



**December 17, 2025**

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

*Prayer of the Week:*

Divine Healer, you are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. We lift up to you all who are affected by the flooding in our area. Protect all who are in the path of rising waters or landslides.

Guide rescuers to those in greatest danger and provide safe evacuation routes.

Grant shelter to all who have evacuated, or will need to.

Comfort those whose homes have been damaged; calm their anxiety and their grief, and may they receive the resources they need to recover or rebuild.

We give you thanks for all who have provided aid and assistance, for the care and compassion they have shown to so many. May your presence be known through their work. In Jesus' name. Amen.



### Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:.

*December 21: Darcy & Dan Johnson, Greeters; Camrud Family, Coffee Hosts  
Christmas Eve Greeters: Darcy & Dan Johnson (we could use a couple more!)*

*December 28: Katrin & Gunter Bonnofsky, Greeters;  
Teresa Lutterman, 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, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Saint Andrews:**

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

### Reading for December 21

Luke 1:39-55

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> or December 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
**See you in 2026!**

## Treasurer\$ Note\$

### December Fundraising Objective

During the second week of December, contributions totaled \$16,852. This amount brings the cumulative donations for the month to \$31,273. In order to meet the approved budget for 2025, the congregation must raise a total of \$123,554 in December.

Progress toward this fundraising goal is illustrated on the thermometer graphic located to the right. At this point, with two weeks remaining in December, only 25% of the goal has been reached.

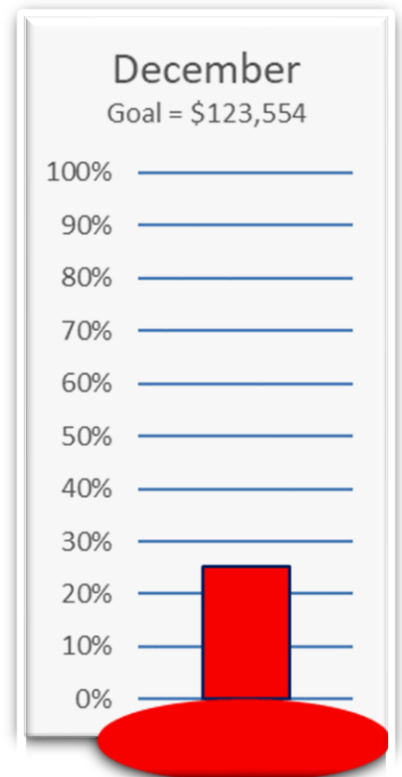
### Contribution Deadlines for Tax Deduction:

**To ensure eligibility for a 2025 tax deduction, all contributions must be received by December 31. If you are mailing your donation, please make sure it is postmarked no later than December 31.**

If you plan to bring your contribution to the church office after Sunday, December 28, please ask a staff member to record the date and time on the envelope. (Reminder: Office hours December 29-31 are 9:00 AM – 12 noon).

Have you returned your pledge card for 2026?? You can download a pdf from the website: [Church Constitution and Business](#) | [Adults](#) | [Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church](#) or pick one up in the Narthex on Sunday.

If you have questions, please reach out to Treasurer Bill Brueggemann at [Bill@salc.church](mailto:Bill@salc.church).



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 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue, WA

## Correction from last week's Trendings:

From our article about the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School: At a recent Young Women of Africa organization meeting, Selina Ngoyeyo was elected to represent all of **Tanzania!! (not all of Africa)**. Read about her on page 38 of "Lessons in Hope".



### *A note of thanks:*

*Dear Pastor Lara and all our friends at Saint Andrews, Thanks! It was lovely to have a place for the seventieth wedding anniversary celebration of Joanne and Robert Parks. We appreciate all the care and hospitality that has been extended to us. Your blessing and the congregation's care comes as a gift.*

*The Parks Family*



## Note our holiday hours!

And...Trendings will be sent Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> as a 2-week issue!

January 7, 2026 will kick off the new year. Please get any time sensitive items to Kathy by December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**ICE Whistle Kits:** Whistle kits are available in the office. Each kit contains a whistle, an instruction zine with phone numbers and a “know your rights” card. If ICE is nearby, blow your whistle. If you hear whistles, go toward the sound to form a crowd or escape to safety. Whistles provide an instant alert system warning others when ICE is in the area. This is an easy way to turn silence into community action and protect our neighbors.

**Thank you, gracias, merci, danke** for your support of our *LOVE TREE* for 2025!! Wishes for KidVantage were fulfilled, gift cards were gratefully given to The Sophia Way and Lantern Hill support was amazing!



## December Celebrations!

The Health & Wholeness Committee met and then shared a lovely lunch! Thanks to Jay Baxter for the festive table setting!!



And our O.W.L.S. were very festive! Our Christmas lunch was delicious, conversation was lively and songs were sung (thanks, Jean W!) !!







We are truly grateful for the joy you bring to each and every one of our guardianship clients as they look forward to opening their gifts on Christmas morning. May you be richly blessed for your generous spirit!

Bridge Disability Ministries



### *Thanks from Bridge Ministries:*

Many thanks to Saint Andrew's shoppers:

JoAn Eklof

Karin Eklof

Jay Baxter

Cheryl Jurrus

Carol Schneider

and Ed Corker

Bob Steed

Teresa Lutterman

Michele Vossler

### **Thanks From KidVantage:**

These elves helped process 950 orders at KidVantage last weekend compared to the 500+ the first week and the 600+ the second week. Special thanks to the Saint Andrew's Church volunteer group for helping fill holiday gift packages. We are grateful.



## Health and Wholeness Ministry Blood Drive! January 22, 2026



**ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**  
Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, January 22 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Scan the QR code to book your one hour appointment.**

Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience.  
Same-day appointments available at most locations. Photo ID required.

For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites.  
Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.

**DONATE BLOOD.** 800-398-7888  
bloodworksnw.org/giveblood



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.**

These are some basic highlights and general information. For more specific questions please contact the Eligibility Team at [eligible@bloodworksnw.org](mailto: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.





## 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.)





**Holden Village Evacuated:** The Holden Village community has closed temporarily following a series of mudslides on FS 8301. Transport to and from the Village is currently unavailable. All Villagers have been evacuated. A small crew of 11 staff will stay behind to finish winterizing the Village and prepare Village systems to be shut down. The Village is well stocked and the leave behind crew will be able to remain in the Village for an extended time if needed.

The road damage occurred on Wednesday night after four consecutive days of heavy rain. FS 8301, the only road linking Holden Village with the boat dock at Lucerne, is currently impassable. Because of the continued danger of mudslides as well as pending avalanche risks as precipitation turns to snow for the winter, reconstruction work cannot safely begin until spring 2026. This closure is expected to last at least through May 2026. Incoming guests are being notified of changes to their reservations.

THANK YOU to those who have reached out to the Village to offer support for the evacuated staff. Temporary housing has been secured!

THE CURRENT NEED is ongoing and generous financial contributions. Facing the loss of a winter guest season, and dozens of staff in need of support, the best thing you can do is donate. You can donate directly at the link below or mail your contribution to:

Holden Village  
Attn: Contributions  
HC 0 Box 2  
Chelan, WA 98816-9769

Donations may be made here: <https://www.holdenvillage.org/donate/>

This is still a developing situation, and more information will be shared as it becomes available. Please check Holden's website for the latest updates: <https://www.holdenvillage.org/>  
Go out with Good Courage!



**Northwest Washington Flooding:** This week has seen record flooding in NW Washington. Your gifts of time, resources and dollars are appreciated.

THANK YOU for caring for your neighbors!  
We saw pics of folks sandbagging, gathering food and supplies, hosting those who needed to be evacuated, and more!

**[Give online HERE](#)**. Please indicate NWWA Floods in the memo section.  
OR

**Write and mail a check:**

1. make the check out to: "NWWA Synod"
2. on the memo line of the check please write NWWA Synod Floods
3. mail to ELCA Region 1; PO Box 94432; Seattle, WA 98124-6732



## ELCC (Eastside Lutheran Church Community) churches, the Synod and the ELCA:

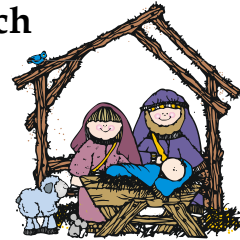
The Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC) has created a new logo and the website has been updated with events throughout the summer to mark on your calendars!

Be sure to check out the website [HERE](#).

For those of you looking for a Christmas Day worship service, the only church in the ELCC offering **Christmas day at 10:00 AM** is:

### **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**

411 156th Avenue Northeast  
Bellevue, Washington 98007



### **TONIGHT, December 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- Blue Christmas Service, Mt. Si Lutheran Church; 7:00 PM
- Holden Evening Prayer, Holy Trinity Lutheran – Mercer Island;
  - 5:45 PM, soup + pie; 7:00 PM service

**Mt. Si Lutheran Church sustained some flooding damage ... if you can help on Saturday, they'd sure appreciate it!!**

**Work Party**  
**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 20**  
**9:00-2:00PM**



**WE NEED YOUR HELP**  


**What are we doing?**

- Remove damaged drywall
- Move all items out of Luther's Lounge closets

Please bring: Work gloves, safety glasses, drywall knives.

**Mt Si Lutheran Church - 411 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St., North Bend**



## CALENDAR

### 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 Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

11:15 AM Knit Wits

### 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

### Thursday, December 25

*Merry Christmas! Office is closed!*



### Friday, December 26

*Office is closed.*

### Saturday, December 27

### Sunday, December 28

9:00 AM Coffee & Conversation

10:00 AM Worship

### Monday, December 29

*Office hours: 9 Am – 12 Noon*

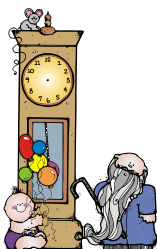
### Tuesday, December 30

*Office hours: 9 Am – 12 Noon*

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

### Wednesday, December 31

*Office hours: 9 Am – 12 Noon*



You can access our  
weekly online calendar  
HERE.

**The Reverend Lara Forbes**, Lead Pastor  
pastor@SALC.church

**The Reverend Timothy T. Weber**,  
Shared-Time Pastor  
timwebertt@yahoo.com

**Dr. Will Simpson**,  
Director of Music Ministries  
will@SALC.church

**Doug Johnson**,  
Director of Youth and Family Ministries  
doug@SALC.church

**Sherry Grindeland**, Fellowship Coordinator  
sherry@SALC.church

**Kurt Lutterman**, Facilities Manager  
kurt@SALC.church

**Kathy Fisher**, Communications Director  
kathy@SALC.church

**Vanessa Wilkie**, Handbell Choir Director

**Elaine Koga**, Choir Accompanist

**Abby Kasper**, Facilities Set-up

**April Daniel**, Records Administrator

**Ann Thorpe**, Sunday Church School Coordinator

**Joan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

#### SALC Family Social Media Accounts:



#### Find us on:

