

Trendings



April 29, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

God,

In the middle of what we can't control,
steady our hearts.

When anxiety rises and chaos gets loud,
make us a calm, grounded presence –
not because life is easy,
but because You are near.

Teach us to release what we're gripping,
trust what we can't yet see,
and carry Your peace into every room we enter.

You never rushed.
You never panicked.
Even in the storm, You spoke peace.

Speak that peace into us now –
and through us.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Pastor Ron Strobel

Annual reports are on the way ... are you a committee chair or program chair with great news to report for June 2025-June 2026? Get all that good news to Kathy by May 11th! Pictures, too, if you have some !

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

May 3: Mikel Oswalt and Joe Banuelos, Greeters; Karen Getzinger, Coffee host

May 10: Could be YOU! Greeting and providing Coffee

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, May 3rd

9:00 AM Adult Education, Safe Haven
Sunday School (preschool - 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Readings for May 3

Acts 17:16-31 and John 1:14-18

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.**

Remember that time ... you needed a key fob to get into Saint Andrew's for an event you were setting up for? Did you return it? Is it in a drawer at home? Or in the car? Or the bottom of your purse? We'd sure love to have it back!! If you have a key fob, please return to Kathy or Kurt ASAP! Thanks!



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.

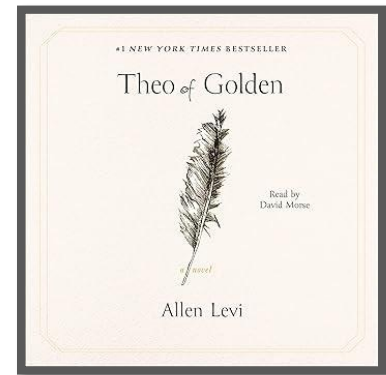
1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6

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.



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.

Adult Education in May:

Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

May 3: We will be hosting guest speakers from Safe Haven, a consortium of non-profits on the east side serving the immigrant community. Their work is even more important now as they work to support people living in fear due to the treatment of people of color, regardless of status. Come find out what is happening in our community and how you can help serve people in need. This session will not be recorded to protect the identity of our presenters.

May 10: May 10's forum will review what the **ELCA Social Statement, *Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All***, has to say about the relationship between Church and State. It will draw on articles from Sections III-V. This social statement can be found [here](#). Copies are also available in the church office.

May 17: We will have an update on the programs and progress of Porchlight.

May 24: Happy Anniversary Saint Andrew's pt.1 – This week we walk down memory-lane in photos and stories! Plan to come and see where we've been in 70 years.

May 31: Happy Anniversary Saint Andrew's pt. 2 - This week we rejoice in where we've been and look forward to where we are going! There will be cake!!



Knit Wits:

The busy knitters/crocheters have created so many things!! There are 30 baby beanies, 10 pocket prayer shawls, 3 wash cloths, 20 hats, 6 burp cloths, 4 scarves, 14 chemo caps, and a baby blanket. Thank you all for these.

The photo on the right shows 55 baby beanies that were sent to support "Juan the Yarn" addict's drive.

Youth News:



Sunday, May 10: Joint Confirmation – 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Youth Group meets too! 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



ELCA Youth Gathering Interest Meetings

Parents and youth that will be in high school during the 2026-2027 school year are invited to attend one of two interest meetings in May. These meetings are a great place to learn about what the Gathering is and what you need to do to get ready. This meeting will be open to all churches in the ELF group. You do not need to commit to attend the Gathering to attend this interest meeting.

- Interest Meetings
- 5/27 and 5/30, both at 7pm and both over Zoom.

Click on [this link to sign-up](#) and get more info.

Questions, contact Doug Johnson, doug@salc.church.

Well Done Good and Faithful servants:

Proving 'many hands make light work, 15 quilts were blessed in worship and boxed up for Lutheran World Relief! PLUS this happy crew assembled Care Kits, and got them ready to send as well! Thanks to all who helped pack LWR Health Kits on Monday! Art Gurtel, Linda Quinn, Pat Chinn, Allen Bolen, April Daniel, and Mikel Oswald. We couldn't have done it without you. We packed 107 kits, which will be sent around the world to those in need.
Terri Anderson



Treasurer'\$ Notes

As of March 31, 2026

SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT					
MONTH:				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	62,069	57,750	66,324	4,319	(4,255)
Exp	70,510	67,672	63,455	(2,838)	(7,054)
Net	(8,441)	(9,922)	2,869	1,482	(11,309)
YEAR-TO-DATE				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	212,746	193,750	190,117	18,996	22,629
Exp	203,071	202,033	190,448	(1,039)	(12,623)
Net	9,674	(8,283)	(331)	17,957	10,006

Our financial results for March were respectable, with a Net Surplus favorable to budget by \$1,482.

Revenues for the month of March exceeded budget by \$4K. On a YTD basis, revenues are favorable to budget by almost \$19K and favorable to last year's YTD revenue by \$23K.

Expenses were unfavorable to budget by \$2,838 for the month and \$1,039 on a YTD basis.

Our "bottom-line" of \$9,674 is a Net Surplus YTD and is favorable to what we budgeted by \$18K and to last year's YTD results by \$10K. A very nice three months.

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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Corner of Blessing Collection for May KidVantage Diaper Drive



For the month of May, we will collect diapers for KidVantage.

This year, Saint Andrew's Lutheran is once again participating in the KidVantage drive to collect diapers – one of the most needed items for the people they support. It is a little different this year and is called the High 5 Diaper Drive.

This year we will be collecting the **larger sizes (Size 4 to 7) diapers**. These are the sizes that KidVantage (and their clients really need. They have more than enough of the smaller sizes, but they have a great need for sizes 4 to 7.

So, throughout the month of May, bring packages of **size 4, 5, 6 or 7** diapers to the **Corner of Blessing**.

As in the past, this is a competition between participating organizations. We are sure that Saint Andrew's will do well. But the real goal is to help KidVantage reach their goal of collecting 150,000 diapers so that every child has a better and healthier start at life.

Let's help our struggling young families to not have to choose between feeding the family or buying diapers! For more information, contact Liz Rudolph.



Please register to attend ASAP!
This is the SALC “Day of Service” event !!
Invite your friends and neighbors



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>**



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).

Thursday, May 28th : Our next blood drive is on the horizon! This time the **Bloodmobile** will be our parking lot ... which means a few less spots available. Use the QR code to schedule your appointment! They are currently in critical need of O positive. **Bonus - you are entered to win a trip for two to Oahu! Come with a friend - you'll get cookies!**

BLOOD DRIVE



Drop a pint - get a cookie!!
Use the QR Code to sign up!

**28
MAY
2026**

THURSDAY
09:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church
2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA

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](#).

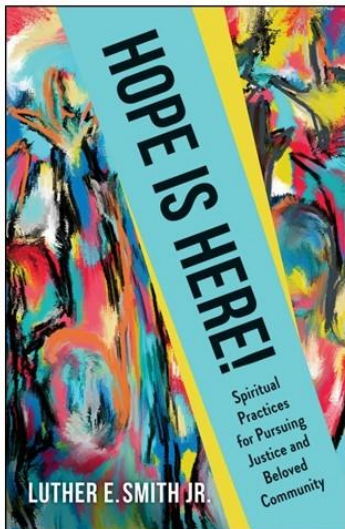
An ELCC newsletter is in the works! Sign up to receive the links!

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!

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)

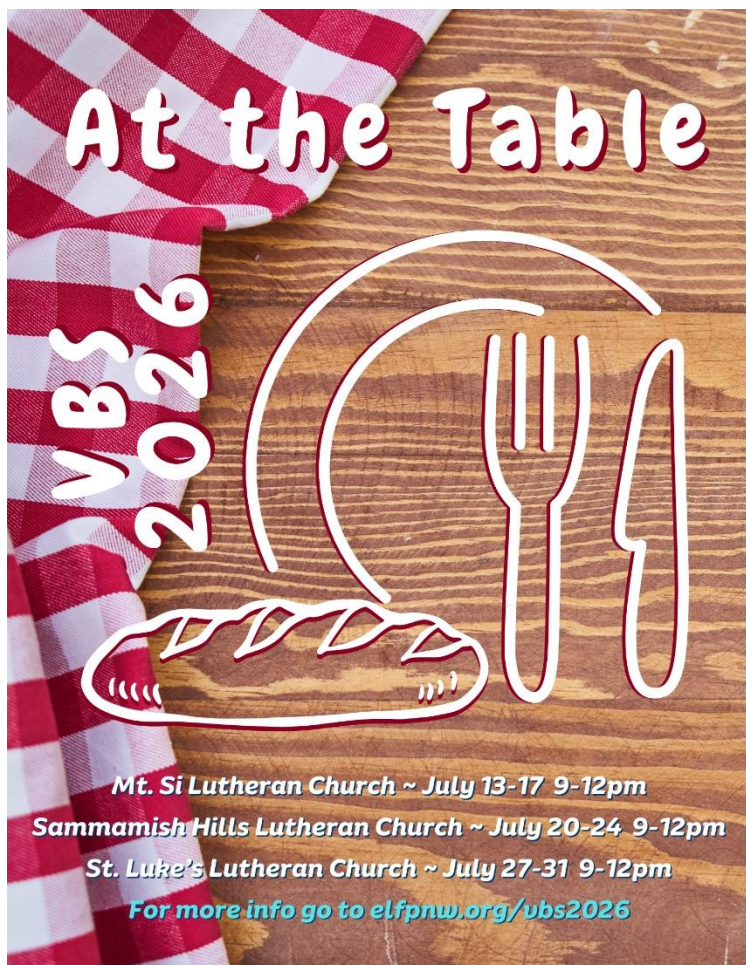
In-person will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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!

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.

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)



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Fundraiser for
RIHALO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN BURKINA FASO
at Our Savior Lutheran Church

PRAISE
And
WORSHIP

A partnership between
New Creation Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Saturday, May 23, 7-9 PM

Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St. S, Issaquah WA 98027
425-392-4169, www.oslcissaquah.org

Calendar

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

Thursday, May 7

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8

Office is closed.

3:00 PM Allene Boney Memorial service

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day

9:00 AM Education Hour

Sunday School, (preschool – 5th grade)

10:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Joint Confirmation

Youth Group

Monday, May 11

1:00 PM Staff

7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 12

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 AM Women's Book Group

12:00 PM ELCC Pastor's Meeting

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting

4:00 PM Adult Education Meeting

You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.

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SALC Family Social Media Accounts:



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