



Trendings

July 1, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Source: The Book of Common Prayer

Reminder: Worship on Sunday is at 5:00 PM!

There is NO 10:00 AM Worship Service!!

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

July 5 (5:00 PM Service) Judy and Howard Johnson, Greeters

July 12: Eva Mader and Gene Rowland, Greeters; Johannes Grad, 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.

*The office will be CLOSED Thursday, July 2nd for
the Fourth of July holiday.*

Reminder: the office is closed every Friday!

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.

July 5 – 5:00 PM Worship!!

Worship Texts for July 5th

5:00 PM SERVICE!!

Zechariah 9:9-12 and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

The “Christ in our Home” devotionals for *July, August and September* are available in the Narthex. The Large Print version got lost – but they have been re-ordered and will be here next week!

Summer Evening Worship:



Our first SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP will be July 5th!!

There will be NO 10:00 AM WORSHIP JULY 5th!!

Because of the long summer daylight hours in this part of the world, this will still be a safe driving time to and from church for you.

The order of worship will remain the same, with hymns, liturgy, sermon, and Holy Communion.

We are excited to do this, and we look forward to hearing your feedback at the end of the summer after we've had a chance to try this out.

Calendar note: The ELCC Worship in the Park will be **August 16, 2026** at **10:00 AM** at Ebright Park in Sammamish Hills - 1317 212th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98075. **There will be NO worship service onsite at SALC that day! See you at the park!**

Youth and Family News:

VBS Snack Donations

Sammamish Hills, Saint Andrew's, Mt. Si, and St. Luke's are collecting food donations for snacks for VBS. Each congregation has a list of food items to collect which will be shared among the three weeks of VBS. Saint Andrew's has been tasked to collect:

- **8 boxes of 12ct. Mandarin Orange Fruit Cups**
- **2 boxes of Family Size, GM Cheerios, 18oz boxes**
- **3 bags of Family Size, Plain M&Ms, 18oz bags**
- **2 boxes - Large Goldfish Crackers - 27oz**

Please sign-up for any donation items you want to purchase. **Please bring all donations to Saint Andrew's by this Sunday, July 5th.** There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board, or you can contact Doug Johnson at doug@salc.church with your donation.

Lantern Hill Mission Trip:



The Lantern Hill Mission Team, Becca Piel, Jean Wahlstrom, Doug Johnson, Lucas Knapp (Sammamish Hills), Pastor Krista Johnson (Mt. Si), Erica Haycox (Mt. Si), and Declan Haycox (Mt. Si) traveled safely to Ensenada and really dug unto their projects!! They return July 2nd and will have stories to share. You can find more pictures on the SALC Families Facebook page!



Did you know....you can SPONSOR a student at Lantern Hill for \$35 a month! Your sponsorship helps to provide meals, uniforms, teacher salaries. [Check this link](#) to read more about it and read student bios!!

Health and Wholeness:

There is a critical need for blood – and that doesn't take a vacation. Please use the QR code and sign up for the July 23rd opportunity to save lives!

The Bloodmobile will be in our parking lot (it's got A/C, it's cozy and it gets the job done! AND, you get snacks when you're done) **Our goal is to have 20+ participants!!**

How can YOU help? Sign up! Share the QR Code with friends and family! Every donation makes a difference.



STAYING SAFE THIS SUMMER: COMMON RISKS AND PREVENTION TIPS

SUNBURN:

- Use sunscreen with at least 30 SPF (sun protection factor)
- Apply every 2 hours especially with water activities
- Use hats, umbrellas and protective clothing when outdoors
- Remember excessive UV rays contribute to skin cancers

DEHYDRATION:

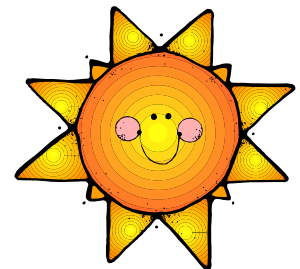
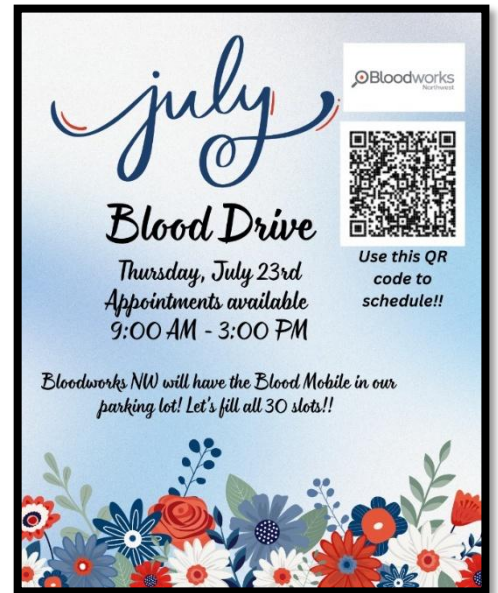
- Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!
- Seattleites at greater risk as many homes and businesses lack AC
- Drink fluids and consume foods high in water content
- Spend time in air conditioned spaces when able
- Vulnerable populations include children, seniors, and those with chronic illnesses

HEAT EXHAUSTION:

- Occurs when body loses excessive amounts of water and salt through sweating and exercising in warm temperatures
- Symptoms include weakness, dizziness, nausea and headache
- If left untreated can progress to Heat Stroke, which is a medical emergency. Seek medical attention asap.
- Preventative measures: adequate hydration, consuming hydrating foods, limiting outdoor activities, stay inside when possible.

WILD FIRE SMOKE:

- Monitor AQI (Air Quality Index) by checking weather reports or [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov). If greater than 150 stay indoors, or wear N95 mask when outdoors. Move to air conditioned space if necessary
- Vulnerable populations include those under 18 and over 65, have heart and lung conditions or are pregnant



Corner of Blessing Collection for July

Hopelink has asked us to collect **cereal** for July. With kids out of school, their customers are looking for this and cereal is not often donated. When they purchase cereal, they don't get much variety. So, they really appreciate it when we collect cereal.

So, for July we will be collecting:

- Boxes of Cold cereal*
- Oatmeal regular (~18 ounce)
 - or instant (6 - 10 count)



*(Note: Costco packaging with two boxes taped/glued together that can be separated into two boxes are OK, but NOT the single box with two bags inside. They can't be separated in their market.)



Wanna make Tamales for our Community? We need 8-10 volunteers to join us at the church **Saturday, July 11 at 10 AM** to make and package tamales for our Latin American neighbors in need. All the supplies plus a culinary expert will be on hand. No experience necessary. Contact Beth Donahoe (Beth.donahoe@comcast.net.) to sign up or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



The Sophia Way has a "Black Hair Care" drive happening NOW! You can order directly from their [Amazon wish list](#), or drop off items at the Belden Café on Main Street in Bellevue.

3RD ANNUAL

BLACK Hair Care DRIVE

HONORING CULTURE. SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

BOON BOONA COFFEE - RENTON

728 S 960 ST, RENTON, WA 98057

BOON BOONA COFFEE - CAPITOL HILL

1223 E CHERRY ST STE. C102B, SEATTLE, WA 98122

BOON BOONA COFFEE - UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

4526 UNIVERSITY WAY NE, SEATTLE, WA 98105

BELDEN CAFE - BELLEVUE

10527 MAIN ST, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

We are Hosting Porchlight in August!

Porchlight Rotating Shelter will be coming to Saint Andrew's for the month of August 2026. We are able to host the men thanks to our new insurance and hard work by John Nelson to make it happen. There will be more details to come, but we know there are presently 22 men who will be staying at our church from 6:00 pm to 7:30 am. They are all clean and sober and have passed background checks. Many of them have jobs and they have all agreed to rules, doing chores, and a code of conduct. Our staff and our Church Council approved this, and we look forward to welcoming them very soon. Contact Cheryl Jurrus (cheryljurrus74@gmail.com) if you have questions, suggestions, or want to volunteer to plan, shop, cook, or be a host.

We partnered with First Congregational Church in June to provide 14 meals, including milk, juice, and extra fruit. Thanks to Nancy and Mark Davis, Janell Erickson, Gary and Liz Rudolph, Linda Willenberg, Diane and Andy Hogle, Linda Gilham, Linda Quinn, Jay Baxter, JoAn Eklof, John and Joyce Nelson, Karen Getzinger, and Cheryl Jurrus.

Carolynn Ferris bought 22 pairs of shoes at the Nike store for the men with help from Joe Banuelos. The men were extremely happy to get new shoes!



Thanks to everyone who helped make *Sundae Sunday* a sweet success. Our ice cream scoopers included Cheryl Jurrus, Ann Thorpe, Joe Banuelos, David Vossler, Joyce Kasper and John Nelson.

Coffee host for the morning, Gale Baullinger, did triple duty. After making coffee, she helped set up for the sundae party and then helped clean up the sticky mess.

Many thanks also to those who cleaned up after the social – including Joan Tweten – the best dishwasher of all!!

Christmas in July

It's Back!! Through July 26th you can grab a tag and make some summer wishes come true for children here and abroad! KidVantage supplies families with toys and games year round for birthdays and celebrations! Our friends at Lantern Hill are constructing a new building plus we can provide student support. So, get those elf hats on !!

Kid Vantage

- Duplo or mega blocks
- Board books
- Children's books (early readers or chapter books)
- Baby dolls for toddlers
- Board games that don't require batteries
- Princess dolls/18" dolls, with clothes if possible
- Beanie Babies
- Action Figures
- Squashmallows
- AAA and AA batteries

Lantern Hill

- \$10 - 10 meals for students
- \$15 - 1 bus pass for 1 week
- \$25 - 1 Student uniform
- \$25 - 225 gallons fresh drinking water
- \$50 - 130 concrete blocks
- \$75 - 200 square feet of standard ceramic tile
- \$100 - 14 bags cement
- \$100 - 3 weeks of electricity
- \$125 - 10-15 bags of stucco for exterior of building
- \$150 - 225 meters of electrical conduit
- \$200 - 1 Teacher salary per week
- \$250 - 12 bars of 12 feet rebar



*Thanks to our elves- Cheryl, Liz,
Joe, Jorge, and April ... supervised by Sherry !*

There is a box by the **Christmas Tree** marked 'Lantern Hill' to place your checks or cash. You can also donate online ([Give | Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church](#)) be sure to mark "Lantern Hill" in the memo box.

Hot town – summer in the city....

It's Summer!! Our local communities have a LOT of great free events happening! They are fun and free !! Plan a picnic with friends and family and support these community events!

Bellevue:

Live at Lunch: *The Live at Lunch Concert Series* returns to the heart of Downtown Bellevue this summer with more music, community, and midday energy than ever before. Featuring a lineup of more than 50 regional musicians performing across a variety of public gathering spaces, the series transforms the lunch hour into a free live music experience every weekday from 12–1 p.m. Find the list of performers and locations [HERE](#).

Bellevue Arts Fair Weekend: July 24-26. Downtown. More information [HERE](#).

Movies in the Park! Check out the line up at Bellevue Downtown Park (July) and Crossroads Park (August) [HERE](#).

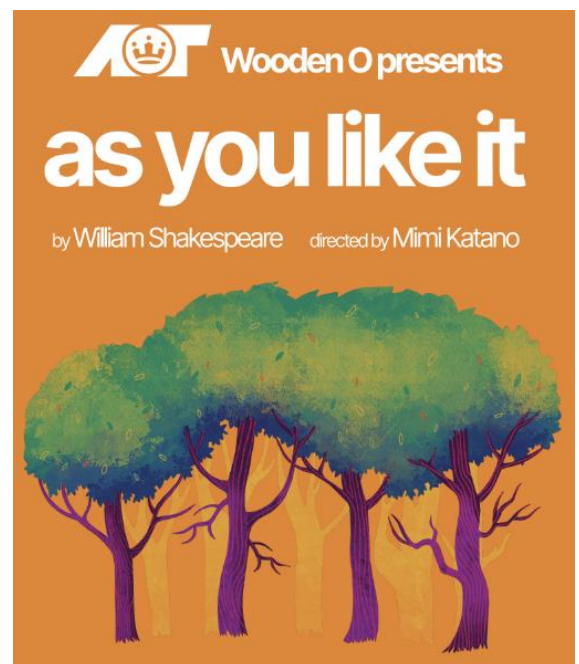
Issaquah:

Concerts on the Green: Every Tuesday, July-August. Find the line up and more information [HERE](#).

Various Parks:

Shakespeare in the Park.

Always a good time, Wooden O performs at Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island, Klahanie Park in Issaquah, and the Issaquah Community Center throughout July and August. For all locations and dates – check them out [HERE](#).





America at 250: Holding gratitude and humility

ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

Dear church,

As we look toward the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, many of us will celebrate with fireworks, parades and barbecues.

Independence Day often brings us together with family and friends. Yet there is more that connects us than our communal celebrations. We are also connected through a common vision.

Signed in 1776, the Declaration of Independence proclaims a vision of equality for all people. While there were other nations pushing for equality at the time, the declaration was and is a monumental document in the way it names the aspiration so boldly. As we observe and celebrate the 250th anniversary of that signing, we also affirm the vision of freedom and equality it casts. We can be grateful.

And with contrition and humility, we acknowledge all the ways we have failed to embody that vision. As members of this church, we are called to “pray, participate in, and advocate for civic life in the United States that reflects God’s activity and call, which seek both the well-being of all people and a creation marked by justice and peace” (ELCA social statement Faith and Civic Life, p. 89).

As Lutherans, we know the importance of naming realities for what they are. As citizens, we confess the ways we have not yet realized the vision of the Declaration of Independence and, more importantly, as Christians we confess the ways we have participated in or been complicit in failures to live into the vision God provides. This vision is rooted in creation and redemption. God crafts each person in God’s own image and sends Jesus Christ to redeem us, setting us free to follow Christ’s new commandment to love one another.

The history of the United States is complex, and all too often we have fallen short of our stated values. Indigenous peoples across this land have been forced to cede their ancestral homes and pushed to reservations. Women and men have been prevented from voting because of their sex and race and spat on and jailed when they demanded their rights. Japanese American families were interned during World War II. Queer and transgender people’s lives are obstructed by federal and state orders.

There is a photograph of Elizabeth Eckford, one of the nine Black teenagers who integrated Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957. Books under her arm, she faces forward as angry white people crowd behind her. She was just trying to go to school.

Holding both the failures and the vision in our hearts and minds, I invite us to ask ourselves, “What does it mean to celebrate a promise that is real and yet still unfolding? What does it mean to be a people who always live in ‘the already but not yet’”?

This is a central question for us not only as we mark the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence but also in our daily lives as people of faith. The prophets repeatedly remind us of the vision God casts for all of creation, and they call us to account when, as God's own people, we fall short.

When we fall short, we remember we are rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We think, speak and live out faith through God's future. God's future is resurrection. As a church, we are turned not only to the past but to the future God is making possible right now through us as we love and serve others.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that God calls us to:

- Remember our connection to each other through baptism, as Scripture teaches us: "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:5).
- Name sin for what it really is and to repent of it, as the Augsburg Confession and the catechisms remind us.
- Serve the common good in society as "earthly measures toward God's intention" (Faith and Civic Life, p. 11).

As we celebrate 250 years of the Declaration of Independence, we can hold gratitude and humility, possibilities and shortcomings. We continue to live in the already and the not-yet.

And we hold fast to the most important promise of all: the presence of God with us, the power of the resurrection of Christ, the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit and the ever-unfolding grace of God.

We celebrate this occasion neither as a perfect nation nor as a perfect church but as a people held in God's grace and called into community in service to all neighbors and for the sake of the world God so loves.

In Christ,

The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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 and collaborative service activities and worship opportunities. 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!



Note – the July 11th meeting of ELCC Board, Pastors and other participants is cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a date in September.

Happy Summer!





Beach Church
at Lake Sammamish

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 6-7:30PM

We meet for potluck, grilled hotdogs, and smores; games and a swim; devotions and songs.

This is an intergenerational event for members and friends of Issaquah and Eastside churches.

Please bring a dish! Consider bringing your own table setting to reduce trash and recycle. And bring beach games, of course!

Directions: Drive West on E Lake Sammamish PKWY SE; just after Lake Sammamish Park Boat Loading Ramp Road, turn left on SE 44th St and drive to the Lakeshore.

www.oslcissaquah.org www.eastsidelutherancc.org

Volunteers needed: Shoppers for all dates. Can you help?
Email office@oslcissaquah.org or call 425-392-4169. Thank you!

Bring a Chair!



Join Us
Picnic in the Park

Conversation, Community, and Vitamin C

Gather-King County

FRIDAY, JULY 17 | 5 PM - 7 PM
ROBINSWOOD PARK

Young Adults
18-35

Join us for conversation, outdoor games, community building, and joy.
Bring a snack to share or a outdoor game to play.

Park Map Location




Calendar

Wednesday, July 1

7:00 PM Pastor's Book Study, Online

Thursday, July 2

Office is closed for July 4 holiday

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

Friday, July 3

Office is closed

Saturday, July 4

250th Birthday of America.

Sunday, July 5

5:00 PM Worship

Monday, July 6

1:00 PM Staff

6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 7

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

9:30 AM Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, July 8

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting

4:00 PM Adult Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 9

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

11:00 AM Tamale Cooking

Sunday, July 12

Pastor Kristy Daniels

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 13

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

Wednesday, July 15

You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.

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