



March 11, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

God whose promise
was made through faith;
God whose grace gives credence to hope:
remind us that within
the context of timeless love,
we can choose to sow seeds
for a harvest not just
for our own children to enjoy,
but for them to share with the offspring of others.

Amen.

The Corrymeela Community, March 3, 2026

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**Upcoming Memorial Services:**

- Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM, Memorial for Janan Twito
  - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, Memorial for Dave Marcrander.
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## Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

March 15:, *Could be YOU!*, Greeters; Teresa Lutterman, Coffee host

March 22: Juliet and Mike Engan, Greeters; *Could be YOU*, 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, March 15

- 9:00 AM Adult Education, Pastor Tim Weber  
Sunday school, preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 10:00 AM Worship, in-person/livestream
- 11:15 AM Knit Wits
- 12:30 PM Acolyte Meeting (virtual)
- 5:00 PM Community Game Night (*St. Luke's Lutheran Church*)

### Reading for March 15

John 11:1-44

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



**Pastor's Bible Study** meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM in the library in person and on ZOOM. Contact Pastor Lara for the ZOOM link. NOTE: **There is NO Pastor's Bible Study on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Bible Study will return on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**Tuesdays in Lent**  
 February 24 - March 24  
*Gather for Devotions*  
**11:45 AM**

*Bring a sack lunch and stay to eat with friends, new and old!*

**Join us Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM** for a time of Lenten devotions, Taizé music and prayer. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy time with your friends following the devotional time!

*It is St. Patrick's Day - be sure to wear a bit o'green!!*

*Note: Because of our Tuesdays in Lent, there is no O.W.L.S. gathering in March. You are invited and encouraged to bring a sack lunch and come for devotions.*

**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.

"Making All Things New:  
 Our Predicaments Encountering God's Presence"

Join us Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM  
 as Pastor Tim Weber discusses  
 his two volume series.

There will be coffee!



## March Blood Drive!

Are you signed up??? Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Use the QR code to sign up for a time! We had a great turn out in January – and most participants re-booked for this March date. We're hoping to have 30+ participants this time around. *Did you know you can win a trip to Maui when you drop a pint??* PS – the cookies and juice were great 😊



## Music Notes:



**Gratitude:** Our worship service on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> was a music-forward, contemplative service of prayer and healing. Big thanks to Mark Baker, the Chancel Choir, Elaine Koga, the Bell Choir, Vanessa Wilkie and Dr. Will Simpson for this special worship opportunity.

**From Dr. Will:** During the remaining weeks leading up to Easter, our Chancel Choir will share four anthems with the congregation – three on the remaining Sundays and one on Maundy Thursday at Saint Andrew's. The texts we have chosen center on God's grace and on the grace we are called to show one another in our daily lives.

I also want to offer heartfelt thanks to our faithful Chancel Choir, who have already given us two beautiful anthems this March. Week after week, choir members come to Thursday evening rehearsals, often in cold and rainy weather, and then arrive early on Sunday mornings to help lead our worship. They give generously of their time, energy, and talent so that all of us may more deeply experience and celebrate the Gospel through music and the spoken word.

When you have the opportunity, please take a moment to thank one of our choir members. Their dedication means so much, and their ministry is a vital part of our worship life and of the spirit of our church.

And if you have ever thought about singing with us, please consider joining the choir. We would be delighted to welcome you. Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. and continue through early June.



**Women's Retreat:** Many hands made light work prepping for the Women's Retreat! And their labors were appreciated.

***Telling Our Stories, Listening For God* was a big success!**

Thirty-nine Lutheran women gathered last weekend for the Saint Andrew's/Our Savior annual spring women's retreat.

Pastor Deanna Wildermuth led the women through a weekend of telling personal stories, thinking about God, a Bible study, and community art project.

The gathering began Friday evening at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend and closed after a worship service on Sunday morning.

Participants included women from Saint Andrew's, Our Savior (Issaquah), Mt. Si (North Bend), St. Luke's (Bellevue), Holy Trinity (Mercer Island) and other Northwest churches.

"It was amazing," said Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland. "Pastor Deanna helped us all make connections with our past faith journey and our present relationships with God and one another."

Save the date for 2027 - March 5-7!!



## Youth News:



May Youth Weekends is happening at Camp Lutherwood ... because Holden Village will not be ready for visitors this spring. Planning to attend?? Talk to Doug and get registered!



## Spring Cleaning!

Come on Saturday morning, March 21<sup>st</sup> to make a difference at Saint Andrew's! Kurt has projects to clean up inside and out ... contact him for more information ([kurt@salc.church](mailto:kurt@salc.church)).

I hear there will be donuts...

Come & Join our

# ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

It's spring cleaning day for Saint Andrew's!

**Saturday, March 21**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

Jobs large and small for all abilities!  
Snacks included !!



# HOLY WEEK

**29 MARCH** PALM SUNDAY  
WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

**2 APR** MAUNDY THURSDAY  
WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM

**3 APR** GOOD FRIDAY: 7:00 PM  
A COLLABORATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN, MERCER ISLAND

**5 APR** EASTER SUNDAY  
WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM



 EASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY

 Reconciling in Christ

 Saint Andrew's LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Hopelink has asked us to collect **canned meats** for March. This includes tuna, chicken, SPAM, salmon, etc.



### Health & Wholeness “IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN!”

Health and Wholeness is beginning to plan for our spring LWR drive and we could use your help with donations. *We plan to assemble health kits on April 27*, which are then sent around the world to those in need. We need:

- **Bath towels:** lightweight, **dark colors**, size 20”x40” to 52”x27”
- **Soap:** 4 or 5 oz. bars
- **Toothbrushes:** adult size
- **Combs:** sturdy – 7” length (no pick or fine toothed combs)
- **Nail Clippers:** large size preferred
- **Boxes:** medium size

*Grab a shopping list from the Narthex coffee table!*

Place your donations in the bin in **Narthex labeled Health and Wholeness, LWR Health Kit Supplies, or church office**. We also accept monetary donations. Mail or place your check in the offering place, indicating it is for LWR.

The Health and Wholeness Ministry thanks you for your support!

## Dorcas Circle:



Dorcas Circle needs extra large shipping boxes ( approximately 2 feet tall) to ship quilts to Lutheran World Relief. The boxes can be broken down and delivered to the church office.

If you have any questions you can contact Linda Willenberg at [willenberglinda@gmail.com](mailto:willenberglinda@gmail.com) or call her at 425-641-1606.



## Successes in Sophia Way!

**139 women were housed in 2025, over 500 were helped by Sophia Way.** Shelter, support, nourishment, safety, and most importantly, housing.

The theme for 2026 is *Hope.*

Obstacles present themselves, but Sophia Way is keeping positive! They appreciate all of the support that is given to them!

St. Andrew's has the honor of preparing a meal for the ladies at Sophia's Place. Collection will be on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2-2:15, in the church parking lot**, (unless other arrangements are made.) If you would like to participate in donating for the meal or the pantry, or to volunteer in **any** please use the [Amazon Wish List](#) or contact Joyce Arnold. You can also learn more

about the significance of this nonprofit organization for women in need of *Hope!!*

There are always opportunities for more community involvement!

## Outreach and Servant Ministries Ministry of the Month for March



*Most Generous God, we thank you for all that you provide to meet the needs of all your people. We thank you for the services provided and the people that provide them at Friends of Youth. Bless and sustain their work. Strengthen our partnership with Friends of Youth to support their mission. And watch over and protect the youth that need their help. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*

### **Friends of Youth:**

Since 1951, Friends of Youth has provided hope, community, and opportunities for growth to young people in King County. Their services accompany youth and young families as they achieve and surpass their goals – while facing circumstances of homelessness, foster care and behavioral health challenges.

Their vision is that all youth have every opportunity to succeed. Their mission is to partner with youth and families to provide the relationships, resources, and skills they need to attain personal growth and success.

The case workers at Friends of Youth work with the youth to build a plan to help them achieve their goals. Every plan is built together, always centered on what matters most to the young person.

The services provided by Friends of Youth include: **Drop in services** including shelter, food, showers, laundry, clothing, and hygiene materials. **Education and employment services** providing comprehensive employment services and job-readiness skills to youth and young adults, ages 18 - 24. **Shelter** at Willows Youth Services Center for young adults 18-24 and at Youth Haven for minors 7 - 17. **Safe Place** a 24 hour crisis hotline for youth ages 12 - 17 that assesses crises and provides outreach and referrals to appropriate shelter and support services. There are a total of 2100 Safe Place sites in the area including Saint Andrew's.

### **Some Background on Friends of Youth:**

In 1950, a Washington resident named Iva Matsen saw the challenge faced by her community: not enough foster homes for young people. She and her partner joined with other members of their faith community – University Congregational Church – to take the critical step from concern to thoughtful action. In 1951, Friends of Youth was officially incorporated. To this day, members of the Matsen family continue to be active and involved in the organization. More than 70 years later, the Friends of Youth community continues to work toward a vision where all youth have every opportunity to succeed, and are supported through circumstances of foster care, homelessness, and behavioral health challenges.



## **INTERFAITH MISSION OF HEALING IN TANZANIA – JOIN US!**

Since 2008, Kafika House has ensured children in Tanzania can access surgery, rehabilitation, and high-love care regardless of their circumstances.

Join founder Sarah Rejman and a panel of guest speakers to hear the success stories behind the work and the impact made possible through partnership.

**FREE EVENT | DELICIOUS TANZANIAN DONUTS, LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES**

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 at  
10:00 with lunch at 11:45

Saint Andrews Lutheran Church  
Bellevue (just off I-90)

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**REGISTER FOR THE EVENT USING THIS QR CODE  
OR BY VISITING <https://pp.events/b6K53Xp6>**



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



The Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC) are the ELCA churches on the eastside. WE have opportunity to share worship, resources, and events – separately and collectively. While we often share collaborative and in Be sure to check out the website [HERE](#).

### An ELCC newsletter is in the works! Sign up to receive the links!

Newsletter opt-in instructions:

1. Go to the [ELCC website](#) and scroll to the bottom of the HOME page
2. View the Newsletter Signup section - add your email and press the SUBSCRIBE link
3. Now go to your email inbox and find the Tithe.ly email asking you to verify your email address, and then you are done!



### Lent Mid-Week Options in the ELCC (Eastside Lutheran Church Community)

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| St. Luke's Lutheran Church<br>Wednesday evenings<br>6:30 PM Soup Supper; 7:00 PM Worship                                           | Holy Trinity Lutheran Church<br>Wednesday Nights:<br>5:45 Soup Supper, 7:00 PM Worship                 |
| Our Savior Lutheran Church, Issaquah<br><i>Wednesday evenings Pizza and Prayer</i><br>6:15 PM Pizza, 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer | Cross of Christ Lutheran Church<br>Wednesdays, 12 Noon<br>Soup lunch and worship                       |
| Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church<br>Tuesdays Lunchtime: 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM<br>Devotions/Music + Bring a sack lunch                   | Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church<br>Wednesdays:<br>6:00 PM Soup Supper<br>7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer |
| Mi Si Lutheran Church<br>Wednesday Night Soup Supper & Worship<br>6:00 PM Soup; 7:00 PM "Bless This Night" vespers                 |                                                                                                        |



## Good Friday Choir

**Friday, April 3**

All singers from the Eastside Lutheran Church Community are invited to sing in worship @ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

8501 SE 40<sup>th</sup> St. Mercer Island

5:45 PM Rehearsal

7 PM Good Friday Worship as ELCC

Contact: [music@htlcmi.org](mailto:music@htlcmi.org) or 206-232-3270



EASTSIDE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH COMMUNITY

## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

**Join us at 7:00 PM**  
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
8501 SE 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Mercer Island

**Participating congregations:**

- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church
- St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
- Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church

## Calendar

### Wednesday, March 11

2:00 PM CARE Team Meeting  
4:00 PM Adult Education Meeting

### Thursday, March 12

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 13

*Office is closed*

### Saturday, March 14

### Sunday, March 15

9:00 AM Education Hour, Pastor Weber  
Sunday School (preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:15 AM KnitWits  
12:30 PM Acolyte Meeting, Virtual

### Monday, March 16

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee  
7:00 PM Discipleship Committee, Virtual

### Tuesday, March 17

*St. Patrick's Day*



8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men  
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study  
11:45 AM Lent Devotions/Sack Lunch  
7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 18

### Thursday, March 19

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 20

### Saturday, March 21

9:00 AM All Church Work Day  
9:00 AM Church Council Retreat

### Sunday, March 22

9:00 AM Adult Education, Kim Hay  
Sunday school, preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
10:00 AM Worship  
2:00 PM Janan Twito Memorial Service

### Monday, March 23

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

### Tuesday, March 24

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men  
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study  
11:45 AM Mid-Week Lent Devotion and lunch  
2:00 PM Sophia Way lunch drop off  
7:00 PM Building and Property Committee  
Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 25

10:30 AM Sophia Way lunch delivery  
7:00 PM JEDI Committee - Virtual

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

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