

# trendings



**September 3, 2025**

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

*Prayer of the Week: Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.



**WANTED: Thrivent Action Team Grants!!**

Who has funds available? We need one more (1) action team grant 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:.**

**September 7:** Mikel Oswalt and Stella Nieman, Greeters;

**Teresa Lutterman, Coffee host**

**September 14:** Joyce Arnold and Dan Johnson, Greeters;

**Terri Anderson. Coffee host**

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, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Saint Andrews:**

**9:00 AM Adult Education Hour/Coffee**

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

**Readings for September 7:**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

**John 1: 1-5**

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



**PHOTOS!** Memories were found last Sunday --- photos from events past will be on display this Sunday, September 7, as well! Take a moment or five and see if there are some of YOUR church memories there and take them home! (PS – table is up all week, if you want to stop by and grab *your* memories!)



## 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).

**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: September 21 and 28.**

**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:** 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.) **Our First Sunday Brunch will be a potluck on September 14<sup>th</sup>!** *(check page 5 for details)* **Contact Sherry to be a helper.**



**Get ready to SING!!** Choir rehearsal begins on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join in making a 'joyful noise unto the Lord'. Contact Will ([will@salc.church](mailto:will@salc.church)) for more information.

Saint Andrew's Family,

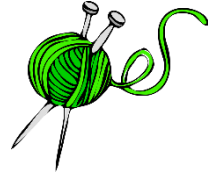
**Thank you** for the uplifting and beautifully crafted cards, and the many prayers for my recovery from two knee replacements. You are appreciated!

Hope to see you soon, *Sue Hougum*



**Why this logo??** Well, first because Kathy is obsessed with this show and the new season starts this Friday.... AND because while you're watching and being inspired by all those bakes...YOU can be **BAKING BREAD for COMMUNION!!** Yes, we need some more communion bread-bakers! You will not be judged. Jay Baxter will provide the recipe and encouragement. Contact her if you're willing. Ready, set, BAKE!

**KnitWits:** The September Knit Wits meeting will be Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (instead of September 21). Grab those knitting needles + crochet hooks and meet after church in the Conference room.



"Get to know your neighbor"

Adult Education Hour

9:00 AM



**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** join us in the Fellowship Hall as we begin this on-going series.

*The coffee/tea will be hot and waiting for you!*



# FALL *Clean Up*

**Saturday, September 13**

Come help fix up and clean up the church for fall! The next All Church Work Day will be Saturday, September 13, 9:00 AM until Noon. There will be lots of tasks for all skill levels and interests. It is always a great time of fellowship, and a chance to get to know Saint Andrew's members in a new setting. There will be coffee, hot cocoa, and donuts. Please let Kurt Lutterman ([kurt@salc.church](mailto:kurt@salc.church)) know if you have questions.

**9 AM - 12 PM**



## Wise OWLS Learn Tricks to Save \$\$\$

Join the Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints as they learn new ways to "waste not and want not" on **Tuesday, September 16 at 11:45 AM.**

Sam Wilder will present *"5 Easy Actions for Reducing Waste and Saving Money."* She is a consultant with the City of Bellevue. Sam's fun programs make her a highly recommended speaker.

We gather at **11:45 a.m.** and enjoy a **potluck lunch at noon.** The program begins at 2:30 p.m. If able, please pitch in a dish for the potluck lunch.

For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or at [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**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 **wintry items** are needed from the community!

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

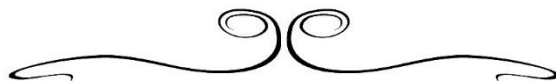
Also, you can help in September with our next lunch for the ladies at Sophia's Place!

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. (\*Hope you saw Joyce featured on The Sophia Way Facebook page last week 😊)



**Pastor's Bible Study** begins on **Tuesday, September 9th.**

The group meets in person in the Library or on Zoom at **10:00 AM** each Tuesday. Please contact Pastor Lara for the zoom link ([pastor@salc.church](mailto:pastor@salc.church))



## **Sunday Brunch returns!! It's Time to Eat!**

Saint Andrew's resumes its monthly Fellowship brunches after worship service on **September 14.**

We start the season off with an old-fashioned potluck.

Drop off your dish to share in the kitchen on your way to the 10 a.m. worship service.

We will set up a buffet of your wonderful contributions to enjoy after church.

If your last name begins with:

- **A to H - bring a main dish.**
- **I to Q - bring a salad or vegetable.**
- **R to Z - folks get to bring the sweet stuff - dessert!**

Please prepare enough to service 8-10 people. Church will supply bread, butter and beverages.

Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

**DORCAS NEEDS BOXES!!** Dorcas Circle needs extra-large shipping boxes to ship quilts to Lutheran World Relief. We prefer boxes that are approximately *2 feet tall*. Boxes can be broken down and brought to church. If you have any question, please contact Linda Willenberg at [willenberglinda@gmail.com](mailto:willenberglinda@gmail.com).



Root Beer Float Sunday was great!! Thanks to our scoopers, pourers and eaters 😊



By the grace of God and the call of the church  
*Jill Nichols-Hicks*  
 will be ordained to the  
 Ministry of Word and Sacrament  
 at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

With great joy we invite you to join us for

***The Rite of Ordination***

***Friday, September 12, 2025***

*6:00 PM - hors d'oeuvres*

*7:00 PM service begins*

*Dessert reception following ceremony*

***Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church***  
***2650 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southeast, Bellevue, WA***

*Clergy are invited to vest, the color of the day is red.*

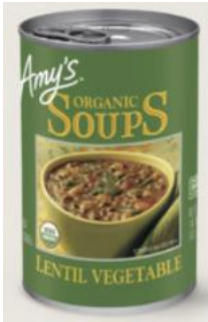
*Jill has been called to serve the congregation of  
 Northlake Lutheran Church in Kenmore, WA.*



# Outreach and Servant Ministries

## Corner of Blessing - Food of the Month – September

# hopelink



For the month of September Hopelink has asked us to collect **Hearty Soups!** Non-condensed, High calorie soups are what they need. **Progresso, Amy's and Chunky Campbells** are all great, well-loved brands. Here are some suggested examples: *Italian wedding soup, clam chowder, beef barley, chicken pot pie, lentil and vegetables, tomato bisque, etc.*



Helping  
**hopelink**  
Help the **HUNGRY**

### Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>!

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





## 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/>



### **Lutherfest Tickets on Sale**

**Get your tickets now for the Oct. 5th Lutherfest.**

This German style fall event features a bratwurst dinner, and appropriate beverages.

Gerdy Mende will lead the program which includes music, trivia about German Octoberfests and a look our Lutheran roots.

The Lutherfest raffle and auction proceeds will help underwrite an intergenerational mission trip to Lantern Hill in 2026.

Yes, volunteers are needed to pull off this party. (Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland - [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church))

**Tickets are \$20 person.**

#### ***Raffle/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.*
- *Two (2) tickets to Pacific NW Ballet "In the Upper Room" - November date. Includes access to the donor lounge, which allow the winner to join us in the Allen Room one hour before the show and at all intermissions for complimentary hors d'oeuvres, dessert, wine, coffee, and water.*
- *Two tickets to the Seattle Symphony (choice of dates).*
- *Framed original watercolor painting of 2 waterfowl. By Lowell Stime (former LBI professor)*

***What can you procure or donate - sports/theater tickets, restaurant gift cards, a themed gift basket??? 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](mailto: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](#).



## Two events happening at Saint Andrew's!

NORDWELL & MOSS: NATURE, THE GENTLEST MOTHER




September 14, 2025  
3-4:30pm  
In Person at St. Andrews Lutheran, Bellevue  
(2650 148<sup>TH</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue, WA)  
Reception to follow

Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa



**"Interfaith for Impact: Uplifting Girls in East Africa"**  
is an opportunity to come together, share stories, and learn how we can all support girls and women in East Africa—especially within the Maasai community—through education and empowerment.

**Event Details:**  
Date: September 13th, 2025  
Time: 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Location: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church: 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA



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

### Wednesday, September 3

6:00 PM Finance Committee  
7:00 PM Executive Committee

### Thursday, September 4

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

### Friday, September 5

*Office is closed.*

1:30 PM Constitution Task Force

### Saturday, September 6

10:00 AM- 4:00 PM God's Work, Our Hands  
Crossroads QFC

### Sunday, September 7

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

### Monday, September 8

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness Ministry  
1:00 PM Staff meeting  
7:00 PM Congregation Council, virtual

### Tuesday, September 9

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men  
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 10

1:00 PM Congregation Care Team Meeting  
4:00 PM Adult Education Planning Team

### Thursday, September 11

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 12

*Office is closed.*

7:00 PM Ordination of Jill Nichols-Hicks

### Saturday, September 13

9:00 AM All Church Work Party  
9:30 AM Operation Bootstrap Africa event

### Sunday, September 14

9:00 AM Education Hour  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Sunday Brunch  
Knit Wits  
3:00 PM Hillary Nordwell Concert

**The Reverend Lara Forbes**, Lead Pastor  
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**Kathy Fisher**, Communications Director  
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**Vanessa Wilkie**, Handbell Choir Director

**Elaine Koga**, Choir Accompanist

**Soren Lester**, Facilities Set-up

**Ann Thorpe**, Sunday Church School Coordinator

**Ioan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

#### SALC Family Social Media Accounts:



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