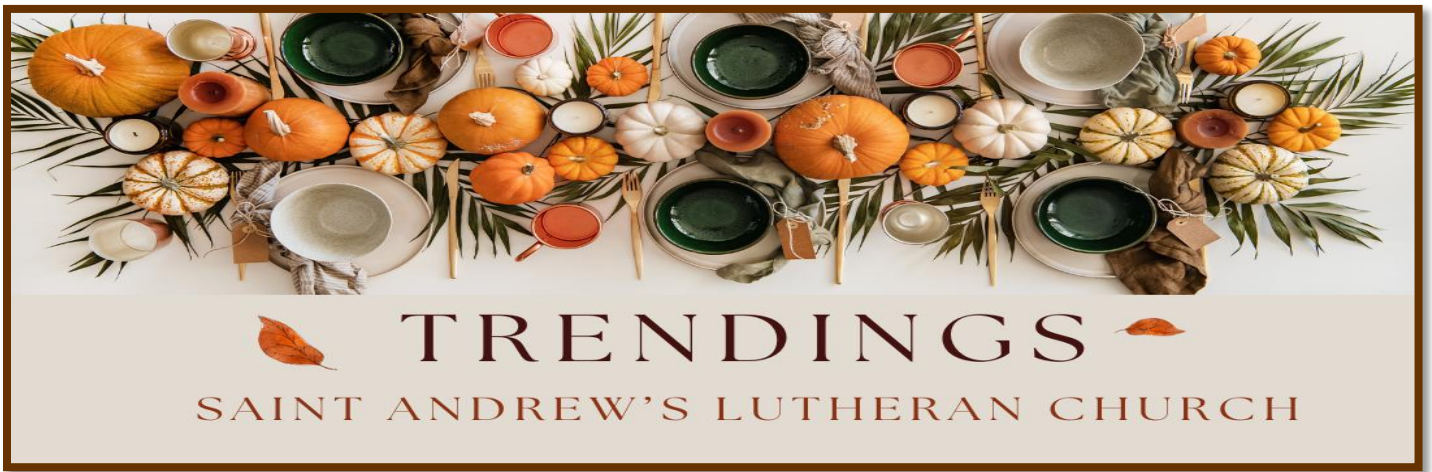




November 5, 2025

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

"Our God teaches us to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land. May God grant us the strength and courage to honor the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love, and to walk humbly with each other and with our God – for the good of all people in this nation and the world. Amen."

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, DC

Lantern Hill Mission Trip participants! \$100 deposit needs to be in Doug's hands by Sunday, November 16th!! Payments can be made via check to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church with "Lantern Hill Trip Deposit" in the memo. Payments can be mailed to: Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church; c/o Doug Johnson, 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98007.

Upcoming Memorial Services:

Jan Benson's Celebration of Life service is Saturday, November 15th at 2 PM.

Ruth Miller's family is planning her Celebration of Life for June, 2026.

Note: The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:.

November 9: Diane & Andy Hogle, Greeters; COULD BE YOU! Coffee Host

November 16: Joyce & Brady Kasper, Greeters; Sherry Grindeland, 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 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, November 9th at Saint Andrews:

9:00 AM Adults: Bible Study (I John 4 & 5)

Sunday School - (Pre-K - 5th Grade!)

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

Readings for November 9

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

John 7:37-38

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



There is NO BIBLE STUDY on November 11th. It is Veterans Day and the office is closed. See you all on November 18th!

Bell Choir Rehearsals resume November 11th!
Opportunities for You!



Here come the holidays!!

November on the calendar means gearing up for Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and a new year!!

O.W.L.S.

- **Tuesday, November 18:** Come for lunch with a favorite recipe (Kathy can make copies) and a dish to share!
- **Tuesday, December 16:** It's the annual Christmas caroling party! Ham will be provided, please bring a dish to share...and your song list. Dr. Will will lead us in song.

Love Tree:

- You'll see the Love Tree on November 23rd! Look for the tags supporting KidVantage; Compass Housing, Lantern Hill and The Sophia Way!

MaaSAE Lutheran Secondary Girls School:

- November 23rd will also have a classroom full of 'girl' ornaments in uniform ready on our Narthex bulletin board. A donation of \$65 purchases a uniform for one girl for the year - necessary for them to attend class! Display your girl proudly on your tree!



The Advent Fair is coming! Can you help at a 'creation station'?

Can you provide baked goods for the Bake Sale?

Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to assist.

Remember - we pack our No Cook Food bags that day, too!!

SAVE THE DATE!

You're invited to celebrate on Sunday, November 16th.

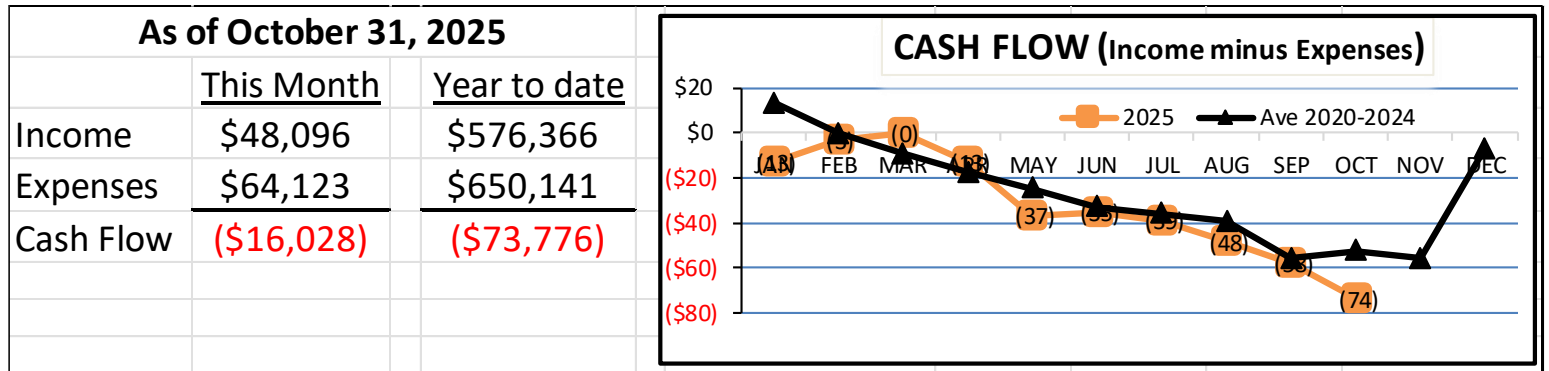
*Head to the Fellowship Hall following worship for
food, beverages and toasts to the enduring couple!*



70th Anniversary Celebration!

Please join
Bob and Joanne Parks as they
celebrate 70 years of marriage
Sunday, November 16th, 11:00 AM
in the Fellowship Hall at Saint Andrew's!
Appetizers, beverages and dessert for all.

Treasurer\$ Note\$



Financial Overview for October 2025

October contributions fell short, **leaving expenses \$73,776 above income** – higher than usual for this time of year. Expenses remain \$12,913 under budget, reflecting strong cost control by staff and committees.

Outlook for the Remainder of 2025

To meet budget goals and eliminate the deficit, the congregation needs to raise \$223,634 in the last two months. **A 13th month contribution**, as done last year, is needed again. Please consider planning year-end gifts accordingly.

Qualified Charitable Deductions from retirement accounts may help reduce taxable income for those eligible.

If you have any questions regarding these financial figures or the overall budget status, please contact Treasurer Bill Brueggemann at Bill@salc.church.





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

Greeters! Say 'hello' on Sunday mornings!

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. To volunteer, talk to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at church, via phone at 425-746-2529 or email sherry@salc.church

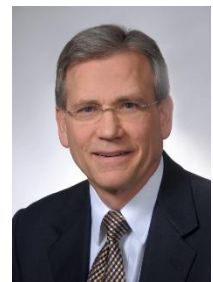
Nominating Committee: The 2026 Nominating Committee is currently working to identify candidates for the 2026 Congregation Council election at our next annual meeting. Please consider recommending candidates you feel a worthy leader to serve on the Council. Recommendations should be made by completing a "Nominating Request Form" available in the Narthex and placing it in the appropriate collection box located there or speaking with a member of the Nominating Committee (Dan Johnson-Chair, Aaron Davis, Christine Zomorodian, Gary Rudolph). The deadline for receiving suggested nominations is November 18th. If you have questions, please talk with any member of the committee.



Sunday, November 16th Adult Education Hour – Meet Our LDS Neighbors!

We welcome **Gary Gessel**, President, Seattle Washington Temple, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and his wife, Debra, to our Adult Education Hour.

Gary has served actively in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints beginning as a missionary in New Zealand at age 19. He has served as a Bishop, Stake President, Mission President, and Temple President.



Gary and his wife Debra have been married 48 years. They raised 5 children in University Place, Wa where they have lived for about 40 years, and are most proud of their children and 13 grandchildren.

Gary is a retired senior executive within the automotive, banking, food processing, manufacturing, and window & door industries. Gary served as President and CFO with Milgard Windows & Doors for 25 years until retirement in 2017. He then worked for several years as Managing Director of ACT Capital Advisors in Mergers and Acquisitions.



Clothing Needed! From October 2025 through February 2026

Dorcas Circle will be collecting men's and women's clothing and toiletries for Compass Housing Alliance in Seattle. There is a 'clothing' bin near the elevator for your donations. **ALL DONATED CLOTHING ITEMS MUST BE NEW, UNWASHED, AND IN UNOPENED ORIGINAL PACKAGING.**

Women's clothing is most needed in sizes Medium through Extra Large.

- Underwear
- Long sleeve warm shirts
- Sweat pants
- Warm hats
- Warm scarves
- Mittens/gloves

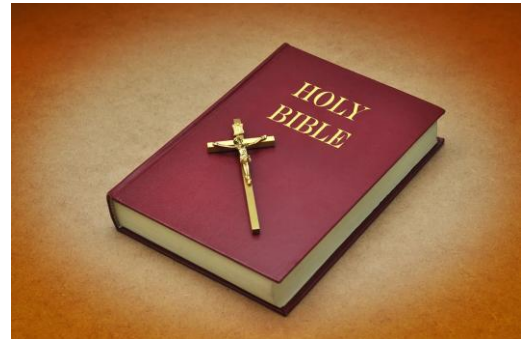
Men's clothing is most needed in sizes Large and Extra Large.

- Boxer shorts
- White T-shirts
- Long sleeve T- shirts
- Long sleeve warm shirts
- Sweat pants
- Warm hats
- Warm scarves
- Mittens/gloves

Bible Study on Sunday, November 9

Come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m to join our new Bible Study. We will meet once a month to open our Bibles, share our insights, pray, and fellowship together. We are starting with **1 John** and we will be looking at **Chapters 4 and 5**. What does it mean to "love one another"? Who is my brother? Did the apostle John write this to the churches which were struggling? What does this letter from John say to us in the year 2025?

What does it mean to know and belong to God? Your leaders will be Cheryl Jurrus and Allen Bolen. Please join us for this new adventure!



*** We will have a quick review of 1 John (Chapters 1 - 3). Don't worry. There is no quiz.

Setup Position Needed

The church needs a part-time setup person. The job entails 5 to 10 hours per week, primarily setting up tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall for various groups and functions. Because of the sometimes late-night or early-morning requirements, having reliable transportation is necessary. Please contact Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman, kurt@salc.church, to ask questions or apply.

Corner of Blessing

Food of the Month November

This year, again, we will be packing Emergency Bags for the Hopelink Food Bank. So, during the months of October and November, we will be collecting the food items to go in the Emergency Bags. Hopelink has asked that we pack “No-Cook” bags as we did last year. They need these to support those with no access to cooking facilities (homeless).

The items in these bags need to be able to be eaten directly without being heated or the use of a can opener. These need to be things that can be eaten cold and plain.

****All canned items must have a pop-top lid.** Only soups and meals are in cans.

****PAY ATTENTION TO SIZES.** Keeping the weight down is important for homeless. Bigger sizes can't be used.

****MAKE SURE TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATES.** They need to be on or after February 2026.

There are seven different items that go in each “No-Cook” Emergency Bag. We will be collecting these items during October and November:

Here are the seven items we will be collecting:

1 - **Peanut Butter** - (~16 oz. plastic jar - no-stir)

1 - **Applesauce or Fruit Cups Package** - (packages of 4 or 6 cups (about 4 ounce cups), kept in original packaging so that it contains the label, ex: peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce)

2 - **Pouched Meat or Jerky** - (beef jerky or meat sticks (like slim Jims) , pouched meat like tuna, chicken, salmon (Starkist is a common brand) Common sizes for both are about 2.5 - 3 ounces.)

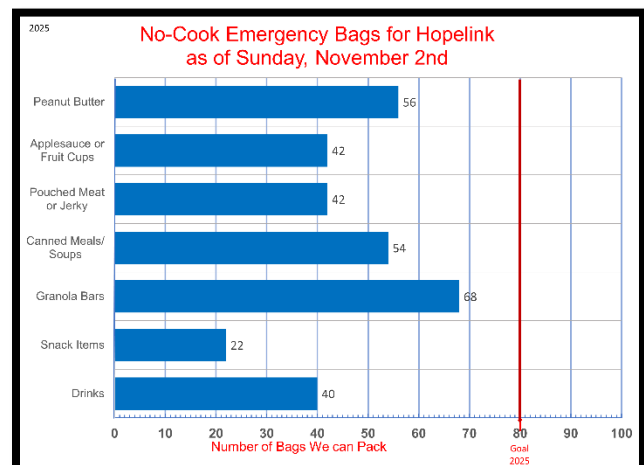
2 - **Canned Meals/Soups** - (ex: ~15-20 oz, ex: chili, beef stew, canned ravioli, hearty Progresso soups (such as: beef pot roast, chicken pot pie, Italian Wedding, etc. - **Pop-Top lid**)

6 - **Granola Bars** - (look for ones that are at least 150 - 200 calories each - total at least 1,000 calories)

5 - **Snack Items** (high in calories & will not crush easily. Ex: dried fruit, nuts, trail mix. Individual packages - look for ones that are at least 100 - 150 calories each - total at least 500 calories)

2 - **Shelf-Stable Drinks** - (Something that does not require refrigeration and will not puncture easily. Ex: juice boxes, water, protein shakes.)

Here is the progress chart as of November 1st. Check here to see what is needed to pack the most emergency bags: **Note the most needed items this week are Peanut Butter, Applesauce/Fruit Cups and Snack Items.**





Global Mission

ELCA GLOBAL MISSION (for November 2025 Outreach Ministry focus)

As an ELCA congregation we are not only connected locally to the Northwest Washington Synod, but also to the churchwide ELCA working in various departments out of the Chicago offices. One of those departments is that of Global Mission which relates to the worldwide church, Lutheran as well as other denominations. Part of our synodical support goes to ELCA Global Mission outreach in addition to our budgeted item. Together we participate in larger projects and accomplish so much more than we can do as a single congregation.

From June 1998 through March 2010, Saint Andrew's supported Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen as full-time missionaries to serve in Tanzania under the supervision of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT). Since then we have continued our relationship with Global Mission as part of our Outreach budget.

Global Mission sends out a monthly e-news called *GLOBAL LINKS* that keeps us informed of their ministry. See ELCA.org/globalmission to subscribe. This last issue highlighted the following:

The Rev. Imad Mousa Dawood Haddad was elected bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land in June. In an address to the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, he spoke of the situation in the Holy Land and the challenges that his church faces. "As Lutherans, our churches are part of the same vine. You, too, are a church called to abide in Jesus and bear fruit," Haddad said.

ELCA Global Mission welcomed 20 new missionaries serving in 11 different countries at the ELCA Missionary Orientation in July. Our new global personnel are serving in roles such as pastors, teachers, Seminary Horizon International interns, coordinators and more. Over the two-week orientation with worship and fellowship, our new missionaries learned about missionary sponsorship, the companion synod program and the cultural context of their countries of service. Additionally, they learned about accompaniment (the ELCA's approach to global mission) and the MERGE justice principles (migration justice, environmental justice, racial justice, gender justice and economic justice) that influence their work and ministry.

Please keep our new missionaries and our companion churches in your prayers. Support a missionary! At ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving, you can make a gift to sponsor one of our ELCA missionaries. When you sponsor a missionary, you will receive regular updates about their ministry and work with local partners.



Lunchtime at Sophia's Place!

St. Andrew's will once again provide the lunch for the ladies at the Sophia's Place Shelter.

It will be a meat loaf/mashed potatoes, (and more!) meal.

If you would like to provide an item for the lunch, or want to learn more, please contact Joyce Arnold. **She will be collecting food and pantry supplies on Tuesday, Nov.25th.** The lunch will be served on Wednesday, November 26th.



COMING HOME!

A Celebration of Hope, Change and FUN!

Join friends of The Sophia Way for an evening of joy and community!

On Friday, November 14th, we will gather with live music, dinner, wine, and even, an auction! It's the annual fundraiser, to help support the women dealing with homelessness on our Eastside. We want to fill our St. Andrew's table!

Joyce and John Arnold will be attending this event supporting The Sophia Way. Who can join them?? **Friday, November 14th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Bellevue Hilton.** Contact Joyce (arnoldaj44@hotmail.com) to join them!



Saint Andrew's Constitution Task Force

The Constitution Task Force (CTF) has submitted to the Congregation Council its recommendations for changes to the Saint Andrew's Constitution. Major recommendations submitted to the Council include:

- Reducing the number of elected adult Council member positions from twelve (12) to nine (9).
- Keeping the normal term length for elected adult Council members at three (3) years.
- Allowing Council officers to serve three consecutive one-year terms in the same office, but only with unanimous Council approval. (Currently, officers are limited to serving two consecutive terms in the same office.)
- Providing the Council flexibility on whether or not to fill a vacancy on the Council.
- Allowing for a range of four to six members on the Nominating Committee (current requirement is six members.)

At its November 10 meeting, the Congregation Council plans to decide whether or not to forward these CTF recommendations to the congregation to vote on. If you have feedback or input for the Council on any of these recommendations, please contact Council President Tom Getzinger, tomget@hotmail.com, or Constitution Task Force chair Susan Hegedus, susanhegedus@outlook.com.

Thank you!



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](#).

Advent Evening Prayer



Sunday, November 30, 2025
@ Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St S, Issaquah WA 98027

5pm Preview Session with the Writers

6pm Worship

6:30pm Treats & Fellowship

An Eastside Lutheran Church Community & Partners Event

A celebration of light & hope.

Please join St. Luke's for our 27th annual

Saint Lucia Celebration

with a lunch of Swedish meatballs
(vegetarian meatballs also served)

Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share. Freewill offering.

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

@ 11:30am

We welcome children and youth to participate in the maiden & star boy pageant. Please pre-register (to make sure we have enough gowns.) Star boys, please wear a white shirt and black pants.



RSVP

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

3030 Bellevue Way NE Bellevue, WA 98004 (425) 822-7907 slukes.org

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 5

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

Thursday, November 6

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 7

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 8

Sunday, November 9

9:00 AM Education Hour, *Bible Study*

Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, November 10

1:00 PM Staff meeting

7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

Office is Closed – Veterans Day

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting

4:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 13

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 14

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 15

2:00 PM Jan Benson Memorial Service

Sunday, November 16

9:00 AM Adult Education, *Our LDS Neighbors*

Sunday School Preschool – 5th grade

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Knit Wits

Parks Anniversary Celebration

Monday, November 17

1:00 PM Staff meeting

6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee

Tuesday, November 18

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

11:45 AM OWLS

7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, November 19

10:00 AM Women's Book Group, final meeting

You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.

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