WHAT'S HAPPENING?

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR SAMMAMISH HILLS AND SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHRAN CHURCHES

Game Night - Another Success

Thanks to everyone that came to the game night at Sammamish Hills on 2/16. It was another huge hit!

Lent and a Season of Spirituality

Early in March we begin the season of Lent. Starting with Ash Wednesday on 3/5, we spend 40 days following the life of Jesus and preparing for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Many people in our two congregations will be preparing to "give up something" for Lent. A practice that originated long ago as a reminder of Christ's suffering and to bring us closer to God.

This Lent, instead of giving something up I encourage you to find something that encourages your faith to grow. Lean into prayer, study, meditation, or some other spiritual practice that you can connect with and maintain over the six weeks of the season. It can be a simple spiritual practice, like praying over a meal or it can be a daily bible study/devotion. You can do your spiritual practice individually or as family. Reach out if you would like to discuss ideas or options.

NEW WEBSITE

FOR EASTSIDE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP

http:// ELFPNW.ORG

SHLC Lent Soup Supper

SHLC is seeking families to volunteer to bring soup for the Lenten Soup Supper on March 19. Families should bring soup to the kitchen in Fellowship Hall no later than 5:45pm.

Another photo from February's Game Night

Family Service Opportunity

We are looking to reschedule our Family Service Opportunity at Food Bank Farm in April or May. Keep an eye out for more updates.

eatlocalfirst.org

Youth Summer Trip Dates and Sign-Ups

We are excited to announce dates for our summer activities for youth!

June 23-27, June 28, June 30-July 3 – Tiny House Build
August 10-14 – Middle/High School Summer Retreat

Both the Tiny House Build and the Summer Retreat are open to rising 6th grade youth through graduating seniors from both congregations.

More information will be coming soon!

Community Game Night

Thanks to all who came to our game night in February. Our next Community Game Night of 2025 is on **March 16 from 5pm-7pm at Saint Andrew's**. Bring a snack and a game to share. Friends and community members are always welcome!

Ash Wednesday

Sammamish Hills will have worship at 7pm

Saint Andrew's will have worship at 7:30pm

Youth Climbing Event

Youth, grades 6-12, from both Saint Andrew's and Sammamish Hills are invited to a boulder/climbing session at the Seattle Bouldering Project on **March 8 from 10am-12pm.** Cost is $25 for the session and $10 for rental equipment per youth. Contact Doug if you need financial assistance for this event. Parents will pay at the venue.

Before coming to the event, please review the first time visitor tips page.
https://boulderingproject.com/first-time-visit/

The Bouldering Project requires 2:1 youth to adult ration, which means parents/guardians need to come to help supervise. Please make sure you sign-up to come if are helping supervise.

Youth and parents can sign-up with the QR Code

Seattle Bouldering Project
900 Poplar Place S
Seattle, WA 98144

Bike Works - Service Opportunity

We are looking for 6 volunteers on Saturday April 12th to help with a Pre-Bike Drive for our Day of Service! We collect bikes for an inner-city organization in Seattle, Bike Works.

Who: You and your friends or you and your family
What: Hold up "Bike Drive" signs on 228th or help load/unload bikes
When: 9:30 to noon & Noon to 2:30
Where: Meet at the circle at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church and help for 2.5 hours.

If you are busy that day we have another opportunity on Saturday May 3rd

Who: You and your friends or you and your family
What: Walk, chat and pick up litter for Adopt a Road
When: 9:15 am to 11:30 am
Where: Meet outside of MOD Pizza near Safeway on 228th

You can get community Service Hours for this as well!

If you have any questions, text one of the Co-chairs of DAY OF SERVICE Nancy MacPherson at 425-829-4268 or Linda Saddler at 425-92-2398. Thanks so much. Let Doug know too!

Nancy, Co-Chair Day of Service

SHLC Confirmation and HS Youth Group

Confirmation and High School youth group will meet on March 2 and March 23.

Confirmation: 5pm-6;30pm
High School Youth Group: 6:30pm-8pm

Youth from Saint Andrew's are welcome to attend their grade appropriate activity.

One more photo from February's Game Night

March Event Calendar

- SHLC Confirmation - Sun. 3/2 - 5pm-6:30pm - Sammamish Hills
- SHLC High School Youth Group - Sun. 3/2 - 6:30pm-8pm - Sammamish Hills
- Youth Climbing Event - Sat. 3/8 - 10am-12pm - 900 Poplar Place S, Seattle, WA 98144
- Community Game Night - Sun. 3/16 - 5pm-7pm - Saint Andrew's
- SHLC Confirmation - Sun. 3/23 - 5pm-6:30pm - Sammamish Hills
- SHLC High School Youth Group - Sun. 3/23 - 6:30pm-8pm - Sammamish Hills

Doug's Sunday/Office Schedule

March

	Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
March 2	Sammamish Hills	Sammamish Hills	Saint Andrew's
March 9	Sammamish Hills	Sammamish Hills	Saint Andrew's
March 16	Saint Andrew's	Saint Andrew's	Sammamish Hills
March 23	Saint Andrew's	Saint Andrew's	Sammamish Hills
March 30	OFF	Saint Andrew's	Sammamish Hills

*Part of agreement between both congregations is that Doug is off on 5th Sundays of the month to help compensate for additional time worked.