

# Trendings



January 7, 2026

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

## *Prayer of the Week:*

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does, in fact, please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

*Prayer of Trust, by Thomas Merton*

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



We will be voting on four (4) council positions at this meeting. You can review the six candidates information now. Candidate booklets are available in the Narthex. Members can request a digital copy of the Candidate booklet. Email Kathy or Pastor Lara to receive it via email.

## Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

**January 11: Joe Baro and Amy Baro, Greeters: Coffee hosts needed!**

**January 18: Katrin & Gunter Bonnesofsy, Greeters;**

**Jean Wahlstrom & Marvin Kananen, Coffee Hosts**

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](https://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, January 11, 2026**

**9:00 AM      Adult Education - Bible Study, The "Lost Parables"**

**Sunday school, preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

**10:00 AM      Worship in person/livestream**

**Reading for January 11:  
John 2:1-12**

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



Pastor's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 10 AM. This is in person or via ZOOM. Please contact Pastor Lara for the link. (pastor@salc.church)



# Christmas at Saint Andrew's



*Spectacular music !!*







*Beautiful worship*



## Coming in January:

### Adult Education Hour – 9:00 AM Sundays:

- **January 11:** Bible Study ~ “The Lost Parables”
- **January 18:** Budget Business ~ review the 2026 Saint Andrew’s budget with members of the Finance Committee.
- **January 25:** 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation.  
**Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:15 AM.**

### Youth Events: (contact Doug for more information! [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church))

- **January 11:** Shared Confirmation Class and High School Group; Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- **January 16:** Youth Escape Room! 6:00 PM at “Flee Escape Room, Redmond” \$20. Space is limited. Sign up with Doug.
- **January 18:** Family Movie night at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church. 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



### Save the Date:

**Annual Women’s Retreat: March 6-7- 8, 2026**

Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, speaker: *“Telling Our Story, Listening for God”*

Brochures with pricing and room requests will be available in a couple weeks.

Let Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland know if you’re interested in attending ASAP. (We almost sold out last year.) [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.

**THANKS**

To our dear Saint Andrew’s family, thank you for your prayers as I have recovered from my knee replacement surgery. You have reminded me of the power of prayer and community.  
Blessings, Clare (Moe)

# Treasurer\$ Note\$

## 2025 Year-end Status

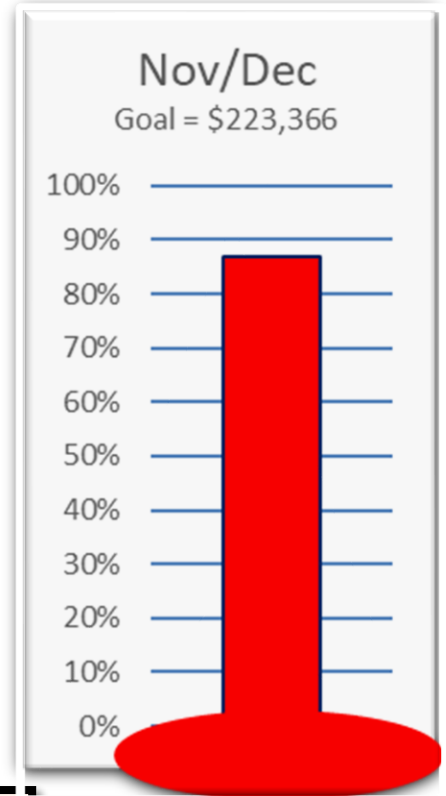
At the end of October, our congregation faced a deficit of \$73,776. A deficit means that expenses exceeded revenue for the year. To meet our budget, we needed \$223,366 in contributions during November and December. The congregation achieved \$193,674, reaching 87% of that goal. The thermometer graphic to the right visually tracks our progress toward meeting the budget goal.

Total revenue for 2025 was \$770,040, compared to the budgeted amount of \$800,000. Thanks to careful planning and diligent expense management by staff and congregation members, expenses were kept to \$788,987. This allowed us to significantly reduce our deficit compared to earlier projections

The final deficit for the year is \$18,948. This will be paid from our reserve funds, which are savings set aside for situations like this.

The Finance Committee will host a forum on **Sunday, January 18th at 9:00 AM**. At this upcoming forum, we will review this year's financial results in detail, discuss the recommended 2026 budget, and invite input from all members. Your participation is important as we plan for a stronger financial future together.

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



**Let's Discuss**  
**the 2026 SALC Budget**

**Sunday, January 18**  
**Adult Education Hour -**  
**9:00 AM**

Led by your Financial Committee.  
Vote to approve the budget will be at the January 25 Congregational Meeting

Coffee will be ready!

An illustration of a hand holding a gold coin with a dollar sign on it.



## ELCA Social Statements – A Reminder:

“This church shall develop social statements ... that will guide the life of this church as an institution and inform the conscience of its members in the spirit of Christian liberty.” (ELCA social statement, [“The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective”](#))

ELCA social statements are teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. They are meant to help communities and individuals with moral formation, discernment and thoughtful engagement with current social issues as we participate in God’s work in the world. Social statements also set policy for the ELCA and guide its advocacy and work as a publicly engaged church. They result from an extensive process of participation and deliberation and are adopted by a two-thirds vote of an ELCA churchwide assembly.

The most recent statement, [Civic Life and Faith](#), was adopted by the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

We encourage you to read the social statements to learn more about how we as church engage with the world.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study is back!** We will meet again to study the "Lost Parables" in Luke 15 on Sunday, January 11th, at 9:00 a.m.

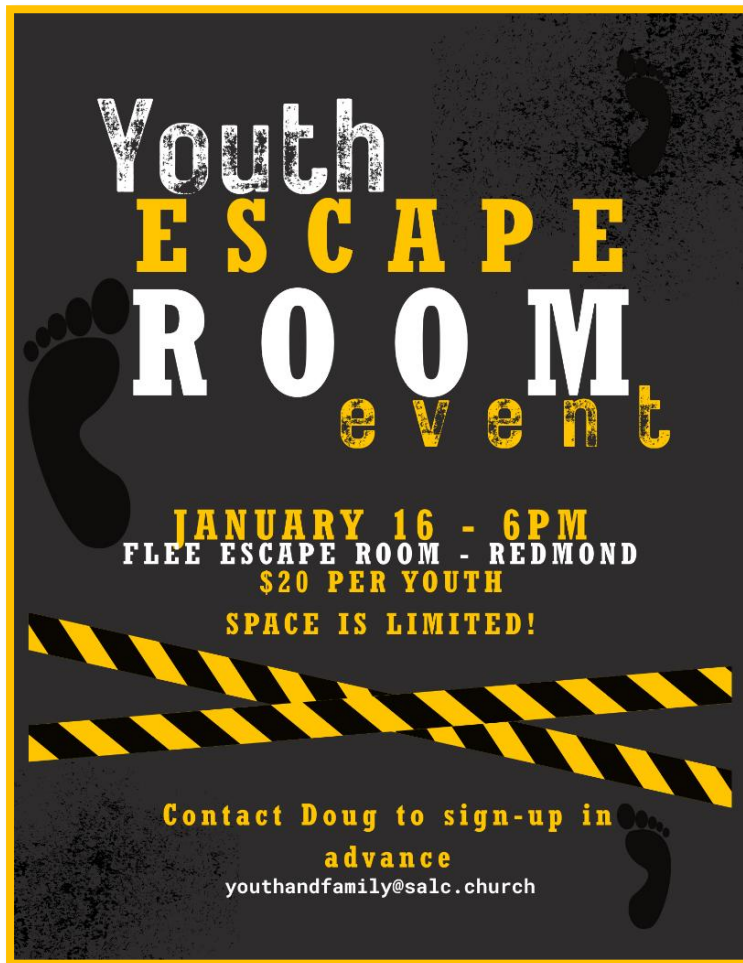
- The Lost Sheep
- The Lost Coin
- The Lost Son

When have you felt lost? When have you found someone who was lost? How do these Parables describe our relationship with the Good Shepherd? What do we learn about God's compassion for us? What is God's will for us?

Your facilitators will be Allen Bolen and Cheryl Jurrus. Bring your Bibles and be ready to share your insights and stories.



## Youth Events!



**New Ministry Team:** I am looking for a couple of parents and a couple youth from both Saint Andrew's and Sammamish Hills to be a part of a new Children, Youth, and Family Joint Ministry Team. We will meet every other month to plan events and the future of our ministry together. If you are interested, I welcome you to join our **first meeting on January 12 at 6:30pm via Zoom.** Doug Johnson ([doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church))



## Get ready for Lutherwood Summer 2026!



Summer 2026 Registration for Camp Lutherwood is open now! Check out our amazing, unique programs like Middle School H2O and OAP Advanced Base Camp, as well as the addition of more Day Camps (with transportation provided!). And, of course, we offer Traditional camp all the way through high school.

For registration or campership inquiries, reach out to [ashleigh.ek@camplutherwood.org](mailto:ashleigh.ek@camplutherwood.org). You won't want to miss this summer on Lake Samish!

**The Gather Network** is a ministry of *ELCA Young Adults* that connects young adults (18-35) in cities or regions throughout the ELCA. These ministries create space for young adults to join in fellowship, worship, community, and discussion. Please share with the young adults you know! First Meet Up (+ D &D) is January 18, 3-5 PM at Northlake Lutheran Church! Sign up [here](#).



### Living Lutheran Magazine Sign up:

Did you know you can create a free account to "Living Lutheran" magazine with articles arriving in your email inbox (or subscribe to a print version)? Well, you can. Check out your options [HERE](#).



**Communion Bread Bakers Needed!!** Are you willing to bake the bread we use at communion?? It's a simple recipe! Contact Jay Baxter ([jaybaxter1956@gmail.com](mailto:jaybaxter1956@gmail.com)) for the recipe or to volunteer. Hoping to rustle up 2-3 more bakers!!



Feliz Navidad  
May the JOY of  
this  
season of  
GIVING  
fill your heart!

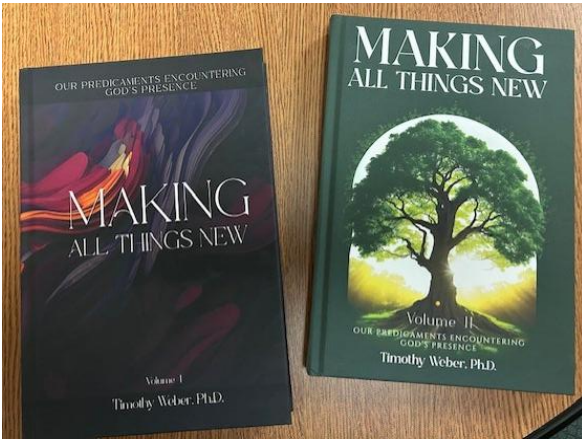
This Christmas, we simply want to say... **THANK YOU** for being on this journey with us. These photos are from our Christmas celebration filled with laughter, full bellies and stockings! While the children have already shared a beautiful meal together, they are now joyfully awaiting their gifts on January 6th, Three Kings Day, a tradition that keeps the magic alive a little longer. Your love and support make moments like these possible, and we are deeply grateful.

As we approach the end of the year, your generosity continues to light the way for these children and their families. End-of-year gifts make it possible for us to begin the new year strong, providing ongoing education, nourishment, and hope well beyond the holiday season.

*Friends of Lantern Hill*



## Books From Pastor Weber:



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

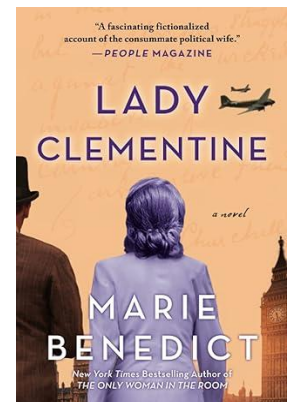
hopeful pathways that will "make all things new." There are two volumes in this series, Volume I and Volume II, both entitled "Making All Things New", both available from the [Amazon website](#). Pastor Weber is donating all proceeds to Saint Andrew's.



## Women's Book Group Winter 2026 " LADY CLEMENTINE"

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming adventure into history as we read and discuss Marie Benedict's book *Lady Clementine*. Our SALC Women's Book Group will meet on **Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the Library from January 14th to February 18th**. We will be covering about 70 pages per week, but I think it is light reading and it won't be hard to keep up! The author reveals a wonderful love story, stormy marriage, and historical insights as she follows the life of Winston Churchill's brilliant wife, Clementine Churchill.

*"Benedict is a true master at weaving the threads of the past into a compelling story for today. Here is the fictionalized account of the person who was the unequivocal wind beneath Winston Churchill's wings — a woman whose impact on the world-shaper that was WW2 has been begging to be told. A remarkable story of remarkable woman."* (Amazon)



We encourage one another in prayer, service, thoughtful analysis, and mutual support as we look at the spiritual, historical, political, and feminine aspects of our books. We start promptly and end on time. Join us for sharing our stories and laughing at ourselves as we learn together!

Contact Cheryl Jurrus ([cheryljurrus74@gmail.com](mailto:cheryljurrus74@gmail.com)) for more information, a schedule, and join us online (Zoom) or in-person.



## 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



It's a **Code Red emergency** for our community blood supply! Blood donors are urgently needed to combat a severe shortage. What can you do to help? Book your appointment for our blood drive! (Share this with friends, too)  
**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.

### Food of the Month – January

For the month of January Hopelink has asked us to collect **canned meals**! This includes things like beef stew, ravioli, chili, etc. These are really needed during the cold winter months. The size should be about 15 to 20 ounces.



### **QUILT RAFFLE**

What's better on a cold night than a cozy quilt?? Nothing ... and THIS cozy quilt can be YOURS ...

The Dorcas Circle is raffling this very quilt at the January Annual Meeting !! Proceeds will benefit their Lutheran World Relief efforts.

Raffle tickets will be available on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> only – price? Your generous donation!





## 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](#).

# You're invited!

**Saturday,  
January 10, 2026  
10:00 AM**

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bellevue**

Join the Eastside Lutheran Church Community Pastors and Board Members in discussion about the ELCC.  
As congregation members, your thoughts about the collaborations and possibilities for the future are invaluable as we move forward.

There will be coffee.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church  
411 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007



NWWA Synod Evangelism and Outreach Team & Cultivate Team

# RE-IMAGINING EVANGELISM

**Listen**

**Connect**

**Welcome**



24, JANUARY, 2026  
**9:00-12:00**  
Holy Trinity, Mercer Island

A FREE gathering for lay and rostered leaders seeking to find creative ways to share the story of Jesus with their neighbors through word and action.

**Learn more and register here: [www.lutheransnw.org/events](http://www.lutheransnw.org/events)**

28, FEBRUARY, 2026  
**9:00-12:00**  
Our Savior's, Everett

Please bring a non-perishable item to share with the local food bank or make a donation to the New, Emerging and Strategic Ministry Fund

**The ELCC Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity for church members (you) to bring your thoughts to the Board on HOW you feel collaborations are working and what you'd like to see going forward. Please plan to attend, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 10:00 AM!**

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## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, January 7

10:00 AM Advent Closet Clean - Out

### Thursday, January 8

### Friday, January 9

*Office is closed.*

### Saturday, January 10

### Sunday, January 11

9:00 AM Adult Education – Bible Study  
Sunday School (preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

10:00 AM Worship

### Monday, January 12

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting

### Tuesday, January 13

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 14

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting

4:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

### Thursday, January 15

### Friday, January 16

*Office is closed*

### Saturday, January 17

### Sunday, January 18

9:00 AM Adult Education,  
SALC Budget Review  
Sunday School (preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr)

10:00 AM Worship

### Monday, January 19

*Office is closed – MLK Holiday*

6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee

7:00 PM Discipleship Committee

### Tuesday, January 20

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

11:45 AM OWLS

### Wednesday, January 21

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

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

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**Joan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

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