



March 25, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

March 29: Diane & Andy Hogle, Greeters; Could be YOU, coffee host!

April 5: EASTER! Juliet & Mike Engan and Darcy & Dan Johnson, Greeters

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, March 29 – Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM Adult Education, Sunset Memorial Park
 Sunday school, preschool-5th grade
- 10:00 AM Worship, in-person/livestream

Readings for March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

John 12:12-19

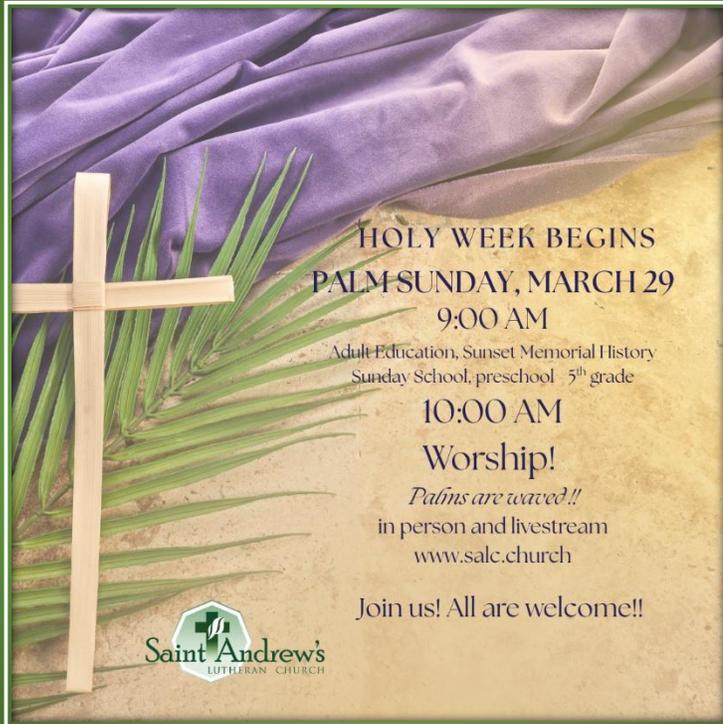
John 12:20-26

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 31st and April 7th.** Bible Study will return on Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00 AM.

“Christ in our Home” devotional books for April, May, June are available in the Narthex!



HOLY WEEK BEGINS
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 9:00 AM
 Adult Education, Sunset Memorial History
 Sunday School, preschool - 5th grade
10:00 AM
Worship!
Palms are waved!!
 in person and livestream
www.salc.church
 Join us! All are welcome!!



MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2, 2026
7:00 PM

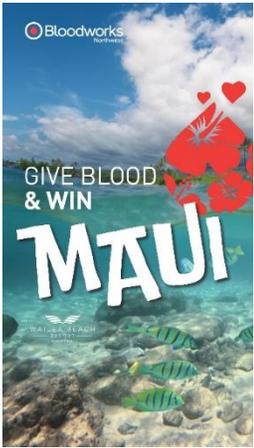



Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
 Join us for joyful worship at
10:00 AM
 in person or livestream
www.salc.church
 Continental breakfast following worship
 All are welcome!



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March Blood Drive!

Are you signed up??? Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for tomorrow, **Thursday, March 26th**. 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 are great 😊



Spring Cleaning!

Thanks to all the handy helpers!! Kurt organized a very Productive work day ! The weather was pleasant, there were donuts ...



Peggy's cleaning the pews!

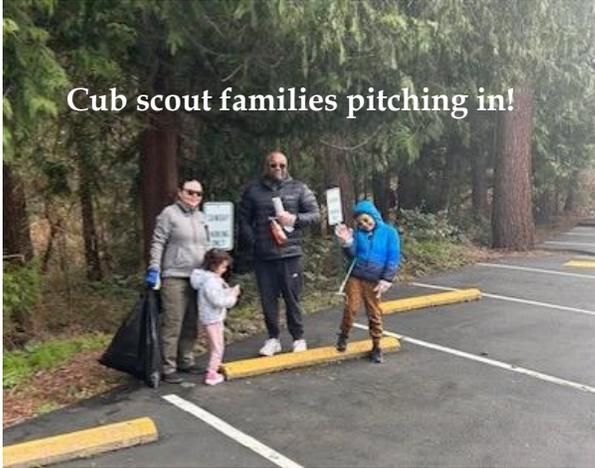


Kurt supervising ...



Howard and Carolynn tackling trash and recycling.





Cub scout families pitching in!

Eric was on ladders all day!



Doug repairing the air hockey table ... and encouraging Joe!





Easter Cross:

Do you love flowers? Do you love seeing our giant floral cross on Easter morning?? Well – putting it together is NOT one of Jesus’ miracles ... it’s a lot of helping hands!! And we need yours !

Saturday, April 4 AT 10:00 AM flowers will be available to cut, put into water stems, and arranged on our cross. We need flower handlers AND a couple of folks who are happy to stand on a ladder and poke them in!

There will be snacks and coffee to keep you going – and the joy of working with others on a very cool project!

Opportunities for You!

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

Here’s a list of opportunities for the next few weeks.

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

Greeter – *Welcome people as they come to Saint Andrew’s for Sunday morning worship.*

Open dates:

April 19

April 26

May 10 (Mother’s Day)

May 17

May 24 (Memorial Day weekend)

May 31



Coffee Hosts – Set up the coffee service and provide treats. People start looking for coffee by 8:40 so this is an 8:15 am start time. Clean up about 11:15, after worship service.

Dates available:

March 29 – THIS WEEK!

April 5 (Easter – no treats needed, just help set up)

April 12

April 19

April 26

May 3



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.

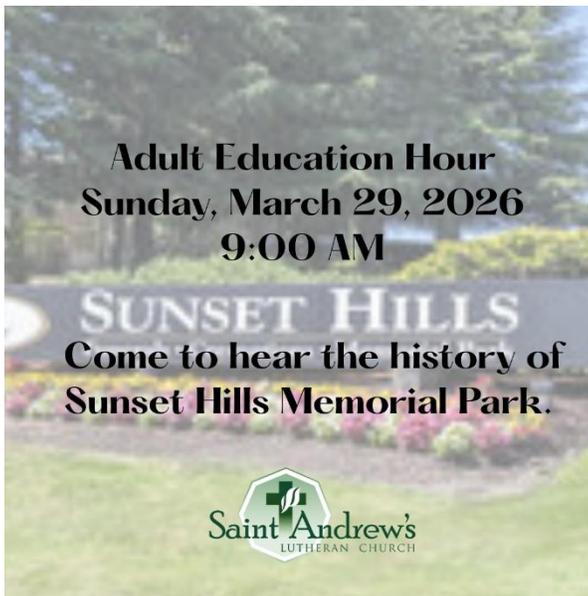
The Health and Wholeness Ministry thanks you for your support!

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 or call her at 425-641-1606.



Adult Education, March 29:

Join us at 9:00 AM as a representative from Sunset Hills Memorial Park gives us insight into the history of this special place that's in our own backyard. You'll be fascinated! There will be coffee!!

Prayer Partner Reveal:

Sunday, April 12th at 9:00 AM all will be revealed ... come and discover who has been praying for you throughout Lent!



\$\$\$ Money Matters:

The SALC budget is not a secret ... and is available to look at anytime in the church office. Look for the "Financial Reports" notebook on the office desk!

SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Notes
 As of February 28, 2026

SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT					
MONTH:				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	64,011	45,750	67,729	18,261	(3,718)
Exp	64,307	64,928	58,005	622	(6,301)
Net	(296)	(19,178)	9,723	18,882	(10,019)
YEAR-TO-DATE				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	150,677	136,000	123,793	14,677	26,884
Exp	132,562	134,360	126,993	1,799	(5,569)
Net	18,115	1,640	(3,200)	16,475	21,315

Our financial results for February were encouraging, with good revenue growth and expense control that resulted in a bottom line that exceeded our budget expectations.

Revenues for the month of February exceeded budget by \$18K. On a YTD basis, revenues are favorable to budget by almost \$15K and favorable to last year's YTD revenue by \$27K.

Expenses are holding very steady, favorable to budget in both February and YTD.

Our "bottom-line" of \$18K is a Net Surplus YTD and is favorable to what we budgeted by \$16K and to last year's YTD results by \$21K. A great start to 2026.

If you would like a more detailed look at our financial results, there is now a binder in the church office containing each monthly Treasurer's Report, plus our 2026 budget. The Treasurer's Report contains an Executive Summary on page 1 with some graphs, a 2 page income statement, the Balance Sheet and a Fund Balance Activity Report.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for the many ways you support the life of the congregation. Your giving directly strengthens our ministries and allows us to plan confidently for the months ahead. If you have questions about the numbers or would like to understand any part of the report in more detail, I am always available to chat.

John Andresen, Treasurer
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 206-349-6521

Youth News:

May Youth Weekend Deadline --- tomorrow!!



The deadline to register for **May Youth Weekend is this week!** To register please return the completed [registration form](#) by March 26!. Payment instructions will be sent upon receipt of the form.

If you have any questions. Please let Doug know as soon as possible (doug@salc.church)



Your Council gathered on Saturday to discuss all the ways Saint Andrew's can welcome and worship together.

(Sorry to Abby and Johannes for cutting you off!!)



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!



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 40th St. Mercer Island

5:45 PM Rehearsal
7 PM Good Friday Worship as ELCC

Contact: music@htlcmi.org or
206-232-3270

Good Friday Worship: This worship service is a collaboration with other congregations in our conference. This year it will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island. We hope you plan to attend.

Singers: If you'd like to be part of the choir that evening, arrive at 5:45 PM to rehearse!

Directions to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

Take I-90 West to Island Crest Way. Take a left at the exit and proceed on Island Crest Way to 40th Street. Take a left onto 40th (there is a dedicated left turn lane.)

Holy Trinity has a lower parking lot at 40th & 85th and an upper lot at 40th & 86th. Parking is also available across the street at Northwood Elementary school or on the surrounding streets.



**EASTSIDE LUTHERAN
CHURCH COMMUNITY**

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Join us at 7:00 PM
at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
8501 SE 40th 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



**ELCC All-Call Stakeholder Meeting
Saturday, April 11th - 10:00am-Noon
St. Luke's Pierson Hall
3030 Bellevue Way, Bellevue, WA 98004**

**Join us at St. Luke's for the next ELCC All-Call Stakeholder meeting.
This is a great opportunity to meet people and to gain insight into what has been accomplished and where we hope to go.
Light refreshments will be provided.
All are welcome, so please join us for a lively discussion about all things ELCC.**

This happy group of folks from around the ELCC met to brainstorm ways we can mission together! Thanks, Jean, for gathering them!!



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National Alliance on Mental Illness

We're hosting an important safeTALK Suicide Prevention Training on Thursday, April 11, and we'd love for you to join us. This in-person, peer-to-peer workshop is designed to increase your confidence in having conversations with someone who may be thinking about suicide and guide them toward lifesaving resources.

Date: Saturday, April 11

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Location: Together Center
- Conference Room
16305 NE 87th Street,
Redmond, WA**

Lunch will be provided



safeTALK: A Suicide Prevention Workshop

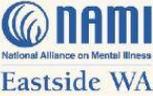
safeTALK April 11

**Together Center Conference Room
16305 NE 87th Street Redmond, WA**



This peer-to-peer training will increase your confidence in having a conversation with someone about suicide, helping to direct them toward lifesaving resources. The training will be facilitated by Joe Stevens, a certified Living Works Suicide Prevention Workshop facilitator. Certified high school students may assist if available.

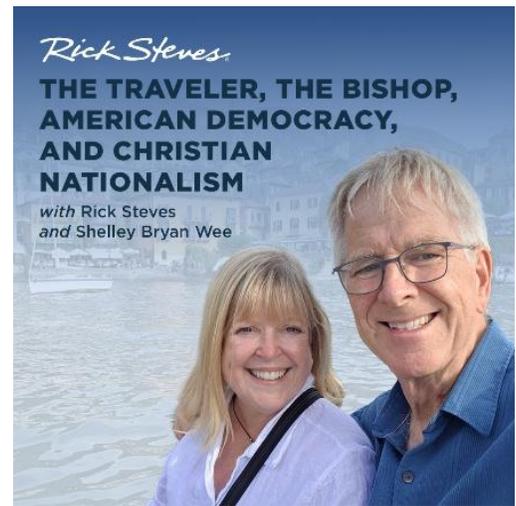
Don't miss this opportunity to help someone struggling! Scan Here → 

  **In Person 10 AM - 3 PM**
Lunch will be provided

The Traveler & the Bishop on American Democracy and Christian Nationalism

Sunday, April 26, 6:00pm at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Seattle (1245 10th Ave. E., Seattle) Free but registration required: [HERE](#)

Join Rick Steves for a European take on Trump and the state of American democracy (basically his "No Kings" rally speech, updated and with an indoor voice). Then, Lutheran Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee (ELCA) will share a hard look (inspired by scripture) at the perversion of Christianity called "Christian Nationalism." Rick's talk will share how history is speaking to us – and how, if we listen, we can better understand and meet the challenges facing democracy in the USA. And, whether you consider yourself a person of faith or not, Bishop Shelley's message will bring a new dimension to your thinking about the place of religion in the political discourse of our country.



The image is a sign-up poster for the Day of Service. It features a central graphic of several hands of different colors (white, black, red) raised against a light background. A red banner across the middle of the hands contains the text "DAY of SERVICE". Below the graphic, the text reads "Sign-Up TODAY!!" in large, bold letters. To the left of this text is the logo for Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church + Preschool. Below the logo is a QR code with the text "Scan the QR Code to sign-up & view all the volunteer opportunities!". At the bottom, the date "Saturday May 2nd" is written in large, bold letters, and the website "www.dayofservice.info" is listed below it.

Day of Service

Each year we bring hundreds of volunteers together to help give back. The Day of Service began in 2012 as a way for Sammamish Hills Lutheran, to volunteer in the local area. It has grown to be a large interfaith and community event we plan to continue annually as a way to lift up those in need. We promise it will be a day that you will remember. Join us! [DAY OF SERVICE!](#)

Calendar

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

9:00 AM Blood Drive
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 30

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ELF planning meeting

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3

Office is closed

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship
At Holy Trinity Lutheran, Mercer Island

Saturday, April 4

10:00 AM Easter Cross Decorating
Easter Set Up

Sunday, April 5

Easter!

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 6

Office is closed -Easter Monday

6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (Virtual)
7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, April 7

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 8

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting (Virtual)
4:00 PM Adult Education Meeting (Virtual)

You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.

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