



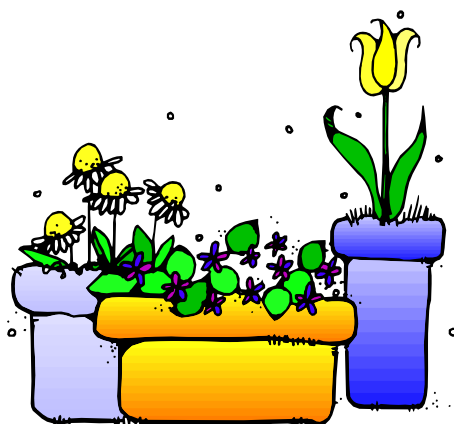
August 12, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

Order my steps in the pathways of peace,
and along the byways of love, O God,
that I may walk gently through this day
and leave kindness in my wake. Amen.

Bishop Deon K. Johnson
Episcopal Diocese of Missouri



Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

August 16: Worship in the Park (no on-site services) Bring a chair and a salad/fruit to share!

August 23: Joyce and John Arnold, Greeters; Gale Baullinger, 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.

Sunday, August 16 – 10:00 AM
Worship in the Park – Ebright Creek Park
1405 212th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA

No onsite worship/livestream at Saint Andrew's

Worship Texts for August 23
Isaiah 51:1-6 and Matthew 16:13-20

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



Abby Kasper is off to college, so the church needs a new setup employee. The job is about 5 to 10 hours per week, mostly setting up and taking down tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall. The hours are flexible, and the job is performed with minimal supervision. The pay is \$17.13 per hour. Please contact Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman if you are interested, kurt@salc.church.



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).



Root Beer Float Sunday

Summer's Signature Treat

Enjoy a tasty Fellowship Hour after worship service on Sunday, August 30.
We will be serving root beer floats.

We need a few good volunteers to scoop ice cream.
Volunteer to Fellowship Coordinator
Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529
or sherry@sakc.church.

Be sure to bring your *Chasing Wonder Bingo* card and win a prize!!!



Busy Bees:



Thanks to the team for prepping backpacks for kids in the Bellevue School District!

Backpacks Unpacked: Saint Andrew's volunteers unpacked dozens of backpack boxes on August 6th, preparing them to be filled with school supplies. This has been the Saint Andrew's annual gig for the *Backpacks for Kids* project.

The program provides new backpacks filled with school supplies for needy students in the Bellevue School District. What started 25-plus years ago as a few dozen backpacks has grown as the need has increased. Our assignment was to remove each backpack from its plastic bag, clip off tags, remove tissue paper (if any), unzip zippers, and pull out packets of desiccant.

The work varies because some backpacks don't have tissue paper, some don't have desiccant, and new zippers can be challenging to open.

The Saint Andrew's team included: Shirley Hobson, Patricia Chinn, Joan Tweten, Steve Rubenich, April Daniel, Christine Koch, Ann Thorpe, Debbie and Dick Szabo, Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland and her daughter, Susan Lulu. The team whizzed through more than 1,000 backpacks in about one hour. Teams from other area churches and groups will fill the packs.



Freshening up the music room:



This team painted the Choir Room!! Thanks Sharon, Art, Dana and Gary! It looks so fresh 😊

Sing!!

Now that the choir room is freshly painted, and your voices have rested all summer, mark your calendars for **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th at 7:00 PM !!** That's when choir begins!

There's always room for more voices!



I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and emails offering sympathy for the death of my brother. I am overwhelmed with all of the prayers and good wishes. Thank you for being such thoughtful friends! *Cheryl Jurrus*

Fall Planning!

Bible Study Leaders Wanted!

- Bible study leaders coordinate with Pastor Lara for subjects that align with our Lectionary readings.
- We will supply leader guides!
- Adult Bible Studies are planned for the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM.
- First session this fall will be **October 4**.
- **Interested?? Contact Pastor Lara (pastor@salc.church) or Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church**



Interested in becoming a member of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church?

We will receive new members on Sunday, October 4th.

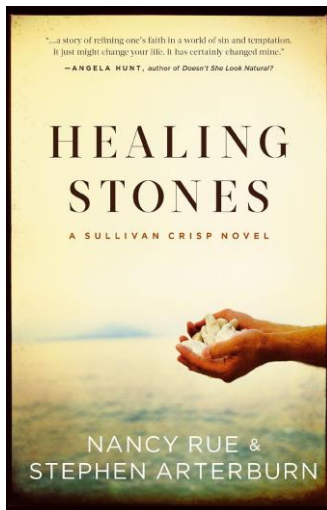
If you have been considering church membership, check in with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2520 or sherry@salc.church.

When you become a member:

1. You get to vote and help make important church decisions at our Annual and Semi-annual meetings.
2. You get a copy of the church directory.
3. You get a tour of the church complex (if desired) and learn some of Saint Andrew's history.

Education Forum Recording Help Needed: As you may know, Sunday morning Forums are recorded and posted online. We are in need of additional volunteers to record these Forums! We use a camcorder that is easy to operate - only three buttons to learn. The time commitment is 8:45 am - 10:00 am, about one Sunday every 4-5 weeks. If you are interested in helping or are just curious and have questions, please contact Susan Hegedus, susanhegedus@outlook.com.

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.



Summer is Slipping Away!

As usual, the summer flew by too quickly, and my "to be read" pile is still huge. But one thing I HAVE read is the *ELCA's Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All*. Don't forget: Fall forums are beginning next month and we'll be discussing many of the key topics covered by the statement, and you still have time to finish it! Hard (but not difficult to read) copies of the statement can be found in the church office or you can download it at www.elca.org/socialstatements.

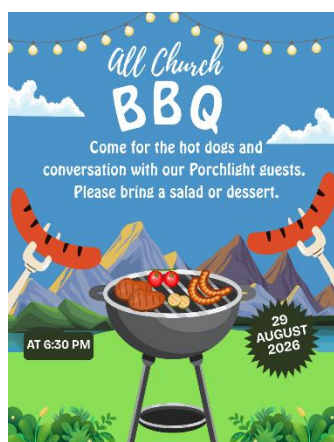


And for you audiobook folks, may I suggest two extremely different titles that I enjoyed immensely: One is The Covenant of Water, written and read by Abraham Verghese. It is a generation-spanning story set in India and the story is so rich and sometimes heartbreaking, but definitely worth the length (31 hours!). The other, although much shorter story yet still generational, is a memoir written and read by Bess Kalb, titled Nobody Will Tell You This But Me. Bess uses her grandmother's voice to tell the story of four generations of strong women in their family. (It's a brief 4 hours!) *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 is 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

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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.





Christmas In July Results!!

Lantern Hill: On behalf of the Students and Friends of Lantern Hill, I cannot thank you, our Congregation, for your tremendous generosity and your generous giving during our Christmas in July event. **This year you generously donated \$4,400.00.** Donations will go towards nutritional meals, clean water, building supplies, internet, teacher salaries, school supplies and funding for higher education. Like all gifts, you will never know how much of a difference your kindness will go to improve the lives of so many children and the positive impact on generations to come~ *Gracias!! Shana Nielsen*



KidVantage:

New toys and books

287

Used toys and books

About 100. My friend donated 3 American girl dolls and a ton of clothing and accessories that was hard to count. *Liz Rudolph*



Great job to all the elves!!



Helping
hopelink
Help the **HUNGRY**

**Saturday,
September 12, 2026**

This event is part of the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands" annual day of service. This is a volunteer opportunity to collect food to help Hopelink fight hunger in our community. We are putting together teams of volunteers to be at the **Crossroads QFC from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** to collect nonperishable food items from shoppers. All food collected will go to the Hopelink Food Bank in Bellevue. The job consists of handing out a "shopping list" flyer and thanking people for their donations.

Shifts are 1 ½ hours long*, and 4 volunteers are needed per shift. All ages can participate, and it is a wonderful family activity! Sign up for shifts [HERE](#) or email Dick Szabo at dick.szabo@comcast.net. Together we can turn just a few hours of time into tons of food for hungry local families. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo at debbieszabo@comcast.net (206) 972-2675 or Dick Szabo (206) 390-7621.

One day. One day to help ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. One shift can make a big difference. Please consider volunteering on September 12th!

If you aren't able to sign up for a shift, you can still be part of this event to help our hungry neighbors. Come to the Crossroads QFC between 10 am and 4 pm, do a little shopping and then drop off a few items for Hopelink with the volunteers!

*** If standing for 1 ½ hours is a concern, we will have a folding chair for you!**

Adult Education hours and Sunday Brunch return in September!! Mark your calendars!

Adult Education
Sunday, September 27
9:00 AM

Come to see, hear and taste the
Lantern Hill Mission experience
from our Mission Team!



Stay after worship for the
Taco Bar Brunch!!

Mission Team Report

Learn about the great work Saint Andrew's volunteers and others from the Eastside Lutheran Church Community did at Lantern Hill this summer.

The team will share photos and stories during Adult Education Hour on September 27.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 for coffee and treats, **program begins promptly at 9 a.m.**

We will celebrate the team's accomplishments with a Taco Bar Brunch after worship.

Brunch Time

Plan now for the Taco Bar Brunch on Sept. 27
Volunteers are needed to help with the yummy Taco Bar Brunch we will share after worship on September 27.

Jobs include:

- set-up
- shopping for food
- food prep
- serving
- clean-up

To volunteer reach out to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



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!

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!



**Singers Needed for ELCC Choir for
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 St. Lukes is
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.

It is my joy to invite our ELCC and Conference
friends to the rededication of Luther's Lounge
at Mt Si Lutheran following the floods this past
December.

Our gathering is set for **Saturday, August
29th from 1-3 p.m.**

We'll enjoy pulled pork and pizza from our
pizza oven as well as give thanks to all of our
partners who made this rebuild possible. That's
all of you! Each congregation in our conference
helped in its own way. You shared your people
and their gifts, you shared your financial
resources, and you shared your prayers and
encouragement with us. We would love the
chance to say, Thank you!

A brief program will take place at 2pm.

We hope you can join us in this celebration and
rededication of the space.

Pastor Krista



Calendar

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

Thursday, August 20

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 PM JEDI Committee, Online

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

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