-time high.



Treasurer Report

FINANCIAL COMPARISON ON December 31, 2019			
	2017 – 53 Sundays	2018 – 52 Sundays	2019 – 52 Sundays
Income	\$708,064	\$758,081	\$798,234
Ministry Expenses	\$710,916	\$758,340	\$817,724
Net	-\$2,852	-\$259	-\$19,490
AVERAGE PER SUNDAY OFFERING COMPARISION THROUGH NOVEMBER			
	\$13,360	\$14,578	\$15,351

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY—SUNDAY, JAN 19

- 8:30** Worship (S)
- 9:40** middle/SLY Sunday School
- 9:40** Adult Sunday School
- 11:00** Worship (S)
- 12:15** SLY Trip Meeting #3 (GP)
- 12:30** Sacred Grounds (FH)

MONDAY JAN 20

- 9:00** Quilters (FH)
- 5:45** Marriage Course (FH)
- 6:00** Boy Scouts (GP)
- 6:30** Joy Circle
- 7:00** Council Meeting (4)

TUESDAY JAN 21

- 8:00** BSF Leaders Meeting (FH & GP)
- 9:00** Care Ministry (GP-HS)
- 9:30** Esther Circle (4)
- 12:00** Al-Anon (27)
- 1:00** Pastors Text Study (4)
- 6:00** Girl Scouts (22,23,24)
- 7:00** Home Town Band (FH)

WEDNESDAY JAN 22

- 9:30** Holy Yoga (GP)
- 10:45** Manna Bible Study (4)
- 10:45** Mom's Circle (ST)
- 12:00** Hearty Meals (FH)
- 6:00** SLY/Middle (GP)
- 6:30** Luther Small Group (4)
- 7:00** Sanctuary Choir (S,4)

THURSDAY JAN 23

- 10:30** Bible Study (FH)
- 12:00** Song of the Church (S)
- 1:00** Faith & Fellowship for Older Men
- 6:00** Cub Scout Den Mtg (GP)
- 6:30** Lutherhaven Bd Mtg (GP-23)
- 6:45** Alleluia Ringers (S&4)
- 7:00** Venture Scouting Group

FRIDAY, JAN 24

- 6:30** Men's Prayer Breakfast (All Star)
- 9:30** Holy Hoga (GP)

SATURDAY, JAN 25

- 8:00** Boy Scout Bridging (GP)
- 8:00** Girl Scout First Aid Workshop (FH, 4)
- 5:00** Family Fun Night (GP)

SUNDAY, JAN 26

- 8:30** Worship (S)
- 9:40** middle/SLY Sunday School
- 9:40** Adult Sunday School
- 11:00** Worship (S)
- 12:15** SLY Trip Meeting #3 (GP)
- 12:30** Sacred Grounds (FH)

Narthex	Main Entry area to Sanctuary
FH	Fellowship Hall
S	Sanctuary
4	Room 4 (across from office)
St	Study/Library
GP	Gathering Place
22-27	Gathering Place Classrooms
HS	High School Youth Room in GP