

Saltwater Church is an intentionally inclusive, spiritually progressive, justice seeking community of all ages, serving South King County since 1954.



**Join us for Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.**

## **Theme Based Ministry**

### **December**

What Does it mean to be a People of Awe?

In the month of December we're exploring the theme of awe: that sometimes indescribable feeling of wonder or transcendence that can remind us we're part of something larger than ourselves. When have you experienced awe? Under a star-filled sky? At the birth of a child? Listening to music? While connecting deeply with another person? Soul Matters describes the practice of being a people of awe as remembering that it's all a gift and noticing the sacred everywhere you turn. Join us to deepen our faith together.

### **Services**

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| December 1  | "Shared Language of Joy"<br>Dr. Isabel Call   |
| December 8  | "Numinous Experiences"<br>Rev. Kristen Kuriga "   |
| December 15 | "The Lights of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy,<br>Love "<br>Annual Music Service,<br>led by Thomas Burt, Music Director |
| December 22 | "The Blessing of Creation:<br>A Multigenerational Celebration of Birth,"  |

Rev. Kristen Kuriga &  
Melinda Einander,  
Director of Family Ministries

December 24 "Hope is Born,"  
7 p.m. Rev. Kristen Kuriga  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 29 "Title TBA,"  
Carol Mohler, Lay Leader"

### **Project Giving Tree Is Happening!!**

check the details lower in this post and in your  
News You Need To Know this Sunday!

Check our website [SaltwaterChurch.Org](http://SaltwaterChurch.Org) for more information,  
including the complete calendar and the *News You Need to  
Know* each week under the News menu from any page.

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### **This Week's Announcements Publicity for the week of Sunday December 8, 2019**

#### **Can You Help Saturday Morning?? ?? (Tomorrow)**

We are having a short work party at Saltwater church to have the Lighthouse ready for this Sunday. We also have a small mountain of wood chips to shovel into the playground! Please join in the fun starting at 9:00 Tomorrow morning. There are many small and large tasks for any level of ability. Thank you for your help!

**Project Giving Tree** is almost ready to "wrap up!" Our generosity benefits underprivileged Mark Twain Elementary students & their siblings.

It all starts with a Christmas tree full of gift tags in the Welcoming Room. Here's how it works:

- \* Take a tag (or a few)
- \* Shop for the gift
- \* Bring the unwrapped gift

back to church by Dec. 12th  
\* Come to the gift-wrapping  
party on Sunday, **Dec. 15th**

What's that? You *don't like* to shop? No problem...give cash or check donations to Lisa Key. She will be standing by the giving tree every Sunday before and after the service.

**Elves wanted!** If you would like to help put up the giving tree, set-up the wrapping party, and/or deliver the gifts to the school on Dec. 16th, I would appreciate it very much. Let me know if you're interested! Lisa Key [lunderhi@gmail.com](mailto:lunderhi@gmail.com)

### **Worship Planning Meeting**

**December 7, 2019, 10 am -12 pm**, Sanctuary

Join us for the quarterly worship planning meeting! Worship associates, choir members, staff, and members who are passionate about worship arts are invited to be part of this meeting. Together we will reflect on past worship services and brainstorm ideas for stories, hymns, special music, lay led services and sermons for February-April. Bring your creativity and your ideas! Please RSVP to Rev. Kristen, 206-651-7358 or [minister@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:minister@saltwaterchurch.org)

### **Holiday Bazaar: Last Day!**

**December 8th 11:30-1:30** Welcoming Room  
(Coffee service will be in the sanctuary)

The day after Thanksgiving is Black Friday, followed by shop local Saturday- The Holiday Bazaar will start the day after that. You can "Shop with A Purpose" on Sunday and help raise money for your congregation. *Thanks for your shopping!* We have raised a tidy sum for the church, and we have more to offer this Sunday!

We need a small crew to set up tables on Saturday and take them down after the bazaar Sunday afternoon. Please contact Nancy Corr at [Nancyellencorr@hotmail.com](mailto:Nancyellencorr@hotmail.com) if you can help. It should take less than an hour if we have enough help.

### **Children's Holiday Store, in the Lighthouse Activity Room Dec 8 only.**

The Family Ministry Team is offering a children's store for children to purchase gifts for their loved ones. These lovely items are priced at \$5 and below!

### **Federal Way Day Center Fundraiser**

On **December 14** from 8-10 a.m., there will be a

**fundraiser** for the Federal Way day center. Breakfast at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse, 34902 Pacific Hwy. S., Federal Way. Breakfast will be pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee. Proceeds will purchase bath towels for the day center. For those of you not familiar with the day center, it is a place for those in need to go from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to take a shower, cook some food, use computers and connect with resources for housing, mental health and other services. Can't make it to the breakfast? No problem. Purchase some tickets which can be donated to the people who come to the day center. Only \$10 per ticket. Contact Carol Sandoval 206-241-6045 cegiraffe@comcast.net **or** Lucia Faithfull lfaithfull@comcast.net if you want to purchase tickets.

### **Winter Solstice**

**Dec. 21, 2019 Saturday 7-9pm**

Come celebrate the return of the SUN!! whoo hoo

Wear your bells and your Winter Fest best!

This evening ritual will have the Sanctuary sparkling with lights.

There will be singing, drumming and dancing to call the Sun

back! Bring a snack to share for a party afterwards

Childcare provided. Crafts are planned for the children.

Contact Karen Lomboy: kmlomboy@gmail.com

**Winter Solstice with Forest Kinderland!** Dec. 21, 3-6 pm

Join us for holiday songs around a campfire as we welcome the return of the sun in its time. Enjoy our campfire and hospitality as you enter our forest wonderland here on Saltwater Church's campus. Also, we will share a silent auction with proceeds enhancing our space and helping to fund our scholarship program for new participants.

### **Child Dedication Sunday, December 22**

When a child joins a family through adoption or birth, we honor this time with a ceremony of dedication. This ceremony is usually done during a Sunday morning service, involving the whole congregation in promising our commitment to the spiritual growth of the child and the support of the parents. This year, Rev. Kristen will offer child dedication to children of all ages (not just babies and toddlers) during the service on Sunday, December 22. If you would like your child(ren) dedicated, please contact Rev. Kristen at minister@saltwaterchurch.org.

**Youth Group Holiday Party**  
**Saturday, December 28,**

**6-9 p.m.** in the Lighthouse Activity Room.

Our annual youth group holiday party is Saturday, December 28th, from 6-9 p.m. at Saltwater. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to bring a white elephant gift to exchange (\$10 or less) and a snack, dessert, and/or beverage to share. Please RSVP to [melinda@saltwaterchurch.org](mailto:melinda@saltwaterchurch.org) Friends are welcome.

**Chanukah Party!** Bet Chaverim invites us all to a Chanukah party with Latkes **December 28** 4 to 8 p.m. in the Welcome Room.

**Winter is coming** and this can be a difficult time for the homeless. People who come to the **Federal Way Day Center** during the days are in need of the following items: Cup o' Noodles, sugar, creamer, Top Ramen, canned chili, socks, gloves, hand and foot warmers. You can bring your donations to church and put them in the bin in the welcoming room and they will be delivered. Thank you for your generosity to help those having a difficult time this winter. Consider easy to eat, high calorie foods for warmth.

**December:**

This month's share the plate recipient is **the Catholic Community Emergency Assistance Fund.**

**Climate Message of the Week**

Forty percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the Puget Sound area are from transportation. Being able to use cleaner fuel in our motor vehicles will help reduce emissions. If you're interested in learning about a clean fuel standard for our area, please look up [WWW.pscleanair.gov/528](http://WWW.pscleanair.gov/528) on your home computer. Several of us from SCAN! are going to the Washington St. Convention Center on Thursday Dec. 19 to help make cleaner fuel happen. If you'd like to join us, please contact Bill Adams or Mary Paynter for details. Thanks!

***Ongoing Activities***

Al-Anon Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Church Office Chalice area.

Creative Hands 2nd, 4th Monday 7 pm; Meeting Room,

Book Club 1st and third Mondays 7 pm; Welcoming Room.

Meditation Group Tuesdays at 7:00 pm; Sanctuary.

Writers' Group Wednesdays 9:30 to noon; Meeting Room.

Choir Practice Thursday 7:00 pm; Sanctuary

Communications Task Force Thurs 7:00 pm; Welcome Room

Over-Eaters Anonymous Fridays at 6:00 pm; Office Chalice Area

SCAN! meets the second Sunday at 11:45 in the Lighthouse Activity Room. (**Saltwater Climate Action Now!** group)

**This Week  
at Saltwater U.U. Church**

**Friday, December 6**

9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)

6:00p Overeaters Anon. (LH1)

9:30p Haitian United Christian  
Church (S,WR)

**Saturday, December 7**

9:00 Lighthouse Set Up Party(LH)

10:00 Worship Planning Mtg (S)

10:00 Setup for Holiday Bazaar (WR)

**Sunday, December 8**

10:30 Worship Service

10:45 Rel. Ed Classes (LH)

**11:30 Holiday Bazaar!Last Day**

12:00 OWL for K-2 (LAR)

12:00 OWL for 7-9th (LH2)

12:00PWR Leadership Gr (MR)

6:00p Haitians Christ. United  
Church (S); & HCUC  
childcare (LH3)

**Monday, December 9**

9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)

6:30p Al Anon (CO)

7:00p Creative Hands (WR)

**Tuesday, December 10**

9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)

**Wednesday, December 11**

9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)



9:30 Writers Group (MR)  
7:00p Facilities Team (WR,ZR)

### **Thursday, December 12**

9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)  
1:00p Sharing Matters Soul Circle (WR)  
4:00 Himawari class (WR)  
7:00 Choir Practice

### **Friday, December 13**

9:00 Forest Kinderland (G)  
6:00p Overeaters Anon. (LH1)  
6:30p Family Min team (ZR)  
9:30p Haitian United Christian  
Church (S,WR)

### **Saturday, December 14**

8:00 Choir special rehearsal(LAR)  
8:00 Fundraiser Breakfast for FW  
Day Center (offsite)  
10:00 Shabbat Service (S,WR,K)  
6:00p HCUC (WR)

### **Sunday, December 15**

10:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Rel. Ed Classes (LH)  
12:00 Congregational Meeting (S)  
12:00 OWL for K-2 (LAR)  
12:00 OWL for 7-9th (LH2)  
6:00p Haitians Christ. United  
Church (S); (LH3)

### **Where is What?**

S= Sanctuary  
WR=Welcome Room  
K=Kitchen  
LH=Entire Lighthouse,  
LAR=Lighthouse Activity Room  
LH1,2,3=Lighthouse Classrooms 1,2,3  
(LH2 = Youth Rm)  
N=Nursery  
MR=Meeting Room in Office Bldg  
CO=open Chalice Area of Office  
G=Grounds/Forest  
ZR or Zoom = on line meeting

**The complete calendar can be seen on the  
[SaltwaterChurch.Org](http://SaltwaterChurch.Org) home page, under the "News" tab**

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