



Trendings

August 26, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Marty Haugen wrote this hymn after hearing about the Challenger disaster, living in Holden Village. Due to its rural location, communication in general was intermittent. As such, news of the Challenger disaster did not reach staff and guests at Holden Village for a few days. When the devastating details were discovered, Marty began to compose a hymn that would provide those who were at Holden at the time as a means to process their pain. Explanation by Pr. Greg Asimakoupoulos.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

August 30: Carol Schneider and Ed Corker, Greeters; Jay Baxter, Coffee Host

September 6: 5 PM Worship service – Could be you!!

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 30

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Root Beer Float Sunday + Prizes for “Chasing Wonder”

Worship Texts for August 30

Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Matthew 16:21-28

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

Our FINAL Summer Evening Worship!!
Sunday, September 6th, at 5:00 PM

Remember – there is NO 10:00 AM worship that day!

Soak up the ‘end of summer’ vibe ~ sleep in, go to brunch, tend to the garden, shop, watch a game....

THEN – gather at 5:00 PM for worship!!



Summer is coming to a close

Root Beer Float Sunday

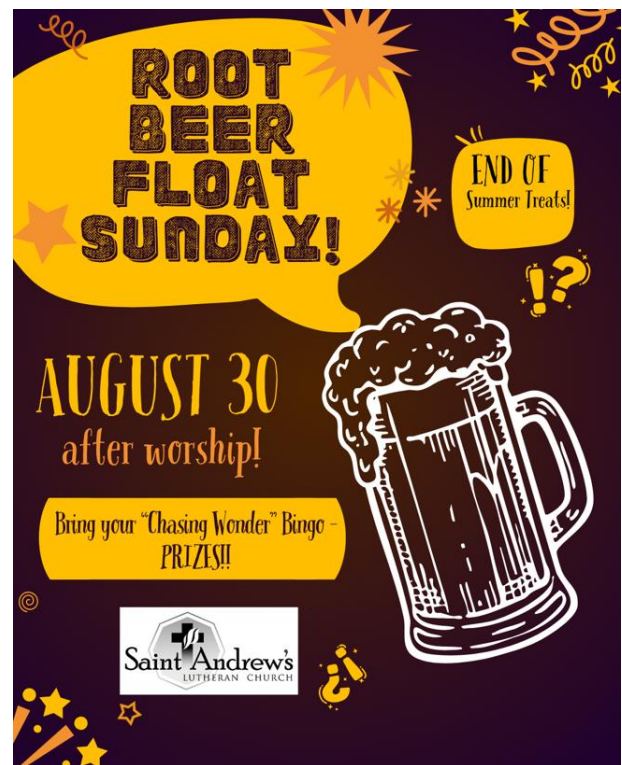
Summer's Signature Treat

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!!!



Join us for a BBQ with Porchlight 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.

SALC 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 of Porchlight are looking forward to it and have already volunteered to help.

O.W.L.S returns in September: "Nest With Less"

Learn insider secrets from two experts on clearing your decks, closets and drawers. Saint Andrew's beloved member Liz Rudolph and Anne Watanabe, owners of "The Happy Nest Organizers", will be the guest speakers at the September 15th OWLS luncheon. Whether you're planning a downsize or just want to get that junk drawer cleaned out, this dynamic duo will inspire you.

OWLS (*Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints*) meets the third Tuesday of the month. The group shares a potluck lunch followed by a program.

You don't need to be older or wiser to come.

We gather at 11:45 am on Tuesday, September 15 and eat at noon.

If possible, please pitch in with a potluck dish share.

Questions? Check with Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



September 24
Blood Drive!

We are back in the Fellowship Hall on
Thursday, September 24th
from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Goal = Fill all 4 slots!!

Use this QR code
and get scheduled!!



We had a GREAT response to the July blood drive ... all slots were filled!!

Let's do it again!

Our next blood drive is **Thursday, September 24th** back in the Fellowship Hall!!

Please use the QR Code and get your slot!! There are 41 time slots available ... as of today, 5 are filled.

Share with friends and neighbors - every drop matters.

September dates to remember:

September 6:	5:00 PM Summer Evening Worship
September 7:	Office is closed (Labor Day)
September 12:	God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service Church Council Retreat
September 13:	9:00 AM "Faith & Civic Life" Adult Education program 10:00 AM Worship Church Council Meeting
September 17:	Choir Rehearsals begin
September 26:	All church work day
September 27:	Mission Team Adult Education Hour Taco Brunch

Adult Education coming in the Fall:

The first Sunday of each month (beginning October 4, 2026) will be Bible Study

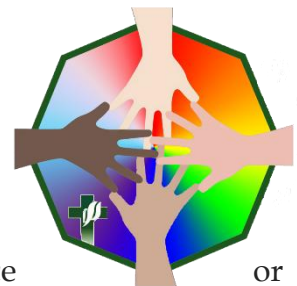
The second Sunday of each month (September – December) will have programs based on the Faith & Civic Life report from the ELCA.

Stay tuned for other planned Adult Education opportunities!!



How did it get to be the last week of August?

Somehow, summer is almost over, but there's still time to read the *ELCA's Social Statement on Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All* in time for our adult forum in September. One of the major themes in the social statement is the importance of being an educated and informed voter and that's the first topic we'll be discussing! There are printed copies of the statement in the church office you can download it at www.elca.org/socialstatements.



And if you're looking for something else to read, consider *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny* by Kiran Desai. Set in India and America, it's a family and love story spanning years, examining and bending traditions and expectations. *Beth Donahoe*



Corner of Blessing Food of the Month – August

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.



Saturday,
September 12, 2026

Helping
hopelink
Help the **HUNGRY**

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!**

A note from Pastor Timothy Weber: As you may or may not know, in May I was diagnosed with an angiosarcoma cancer. As with most cancers, this is a serious cancer. I had successful surgery on May 18, followed by several scans and biopsies that showed no metastasis. The cancer lesion was discovered early. I am now a patient at the Fred Hutch Cancer Center in Seattle and at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. I began weekly chemotherapy in July. I am blessed with highly skilled providers and procedures in Seattle and Houston. I am confident in being surrounded and lifted by the gift of God's grace and the bountiful mercy of God's care. And I am thankful for your partnership in prayer. I am taking a sabbatical from St. Andrew's during this treatment and plan to return when the time is right. Thank you. *Pastor Timothy Weber*

Upcoming Fundraiser for our Community Partners:



Porchlight's 2026 *Light The Way* Luncheon:

Thursday, September 24th, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at

The Gary Locke Ballroom, Bellevue College. Suggested donation \$100.

[Register HERE.](#)

Please join us for a luncheon rooted in community, compassion, and shared purpose as we come together to help our Eastside neighbors move beyond homelessness. This year's theme, *A Place at the Table*, reflects a simple but powerful belief: everyone deserves a place where they are welcomed, valued, and supported.



Hopelink's 31st Annual *Reaching Out* Celebration:

Thursday, October 15, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Meydenbauer Convention Center

It is free to attend, suggested donation, \$200. [Register HERE.](#)



About Reaching Out: We're pleased to announce the featured speaker for Hopelink's 31st annual *Reaching Out Celebration*: Rick Steves.

Since 1995, the **Reaching Out Celebration** has brought community members from across our region together in support of a shared vision, a community free of poverty.

As Hopelink's premier fundraising event, this evening plays a critical role in raising both awareness and support for our work.

This year's program will feature powerful stories from individuals who have turned to Hopelink in times of need, along with a deeper look at our unique approach to serving the community. At a time of extraordinary need, this event helps bring critical resources to families across our region.

We're honored to welcome Rick Steves to this year's celebration. His lifelong commitment to broadening perspectives, strengthening communities, and supporting causes that create meaningful change aligns deeply with Hopelink's mission. His voice will help underscore what's possible when people show up for one another, both locally and around the world.

Adult Education hours and Sunday Brunch returns 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

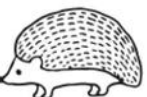
To volunteer reach out to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



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



Are you Chasing Wonder? LAST WEEK – Bring your Bingo Card (with photos) on August 30th! Get a prize!

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

The push is on...where have you seen 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.
- We will display your Bingo Boards after August 30th.

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

There is a BIG BINGO BOARD on the Narthex bulletin board. Add your pictures! (**YOU are responsible for your OWN board for prizes**). You can be inspired weekly by what others are sharing!!

Happy Summer Challenge!!



Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry has issued his fourth in a series of monthly messages that continue through the end of this year, titled “All Together in One Place.”

Each message will share a pastoral word, rooted in Scripture, that witnesses to God's presence today, our rich theological tradition and the social teaching that connects us.

A Call to be Trusted Messengers in this Election Season

August 19, 2026

Dear church,

In [an interview](#) after I was elected, I reflected on my experience as a mission developer, saying, “It is not about what you think you’re bringing into the community. It’s who you are in the community. The minute we showed that we cared is really when the community adopted us. People don’t care about what you know till they know that you care, and that was the biggest learning for me.”

Faithful. Informed. Engaged. This refrain captures a vision for Lutheran Christians living out their baptismal calling in the election season and beyond. Faith grounds us in God’s promises, and Christ sends us forth to love our neighbors and serve the world. Being informed equips us to address complex issues with wisdom, discernment and integrity. Being engaged reminds us that our participation in civic life is a key way we love and serve our neighbors. Our public witness is rooted in faith, guided by honesty and expressed through active citizenship.

ELCA ministries and leaders already play vital roles during election seasons. You register voters, provide rides to the polls, open your buildings as polling places and advocate for voting rights. Thank you! This year, I invite you to embrace an additional role to help strengthen our democracy: serving as trusted messengers in your communities.

Our church can be “all together in one place” as a powerful witness for truth, love of neighbor and honesty. False information remains a persistent challenge during elections. It can spread rapidly, undermining confidence in the electoral process and discouraging participation.

Grounded in the commandment not to bear false witness, our churches and faith leaders are uniquely positioned to help address this challenge by seeking out and sharing accurate information and correcting misinformation when it arises. In a time when trust is often in short supply, serving as trusted sources of wisdom and guidance is a meaningful form of Christian witness. By helping our neighbors access accurate information and engage confidently in the democratic process, we live out our faith through responsible civic engagement and service to the common good.

“Healthy civic engagement depends on clear distinctions between fact and all forms of falsehood, ranging from partial misstatements to intentional disinformation to outright lies. ... Our church, then, encourages us all to ask, in every personal interaction and on social media, whether our words or those we repeat represent the best possible understanding of our neighbor.”

– ELCA social statement Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All (p. 62)

The ELCA offers a [variety of resources](#) to help congregations and individuals be trusted messengers.

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The new “[ELCA Election Engagement Toolkit](#)” provides guidance on topics that include serving as trusted messengers, engaging in election protection and modeling love of neighbor in polarized communities. (A [tool kit launch webinar](#) on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 12:30 p.m. Central time will provide an introduction to action steps and themes grounded in our Lutheran tradition.)

Through the “[ELCA Civic Engagement Guide](#),” you can access materials on voter education, voter registration, candidate forums, legal guidelines for congregations, voting rights and ways to encourage participation in local communities.

I invite you to take faithful steps this election year:

- Register to vote if you have not already done so and check your registration to make sure it is up-to-date. Use the “[Prepared to Vote Checklist](#)” to think through local voting requirements.

- Learn about the issues, ballot measures and candidates that will shape your community.

Participate in respectful conversations.

- Check sources of information before sharing it in conversations or online.

- Pray for those who serve in public office, for election workers and for all who will exercise the privilege of voting. Create spaces for faithful, open conversation with voters, candidates or neighbors in your community.

- Encourage your family members, friends and neighbors to take part in the democratic process.

Be faithful, informed and engaged as disciples of Jesus seeking the well-being of our neighbors and the common good of the communities God has entrusted to our care. Every act of informed participation, every conversation marked by grace and every vote cast with prayerful discernment is an opportunity to bear witness to God’s love in the world.

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!



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



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE



11:15 AM – 12:00 PM
Music or Art Program



12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Lunch and Fellowship



1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Worship



PASTOR WENDY

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

LOVED BY CHRIST • ACCEPTED AS YOU ARE • KNOWN BY GOD



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WORSHIP

**“Jesus Loves Me
Lutheran Church”** (formerly
Grace Lutheran Church,
Sammamish) is continuing their
ministry serving children with
special needs and their families
under a new name and renewed
vision.

They meet at Cross of Christ
Lutheran Church, Bellevue.

The Eastside Lutheran Church
Community pastors will be
preaching and participating in
this unique, inclusive worship
opportunity.

All are welcome to join in!

Help us celebrate and spread the
word !

Calendar

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 PM JEDI Committee, Online

Thursday, August 27

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

6:00 PM All Church BBQ

Sunday, August 30

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation

Monday, August 31

10:00 AM Health and Wholeness Meeting

1:00 PM Staff

Tuesday, September 1

Porchlight moves out today

8:00 AM Tuesday Morning Men

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

5:00 PM Worship

Monday, September 7

Office is Closed / Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online

9:30 AM Dorcas Circle

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting, Online

7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting, Online

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

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