



Trendings

July 15, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

God, whose Spirit moves over the deep:
We thank you for the gift of water – the waters of the earth,
and under the earth, the waters above us, and within us.
Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water,
that it may sustain life for us and for those who come after us;
through Jesus Christ, the source of living water.
Amen.

Source: All Creation Sings

July is Name Tag Month: Make our visiting pastors feel welcome by donning a name tag before worship service each Sunday in July. Pastor Lara Forbes will be on a much-deserved vacation for the rest of July. We want our visiting pastors to know who we are. Name tags and pens will be in the usual spot – the counter between the Narthex walkway and the donation bins.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

July 19: Joyce and John Arnold, Greeters; Johannes Grad, Coffee host.

July 26: Joe Baro and Amy Baro, Greeters; COULD BE YOU! Coffee Host

Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to be a Sunday greeter or to Host coffee hour. She's lining up August greeters/coffee hosts NOW!

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, July 19

10:00 AM Worship (Pastor Jane Prestbye)

11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation

Worship Texts for July 19

Isaiah 44:6-8 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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 soon!

Did you see the **Seattle Times** OpEd last Wednesday regarding affordable housing and faith communities? Written by our own Hal Ferris (well done!) You can find it [HERE](#).

A large, stylized white sun with a semi-circular arc and several radiating lines is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the poster.

August 2nd evening worship

Sunday, August 2nd we
will WORSHIP at 5:00 PM!

There is NO 10:00 a.m. service!

Our 5:00 PM order of worship will include hymns,
liturgy, sermon, and Holy Communion.

All are welcome!



SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Notes

As of June 30, 2026

SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT					
MONTH:				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	55,777	55,650	64,447	127	(8,670)
Exp	62,404	67,295	63,163	4,891	759
Net	(6,628)	(11,645)	1,284	5,018	(7,911)
YEAR-TO-DATE				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	404,866	370,700	353,345	34,166	51,521
Exp	397,172	402,093	388,574	4,921	(8,598)
Net	7,693	(31,393)	(35,229)	39,087	42,923

Our financial results for the month were better than expected, with a net deficit of \$6,628, favorable to budget by \$5,018.

Revenues for the month were favorable to budget by \$127. On a YTD basis, revenues are favorable to budget by \$34,166 and favorable to last year's YTD revenue by \$51,521.

Expenses were favorable to budget by \$4,891 for the month and favorable by \$4,921 YTD.

Our YTD bottom-line of \$7,693 is a surplus and is favorable to what we budgeted by \$39,087 and favorable to last year's YTD results by \$42,923.

If you would like a more detailed look at our financial results, feel free to review the monthly Treasurer's Report, plus our 2026 budget found in a binder on the church office desk. 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 any questions about the numbers or would like to understand any part of the report in more detail, I am always available to chat.

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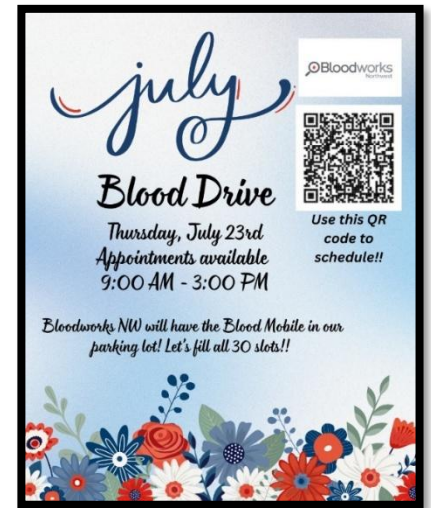
Health and Wholeness:

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!! (We have 11 at the moment)

How can YOU help? Sign up! Share the QR Code with friends and family! Share our social media posts with this information. Every donation makes a difference.



Community Worship in The Park Updates:

Remember: We will NOT have worship on site (in person or livestream), but we will be worshipping with other Eastside Lutheran Church Community congregations at Ebright Creek Park at 10 a.m. on August 16. Bring your chair!!

This fun event includes an outdoor worship service (with communion and Pastor Lara preaching), songs, fellowship and a fun potluck lunch. **St. Andrew's members are asked to bring salads, vegetables and fruit.** We need **two people** to help with the potluck – receiving dishes and setting up the food.

To volunteer, call or email Sherry Grindeland, Fellowship Coordinator at 425-746-2529 or sherry@sakc.church.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island WILL have in-person worship at 9:00 AM on August 16. (8501 SE 40th Street, Mercer Island).

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. 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.)



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!!



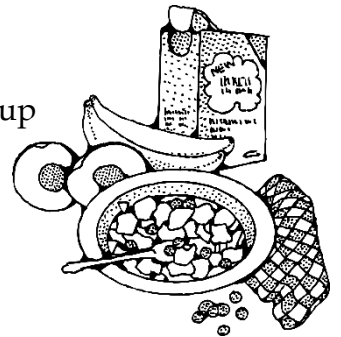
Volunteers needed for Porchlight Rotating Shelter in August.

We will be hosting Porchlight Rotating Men's Shelter from Friday, July 31, to Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Saint Andrew's. We will have between 20 and 25 men here from 6:00 pm to 7:30 am using the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, restrooms, and parking lot. They are unhoused, but they are also clean and sober, have background checks, and have agreed to rules and a code of conduct.

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints will be providing lunches and dinners from July 31 to August 24. Saint Andrew's will provide breakfast food, paper plates, paper towels, etc. We might have some help from other churches for meals for the last week in August.

We need HOSTS! Come and meet the men and be a host from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Welcome the meal providers and help them find service utensils and supplies. Many of the men have jobs and some will be coming in later, but they do appreciate being greeted and knowing they are welcome. Homeless men and women feel ignored by the general public or even looked down on. Let them know we are different! Contact Cheryl Jurrus to pick some dates (cheryljurrus74@gmail.com).

We need SHOPPERS! Sign up to bring in breakfast items like milk, juice, bagels, cereal, fruit, and maybe some strawberry jam? Shoppers can sign up to deliver the items on a Monday or Thursday, and leave them in the kitchen when the church is open. You will get a text message or phone call (which one do you want?) the evening prior so that you will know what is needed. You can get reimbursed if you submit your receipts. Contact Nancy Davis to pick some dates (davisnancyr@comcast.net).



How should we organize the kitchen and the supplies? Come and help on **Friday, July 31 from 9 to 11 am.** They will be bringing supplies with them from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Medina and we will be putting them away and organizing. Bring in some containers for leftovers they can take with them for lunch. Contact Cheryl Jurrus to volunteer. The more the merrier!

We have been presented with this opportunity to serve and share God's love. What's not to like about that?

Cheryl Jurrus



Tamale-Making: THANK YOU to the 14 fabulous volunteers who showed up Saturday to make and package a record 276 tamales – enough to distribute a dozen each to 23 families in our community. These families living under fear of harassment and detention by immigration officials, making it difficult to leave their homes for work or shopping. Your contributions help build trust and community during a very difficult time. And thanks also to Bernie from the nonprofit 4Tomorrow (www.4Tomorrow.today.org) who guided us so patiently through the process.

With Karen Getzinger's tutelage, we also made bracelets with the immigrant hotline number while others wrote personalized notes to include with the tamales. It was a great day!



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!!

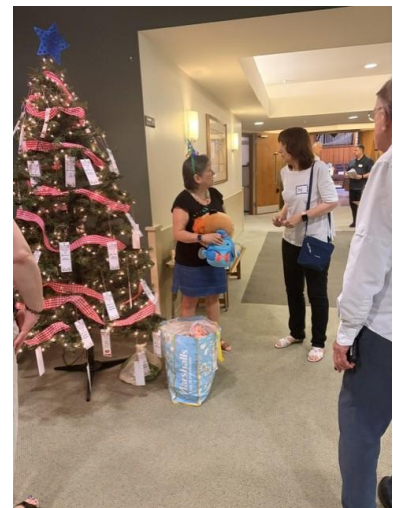
Kid Vantage

- 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-foot rebar

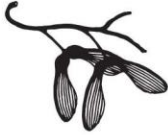
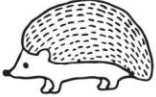
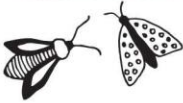


There is a box by the Christmas Tree marked 'Lantern Hill' to place your checks or cash. You can also donate online ([Give | Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church](#)) be sure to mark "Lantern Hill" in the memo box.

CHASING WONDER

☆ PHOTO BINGO CHALLENGE ☆

GRAB YOUR PHONE (OR CAMERA!) AND START CHASING GOD'S BEAUTY, JOY, JUSTICE, HOPE, HUMOR, AND INSPIRATION ALL AROUND. MARK OFF SQUARES AS YOU GO, AIMING FOR A "BINGO," OR COMPLETE THE WHOLE BOARD!

 BIRD'S EYE VIEW	 SOMETHING BROKEN	 SOMETHING THAT FLIES	 A PLACE YOU LOVE	 A SELF PORTRAIT
 SOMETHING THAT GROWS	 SOMETHING WHOLE	 SOMETHING TINY	 A SURPRISING SHADOW	 KINDNESS
 SOMETHING YELLOW	 LIGHT	<i>PAY Attention BE Astonished</i>	 SOMETHING OLD	 WATER
 A REFLECTION	 SOMETHING PEACEFUL	 JUSTICE ROLLING DOWN	 SOMETHING NEW	 SOMETHING HOPEFUL
 SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU LAUGH	 SOMETHING BLUE	 A PATTERN OR TEXTURE	 NEIGHBORLY LOVE	 RESURRECTION

"Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it."
+ MARY OLIVER



Chasing Wonder Summer Photo Bingo

"Pay Attention. Be Astonished. Tell about it" Mary Oliver

This summer you are invited to be astonished by the beauty around you every day! Let's play "CHASING WONDER" photo bingo!!

- Using the Bingo Board on the previous page and your phone (or camera) capture your summer ... and "tell about it"! Additional copies are available in the Narthex.
- You can upload your photos to the shared Google photo link below for Kathy to display on the BIG Narthex Board (and if you need a copy for your individual board)
- Google Shared Photo Link:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/J7KDSVCtRq8ovWAt7>
- Be sure your picture is titled with the bingo square you are featuring. Add your name to the photo as well.



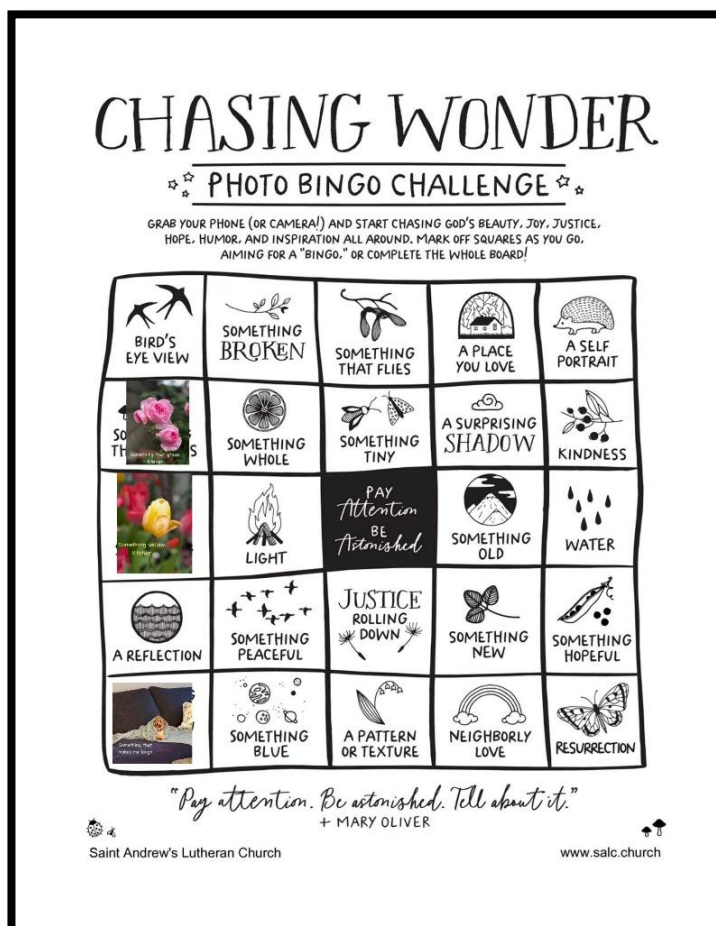
You can add your photo to **your bingo board digitally or taping a hard copy**, and hang on to it (or print and tape it to your board). We will display your 'Chasing Wonder' Bingo Boards when completed. **And on August 30, "Root Beer Float Sunday", we will award prizes!!**

- Horizontal Bingo
- Vertical Bingo
- Diagonal Bingo
- Blackout Bingo
- Most inspiring photo choices
- Funniest photo choices
- (More categories to come)

There will be a BIG BINGO BOARD on the Narthex bulletin board with your photos added as we get them (**but YOU are responsible for your OWN board for prizes**). You can be inspired weekly by what others are sharing!!

Happy Summer Challenge!!

Drop your labeled photo onto the board space...continue chasing wonder!





**FINAL Word from (Outgoing)
VEEP Kay:**
July/ August 2026

***MANY THANKS to Kay for sharing her
insights and stories these last 8 years – she
& her words have been a wonderful gift!***

*The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word. (Isaiah 50:4)*

I am a word person. I have always had an appreciation for the power of prose, the beauty of poetry, and the wisdom of *the Word*. Both of my degrees are in English and I spent thirty-seven years as a Language Arts teacher. God gave me the tongue of a teacher so I could sustain the weary with a word. So, early in my first term as synod vice president, when I was asked if I wanted to write a monthly article for “The Spirit,” I happily agreed.

At first, my hope was to use the space to share more information about the role of the synod council. I knew from personal experience that the average “person in the pew” didn’t really know much about the other two expressions of the church. Therefore, the first few submissions were heavy in language from our governing documents about the responsibilities of the vice president and the rest of the council. I shared about our meetings and what I and the other council members had been up to in the month. These were informational, but not exactly “sustaining the weary” words.

As time went on, circumstances changed. We entered into an unprecedented global pandemic that upended so much of what we believed about what community and church were. We learned new ways of being neighbors at appropriately social distance and new ways of doing and being church.

As synod leadership scrambled to support and assist our congregations, it became apparent that weariness was a definite challenge. My articles began to focus on scripture and a layperson’s understanding of what God was doing in the world. Every day when I took my “I just need to get out of this darn house” walk, I prayed for the words to sustain the weary. I hope those articles were uplifting and strengthening in very troubling times.

Eventually, we emerged from the pandemic shutdown, but I continued to use the space to reflect on scripture. I’m not a deacon nor a pastor. I’m not a trained theologian. My ponderings are those of a layperson. I hoped that the things I was curious about or the little epiphanies I had would also resonate with others. Interestingly, although the bishop and I never discussed what we would be writing about, our articles almost always seemed like we’d coordinated them. It seems that “The Spirit” is truly Spirit-inspired.

In this final article, I want to share what an honor it has been to serve as your synod vice president over the past eight years. As tough as leading during the pandemic and the current political turmoil has been, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people, not only throughout the synod, but the entire ELCA. I have had the joy of representing the synod at call meetings and of attending ordinations and installations of rostered ministers. I have been an active participant and leader in the Association of Synod Vice Presidents and I have represented the synod at three Churchwide Assemblies. Mostly, though, I have worked with the bishop, our amazing synod staff, and all the faithful and wise members of synod council to act on behalf of all the individuals, congregations, worshipping communities, and outreach ministries striving to be God's presence here in the NWWA Synod.

Thank you to all who have supported me these past eight years. I commend to you our new Vice President, Cindy Shultz, whose term begins August 1. I know she will be a great partner in this work. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as vice president.

Blessings and peace to you all!

Kay Edgerton, Vice President of the NW Washington Synod | veep@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 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!



Singers Needed for ELCC Choir Summer Worship-in-the-Park, Aug 16th, 10 AM

Rehearsal: Sat. Aug 15th, 10-11 am

at St Luke's (3030 Bellevue Way)

On August 16th we will be doing our annual ELCC (Eastside Lutheran Church Community) Service in the Park at 10 am, and we are coordinating & leading music. There will be a one-time choir with Tommie Burton as lead soloist and inviting singers from all 5 participating ELCC churches.

We will rehearse Saturday 8/15 10-11 am at St Luke's. Zero prep required - super easy! (Spirit of God is Upon Me by Rickie Byars - funky Gospel groove). Willingness to learn & feel the music is all that's needed. All ages are welcome. [Contact Cheri](#) for more information.



ELCC Choir

Tommie Burton

Performing as part of ELCC Annual
Ebright Park Service 8/16/26 10:00 am.
Choir singers need to be at the park
ready to rehearse song at 9:15 am sharp.

Required Choir Rehearsal:
Saturday 8/15/26 10:00-11:00 am
at St Luke's Lutheran

No pre-learning required. Easy & fun! All ages
welcome. Children under 12 require an
accompanying adult.
Contact Cheri Neill at 206.851.1035



**EASTSIDE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COMMUNITY**

Community Worship

**August 16 | At Ebright
10:00am | Creek Park**

FAMILY FUN | WORSHIP | POTLUCK MEAL

Saint Andrew's:
Please plan on bringing Fruit, Vegetables or Salad for the
Potluck!!

Ebright Creek Park: 1317 - 212th AVE SE, Sammamish

Sammamish Hills, Our Savior, Love of Christ, Holy Trinity,
Grace Chinese, St. Luke's, St. Andrew's, Mt Si, Cross of Christ

**Saint Andrew's will NOT be onsite on
August 16th.** We WILL be participating in the
Worship in the Park!

See page 5 for additional details.

If you prefer to attend an in-person worship
closer, Holy Trinity Lutheran, Mercer Island
will have their regular 9:00 AM worship
service that day.

Calendar

Wednesday, July 15

Thursday, July 16

Friday, July 17

Office is closed.

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19

Pastor Jane Prestbye

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation
11:15 AM KnitWits

Monday, July 20

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Discipleship Committee, Online

Tuesday, July 21

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
2:00 PM Sophia Way lunch drop-off

Wednesday, July 22

10:00 AM Sophia Way Lunch Delivery
7:00 PM JEDI Committee Meeting, Online

Thursday, July 23

9:00 AM Blood Drive
10:00 AM Grace Book Group

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

Pastor Chris Ode

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation

Monday, July 27

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Outreach committee, Online

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online

Wednesday, July 29

You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.

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