



December 10, 2025

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Devotion for the Week:

Please read Isaiah 35:1-10.

God calls us to take heart and to encourage other people. A fearful heart can be full of doubt and anxiety, but God keeps sending us into the world with good news of hope. Like the promise of spring celebrated in the coldest days of winter or even in the heat of burning sands, faith gains new confidence that God is working in mysterious ways. God watches and waits for us to grasp the good news: I am with you in all the seasons of life. We need not be afraid.

When we finally see spring waters begin to flow, we can announce with joy that God has always been with us, even in times when we wait on mysterious and unexpected surprises to be revealed.

Humble and Holy, Devotions for Advent and Christmas. Augsburg Fortress

New in the pew: You will notice we now have pew cards welcoming visitors! Please encourage new attendees to fill it out and place in the offering plate so we can connect with them! If you've been worshipping with us for a while, you'll notice the back of the card has ways you can participate in the life of Saint Andrew's.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

December 14: Howard and Judy Johnson, Greeters; Terri Anderson, Coffee Host

December 21: Darcy and Dan Johnson, Greeters; Matt Camrud, 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, December 14th at Saint Andrews:

9:00 AM Adult Education: David Duea, Lutheran Community Services NW
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)

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

Readings for December 14

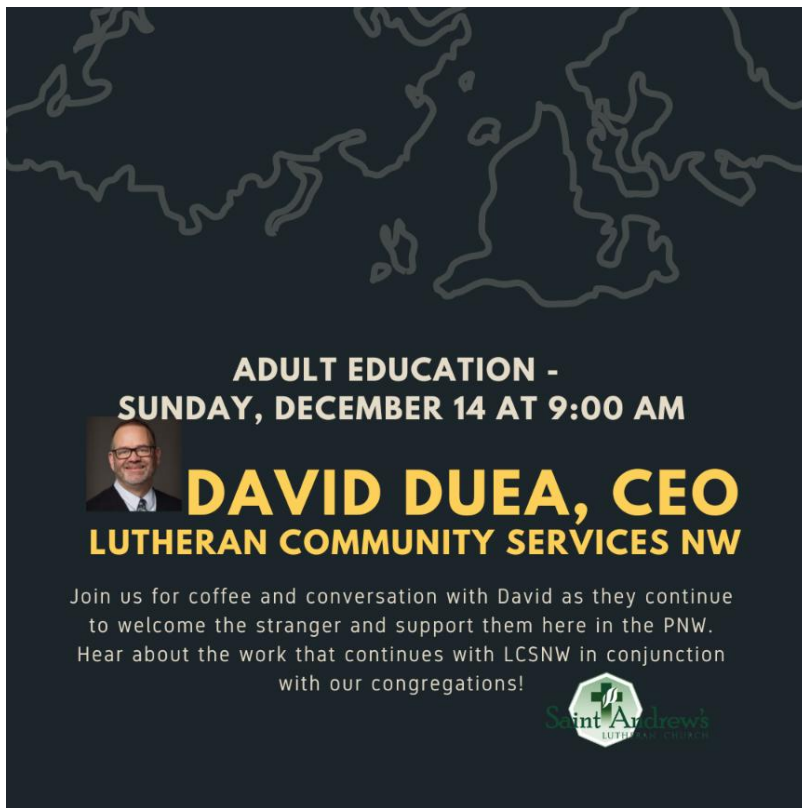
Isaiah 35:1-10

John 1:19-23

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

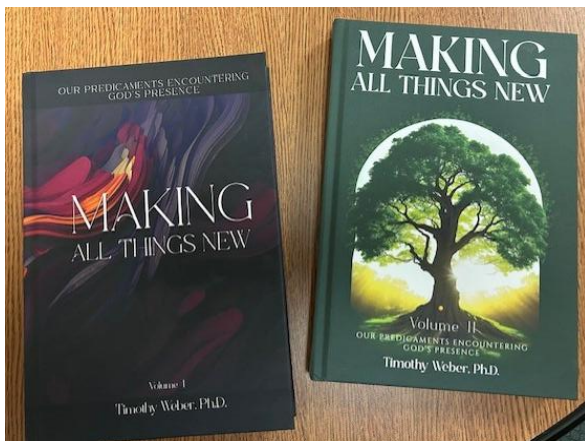


Holiday Schedules: Please note there will be **NO Pastor's Bible Study on December 23rd or December 30th.**
See you in 2026!



We are honored to welcome **David Duea**, CEO of LCSNW to our Adult Forum next Sunday. We will have a short presentation, then be open to questions about the Lutheran Community Services NW and its programs. **Plan to attend at 9:00 AM, December 14th.**

Shout out to Kurt – he spent two days up on the roof clearing leaves and debris in preparation for the upcoming winds and rain!! Thank you!!



In “Making All Things New: Our Predicaments Encountering God’s Presence,” Timothy Weber integrates decades of experience as a Clinical Psychologist and a Lutheran Pastor in linking the multitude of life’s predicaments with the living and active power of God’s presence. In these essays delivered as homilies to Christian congregations, Weber artfully blends the real life circumstances that perturb and plague us with the resources offered in the Christian faith. Weber unpacks Christian theology in a refreshing manner that opens up new insights and

hopeful pathways that will “make all things new.” There are two volumes in this series, Volume I and Volume II, both entitled "Making All Things New", both available from the [Amazon website](#). *Pastor Weber is donating all proceeds to Saint Andrew's.*



Our *Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints* will have a festive gathering on **Tuesday, December 16th** !

We will gather at 11:45 AM, enjoy our potluck lunch* at 12:00 PM, then Dr. Will will lead us in Christmas Carols!

What's your favorite tune? Be ready to share and sing!!

**We are providing the ham, you bring the sides!*

Save the Date!!

Sunday, January 25, 2026

There is a
CALLED MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION



11:15 AM

Fellowship Hall



Business:

Approve the Budget

Receive a slate of nominees for Council Positions

Quiet Servant recognitions





Christmas Eve at
Saint Andrew's

6:45 PM
Special Music

7:00 PM
Worship


•Candlelight and Holy Communion


Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA

Invite your family, friends
and neighbors to worship
with us on Christmas
Eve!

Please note the
holiday office hours.

Also – the December 23rd
“Trendings” will be a 2-week
edition. If you have articles
for late December/early
January, please get them to
Kathy by Monday, December
22nd.





Holiday Office Hours

Wednesday, December 24: Office is Closed

Thursday, December 25: Office is Closed

Friday, December 26: Office is Closed

Monday, December 29: 9 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, December 30: 9 AM - 12:00 PM

Wednesday, December 31: 9 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, January 1: Office is Closed

Friday, January 2: Office is Closed.

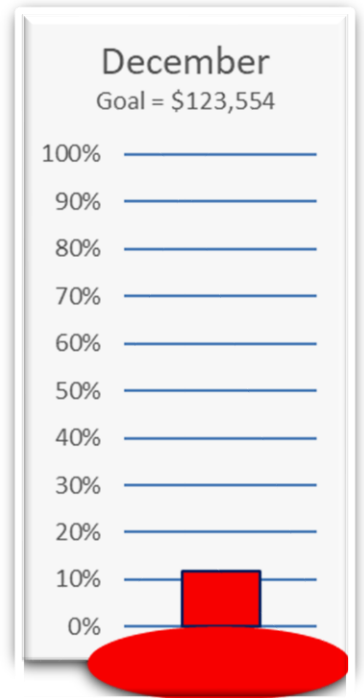
Treasurer\$ Note\$

Summary of November Contributions

In November, Saint Andrew's congregation received contributions from all sources totaling \$99,813. This amount surpassed the established goal of \$75,000, reaching 133% of the target. As a result, the 2025 budget deficit was reduced from \$73,776 to \$45,296.

December Fundraising Objective

To fully eliminate the remaining deficit, the congregation must raise \$123,554 during December. The progress toward this goal is being closely monitored and is visually represented on the thermometer graphic to the right. In the first week of December, contributions from all sources amounted to \$14,421, which is 12% of the monthly goal of \$123,554.



Giving Options and Contact Information

For those who are eligible, making Qualified Charitable Deductions from retirement accounts can offer tax advantages by reducing taxable income. We encourage everyone to explore this option if it is available to you. If you have questions regarding these financial figures or the overall budget status, please reach out to Treasurer Bill Brueggemann at Bill@salc.church.



Health and Wholeness Ministry

Blood Drive! January 22, 2026



We are on our way! Nine (9) congregant members and staff have now signed up for appointments on the Saint Andrews schedule at Bloodworks NW. **To reiterate, even if you signed up on paper, you must now sign up digitally, using the QR code.** Check the Health and Wholeness bulletin board for further information or contact me, Terri Anderson, for instructions. Kathy is also assisting in getting the word out to our ELCC neighbors. (Thank you Kathy!)

These are some basic highlights and general information. For more specific questions please contact the Eligibility Team at eligible@bloodworksnw.org or call 425-656-3077 option one.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR BLOOD DONATION APPOINTMENT

- Hydrate by drinking plenty of fluids for 24 hours
- Eat salty snacks the night before
- Get a good night's rest
- Eat a good breakfast (or lunch depending on app't time)
- Bring picture ID
- Fill out Quickpass at time of appointment (a health questionnaire).

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Should have generally good health and be feeling well day of appointment
- Plan to undergo a confidential screening interview and mini health check of blood pressure, pulse, temp, and iron level.
- Not everyone is eligible to donate. Some factors are health conditions, meds, or recent travel. Again check link and phone number as noted above for specifics.
- Consider also checking in with your healthcare provider.

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

- At least 110 pounds

AGE REQUIREMENTS

- 18 years. No upper age limit
- 16 and 17 year olds can donate with permission forms, provided by Bloodworks NW. Parent or guardian must sign.

Submitted by Terri Anderson

Ministries of the Month

MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School and Kafika House - Tanzania

We continue to be excited about our two global mission projects in Tanzania. Here's why!

As an educational project, MGLSS provides evidence that the students use their education well. We encourage you to purchase the book **LESSONS IN HOPE: A NEW ERA FOR MAASAI WOMEN IN TANZANIA** (Juliet Cutler). It tells "the rest of the story" of a sample of twenty-four graduates after leaving MGLSS and how they have used their education. At a recent Young Women of Africa organization meeting, Selina Ngoyeyo was elected to represent all of Africa! Read about her on page 38 of "Lessons in Hope" It is available after worship at the MGLSS uniforms display in the entry way: **\$25 per paperback**. All proceeds go to MGLSS. It makes a great coffee table book, a Christmas present for someone who has everything! In addition, each December we highlight the need to pay for school uniforms for the Form One students who will start in January. Sixty dollars (\$60) will outfit a student for two years. Please see the details at the display or check the website: [Operation Bootstrap Africa | Providing Brighter Futures Through Education](#)

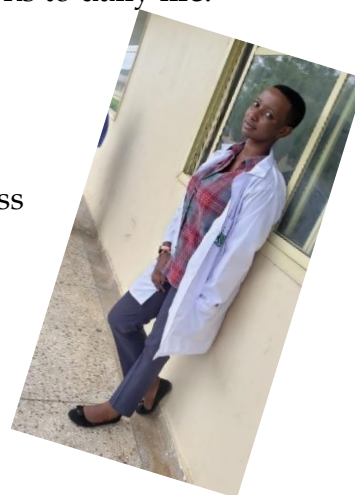
Each year our outreach budget allocates scholarships for two post-graduate students. This year we've supported **Catherine Malaki** (see photo), now in her third and final year in a bachelor's degree program at the Center for Diplomacy and Foreign Relations in Dar es Salaam. The second student is **Dainess Marco** (see photo), studying at Kampala University in Uganda for a B.S. in Science Education. We have chosen to support these two students who have shown academic promise for higher education towards future employment in their society.

In 2025 there were 115 students in **Post-Secondary** education with an additional 27 who graduated in November. Currently, there are 47 students in Year One, 58 in Year Two, and 10 students in the final Year Three. Please consider supporting one of these deserving young women, investing towards the future of Tanzania. We have several congregation members who are supporting and communicating with one of these young women.

Prayer support is urgently needed for their country and their leadership. The 2025 elections in September brought protests. Many were killed, estimated at over 1,000 deaths as the government used the military to shut down any opposition to the ruling party. The protests continue, causing tremendous fear and uncertainty and disruptions to daily life.



Catherine



Dainess

KAFIKA HOUSE has continued to surgically repair treatable children such as those with club feet, cleft palate, skeletal fluorosis, burn scar contractions, and more. We just received the latest statistics: “The Arusha facility is completely full with 142 in residence. By the fourth quarter of the year, 527 children have been assessed for treatment; 329 children had completed treatment and returned home.”

They were also able to consolidate their services and move their offices back to their original site in Ngaremtoni to expedite care. (See www.friendsofkafikahouse.org and their other media for more information.) Again, we continue their support because of their financial accountability, low-cost and high love competent care, and because they serve a very underserved population. They are forerunners in their unique care strategy; no other agency is doing what they do in East Africa!

We want to bring to your attention current volunteer opportunities such as digital support, doctors, various medical skills, and outreach developments. **KAFIKA HOUSE also offers Transformative Learning Journeys each summer as a two-week immersion trip for guardians/parents and teens. Check their website for details and itineraries.**

A highlight this year has been developing safari partners with such organizations as **Nomad Tanzania**. They are able to transport the KAFIKA outreach team all over the country to reach children living with disabilities who could benefit from KAFIKA HOUSE’s services





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

Corner of Blessing Foods of the Month – December

hopelink

Hopelink has asked us to collect **baby items during December**. They are in **desperate need of baby wipes**. They have diapers for their clients but regularly have no wipes. So, their biggest need is baby wipes (and baby food).

So, for December we will be collecting:

- **Baby Wipes**
- **Baby food* (any kind)**
- **Formula***



*(Note: Check the expiration dates. Hopelink is legally required to throw away any expired baby food or formula.)





Thank you to Sherry for decorating the Love Tree!
Tags are still available for gifting...



And don't forget uniforms for
our girls in Tanzania!

Please deliver all gifts by December 21!!



Love Tree

CHRISTMAS 2025

We are collecting for Christmas! You can shop and support the following agencies:

Kid Vantage
(Board books, Board games, dolls, trucks/cars)

Lantern Hill
(\$25 toward building supplies)

Compass Housing
(socks/t-shirts; gloves/mittens)

The Sophia Way
(\$25 gift cards to QFC/Fred Meyer/Safeway)

We also support uniform purchases for the MaaSae Lutheran Girls school in Tanzania (\$60 donation) Look for that display on the bulletin board!

Donate + take an ornament.



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 Wednesdays
December 3, 10 & 17

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
8501 SE 40th St Mercer Island, WA 98040

5:45-7 PM Soup and Pie
7-7:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer
Worship available in person and livestreamed

 Sign up for the meal
 Livestream (YouTube)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island will have mid-week Advent soup suppers and Holden Evening Prayer. If you're planning on attending, please contact Julia (julia.glassy@htlcmi.org) so they have a head count for food.

Go visit our LDS friends' Nativities! ↓

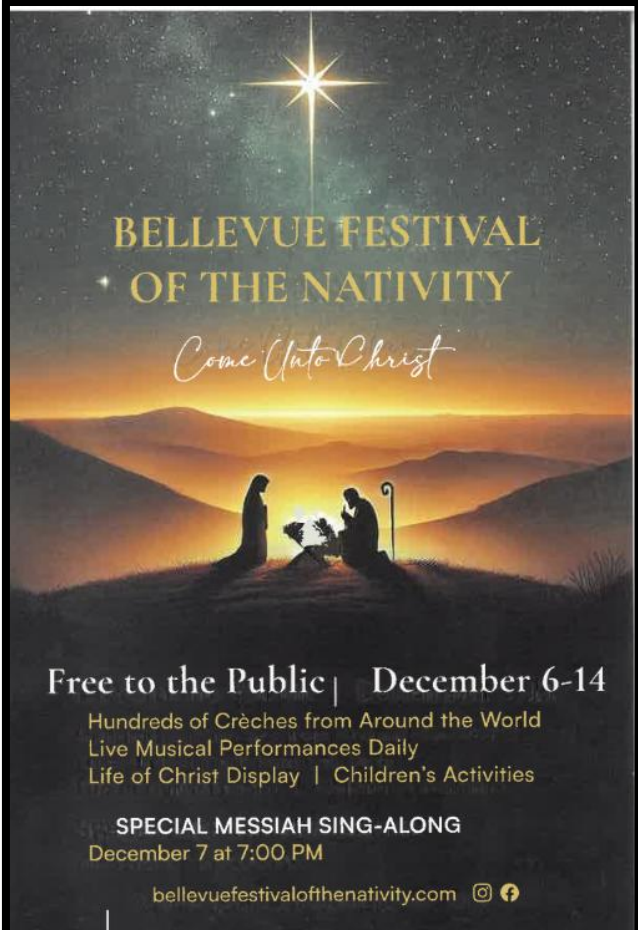


THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HARD FOR
THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE
HURTING. YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Blue Christmas
a service of prayer, healing and mutual
support for those who are carrying pain or
loss during this season of celebration

WED, DEC 17 - 7PM
MT SI LUTHERAN CHURCH
411 NE 8TH ST, NORTH BEND



WWW.MTSILUTHERAN.ORG



**BELLEVUE FESTIVAL
OF THE NATIVITY**
Come Unto Christ

Free to the Public | December 6-14
Hundreds of Crèches from Around the World
Live Musical Performances Daily
Life of Christ Display | Children's Activities

SPECIAL MESSIAH SING-ALONG
December 7 at 7:00 PM

bellevuefestivalofthenativity.com  

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 10

1:00 PM Care Team meeting
4:00 PM Adult Education Team meeting

Thursday, December 11

Friday, December 12

Office is closed.

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

Advent 3

9:00 AM Adult Education, LCSNW
Sunday School, preschool-5th grade
10:00 AM **Worship**
11:00 AM Sunday Brunch

Monday, December 15

1:00 PM Staff meeting
7:00 PM Discipleship Committee

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Bible Study
11:45 AM OWLS Holiday Sing!
7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 17

Thursday, December 18

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 19

Office is closed.

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 22

1:00 PM Staff meeting
7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 23

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve – Office is closed

6:45 PM Special Music begins
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship

You can access our
weekly online calendar
[HERE.](#)

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