

# trendings



August 6, 2025

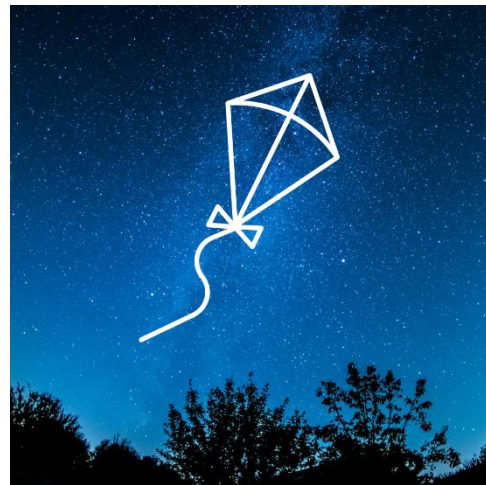
*Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People*

*Welcome back, Pastor Lara!*

## Prayer of the Week:

*This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Although our nation is not currently at war, we remember the nations that are and the people who live in them. May we not forget the harm that war and violence cause. May we always, always seek and pray for peace. May we work toward it until it is a reality for everyone in our world.*

If I must die,  
you must live  
to tell my story  
to sell my things  
to buy a piece of cloth  
and some strings,  
(make it white with a long tail)  
so that a child, somewhere in Gaza  
while looking heaven in the eye  
awaiting his dad who left in a blaze —  
and bid no one farewell  
not even to his flesh  
not even to himself —  
sees the kite, my kite you made, flying up above  
and thinks for a moment an angel is there  
bringing back love  
If I must die  
let it bring hope  
let it be a tale



~Refaat Alarar,  
Palestinian poet killed by a bomb in Gaza on December 6, 2023

*There will be a memorial service for Signe Wraith on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Signe was a long-time member of Saint Andrew's. A reception follows at the Golf Club at Newcastle.*

**Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:**

August 10: Eva Mader and Gene Rowland, Greeters; Johannes Grad, Coffee host.

August 17: **WORSHIP IN THE PARK!!! NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON SITE.**

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](http://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 10: at Saint Andrews:**

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship in-person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed

**Readings for August 10:**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**John 1:29-34**

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

**Kathy's email was hacked and then the account was frozen...** apologies if you had sent something (calendar request, article for Trendings, information for prayer list) in the past two weeks. Please resend!



## 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](mailto: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.**

**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.**

**Continued THANKS** to the Summer Project volunteers!  
We are sorting through pictures from many decades, clearing out old files, organizing information.  
We have **TWO MORE** dates (Tuesday, August 12 and Tuesday, August 19).  
We'd love to have you! There is always coffee, treats and fun conversation.







**Yum! Yum!**

## **Root Beer Float Sunday Set**

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 taste 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](mailto:sherry@salc.church).



**Sunday, August 17th** the combined worshipping communities of the ELCC will worship in God's creation at **10:00 AM**. Post-worship there will be a potluck meal!

### **What to bring?**

- **Plan for a picnic ...** bring your basket with dishes/ cutlery/ drinkware
- Bring a chair!
- Bring a casserole/hot dish to share.
- Saint Andrew's has also been asked to bring **fruit/salad to share**

**Reminder! There will be NO onsite worship service at Saint Andrew's on August 17th!**

### **Looking for an in person option on August 17th?**

- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island – 9:00 AM.
- Our Savior Lutheran Church, Issaquah – 10:00 AM.

## 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*

*Procurement form is available in this issue of Trendings, and in the Narthex – or a pdf can be emailed on request.*

*\*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](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

## 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.)

### Where is it??



#### **Are you trying to find:**

- Last week's bulletin?
- Hard copies of *Trendings*?
- "Christ in our Home"?
- Lutherfest donation sheets?
- Offering envelopes?

**Check the space right above the JEDI bookcase, next to the stairs!! Easy access to grab and go!**



## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST - PORCHLIGHT



*Dear Lord, Bless the staff, clients, volunteers, and donors of PorchLight as they work together to help men experiencing homelessness to find stable housing. We know that their challenges are different as they face each day, but your Love never changes and we ask you to guide them as they struggle and celebrate with them when they succeed. Amen.*

PorchLight (formerly Congregations for the Homeless) mission: *“Partnering with men and the community to create a path from homelessness to stable living.”*

Porchlight has several programs to accomplish its mission. The information below is from their website [www.porchlightcares.org](http://www.porchlightcares.org).

\*\*\* The **Emergency Men’s Shelter** (EMS), along with our Day Center, provides a safe, welcoming, resource-rich environment 24 hours a day every day of the year for men experiencing homelessness to rebuild their lives and obtain stable income and housing. Men in the enhanced shelter have access to safe sleeping accommodations, three nutritious meals a day, showers and laundry, storage, mail, haircuts, computers, etc. This low-barrier program serves 100+ men experiencing homelessness on the Eastside each day. In addition to on-site case management services, PorchLight offers on-site housing navigation, employment navigation, medical and dental care, and professional mental health and addiction supportive services.

\*\*\*The **Rotating Shelter** (RS) is our night shelter operating from 7pm – 7am for 25 men at a given time experiencing homelessness. The RS provides a vibrant healthy community within host congregation spaces where men can rest, recover and rejuvenate. In addition to accessing case management supports, the men are able to obtain three meals a day, washers, dryers, showers, and haircuts. (The RS is staying at Newport Covenant Church during the month of August and SALC is helping to provide supplies for breakfast and hygiene.)

\*\*\*PorchLight’s **Housing Program** provides 65 units of Permanent Housing with Supportive Services in scattered sites for single men transitioning from homelessness to stable living. Men pay rent equal to 30% of their income. Each man is connected to our community of supports through case managers, house managers, agency partners and other PorchLight staff. In 2024, our housing program had a 98% success rate of keeping men housed for two years or longer or graduating them to other permanent housing

\*\*\*PorchLight also has an **Outreach Program**. If you see someone in need, please call us at 425-698-1295.

**Saint Andrew’s supports Porchlight with \$4,675 from our 2025 Outreach budget!**

*You are invited -*

## LIGHT THE WAY

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 11:30a - 1p  
Gary Locke Ballroom • Bellevue College

- Mission Moments
- Purposeful Partnerships
- Collective Compassion



PorchLight

## *Exciting times for leadership in the ELCA!*



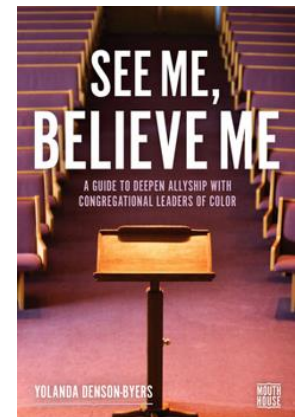
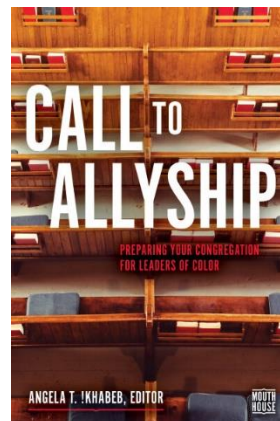
At the recent Churchwide Assembly, a new Presiding Bishop was elected. [Meet The Rev. Yehiel Curry in this video!](#) Before he became a pastor, then a bishop, then the chair of the Conference of Bishops, and now presiding bishop-elect, he was a social worker, then a teacher, then in sales. “I went from being a social worker to a teacher in the same community where I was helping those families, and in both cases, what I learned is passion is very important. And if you can align a person’s passion with a need, then it doesn’t feel like work sometimes.

“It wasn’t until I was in the church that I said, ‘I could do this for the rest of my life.’”

The Rev. Lucille “CeCee” Mills was elected Aug. 1 to serve a six-year term as secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center. Mills was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 782 ballots cast, with 392 votes needed for an election. Mills received 404 votes to 378 votes for the Rev. Matthew Riegel, bishop of the ELCA West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod. Mills will be the first Black secretary of the ELCA. You can watch videos from all the CWA sessions [here](#).



The two books pictured, “Call to Allyship” and “See Me, Believe Me” are written by ELCA clergy of color. Both are insightful and necessary for our predominately white congregations, particularly in this exciting change of leadership in the ELCA. They are available online, through Augsburg Fortress and other resources.







## 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](#).

**Belize Mission - August 11<sup>th</sup> Informational meeting!!**  
**Open to youth-adults. See flyer below!**



### **Belize Mission '26**

You are invited to participate in our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:pastornyla@shlc.org)

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**Important Dates**

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

**Cost - \$2,000**

**Scholarships Available**

**Tentative Dates: February 14-22**



### **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](http://www.oslcissaquah.org)    [www.eastsidelutherancc.org](http://www.eastsidelutherancc.org)

Volunteers needed: Shoppers for all dates. Can you help?  
Email [office@oslcissaquah.org](mailto:office@oslcissaquah.org) or call 425-392-4169. Thank you!

*Bring a Chair!*



**Auction and Raffle, October 5, 2025**

**Lutherfest! – Supporting our Mission Trip to Lantern Hill (Mexico) in 2026.**

**DONATION INFORMATION**

Item Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description (*Specify color, size, and special conditions. Also attach brochures, photos or descriptions if available*):

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Restrictions/Expiration

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: ☐ Certificate/Item Attached

☐ SALC should make Certificate

☐ Item to be picked up by SALC  
date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Donation Enclosed, (*checks to Saint  
Andrew's Lutheran Church*)

**DONOR INFORMATION**

Donor/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ By signing this document, I verify that I did not gain a tangible benefit, good or service for my donation. I attached all supporting documents, including invoices, receipts, etc. for my contribution.

**SOLICITOR INFORMATION**

Solicitor from Saint Andrew's: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Electronically submit to [kathy@salc.church](mailto:kathy@salc.church) or  
mail to: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98007  
TAX ID # 91-09489638

**Thank you for your support!**

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

### Wednesday, August 6

1:00 PM Blenda Huebner Memorial

### Thursday, August 7

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

### Friday, August 8

### Saturday, August 9

### Sunday, August 10

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

### Monday, August 11

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting

### Tuesday, August 12

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

10:00 AM Summer Project Day

1:30 PM Constitution Task Force

### Wednesday, August 13

1:00 PM Congregation Care Team

2:00 PM Signe Wraith Memorial

4:00 PM Adult Education Planning Team

### Thursday, August 14

### Friday, August 15

*Office is closed.*

### Saturday, August 16

### Sunday, August 17 – NO ONSITE WORSHIP

*Worship in the Park (Ebright Creek Park)*

### Monday, August 18

1:00 PM Staff meeting

### Tuesday, August 19

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

10:00 AM Summer Project Day (last day!)

### Wednesday, August 20

**The Reverend Lara Forbes**, Lead Pastor

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**Vanessa Wilkie**, Handbell Choir Director

**Elaine Koga**, Choir Accompanist

**Soren Lester**, Facilities Set-up

**Ann Thorpe**, Sunday Church School Coordinator

**Joan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

Find us on:



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](mailto:kathy@salc.church))