

trendings



July 23, 2025

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Note: July 23rd Trending's will be a 2-week edition. Kathy's heading to NYC

Prayer of the Week:

Abundant God, we give you thanks for the fruitful earth, which produces what we need for life. Bless those who work in the fields; grant favorable weather to all engaged in agriculture; and help us to ensure that all people share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ELW additional prayers, pg. 81

There will be a memorial service for Blenda Huebner on Wednesday, August 6th at 1:00 PM. Blenda was a long-time member of Saint Andrew's. A reception follows in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

July 27: Howard & Judy Johnson, Greeters; Coffee Host – Could be YOU!

August 3: Stella Nieman and Mikel Oswalt, Greeters; Coffee Host – Could be YOU!

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!

Check the bulletin board and sign up to be a
Sunday greeter or to Host coffee hour, and provide FLOWERS on Sundays!
Are you able to volunteer? Sign up or contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) .

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, July 27 and August 3: at Saint Andrews:

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

Readings for July 27:

Revelation 1:4-8 and John 8:12-20

Readings for August 3:

Revelation 5:1-14 and John 1:29-34

Jill Nichols-Hicks - Preaching and Presiding

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

Saint Andrew's Constitution: In late June, an email was sent to the congregation regarding a questionnaire from the Constitution Task Force. The Task Force greatly values your opinions and perspectives! If you haven't already submitted it, please complete the questionnaire no later than **this Friday, July 25**. If you need the email about the questionnaire re-sent to you, please contact Constitution Task Force chair Susan Hegedus, susanhegedus@outlook.com.

The book of Revelation ~ from Pastor Lara

Revelation is, arguably, the one book in the Bible that provokes a strong reaction from everyone. Some people are so scared of it that they've never read it. Some believe it's a prediction of the end times. Some think it's the vision of a wild fantasy and doesn't mean anything. Some have used it as a weapon to traumatize people, and have misused it in pop culture. So, it's important that we take an honest look at what Revelation is and what it is not, especially in the Lutheran context.

The full title of the book is *The Revelation to John* (who was not the author of the gospel according to John), and it's also sometimes called *The Apocalypse*. But by definition, an apocalypse is simply a revelation or disclosure.

In this 5-week series, we will explore both the scary images and the ones of pure promise and hope. We will learn that we, today, were not the intended audience. As such, we will discover that we can't assume to understand all of the symbolism and allegory in the readings. This book was written by a pastor to his congregation, a vulnerable group of people, to give them encouragement and hope in a time of great persecution. It provides an example of how the early church critiqued empire and what they understood God's liberating alternative to be.

Each of these readings will be paired with teachings of Jesus from John's gospel. Together, they will provide a deeper understanding of the early Christian church, the trials they faced, and the hope upon which their faith in Jesus rested.



Big THANKS to this week's Summer project helpers!! Cupboards are being cleaned and organized and church history items are being sorted! What a great crew

Next project day – August 5th 😊



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 10, 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 3, 10, 24, 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.

Brunch Bunch: Yep! What could be better than a taco bar or a church potluck or a bowl of hearty soup after worship? We started the Brunch Bunch meals in 2024 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.**

Tiny House Recap : On July 3, 2025 our crew of 38 volunteers from six different congregations completed another tiny house for the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI). This is the second completed build for the East King County Conference (including Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church and Sammamish Hills) and the third for Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. The tiny house will later be placed in one of LIHI's tiny house villages.



I will say that I am incredibly proud of the work that was done by all the youth and adult volunteers over the two weeks of the build. Approximately 900 hours were volunteered over the two weeks to not only complete the building of the tiny home, but a number of other volunteer and service projects including: building a stone walking path for the preschool at Mt. Si Lutheran Church; putting together backpack supplies for students in need in the Snoqualmie Valley School District; making tie blankets for the humane society; as well as sorting VBS supplies and creating VBS decorations for the shared VBS between Mt. Si, Sammamish Hills, and St. Luke's Lutheran Churches.

It was incredible to see the youth and adults working side by side, learning and sharing together through all these projects. Everyone who came and participated shared in the work of building the house and blessed the house with their involvement. Each year, as is tradition, we vote to name the house and this year our group named our house, "Nessie." We also wrote blessings on the inside of the walls of the home, to ensure that each person who lives within the walls will be surrounded with warmth and love.

A huge thank you goes out to each and every person that helped with this project, without your hard work and dedication we wouldn't be able to share in these opportunities. If you see one of the wonderful people listed below, make sure to ask them about their experience. Pastor Krista, Nat H., Julia G., Pastor Rhonda, Addison H., Kelsey H., Jackson L., Kurt L., Melanie G., Connor I., Tom G., Joshua S., Peyton E., Alex R., Mattias H., Lukas H., Noah W., Mark D., Pastor Lara, Matthew D., Toren R., Kaiya R., Doug J., Nellie S., Andrew M., Ed B., Erik R., Charlie F., Avery L., Jane B., Eleanor H., Declan H., Jack B., Matt T., Joshua T., Alex L., Johannes G., and Pastor Nyla. Perhaps next time we build a tiny home, you can add your name to this list.



I also want to quickly lift up the six different congregations who participated in this year's tiny house: Evangelical Chinese Church of South King County, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Mercer Island, Mt. Si Lutheran Church, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and friends from these communities. It is such a joy and privilege to work with such wonderful communities!

Celebrate Being Lutheran at **Lutherfest**



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.

How you can help:

- Volunteer – we need help setting up, in the kitchen, serving and at the beverage table.
- Buy tickets for your friends \$20 each. (beginning at Root Beer Float Sunday)
 - **LIMITED TICKETS!!!**
- Donate items for the raffle/ auction:
 - *Gift certificates for:*
 - *Services (hair salon, nail, spa services)*
 - *Restaurants you frequent*
 - *Tickets to theater, symphony, sporting events*
 - *Use of your vacation house for a weekend*
 - *Wine*
 - *Kids items (toys/games/interactive Advent calendars)*
 - *'Theme' items – Christmas, Halloween, Birthday*

There is a procurement form attached to the Trendings ... and hard copies are available in the Narthex.

**Note to businesses who donate – we will 'thank you' on our website and in Trendings!*

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

Outreach and Servant Ministries

Corner of Blessing - Food of the Month – July

hopelink

Hopelink has asked us to collect **cereal** for July. With kids out of school, their customers are looking for this and cereal is not often donated. When they purchase cereal, they don't get much variety. So, toss a couple of boxes in your shopping cart - they really appreciate it when we collect cereal.

So, for July we will be collecting:

- Boxes of Cold cereal*
- Oatmeal regular (~18 ounce)
or instant (6 – 10 count)

*(Note: Costco packaging with two boxes taped/glued together that can be separated into two boxes are OK, but NOT the single box with two bags inside. They can't be separated in their market.)



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.)



Christmas In July: Thank you to all the jolly elves that delivered toys and checks last Sunday!! Our Christmas in July tree will be up all month!! For all you shoppers ... Target, Amazon, Walmart are all having BIG SALES this week!!

KidVantage needs toys and books and games – because the children who utilize those services have birthdays all year!!

What's on the list:

Action Figures; Board Books; Board Games; Books for ages 6-7 (early readers and chapter books); Barbie dolls, clothes and accessories; Creative craft sets (beads, friendship bracelets); Lego sets; outdoor games (basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, frisbees, jump ropes); Small Squishmallows; Infant/Toddler toys.

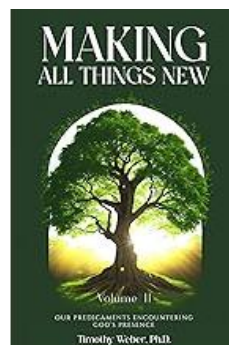
Lantern Hill utilizes our **donated funds** for everything from meals to tuition! **ALL YOUR DOLLARS** count.

- \$10 = 10 meals for a student
- \$15 = a bus pass for one week
- \$25 = a teacher's salary or a student uniform
- \$40 = ink for a printer
- \$50 = water for a week
- \$100 = three weeks of electricity costs
- \$250 = one month's rent of the two properties
- \$350 = a laptop computer
- \$500 = university tuition for one student



There is a box by the **Christmas Tree** marked 'Lantern Hill' to place your checks or cash. You can also donate online ([Give | Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church](#)) be sure to mark "Lantern Hill" in the memo box.

Pastor Weber's book series: "Making All Things New: Our Predicaments Encountering God's Presence" Vol. 1 and 2 are now available on Amazon. They are dedicated to Misty and the Saint Andrew's community is referenced in the Introductions.






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](#).

August 11th Informational meeting!!
Open to youth-adults



Belize Mission '26

You are invited to participate in our 3rd trip to Belize for mission work with Alvin Young High School and the local community of San Jose Succotz.
Questions? Contact Pr. Nyla – pastornyla@shlc.org

Important Dates

- Informational Meeting
August 11th, 6pm @ SHLC
- Deposit and Application
Due, September 15

Cost - \$2,000

Scholarships Available

Tentative Dates: February 14-22



EASTSIDE
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Community Worship

**August 17 | At Ebright
10:00am | Creek Park**

FAMILY FUN | WORSHIP | POTLUCK MEAL

Gather your friends, family, and loved ones for a delightful day filled with worship, laughter, delicious food, and the beauty of the great outdoors!

Ebright Creek Park: 1317 - 212th AVE SE, Sammamish

Sammamish Hills, Our Savior, Love of Christ, Holy Trinity,
Grace Chinese, St. Luke's, St. Andrew's, Mt Si, Cross of Christ

Beach Church at Lake Sammamish

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 6-7:30PM

We meet for potluck, grilled hotdogs, and smores; games and a swim; devotions and songs.

This is an intergenerational event for members and friends of Issaquah and Eastside churches.

Please bring a dish! Consider bringing your own table setting to reduce trash and recycle. And bring beach games, of course!

Directions: Drive West on E Lake Sammamish PKWY SE; just after Lake Sammamish Park Boat Loading Ramp Road, turn left on SE 44th St and drive to the Lakeshore.

www.oslcissaquah.org

www.eastsidelutherancc.org

Volunteers needed: Shoppers for all dates. Can you help?

Email office@oslcissaquah.org or call 425-392-4169. Thank you!

Bring a Chair!

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

Wednesday, July 23

10:00 AM Sophia Way lunch delivery
7:00 PM JEDI committee meeting

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, July 28

11:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Outreach Committee

Tuesday, July 29

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

Wednesday, July 30

Thursday, July 31

Friday, August 1

Office is closed.

Saturday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, August 4

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Finance Committee
7:00 PM Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 5

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Summer Project Day

Wednesday, August 6

1:00 PM Blenda Huebner Memorial

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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SALC Family Social Media Accounts:



**We are a Reconciling in
Christ (RIC)
Congregation**



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