



Trendings

August 5, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth, we pray for those
who work in danger, who rush in to bring hope and help
and comfort when others flee to safety,
whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect,
and whose presence embodies the protection of the Good Shepherd.
Give them caution and concern for one another, so that in safety
they may do what must be done, under your watchful eye.
Support them in courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives,
ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: ELW Healing Prayers

If you would like to help our Eastern Washington neighbors, please donate to
Lutheran Disaster Response. 100% of your donation goes to assistance.

[Donate online HERE.](#) Note: Eastern Washington Fires

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

August 9: Eva Mader and Gene Rowland, Greeters; Michele and Dave Vossler, Coffee hosts
August 16: Worship in the Park (no on-site services) Bring a chair and a salad/fruit to share!

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 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 9

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation

Worship Texts for August 9

1 Kings 19:9-18 and Matthew 14:22-23

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

The building key with a red wristband is missing. If you took this key, please return to Kurt ASAP. Re-keying the entire building is very expensive.



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.

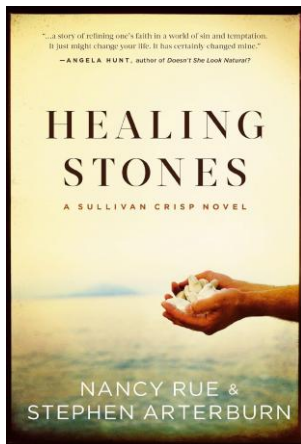
We will rehearse Saturday 8/15 10-11 am at St Luke's.

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.



SALC Women's Book Group



Our book selection for Fall Women's Book Group will be *Healing Stones* by Nancy Rue and Stephen Arterburn. We will meet on **Wednesday mornings promptly at 10:00 am from October 7 to November 18**. Our meetings are on Zoom, as well as in-person in our Library.

This is the first book in a series featuring a Christian psychologist, Sullivan Crisp. Enter Dimitria after a terrible incident and everyone turned against her, including herself. "Reluctantly, the two of them begin an uplifting, uneven journey filled with healing and grace. By turns funny and touching, this story explores the ways humans hurt each other and deceive themselves. And it shows the endlessly creative means God uses to turn stones of accusation and shame into works of

beauty that lead us onto the path of healing.

A candid yet tender series about pain, healing, and God's invitation for second chances." (Amazon)

Contact Cheryl Jurrus (cheryljurrus74@gmail.com) for more information, a schedule, and the Zoom invitation.



It's the Perfect Time to READ!

With all this dangerous smoke in our midst for a while, it's the perfect time to stay inside with your air purifier and read the *ELCA's Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All*. Fall forums are just around the corner and we'll be discussing many of the key topics covered by the statement, so being prepared is key! 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 yet another excellent and timely book recommendation, after you've finished the social statement: *Young Men and Fire* by Norman MacLean {author of *A River Runs Through It*}. Originally published in 1972 {and still in print}, it tells the true story of a devastating 1949 Montana fire and won the National Book Critics Circle award. It immediately sprang to mind today given events in our state.) *Beth Donahoe*

Porchlight Rotating Shelter is at Saint Andrew's in August this year!

We are hosting Porchlight from Friday, July 31, to Tuesday, September 1, at Saint Andrew's. We have 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 completed background checks, and have agreed to rules and a code of conduct.

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints are providing lunches and dinners from July 31 to August 25. Saint Andrew's is providing breakfast food, paper plates, paper towels, etc. **We have the opportunity to provide dinner from our own SALC kitchen on Thursday, August 27, Friday, August 28, and Monday, August 31st.** Contact Cheryl Jurrus to help.



Join us for a BBQ on Saturday, August 29th at 6:30 pm. Mark Davis will be setting up the grills (do you have a charcoal grill to bring?) and SALC will be providing hot dogs and buns, pop, baked beans, potato salad, condiments, and chips. **Our church members are invited to bring a salad or dessert** and join us for the best kosher, all-beef hot dogs. RSVP with Cheryl Jurrus so we know how many we'll be feeding. The men are looking forward to it and have already volunteered to help.

We have a few more spots for 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. Contact Cheryl Jurrus to pick some dates (cheryljurrus74@gmail.com). We have been presented with this opportunity to serve and share God's love.



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.



From the Northwest Intermountain Synod:

Pastoral Message During a Time of Wildfires

Aug. 2, 2026

From Bishop Meggan Manlove

Dear Saints of the Northwest Intermountain Synod,

My heart breaks for the greater Spokane Community in the face of wildfires, which are still burning as I write this. I remember wildfires growing up in the Black Hills of South Dakota. My half-brother, a Forest Service ranger in Northern Minnesota, spent most of his summers fighting fires out west. All of that make some of this familiar but no less easy to take in. I know you are already praying for community members in Spokane, and all across our synod, who have lost their homes and for those who have evacuated and are still waiting word. We give thanks for all providing shelter, including some of you watching this, and we pray for continued welcome and hospitality. Finally we pray for firefighters and those coordinating responses to the wildfires and planning for recovery.

We pray all of this recognizing it is only Aug. 2 and the wildfire season is not over. This morning I read that the Holden Bed and Breakfast was evacuated due to a wildfire. I'm watching the fire on the edge of Yakima and the wildfire north of Davenport. And there are huge fires in North Central WA and along the Oregon-Idaho border that are very concerning. This afternoon I spoke with Ray Sherjven, our WA VOAD rep and Lutheran Disaster Response liaison. He's hoping to have a Zoom meeting with some of our Spokane pastors later this week.

In consultation with Ray earlier this summer, we as a synod staff lifted up the following organizations, who can receive your financial donations:

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE - STILL THERE AFTER THE DUST (OR ASH) SETTLES
UNITED WAY - ON THE GROUND EARLY
AMERICAN RED CROSS - ON THE GROUND DURING EMERGENCIES

Feel free to give to the United Way or American Red Cross in your state. You may also find a local agency that is doing amazing work. We, as the NWIM Synod, are not well resourced to handle disaster relief donations, or their distributions.

We will, as we always do, partner with local organizations. We will care for our individual neighbors. We will step into the disaster response and recovery as each of us has ability. We will pray, not as an empty gesture but because God has asked us to pray, because prayer allows us to take a breath, and because prayer, especially prayer together, can help us discover the next faithful step God is calling us to.

Let us pray: Holy God, in you alone we find safety and shelter. Be a sure refuge to all suffering from wildfires. Grant courage, protection, and favorable weather to firefighters and emergency responders; embrace with supportive communities all who are newly displaced or homeless; comfort those grieving all that has been destroyed and give patience to those who are anxious, not knowing when relief will come. Heal your whole creation, that out of flame and ashes new growth will spring forth. We pray through Jesus Christ, our life and our strength. Amen.
(All Creation Sings, page 50)

What else is the church called to right now?

I want to remind you that showing up for those who have experienced fear and loss is so valuable and something you can do. You can see Jesus in the face of all those neighbors you encounter. You do not have to have answers. Simply remind them that you love them and, if appropriate, that the God we worship loves them too and is big enough to hold all of their sorrow and anger. Sitting with someone in silence, listening deeply and just being there is important and it's not something everyone is comfortable doing. God equipped you for this holy work in the waters of baptism, beloved saints.

Let me close by leading you in this Litany in Time of Wildfires from our ELCA Worship Resources in the time of Wildfires

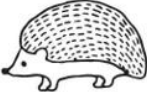
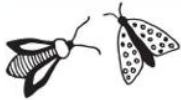
*Holy God, in the wake of fires that devour and consume,
Refresh us with the water of life.
In the barren places of ash and dust,
Restore us with the water of life.
When all we can see is devastation and despair,
Renew us with the water of life.
In Christ, we are washed clean.
We are refreshed.
In Christ, we drink from the wellspring of hope.
We are restored.
In Christ, we dance in the fountain of life.
We are renewed.
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Thank you, saints of the Northwest Intermountain Synod for continuing to be Wellsprings of God's love. God be with each of you and your neighbors near and far.

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	<i>JUSTICE ROLLING DOWN</i>	 SOMETHING NEW	 SOMETHING HOPEFUL
<i>SOMETHING ★ THAT ★ MAKES YOU LAUGH</i>	 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

Are you being astonished by the beauty around you every day? I hope you are "CHASING WONDER"!!

- 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!!



SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**Treasurer's Notes**

As of July 31, 2026

SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT					
MONTH:				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	50,674	74,150	66,040	(23,476)	(15,366)
Exp	65,234	66,485	69,621	1,251	4,387
Net	(14,561)	7,665	(3,582)	(22,225)	(10,979)
YEAR-TO-DATE				\$ Variance	
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	455,539	444,850	419,384	10,689	36,155
Exp	462,407	468,579	458,196	6,172	(4,211)
Net	(6,867)	(23,729)	(38,811)	16,861	31,944

Our financial results for the month were below expectations, with a net deficit of \$14,561, unfavorable to budget by \$22,225.

Revenues for the month were unfavorable to budget by \$23,476. On a YTD basis, revenues are favorable to budget by \$10,689 and favorable to last year's YTD revenue by \$36,155.

Expenses were favorable to budget by \$1,251 for the month and favorable by \$6,172 YTD.

Our YTD bottom-line of \$6,867 is a deficit and is favorable to what we budgeted by \$16,861 and favorable to last year's YTD results by \$31,944.

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 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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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





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

See page 3 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)



No Beach Church Tonight - August 5th because of smoke/bad air quality!

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

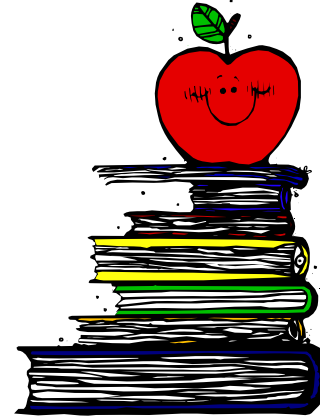
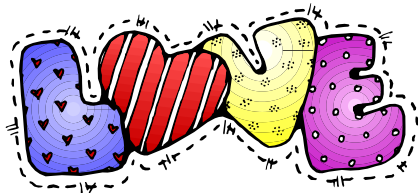
Monday – Thursday — Match the gifts of each participant to service opportunities at Alvin L. Young High School & Victorious Elementary School in Succotz; visit a rainforest canopy, visit Xunantunich Mayan Ruins, and other cultural centers

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 Sammamish 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, 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

Thursday, August 13

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16

NO ONSITE WORSHIP TODAY

10:00 AM Worship in the Park

Ebright Creek Park, Sammamish

Monday, August 17

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online

Wednesday, August 19

You can access our
weekly online calendar
[HERE.](#)

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