

The header features a light yellow background with a decorative border at the bottom consisting of various colorful flowers (purple, red, pink, orange) and green leaves. Two cartoon bees with blue wings and yellow bodies are flying across the top, one on the left and one on the right, leaving dotted lines behind them. The word "Trendings" is written in a large, black, serif font, centered in the upper half of the page.

Trendings

April 22, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

God of truth and tenderness, in a time of loud voices and
hardened hearts, you call us again to listen,
not only for your Word, but for the cries of our neighbors.

Where fear is being used as power, plant courage.

Where truth is bent or buried, raise up clarity.

Where communities are divided, make us bridge-builders.

Give us the wisdom to act with justice, the patience to lead
with compassion, and the faith to keep showing up
even when the work feels heavy.

Root us in your love that casts out fear, and send us into the world
as signs of hope, bearers of mercy, and companions in healing.

In your holy name,

Amen.

The Deaconess Community

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

April 26: Gunter & Katrin Bonnofsky, Greeters; Mark Davis, 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 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 26

9:00 AM Adult Education - *Imagine Housing*
Sunday School (preschool - 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Readings for April 26

Acts 16:16-34 and Luke 6:17-23

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. **Our last session for the program year is May 19th.**

Get Ready to celebrate!! Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church turns 70 in May!!



Mark your calendars for a two Sunday 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! 70th Anniversary Photo Quest**

Help us pick the photos for our 70th Anniversary Celebration. Volunteers needed for this fun project of going through our photo collection.

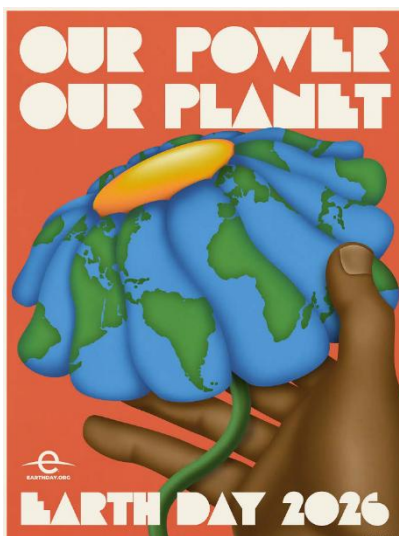
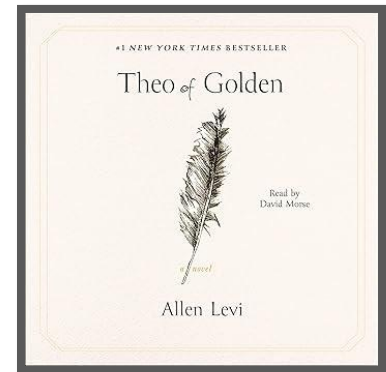
1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6

1 p.m. Tuesday, May 12

Limited space so please reserve your spot. Call or email Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland~ 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Women's Book Study Book Selection

Our book for the Spring session is *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) to get the reading/discussion schedule for our six sessions continue to May 20th.



Today is Earth Day! Established in 1970, this 'educational holiday' has led to legislation that created the Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the National Environmental Education Act.

The artwork, by Miles Wintner, depicts the earth as a flower held by human hands. "The world is in our hands. It always has been."

What can you do on Earth day?? Plant a tree or flowers or a kitchen garden. Walk outside! Recycle, reuse and reduce pollutants that harm the Earth and us.

Happy Earth Day!



Imagine Housing
building eastside communities

Adult Education
Sunday, April 26
9:00 AM

We welcome Emily Goodright
Interim Director of Resident Services
Imagine Housing

**She will update us on what's happening with
our project and others in the area!**

Join us!





The Sophia Way™
Assisting Women from Homelessness to Independence

**Mark your May Calendars for these
upcoming events for The Sophia Way!**

Bingo Night! On Friday, May 8th, bring family and friends to the Redmond Community Center for fun with BINGO! Enjoy amazing fun, food, and prizes, for adults and children! Every dollar raised gives women a safe night in a shelter.

Summer Brunch! Our semi-annual brunch is a special event for the women for connection, community, pampering and shopping! It will be held on Sunday, May 31st, 11AM-2PM at Salt House Church in Bellevue. It is actually a very wonderful event!

As always, Saint Andrew's members donate lunch to the ladies at Sophia's Place in Bellevue, the 4th Wednesday of every other month. Our next lunch will be for May 27th, with collection on Tuesday, **May 26th**. If you are interested in contributing to the lunch meal or to the pantry, please contact Joyce Arnold.

THANK YOU to all who helped with our March lunch: *Terri Anderson, Sandy Andresen, Jay Baxter, Katrin Bonnofsky, Susie Carney, Beth Donahoe, JoAn Eklof, Janell Erickson,Carolynn Ferris, Linda Gilham, Teresa Lutterman, Gerdy Mende, Linda Quinn, Jean Wahlstrom, Linda Willenberg, and especially, Karen Getzinger, who contributed three homemade lasagnas!****
****(Karen belongs to a very worthwhile charitable organization called Lasagna Love. Look it up!)*

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



Please register to attend ASAP!

This is the SALC "Day of Service" event !!

Invite your friends and neighbors

**KAFIKA HOUSE**
Transforming childhood



**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 2nd 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" 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 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 or call her at 425-641-1606.



The KidVantage High 5 Diaper Drive (formerly known as the Diaper Derby) goes until May 22. The **HIGH 5 Diaper Drive** focuses on the diaper sizes in high demand for the community - **sizes 4-7**. Please bring in your diaper

packages and leave at *the Corner of Blessing* with the Hopelink donations. Your contribution is always appreciated! Any questions can be directed to Liz Rudolph at 206-909-9426.

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

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 welcome our keynote presenter, **Rev. Tim Brown**, ELCA director for congregational stewardship. Following lunch, there will be two afternoon workshop times - with a total of 22 options from local leaders - such as: *"Gather-Transform-Send: Rooting, Growing, and Bearing Fruit"*; *"Greening Our Churches: Energy & Water Usage"*; *"Rooted in Faith: Advocacy as a Spiritual Practice"*; *"The Society We Want: Where Everyone Belongs and Everyone Can Thrive"*; *"The Trust Triangle: Tending the Soil of Congregational Trust"*; *"Neurodiversity Training and Inclusion"*. Check out

all the workshop offerings for this event [HERE](#) and **let Pastor Lara know by May 7th that you are IN!** (She will be registering the group).



From the Bishop:

May 2026

I am so glad that the cherry trees and magnolia trees and dogwoods are blooming. I am ecstatic to see daffodils and tulips ... and to trust that the azaleas and rhododendrons are on the way. I can almost taste local strawberries ... ones with real flavor. And the promise of juicy tomatoes is getting closer. I can feel the dirt under my fingernails as I begin to plant in my small yard and garden. There is something both ancient and new, hopeful and earthy about planting a garden.

If you think about it, one of the first images we have in scripture is of a garden. God created humans and put them in a garden. And at the very end of the Bible, in Revelation 22, we hear a description of another beautiful garden – this one with a river flowing on and on, and the tree of life on either side, bearing fruit and offering healing for all nations. It is in our bones, our hearts, our souls to be in a garden – to be grounded in abundance. To be planted by the river of the water of life, flowing from the throne of God.

Still, we might look at our communities and this world and think, “There isn’t enough. There isn’t enough care. There is a lack of justice and empathy and hope.” We might look at our congregation and lament, “There aren’t enough resources. We have so little. What can we possibly do?” We might look at our own lives and wonder if we can make any difference at all.

But while we are holding to what little we think we have, God is busy growing and creating, bringing new life from what seemed dormant. Scripture reminds us again and again that we are planted in God’s abundant garden, even when we forget it. God provides water when we feel parched. God feeds us when we are hungry. God is ripening tomatoes right before our eyes – even as we complain about the pale and tasteless ones from the grocery store.

What a gift and promise this is – from the beginning of creation to today and into God’s future: God provides. Even when we doubt. Even when we hoard. Even when we grasp for more. God still provides. God provided clothing in the garden, manna in the desert, water from a rock, oil that didn’t run out. Jesus fed 5000, and Jesus appeared to Mary in a garden. What a generous and extravagant God.

We are truly planted in God’s abundance.

And with that promise, I invite you to come to the synod gathering on May 30 for Life in God’s Garden: Seeds of Generosity. (Learn more and get registered here: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/synod-gathering/2026-05-30>) It will be a day of learning, community, encouragement, and imagining together how we live generously for the sake of the world. For we trust that through the Spirit, God plants. God waters. God brings life. And by grace, we get to be a part of it – as people rooted in God’s garden.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org

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!

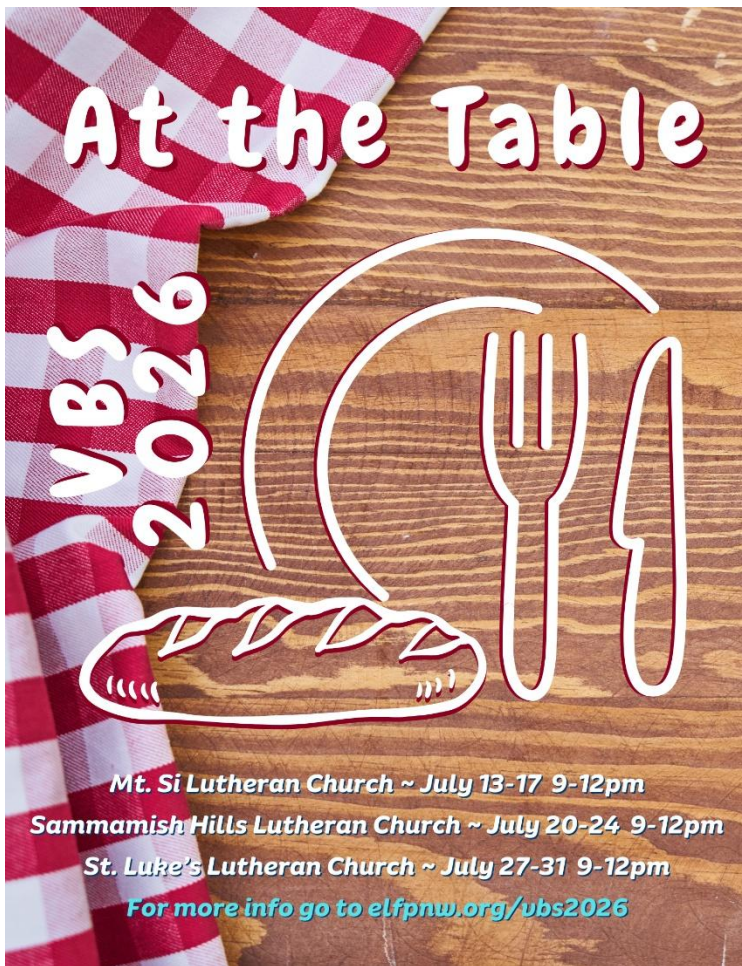
May 2nd is the Eastside Day of Service! SALC is supporting our Kaifika House event, but other opportunities are also available. Check out the information and link for all the options.

A promotional poster for the Day of Service. The top half features a graphic of several hands of different colors (white, black, red) raised against a light background. A red banner across the middle of the hands says "DAY of SERVICE" in white text. Below the graphic, the text "Sign-Up TODAY!!" is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath that, "Saturday May 2nd" is written in a similar bold font. At the bottom, the website "www.dayofservice.info" is listed. On the left side of the poster, there is a QR code and the text "Scan the QR Code to sign-up & view all the volunteer opportunities!". The logo for Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church & Preschool is in the bottom left corner.

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.

Find out more [HERE](#).

Vacation Bible School:



There are three opportunities and locations for your children to attend Vacation Bible School offered up by the ELCC/ELF group.

The program is the same at each one, fees are different. Pick the best date and location for your family (and friends) and sign up to attend!

Mt. Si in North Bend - July 13-17, 9 AM -12 PM.

Here is the link for Mt Si: [FREE VBS: At the table | Eastside Lutheran Fe](#)

Details: Come and gather "At the Table" as we explore five Biblical stories centered on storytelling, bread and God's Word. Learn more about what it means to be a share a meal with a neighbor, make crafts, bake bread, and more!

This is a FREE VBS for ages K-6th grade.

Sammamish Hills - July 20-24, 9 AM -12 PM

Here is the link for Samm Hills: [VBS: At the Table | Eastside Lutheran Fe](#)

Cost: Early bird (by June 21) \$45 per child (if 3+ children from same family \$125 total)

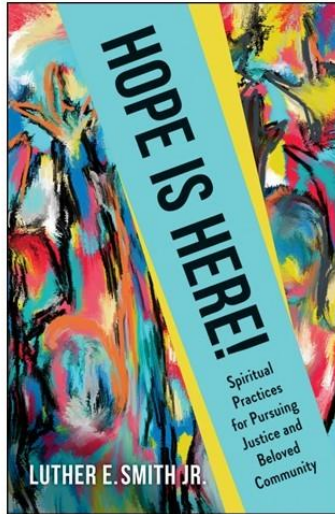
After June 21nd - \$55 per child (if 3+ children from same household \$155 total)

Medical release and payment details info can be found in the registration link.

St. Luke's, Bellevue - July 27-31; 9 AM- 12 PM: Here is the link for registration: [VBS: At the Table | Eastside Lutheran Fe](#) A suggested donation of \$20 per participant with a max donation of \$40 per household is appreciated, but no child will be turned away.

Gather-King County Spring Book Study

Young Adults (18-35)



Meeting 1
First Half of Book
(Thursday, May 14th at 7pm
refreshments provided)

Meeting 2
Second Half of Book
(Sunday, May 31st at 1PM
refreshments provided)

Join Gather-King County this spring for a book study on

Hope is Here! by Luther E. Smith Jr.

Book study will take place during the month of May.
Meetings will be hybrid (in-person and online)

In-person will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Fellowship and Discussion will be led by Julia Glassy, the
Director of Faith Formation at Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church - Mercer Island.

Hard copies have been purchased and will be shared
when they arrive. I also encourage you to get the
audiobook version from your library or another source.

Pickup a hard copy of the book starting the week of April 27th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
(8501 SE 40th St Mercer Island, WA 98040). Email Julia at Julia.glassy@htlcmi.org to reserve your
book today!

MAY

03rd SUNDAY
at 4 p.m.

SEASON FINALE CONCERT

Joseph Adam, organ
Celebrating fifteen years of the Wech Organ



With the tenth anniversary of the **Robert Wech Opus 10 organ** at Queen Anne Lutheran Church missed due to the pandemic, the season finale concert celebrates fifteen years of the instrument—one of only two full-sized examples in the United States by the German organ builder.

Joseph Adam has been Cathedral Organist at Seattle's St. James Cathedral since 1993 and Director of Music since 2018. As Resident Organist at Benaroya Hall, he performs regularly with the Seattle Symphony. He received First Prize at the 1991 St. Albans International Organ Competition, the most recent American to take top honors in this prestigious competition. He was one of three organists invited to perform on the new Rosales/Glatzer-Götz organ at Disney Hall in Los Angeles as part of the 2004 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists, and his performance was featured on the nationally-syndicated radio program *Pipe Dreams*. Dr. Adam received undergraduate and graduate degrees in piano from the University of Iowa before beginning doctoral studies in organ at the Eastman School of Music, which awarded him the Performer's Certificate in Organ, with further organ study at the University of Washington.

Suggested donation: \$20 (or as you can)



2400 8th Ave W (at McGraw St), Seattle, WA 98119 | 206.284.1960
arts@queenannelutheran.org | Street parking available

Calendar

Wednesday, April 22

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

Thursday, April 23

10:00 AM Grace Book Group

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 24

Office is closed

Saturday, April 25

1:00 PM Dave Marcrander Memorial Service

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM Adult Education

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 27

10:00 AM Packing LWR kits

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM ELF Planning Meeting

7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

7:00 PM Building and Property Committee

Wednesday, April 29

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

Thursday, April 30

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 1

Office is closed

Saturday, May 2

Day of Service

10:00 AM Kafika House event

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM Adult Education

Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 4

10:00 AM Health and Wholeness Committee

1:00 PM Staff

6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

9:30 AM Dorcas Circle

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.

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