Silverdale Lutheran Church

December 8, 2024

Connecting To Christ & Loving Kitsap

### **SLC BEACON**



We've seen some amazing performances before, from bagpipe tunes to the Red Baron. This is a perfect opportunity to check out the music scene at SLC, whether you want to start small with a little act or dive right in with something more substantial. Both secular and sacred music are totally welcome. So grab your jingle bells and holly berries and come join the fun!



Sign up to bring your favorite festive appetizer, desserts and drinks.

https://www.perfectpotluck.com/UQVA7821

#### **Questions?**

Jcormier@silverdalelutheran.org call/text Justin at (253) 569 - 3870

# PB's Sunday Education Hour The Incarnation Dec 8, 15 and 22

### Key Passages & the Incarnation

The affirmation that Jesus is God in the flesh is central to Christianity. What are the key Biblical passages that affirm this belief and how do they help us understand that Jesus is "fully God and fully human" as the Nicene Creed confesses? These three sessions will deepen and enliven our, and your, celebration of Christmas this year. Don't miss them!

**December 8th:** John 1:1-14 & Isaiah 7:14, & Matthew 1:22-23

The Word became flesh and God with us

**December 15th:** Phillippians 2:5-8 & Galatians 4:4-5

December 22nd: Isaiah 9:6, Colossians 2:9, &

Hebrew 2:14-18





reindeer games • pajamas • snacks • movie

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH • 6:00-7:30PM THE GATHERING PLACE

This is our special monthly youth night!

FORGET TO FILL OUT THE YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM TO PARTICIPATE!



QUESTIONS? JVOIGT@SILVERDALELUTHERAN.ORG

## WHAT'S A LOCK-ISH? REINDEER GAMES





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HOLIDAY HUNT THRIFT-GIFT EXCHANGE

**ESTIVE FOOL** 



Join us for some sweet holiday fun! Each family will decorate their own gingerbread house while enjoying cookies, cocoa and caroling. We are providing everything you need to create your masterpiece! Space is limited, so sign up today!



## AWAKENING Expectations

NALC ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL 2024 light of Epiphany.

In the sacred rhythm of the Christian liturgical calendar, this year's devotional invites us to journey through an extended season of anticipation, joy, and revelation—spanning the expectant weeks of Advent, the glorious celebration of Christmas, and culminating in the light of Epiphany.

Awakening Expectation is an invitation to reawaken our hope and spiritual preparedness for Christ's return, reflecting on the wonder of His Nativity and the promise of His second coming. Through daily scripture readings and reflections, we explore God's unfolding plan of redemption, from the dawning light of Advent to the brilliance of Epiphany.



We encourage you to download this devotional and share it with others. May it inspire your reflections, renew your anticipation, and deepen your faith throughout this sacred season of grace and expectation. Scan the QR Code or visit:

https://thenalc.org/advent-christmas-devotional-2024/



In this pressuring cooker of Christmas preparations, The Sinner/ Saint Devotional: Advent and Christmas walks you through these church seasons, shifting your focus from work and checklists and putting it on the work Jesus did and does for you. Each devotion includes an opening Scripture passage, a devotional thought, a closing prayer, and a suggested Scripture reading for further reflection. They present you with the Gospel of Advent and Christmas: how Christ has come for us and will come for us again. You will be reminded repeatedly that these seasons are not mere past events to remember, but comfort for today.

Comfort from the God who keeps his promises and sent his Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Available for purchase at: <a href="https://bit.ly/sinnersaintdevotional">https://bit.ly/sinnersaintdevotional</a>





A PLU CHRISTMAS



PLU hopes you can join them for one of the most beloved holiday traditions in the Northwest, as the PLU Choir of the West, University Chorale, and University Symphony Orchestra present our annual Christmas concert, "A PLU Christmas: In Excelsis Deo."

Featuring works by John Rutter, Sergei Rachmaninoff, David Willcocks, and Brian Galante, along with cherished carols and seasonal favorites, this collection celebrates the joy of the Christmas season.

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE PLU CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT BENAROYA HALL! BENAROYA CONCERT HALL, SEATTLE MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 7:30 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS ARE \$40.
DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, MILITARY, CHILDREN, AND PLU
ALUMNI/STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF.
FOR MORE INFORMATION. VISIT WWW.PLU.EDU/CHRISTMAS OR CALL 1-866-933-4747.



Thank you to so many in our congregation for the cards and gifts in remembrance of my mom and in support of our family, as well as many kind words, hugs, and other support. It was a tough October that was made much more beautiful by your passing on Christ's compassion and hope.

Our deepest thanks!

Pastor Jonathan and Family

#### A Big Thank You from PB & PJ

We want to extend our most sincere thanks for all the cards and notes back in pastor appreciation month. We are so very grateful to be Called to Word and Sacrament ministry here at SLC. SLC is a flagship congregation in our Synod and we are privileged to serve here. Thank you so much for all SLC's support and encouragement!



Regretfully, November's offerings were well below our usual, falling \$16,979 short of expenses leaving us now for the year \$33,608 in the red. (See the chart above.)

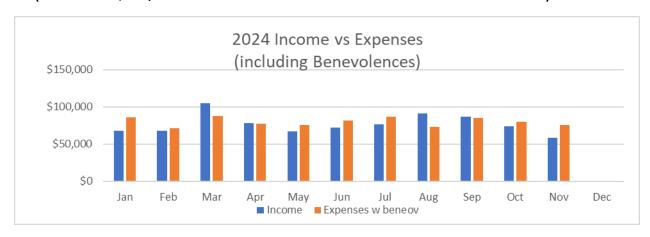
This is our largest deficit at this point in the year we have had in recent memory. Our expenses are well below our budget and the Council and staff have worked hard to be as frugal as possible.



Currently we have approximately \$ 55,000 in unrestricted assets that will cover the shortfall if we end December in the negative but having to cover this large a deficit will bring our "cushion" dangerously low. Yes, SLC has more assets in our building fund and in estate gifts, but these funds are not used for our normal ministry expenses. We are thankful that our mortgage was paid off in November, but this is only a savings of \$3700 a month. We are unsure of why offerings were so low in November but we are praying we can have a great December and erase most, if not all of the deficit.

What would this mean per household? **To erase our deficit, it would mean that each of our 325 giving households would have to contribute \$100 over their usual giving this month.** We of course know that some households cannot do this, and others can do more, so we place this in God's hands pray each household can do what they can. Questions? Comments? Please feel free to reach out to our pastors or president.

Net income vs expenses for month of November is -\$16,979 (includes \$11,923 outreach due for October and November)



#### 3 year comparison through November of each year

	2022	2023	2024
Income	\$760,281	\$826,878	\$846,645
Expense	\$764,619	\$840,529	\$880,253
Difference	\$-4,338	\$-13,651	-\$33,608

Emma Alden	Dec 8	Bob Arper	Dec 11
Ginger Ceraldi	Dec 8	Jim Piatt	Dec 11
Ingrid Hueneke	Dec 8	Greta Ceraldi	Dec 12
Kelsie Bockelie	Dec 9	Sean-Michael Duarte	Dec 12
Abigail Thompson	Dec 10	Pat Ryan	Dec 13
Paul Voigt	Dec 10	Roger Serwold	Dec 14





Clayton & Susan Shultz

Dec 12 (43 yrs)

#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2024**

*1st Service	*2nd Service	*Total	Online	GRAND TOTAL
137	147	284	110	394

<sup>\*</sup>In person

#### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

During the upcoming holiday season, SLC will once again partner with Kitsap Community Resources to provide meal baskets for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please donate to SLC and designate your gift for Christmas Baskets.

Thank you for your generosity!

https://bit.ly/slcbaskets





You may have seen the beautiful Confirmation Class Album on display for our 75th Anniversary Pot Luck last month, going all the way back to 1949!

We'd like to get this album up-to-date and keep it going for future classes. We're missing photos and/or names from confirmation classes listed below.

1973-1976, 1993, 1995, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007-present

If you have any information that might help fill in the gaps, please contact Kathy Ozimek at pktcozimek@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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

	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8		THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
8:30	Early Worship (S)	9:30	Bible Study Fellowship (S, 21-23)
9:45	PB's Adult Education Class (FH)	9:30	Holy Yoga (GP)
9:45	Youth Sunday School (GP)	10:30	PB's Thursday Bible Study (Zoom, FH)
11:00	Late Worship (S)	12:00	Song of the Church (S)
5:00	High School Youth Night (off campus)	1:00	Our'chestra
	MONDAY, DECEMBER 9	1:00	Faith and Fellowship for Older Men (St)
9:00	Quilters (FH)	5:30	SLC Pickers (S)
5:30	Trustees (Zoom, 4)	6:00	Orca Roundtable (GP)
6:30	Boy Scouts	6:30	Cub Scouts Den Meeting (FP)
7:00	Council Mtg (Zoom, 4)	6:45	Alleluia Ringers (S)
	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10	7:00	Venture Scouting Group (23)
9:30	Bible Study Fellowship (FH, GP, 21-23)		FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
10:00	Weekly Staff Meeting (4)		Cub Scout Lock in
12:00	Al Anon (27)	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Bowling Alley)
2:00	Gift of Years (4)	9:30	Communion Bread Making (FH Kitchen)
5:30	Jazz Rehearsal - Brem Symphony (GP)	6:00	Pre– Concert Potluck (FH)
7:00	Hometown Band Holiday (FH)	7:00	Christmas Variety Show (S, FH)
	<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11</b>		SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
10:30	Manna Bible Study (Rm 4, Zoom)	3:00	Private Event (GP)
12:00	Hearty Meals (FH)	8:00	Boy Scout Lock In
4:00	Bible Study (St)		
5:00	Electric Band (S)		SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
6:00	Girl Scout Holiday Potluck (FH)	8:30	Early Worship (S)
6:30	middle youth night	9:45	PB's Adult Education Class (FH)
7:00	Sanctuary Choir (S)		Youth Sunday School (GP)
			Late Worship (S)
		2:30	Flaming Arrows 4H Holiday Party

#### Why not choose to honor them by making a difference in our world?!?



Gifts range from **\$10** for a child's clinic visit or mosquito net or fruit tree sapling to **\$25** for a hygiene kit to **\$30** for a ceramic water filter to **\$50** to feed a refugee family for one week or for seeds/gardening tools for a young farmer....plus many, many more opportunities to change lives around the globe!!

Visit <a href="https://goodgifts.elca.org/">https://goodgifts.elca.org/</a> to learn more!