



trendings



August 20, 2025

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

God of Justice, rise up and make everything right. In a world filled with hurt and injustice, sustain our hope. Fill us with compassion and imagination so that we might help make your dream of justice come true. Amen.

Source: Illustrated Ministry



WANTED: Thrivent Action Team Grants!!

Who has funds available? We need two (2) action team grants for Lutherfest:

1. To purchase food
2. To supplement / enhance auction + raffle items.

Let Sherry know if you're willing and able to get those!! Danke!

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

August 24: Greeters: Could be YOU! Iva & Myril Schultz, Coffee hosts

Sherry is looking for GREETERS and COFFEE HOSTS for our summer months! Check your vacation schedules and let her know when you can participate in this welcoming ministry!

Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to be a Sunday greeter or to Host coffee hour, Sign up to provide flowers on the Flower Chart in the Narthex.

Worship is at 10:00 am on Sundays, both in-person and via livestream.

Livestream: Visit salc.church/media to access the bulletin and livestream link on YouTube. If you have a Google account, we invite you to offer a greeting or comment in the chat window.

Sunday, August 24th at Saint Andrews:

- 9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation
- 10:00 AM Worship in-person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed
- 11:15 AM Knit Wits

Readings for August 24:

Revelation 13:1-18

John 12:27-32

Tuesday Morning Men: Every Tuesday at 8:30 AM, this group meets for discussion and prayer via ZOOM. They continue all summer!



Committees/Groups/Event Planners at Saint

Andrew's – As you make plans for the program year be sure to let Kathy know your calendar needs AND all other details necessary to calendar and advertise at church, in *Trendings* and on the website!



Opportunities for You!

Volunteers keep our church operating. Remember – we offer free training!

Here's a list of opportunities for the next few months. To volunteer, talk to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at church, via phone at 425-746-2529m or email sherry@salc.church.

Greeter – Welcome people as they come to Saint Andrew's for Sunday morning worship.
Open dates: August 24, 31; September 14, 21, 28

Coffee Hosts – Set up the coffee service and provide treats. People start looking for coffee by 8:40 AM so this is an 8:15 AM start time. Clean up about 11:15 AM, after worship service.
Dates available: August 31 and September 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Ice Cream Scooper – We celebrate the end of summer with root beer floats after church on **August 31**. (Labor Day weekend) Four scoopers needed.



Help with Bible Study – As part of our Adult Education/forum program, we will hold a monthly Bible Study at 9 a.m. the second Sunday of the month. **Leaders needed.** We will supply the materials.

Open dates for the fall include: September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

Sunday Brunch: Yep! What could be better than a taco bar or a church potluck or a bowl of hearty soup after worship? We started the Sunday Brunch meals in 2025 and people loved them! We plan to continue them for 2025-26 but always need help. Shift choices are set up (8:15 to 10 a.m.), serving (11 am to noon) and clean-up (noon to 12:30 p.m.) **Dates for the fall are: September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.**

Knit Wits! You are meeting on SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th this month.





Join us for root beer floats right after the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 31.

We'll be scooping vanilla ice cream into glasses and you get to add as little or as much root beer as you'd like.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for this tasty treat.

Volunteers needed to help with this sweet fellowship activity. Let Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland know if you can help via phone at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



Our Summer Project Helpers have been BUSY trying to sort pictures from decades ago ... While we kept a few for the history boxes ... there are more! On Sunday, August 31st and Sunday, September 7th the extras (an unidentified) will be in the Narthex. Find a year, find the memories of you, your kids, the trips and projects and service opportunities and holidays from the past – and take those memories home!! 😊



Coming soon at The Sophia Way: On **October 4th** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, The Sophia Way is hosting a Community Brunch! More than 120 women will be able to come for a warm meal, community connection, and the chance to pick out cozy winter essentials.

To make this possible, many **wintery items** are needed from the community!

Please check the [Sophia Way wish list on Amazon](#), or the flyer, (soon to be on the board in the narthex.) ***It IS a community brunch, so you are invited, also!***

Also, you can help in September with our next lunch for the ladies at Sophia's Place!

The lunch is scheduled for September 17th, so we will be collecting items on Tuesday, September 16th.

If you would like to contribute to the meal or the Sophia's Place pantry, please contact Joyce Arnold.

Youth Retreat!!

Last week youth from Saint Andrew's and Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church - ELCA came together for a retreat focusing on community and belonging. We were so grateful to be on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Thank you to our gracious hosts Hal and Carolyn for the amazing space and time on the boat!



God's work. Our hands.



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Help the **HUNGRY**

**Saturday,
September 6, 2025**

This event is part of the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands" annual day of service. This is a volunteer opportunity to collect food to help Hopelink fight hunger in our community.

We are putting together teams of volunteers to be at the Crossroads QFC from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to collect nonperishable food items from shoppers. All food collected will go to the Hopelink Food Bank. The job consists of handing out a "shopping list" flyer and thanking people for their donations.

Shifts are 1 ½ hours long*, and 4 volunteers are needed per shift. All ages can participate, and it is a wonderful family activity! Sign up for shifts [HERE](#) or email Dick Szabo at dick.szabo@comcast.net. Together we can turn just a few hours of time into tons of food for hungry local families. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo at debbieszabo@comcast.net (206) 972-2675 or Dick Szabo (206) 390-7621.

One day. One day to help ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. One shift can make a big difference. Please consider volunteering on September 6th!

*** If standing for 1 ½ hours is a concern, we will have a folding chair for you!**

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Outreach and Servant Ministries

Food of the Month – August

Hopelink has asked us to collect **baby food and wipes** during August. These are items that families with very young ones really need but are hard for the food bank to get. Their current supply is incredibly low and the need has been increasing.

So, for August we will be collecting:

- Baby food* (any kind)
- Baby wipes



*(Note: Check the expiration dates. Hopelink is legally required to throw away any expired baby food or formula.)



Our ministry partner, LifeWire is hosting a Gala and Auction and needs volunteer help!

On September 13th, LifeWire will host its signature **World of Hope Gala at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue**. This inspiring evening brings together community members, partners, and donors to

raise the critical funds needed to support LifeWire's work throughout the year.

They are recruiting volunteers for assistance both the day of the event and in the weeks leading up. It is a great opportunity for to make a tangible impact, build service hours, and be part of a powerful evening of community and compassion. More information on available roles, and our registration portal, can be found at the [link here](#).



🌍 Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa

Date: September 13th, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

✦ Experience Culture, Connection, and Community!

Join us for a warm and welcoming morning of conversation, culture, and community. We'll share stories as we explore how people of different faiths can come together to support girls and women in East Africa — especially among the Maasai. Through open dialogue and shared values, together we'll learn how we can help young girls build brighter futures through education and freedom from early marriage.

🍵 **Enjoy a Chai & Mandazi Brunch in the morning**, followed by a delicious and free authentic **East African meal for lunch**.

✦ **Meet Author Juliet Cutler** – Julie will be signing copies of her brand new book, *"Lessons in Hope – A New Era for Maasai Women in Tanzania"*.

🎤 **Hear from Discovery Tour alumni** – who will share stories and reflections from their journeys in Tanzania.

🎁 Don't miss our Raffle!

Win beautiful Tanzanian items including **shukas, cloths, statues, and jewelry**.

👉 Let's grow together

This is an **opportunity for global connection, cultural understanding, and spiritual enrichment**. If you're not yet involved – **now is the perfect time to join us!**

Please follow this link to RSVP to the event:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/operationbootstrap-africa/event/interfaithforimpact/>

This event is hosted by OBA, a trusted nonprofit with over 60 years of experience partnering with East African communities to empower girls and women through education and opportunity. To learn more about us, check out our website: <https://bootstrapafrica.org/>



Join us for **Lutherfest** at **4p.m. October 5** in the Saint Andrew's Fellowship Hall. German-style food (bratwurst and good stuff), music (German folk music), a raffle and auction, appropriate liquid refreshment, a little history of Octoberfest and our special guest, Martin Luther.

This party is organized by longtime Saint Andrew's member, **Gerdy Mende**. Gerdy, who was born in Germany, has been leading Octoberfest celebrations at her winter home in Indio and we convinced her to bring the party north.

The event is both a party and a fundraiser. We want to help underwrite an intergenerational mission trip to Lantern Hill in 2026.

Auction Items are coming in:

A beautiful handmade wooden jewelry box, made by Ron Ryan.

A "Bible Story" wall-hanging quilt completed by Dianne Chong w/ Bible story books.

A Paella Party; July 25, 2026 at the Getzingers. First 12 to sign up @ \$100. Pp

Wine ! (6 bottles of red from Linda W.'s wine cellar to yours)

Half day of Tech assistance (computer/smart phone/internet) from Johannes G

A "Readers" package – handmade afghan, tea+cups, a couple of good reads.

"You might be Lutheran..." items from Old Lutheran

A 3-night stay in Hood Canal (Brinnon, WA).

Penzey's Spices gift basket.

What can you procure or donate??? Kathy can send the procurement form or grab a couple in the Narthex!!

For more information or to volunteer check with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



ELCC (Eastside Lutheran Church Community) churches, the Synod and the ELCA:

The Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC) has created a new logo and the website has been updated with events throughout the summer to mark on your calendars!

Be sure to check out the website [HERE](#).

Worship in the Park – was a WONDERFUL gathering of our ELCC congregations!

On Sunday, August 17th, about 200 people, from our nine Eastside Lutheran Church Community congregations plus a sister congregation in Renton, came together to worship at Ebright Creek Park. During our worship we took a special offering for Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW). LCSNW specializes in behavioral health services, refugee and immigrant services, child welfare, ageing and independent living and crime victim services for people living in WA, OR and ID.

Thanks to your generosity are sending **\$1747.00** to support of their ministry. THANK YOU! Want to learn more about LCSNW and/or make an additional donation?

Check them out at: www.lcsnw.org





From the Bishop:

September 2025

For the Life of the World was the theme of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, held July 28-August 2 in Phoenix, AZ. This theme is rooted in the Nicene Creed (this year celebrating its 1,700th anniversary) and in Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer's reminder that, "*The church is the church only when it exists for others.*" The theme felt especially timely in today's environment where hateful words and actions continue to demean neighbors, sow division, and target the most vulnerable. While it was not done perfectly, and while there is always more work to do, I left Phoenix trusting that we have a shared commitment to walk in the way of Jesus: speaking truth in love, protecting the dignity of every person, and bearing public witness to God whose way is marked by justice, mercy, and peace for all people. In short: to live and move and act *for the life of the world*.

Here are a few highlights of what occurred during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Please click on the links or go to www.elca.org if you would like more information. (Note: several links below are preliminary copies and have not been not copyedited or finalized. We will share them as they become available.)

Actions

We elected Bishop Yehiel Curry as the new Presiding Bishop. ([read more](#))

We elected Pastor CeCee Mills as the new ELCA Secretary. ([read more](#))

We adopted our newest Social Statement: Faith and Civic Life. ([read more](#))

We approved updates to the Human Sexuality Social Statement. ([read more](#))

We heard the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church's final report along with the ELCA Church Council's response to the report ([read more](#))

We adopted the Churchwide Memorial *Toward Ending the Occupation of Palestine*. (This memorial came about in part due to the Memorial we passed during the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly – [read more](#))

We adopted a Memorial on Indian Boarding School Remembrance ([read more](#))

We received the Common Statement on the Filioque (this is regarding the Nicene Creed – [read more](#))

We made Constitution revisions that I encourage you all to read as they become available. I am especially grateful for the new revisions concerning on-leave-from-call for Rostered Ministers. We thanked Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Secretary Sue Rothmeyer for their ministry and service.

Worship, Education, and Social Opportunities

We worshiped every day in a variety of ways, we prayed before every significant vote, and we had a chaplain available. It is always a highlight to join in singing with over 1000 Lutherans! We participated in a Powwow that was moving and educational. Bishop Eaton received a blanket representing thanksgiving for her advocacy with the indigenous peoples of this country.

AMMPARO held a Candlelight Prayer Vigil to pray and advocate for refugees and immigrants. It was heartening to see elected officials and interfaith leaders present at this as well as ELCA voting members.

Our synod joined voting members and guests from the Southwestern Texas Synod (our domestic companion synod) for a wonderful dinner and conversation.

Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer, Rector and Dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, led a beautiful reflection on the Nicene Creed for today.

I am thankful for the nine voting members from the NWWA Synod who attended and gave of their time and attention at the Churchwide Assembly. Additionally, many others from our synod went as observers, resource people, advisors, volunteers, and more.

In my reflection of this assembly, I continue to hear Martin Luther's words (as quoted by Rev. Dr Chad Rimmer in his keynote). As Dr. Rimmer stated:

Luther knew justification as a process of becoming. ... Luther writes, "This life, therefore, is not righteousness but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not being but becoming...we are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road; all does not yet gleam with glory, but all is being purified." *Defense and Explanation of All the Articles*

May it be so. For the Life of the World.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org

Weekly Calendar – You can access our full calendar [HERE](#).

Wednesday, August 20

Thursday, August 21

Friday, August 22

Office is closed.

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Knit Wits

Monday, August 25

12:45 AM Constitution Task Force Meeting
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting (virtual)

Tuesday, August 26

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

Wednesday, August 27

7:00 PM JEDI meeting (virtual)

Thursday, August 28

Friday, August 29

Office is closed.

Saturday, August 30

Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Root Beer Float Sunday!!

Monday, September 1

Office closed – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

The Reverend Lara Forbes, Lead Pastor
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Elaine Koga, Choir Accompanist

Soren Lester, Facilities Set-up

Ann Thorpe, Sunday Church School Coordinator

Joan Tweten, Kitchen Team

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**Do you have an item for
“Trendings”? Please send it to Kathy by 12
Noon on Tuesday (kathy@salc.church)**