



Trendings

July 29, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

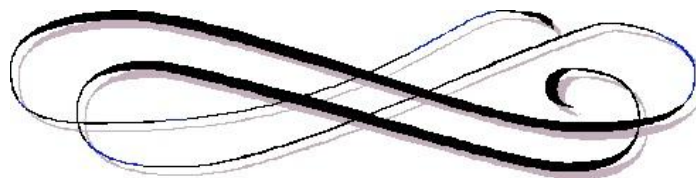
Prayer of the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your own mother looked on when your life ended in violence.
Our hearts are pierced with grief and anger at the mass shooting
at the Bite of Seattle on Sunday.

We commend the slain to your wounded hands,
and their loved ones to your merciful heart,
trusting only in the promise that your love
is stronger than death, and that even now,
you live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

Source: All Creation Sings



Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

August 2: 5:00 PM WORSHIP! Judy and Howard Johnson, Greeters

August 9: Eva Mader and Gene Rowland, Greeters; COULD BE YOU!, coffee host

August 16: Worship in the Park (no on-site services) Food helpers needed!

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 5:00 PM this Sunday, 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, August 2

5:00 PM Worship! Welcome back, Pastor Lara!!

Worship Texts for August 2 – 5 PM Worship
Isaiah 55:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21

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

Do you use legal size (8.5 x 14) paper?? We don't ... very often...so we have lots to give away! Stop by the office!! We have lots of white and some colored paper options!!

Great news! The Large Print copies of Christ in our Home have finally arrived! They are available in the Narthex.

**This Sunday there is NO 10:00 AM Worship,
We will gather at 5:00 PM!**



This is “Seafair” Weekend! The Blue Angels (and other cool aircraft) will be flying! To find out practice times and show schedule head to the [Seafair website](#).





Community Worship in The Park

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
- fruit.

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

Singers Needed for ELCC Choir Summer Worship-in-the-Park,

Aug 16th, 10 AM

Rehearsal: Sat. Aug 15th, 10-11am 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. We will be doing an 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.



Corner of Blessing

Food of the Month – August

hopelink

For the month of August Hopelink has asked us to collect **Hearty Soups!**

Non-condensed, High calorie soups are what they need. They are getting ready for fall and cooler weather, knowing their clients will be looking for these come September and October. Progresso, Amy's and Chunky Campbells are all great, well-loved brands. Here are some suggested examples: Italian wedding soup, clam chowder, beef barley, chicken pot pie, lentil and vegetables, tomato bisque, etc.



How's the Reading Coming?

I reminded you last week to check out the *ELCA's Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All*. And here I am, reminding you again. Your council and the JEDI group will be hosting forums each month, September-December, discovering a range of topics covered in the social statement—from being an informed voter to living in community and solidarity with our marginalized neighbors to the rise of Christian Nationalism—all from a Christian perspective, and we'd love it if you came to class ready to contribute to some fascinating and timely conversations. Hard copies of the statement can be found in the church office or you can download it at www.elca.org/socialstatements.

(And here's another good book recommendation, after you've finished the social statement: *Land*, by Maggie O'Farrell, the author of *Hamnet*, which you may have read or seen in the theaters. *Land* is set in Ireland just after the famine. Fascinating reading.)

Beth Donahoe

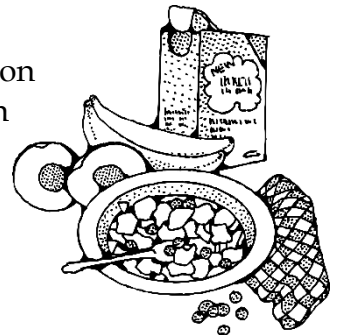
Volunteers needed for Porchlight Rotating Shelter in August.

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).

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



July Blood Drive

Hello all!

Here are the results from our blood drive of the 23rd:

- 8 donors registered (for the afternoon time-frame)
- 2 donors deferred
- 6 units collected (which is enough to help 18 people)

We had anticipated a bigger turn out with **20 people scheduled**. However there were some unexpected challenges beginning with the driver of the blood mobile who was ill.

The delay resulted in all morning appointments being cancelled. I greatly apologize for the inconvenience to so many! God bless Kathy for problem solving and communicating with Bloodworks staff to at least salvage the afternoon, which culminated in 6 units of blood collected, which is not nothing! The two donors who were deferred will hopefully come back and try again.

The next Blood Drive date is September 24th and will be back in the Fellowship Hall. You can go [HERE](#) to schedule for that date. Bloodworks reminds donors to eat and hydrate ahead of time, beginning the night before.

Submitted by Terri Anderson



BLOOD DRIVE



ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Fellowship Hall- North | 2650 148TH AVE SE Bellevue

Thursday, September 24 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Scan the QR code to book your one hour appt,
or click this link: bloodworksNW.org/giveblood

Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience.
Same-day appointments available at most locations. Photo ID required.

Use Promo Code **DRIVE-SEPT25** when scheduling your appointment at our blood drive
in September and you'll receive 25 bonus points in Bloodworks' new Donor Rewards Club.
Learn more at bloodworksNW.org/rewardsclub

DONATE BLOOD IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER



WIN \$3K 3 WINNERS!





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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!

Our summer *Jazz-on-the-Patio* is back after a several-year hiatus. We are pleased that St. Luke's is once again hosting the **Swingtime Express Jazz Quartet** along with special guest singer Janette West!

This event is free, all-ages, and just a great evening of smooth jazz. Light bites and wine/beer available for purchase - no registration required.

6:00-9:00 PM at St. Luke's Lutheran
3030 Bellevue Way, Bellevue, WA 98004

A poster for a jazz event. The background is dark with illustrations of a double bass and a saxophone. Text on the poster includes: "Hosted by St. Luke's Lutheran / slukes.org", "SATURDAY 15 AUGUST", "06PM TO 09PM", "JAZZ MUSIC", "Swingtime Express", "quartet with special guest vocalist Janette West", "FREE EVENT!", "All ages show. No registration required. Light bites and beverages for purchase. Donations welcome.", and two logos at the bottom: "The Swingtime Express" and a stylized flame logo.

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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.

**(Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8501 SE 40th Street, Mercer Island)*



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!

Mission Trip Opportunities!




A Belize Mission Trip with SHLC

February 5–16, 2027

Cost: \$2,500

What we do: Serve & Enjoy the Beauty of Belize

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First Weekend — Visit Lamanai Mayan Ruin
— Share a one-day VBS style lesson with children in Corozol, Belize

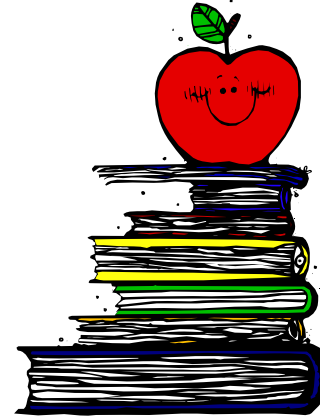
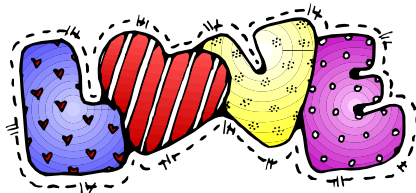
Monday – Thursday — Match the gifts of each participant to service opportunities at Alvin L. Young High School & Victorious Elementary School in Succotz; visit a rainforest canopy, visit Xunantunich Mayan Ruins, and other cultural centers

Final Weekend — Travel to Caye Caulker to rest, snorkel, swim, and delight in the beauty of the Carib Sea

Register Now
Submit registration form and deposit of \$300 by September 27, 2026

For questions or to request a registration form please contact
Pastornyla@shlc.org






ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A MISSION TRIP TO RWANDA, AFRICA?

 Join us on September 13th at 4:00pm at Samamish Hills Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about LOVE WITH ACTIONS and meet Gilbert Kubwimana, the founder.

After visiting and serving Love With Actions in June 2025, our group was adamant that we need to return to this place where we experienced holy ground. Our next trip is slated for June 2028. If you are considering this trip, please join us on September 13th to learn more and ask your questions.

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US!

To RSVP or for questions contact Pastor Nyla Schoeld at pastornyla@shlc.org




Calendar

Wednesday, July 29

Thursday, July 30

Friday, July 31

Porchlight Rotating Men's Shelter Move-In

Saturday, August 1

Sunday, August 2

5:00 PM Summer Evening WORSHIP

Monday, August 3

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Finance Committee, Online

7:00 PM Executive Committee, Online

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men

9:30 AM Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, August 6

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation

Monday, August 10

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online

Wednesday, August 12

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting, Online

4:00 PM Adult Education Committee, Online

**You can access our
weekly online calendar
HERE.**

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Abby Kasper, Facilities Set-up

April Daniel, Records Administrator

Ann Thorpe, Sunday Church School Coordinator

Joan Tweten, Kitchen Team

SALC Family Social Media Accounts:



Find us on:

