

The header features a light yellow background with two cartoon bees flying in the upper corners. The word "Trendings" is written in a large, black, serif font. Below the text is a decorative border of various colorful flowers in shades of purple, red, pink, and orange, with green stems and leaves.

# Trendings

April 8, 2026

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

*Prayer of the Week:*

God of peace,

draw near to the frightened, the grieving, the displaced.

Embrace the souls of the lives already taken far too soon by the weapons of war.

Teach us to see one another through Your eyes, to honor the sacred in every soul.

Let our hearts not grow numb to suffering simply because it is not our own.

May we speak peace, pray peace, and make peace – in our homes, in our words, in our world.

Amen.

*The Very Rev. Lydia Kelsey Bucklin*

## Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

April 12: Shirley and Dean Hobson, Greeters;

Jean Wahlstrom and Marv Kananen; Coffee Hosts

April 19: Judy & Howard Johnson, 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, April 12

9:00 AM Adult Education - *Prayer Partner Reveal!*

Sunday School (preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

10:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Joint Confirmation and Youth Group

Reading for April 12

John 20:19-31

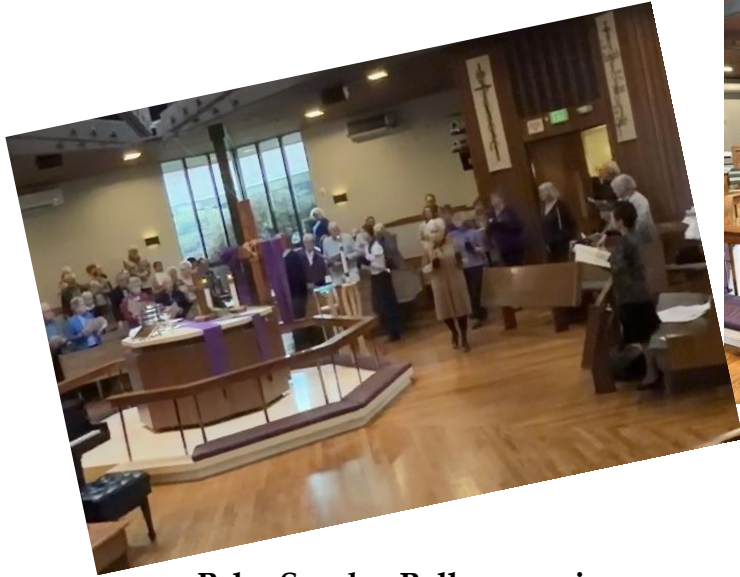
**Tuesday Morning Men:** Every Tuesday at 8:30 AM, this group meets for discussion and prayer via ZOOM.



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

Thank you to everybody that helped spruce up the church for Easter during the March 21 Work Day! Everything looks great! *Kurt*

**Holy Week and Easter!**



**Palm Sunday Bell procession**

**Maundy Thursday - Bell Choir, Stripping of the Altar**



**Good Friday - ELCC combined worship at Holy Trinity, Mercer Island.**



**Our ELCC pastors and combined choir!**



**Easter Prep** – that cross doesn't decorate itself!!  
There are stem trimmers, water vial fillers, flowers-in-water placers, stand-on-the-ladder-decorators! There was a good coffee break (with donuts) to revive them all!!  
Thanks to all the cross decorators!! (AND, thanks to the flower savers!! Bowls of flowers are all over the building!



**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!!** Easter morning was glorious! Thanks to all the musicians – orchestra and singers, worship leaders, Sherry & her coffee team. We had a full house!





Thanks to our audio/video teams!

Choir, pastor, assisting minister – kids leading the sending.



Thanks to Sherry for the beautiful tables and great food choices for coffee hour!



## Prayer Partner Reveal:

Who Was Praying for You during Lent?

Find out during our prayer partner reveal at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 12.

We will share our spiritual experiences and funny stories of connection during this fun Adult Education program.

Even if you didn't participate in the prayer partner event, this morning is a fun fellowship experience.



## Get Ready to celebrate!!

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church turns **70** in May!!

Mark your calendars for a two-part celebration on May 24 and May 31. We will be sharing memories and church history. Start thinking of your personal experiences to share. *Volunteers needed!*

Sign up with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

## DID YOU KNOW:

You can access our livestream, bulletins, worship texts and Trendings on our APP? **Download it here** or find it at the bottom of our website home page! It's easy!!



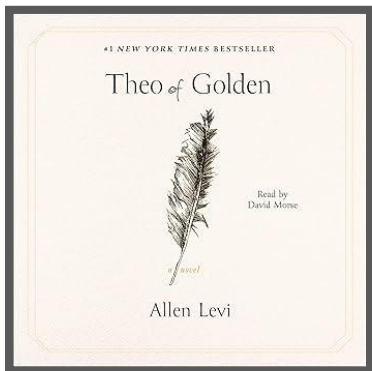
## OWLS Returns in April Share Your SALC Memories at OWLS, Tuesday, April 21.



Worship at the NEW Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Bring your fun stories and memories about Saint Andrew's to *the Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints* luncheon on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our church will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 24 and 31. We want to know things you remember, cherish and love about SALC. OWLS gather at **11:45 AM** for a potluck lunch. We dine at noon and will start the memory fun after we eat. If possible, please pitch in with a dish to share. *Remember, you don't have to be older or wiser to participate.* Questions? Call Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-233-2346 or 425-746-2529 or email her at [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church).

## Women's Book Study Book Selection



Our book for Spring sessions starting **April 15th** will be *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. We meet on **Wednesdays at 10:00 am promptly and end at 11:30 am on time**. We will discuss the book and the implications for our lives as Christians, as we meet together in the church library and on Zoom. We pray together, and we respect each other's opinions and confidentiality. Join us for encouragement, thought-provoking questions, and lots of laughter. Email Cheryl ([cheryljurrus74@gmail.com](mailto:cheryljurrus74@gmail.com)) to get the reading/discussion schedule for our six sessions from April 15th to May 20th.

*Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi 384 pp.

### THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING PHENONEMON

"His name is Theo. And he asks a lot more questions than he answers."

Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their "rightful owners." With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.

*"A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another." (Amazon)*

## Youth News:

**April 12 ~ 4:00 PM:** Joint Confirmation Class (Faith & Family Center) **and** Youth Group (Youth Couches room) !! Let's come together to learn, share about spring break adventures and eat!

**April 19:** Outdoor Community Game Night - this'll be fun! At Robinswood Park! Bring a friend or 2 - all ages!!

**OUTDOOR COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT**

PRESENTED BY ELF

GOOD FOOD, GREAT GAMES,  
BEST MEMORIES

FREE FOR ALL!

**APRIL 19**  
**5 PM - 7 PM**

**ROBINSWOOD PARK, BELLEVUE**  
**BYO PICNIC AND OUTDOOR GAMES TO SHARE**

[www.elfpnw.org](http://www.elfpnw.org)  
[elfpnw@gmail.com](mailto:elfpnw@gmail.com)

Hopelink is anticipating their End Summer Hunger program. They have asked us to help them stock up on foods that are kid friendly and will provide these children with adequate nutrition when they are not getting fed at school. They would like us to collect packages of single serving foods and snacks.

For April we will be collecting these items: (packages of individual servings)

- Granola bars
- Fruit snacks
- Cereal/oatmeal cups
- Fruit cups
- Jello/pudding cups
- Small bags of: trail mix, chips, pretzels, Chex mix, cookies, popcorn
- Microwaveable Mac & Cheese
- Microwaveable Chef Boyardee





### **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**

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

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

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



## **Health & Wholeness Spring Health Kits!**

Health and Wholeness is collecting for our spring LWR drive and we could use your help with donations. *We plan to assemble health kits on April 27 at 10:00 AM*, which are then sent around the world to those in need. We need:

- **Bath towels:** lightweight, **dark colors**, size 20" x 40" to 52" x 27"
- **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 Lutheran World Relief.

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.



NW Washington Synod Gathering

### Life in God's Garden: Seeds of Generosity

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm



Worship  
Workshops

Rev. Tim Brown, Keynote

Lunch included  
\$40/person

at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood  
& Lynnwood Neighborhood Center

[lutheransnw.org/events](http://lutheransnw.org/events)

**SYNOD GATHERING IN MAY:** Please join us for this full day to celebrate, learn, and connect around the theme of generosity. This is generosity rooted in God's abundant love for creation. Generosity of time, space, talents, and money. Generosity of our hearts.

We will be gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood AND the new Lynnwood Neighborhood Center. We will center our time in worship at 9am with song, communion, preaching by Bishop Shelley, and gratitude and blessing for our Synod VP Kay Edgerton who will be concluding her term this summer.

We will welcome our keynote presenter, **Rev. Tim Brown**, ELCA director for congregational stewardship. Following lunch, there will be 2 afternoon workshop times - with a total of 22 options from local leaders! As we prepare to close the day, we will re-gather for a sending service -

including time to install our newly elected synod council officers and members.

Are you interested in attending? Check out the workshops for this event [HERE](#), and let Pastor Lara know. She will register our participants as a group.

## 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!

A promotional flyer for an ELCC All-Call Stakeholder Meeting. The flyer has a blue background with a field of pink and white flowers at the bottom. At the top left is the ELCC logo. The text is centered and reads: "ELCC All-Call Stakeholder Meeting Saturday, April 11th - 10:00am-Noon St. Luke's Pierson Hall 3030 Bellevue Way, Bellevue, WA 98004". Below this, it says: "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."/>

 EASTSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY

**ELCC All-Call Stakeholder Meeting**  
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**St. Luke's Pierson Hall**  
**3030 Bellevue Way, Bellevue, WA 98004**

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# **NAMI** Eastside WA

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**

**DAY of SERVICE**

**Sign-Up TODAY!!**

**Saturday  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

[www.dayofservice.info](http://www.dayofservice.info)

Scan the QR Code to sign-up & view all the volunteer opportunities!

Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church + Preschool

### 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!](#)

The **Women of the ELCA (WELCA)** at Cross of Christ in Bellevue are having a luncheon on Saturday, **April 18, at 11am** in the Fellowship Hall.

The guest speaker will be Liv Larson Andrews, pastor, writer, and artist from Spokane, who is the Director for Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Intermountain Synod (ELCA.) A free will offering will be collected to benefit Kinderling Center and The Circler (after expenses).

Tickets are free but necessary to have an accurate head count. Those interested or with questions should contact Liz Clark: [walizrdh@hotmail.com](mailto:walizrdh@hotmail.com) or 425 746-6278.

## Calendar

### Wednesday, April 8

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

### Thursday, April 9

### Friday, April 10

*Office Closed*

### Saturday, April 11

10:00 AM ELCC meeting (St. Lukes)

### Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM Adult Education  
Sunday School (preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
10:00 AM Worship  
4:00 PM Joint Confirmation  
Youth Group

### Monday, April 13

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Congregation Council Meeting (virtual)

### Tuesday, April 14

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men  
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle  
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 15

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

### Thursday, April 16

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, April 17

### Saturday, April 18

### Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM Adult Education  
Sunday School (preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Knit Wits

### Monday, April 20

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, April 21

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men  
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study  
11:45 AM OWLS

### Wednesday, April 22

10:00 AM Women's Book Group  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

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

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