

November 4, 2026

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

Holy God, we are grateful for the ability to vote
and elect leaders in our country.
As we await the results of this year's midterm elections,
may we do so with a calm heart and spirit.
Guide current leaders to share truthful information
and encourage peace.
Grant wisdom to all who will be elected.
May they serve their whole community,
especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed.
We lift this prayer to you in Christ's name.
Amen.

NOTE: Next Wednesday, November 11, is Veteran's Day
and the office will be CLOSED.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

November 8: Joyce and Brady Kasper, Greeters; Jay Baxter, Coffee Host
November 15: Hal & Carolynn Ferris, Greeters; Liz & Gary Rudolph, Coffee Hosts

Please 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 www.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.

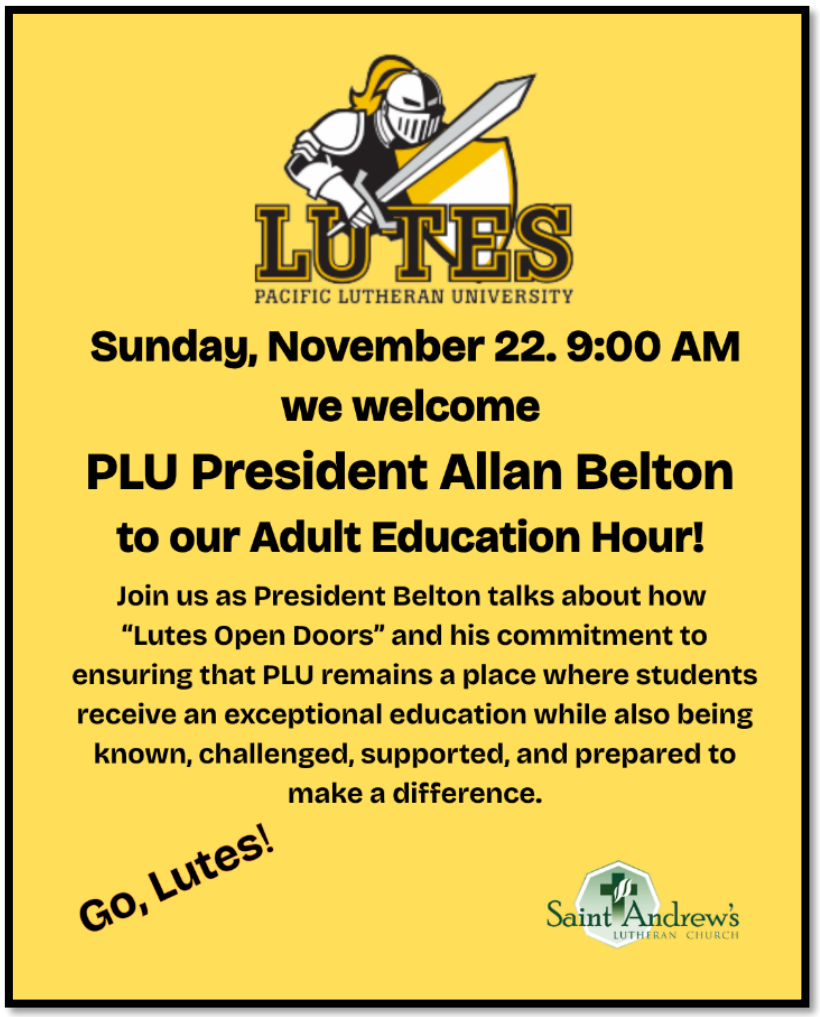
Sunday, November 8:

9:00 AM **Adult Education; *Charitable Giving***
Sunday School
10:00 AM **Worship**

Readings for November 8
Amos 5:18-24 and Matthew 25:1-13

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

Pastor's Bible Study continues in a hybrid fashion on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM. **Contact Pastor Lara by email** (pastor@salc.church) if you would like the Zoom link.



We welcome PLU president, Allan Belton, to Saint Andrew's!

Mr. Belton became the 14th president of Pacific Lutheran University in 2017, bringing to the presidency a combination of business acumen, higher education experience, curiosity, and a willingness to challenge convention. A self-described believer in doing things differently when a better path exists, Belton has embraced the opportunity to lead PLU with both an eye toward what is next and a deep appreciation for what makes the university distinctive.

At the heart of his leadership is a simple belief: people matter, and how we care for one another matters. That belief is deeply connected to PLU's mission and to the university's commitment to educating students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership, and care.

Belton often points to PLU's "***Lutes Open Doors"*** ethos as a powerful expression of that culture. For him, holding doors is about more than a gesture – it represents a willingness to notice one another, make room for others, show up, and lead with generosity. It is the kind of care he believes should extend from the classroom to the boardroom and into the broader community.

As president, Belton is committed to ensuring that PLU remains a place where students receive an exceptional education while also being known, challenged, supported, and prepared to make a difference.

Plan to come to meet him at Adult Education on November 22nd – bring your PLU Alum friends!

2027 Council Member Recruitment



The 2027 Nominating Committee is currently working to identify candidates for the 2027 Congregation Council election at our next annual meeting , January 31, 2027. Please consider recommending candidates you think would be good leaders to serve on the Council. Recommendations should be made by completing a "Nominating Request Form" available in the Narthex and placing it in the collection box located there or by speaking with a member of the Nominating Committee *(Peter Cornwell – Chair, Joyce Arnold, Carol Bostic, Joyce Nelson, & Veda Moretti*). The deadline for receiving suggested nominations is **November 15th,** 2026. If you have questions, please talk with any member of the committee.





Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts:

BIG thanks to Dorcas Circle and to the Health and Wholeness Committee for, again, creating beautiful quilts and health kits for Lutheran World Relief. And thanks to all of you for your generous donations to these projects.





Stewardship: Commitment Sunday is Nov 15

Commitment Sunday is when we ask everyone to turn in their annual pledge for the coming year. Here is this week's Stewardship homework assignment to help get you ready:

1) Check out all the ongoing Ministries on the Saint Andrews Website. Outreach | Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church .
2) Attend the **Sunday, November 8 Adult Education Hour** on our Outreach Ministries, with a special focus on Hopelink.
3) Watch for more information on how to prepare and submit your annual giving pledge, in both your email and regular mailbox.
4) See John Andresen's Treasurer's Report on the next page.

SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Notes

As of October 31, 2026

SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT					
				$ Variance	
MONTH:	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	72,029	67,250	48,096	4,779	23,933
Exp	66,005	66,754	64,123	749	(1,882)
Net	6,024	496	(16,028)	5,527	22,051
				$ Variance	
YEAR-TO-DATE	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Budget	Last Year
Rev	617,644	607,400	576,366	10,244	41,279
Exp	653,922	669,478	650,141	15,556	(3,781)
Net	(36,278)	(62,078)	(73,776)	25,800	37,498

Our financial results for the month surpassed budget expectations, with a net surplus of $6,024, favorable to budget by $5,527.

Revenues for the month were favorable to budget by $4,779. On a YTD basis, revenues are favorable to budget by $10,244 and favorable to last year's YTD revenue by $41,279.

Expenses were favorable to budget by $749 for the month and favorable by $15,556 YTD.

Our YTD bottom-line of $36,278 is a deficit and is favorable to what we budgeted by $25,800 and favorable to last year's YTD results by $37,498.

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
john@salc.church
(206) 349-6521

Fire Drill on Sunday!!



It has been **seven years** since we've had a fire drill at Saint Andrew's, so there will be one this Sunday late in the service. Here are reminders of what to do whenever the fire alarm sounds.

DO

- Exit the building quickly, and
- Help others to exit quickly, and
- Gather in the bottom (east) row of the parking lot, and
- Stay there until told it is OK to leave.

DO NOT

- Delay exiting the building to go to the restroom, etc., or
- Get into your car, because we might think you are still in the building, or
- Move your car, because that will hinder emergency vehicles.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping make Saint Andrew's better prepared for emergencies.

Kurt Lutterman, Facilities Manager

No O.W.L.S. in November

As many of you may know, our Sherry recently had some emergency surgery. While she is recovering, we are adjusting to some of the events she leads. Like ***"Older, Wiser, Lutheran Saints"*** **O.W.L.S.** So, **there is NO O.W.L.S. lunch in November**. Please keep Sherry in your prayers as she recovers.

Youth News:

We have 19 youth and 5 adults from our ELCC churches going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. Woohoo!!

Our first fundraiser is a Rummage Sale on Saturday, Nov. 14, 9-3pm at Mt Si Lutheran Church in North Bend, WA. Go-Shop-Support!!

Check out more on their Website: Fall Rummage Sale | Mt Si Lutheran Church | Eastside Lutheran Church Community



Corner of Blessing
Food of the Month – October & November

We are making good progress with just three Sundays to go. As you can see in the Progress Chart below, this week the most needed item is **Applesauce/Fruit Cups.** Right behind that are **Peanut Butter, Pouched Meat/Jerky and Canned Meals/Soups**.
The items in these bags need to be able to be eaten directly without being heated or the use of a can opener. These need to be things that can be eaten cold and plain.
****All canned items must have a pop-top lid.** Only soups and meals are in cans.
****PAY ATTENTION TO SIZES.** Keeping the weight down is important for homeless. Bigger sizes can't be used.
****MAKE SURE TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATES! They need to be on or after February 2027!****
If shopping is not your thing and you would like to help, a check made out to Saint Andrew's with Emergency Bags in the memo line will be used to buy the food needed to complete the most bags.
There are seven different items that go in each "No-Cook" Emergency Bag. We will be collecting these items during October and November:
These are the items needed for each Emergency Bag:

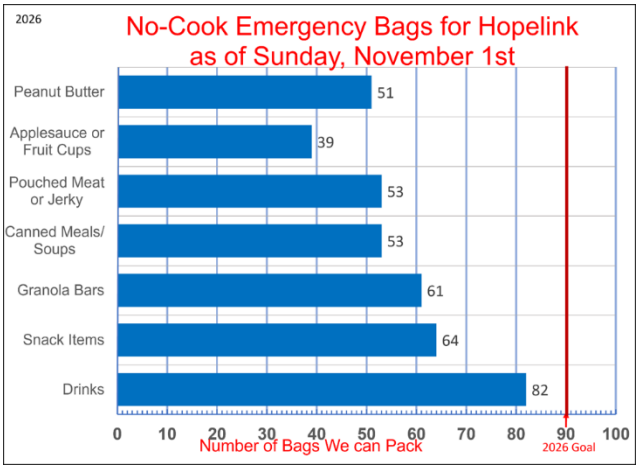
Qty: Item:

Peanut Butter – (~16 oz. plastic jar – no-stir)

- **Applesauce or Fruit Cups Package** – (packages of 4 or 6 cups (about 4-ounce cups), kept in original packaging so that it contains the label and ingredients, ex: peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce)
- **Pouched Meat or Jerky** – (beef jerky or meat sticks (like slim Jims), pouched meat like tuna, chicken, salmon (Starkist is a common brand) Common sizes for both are about 2.5 - 3 ounces.)
- **Canned Meals/Soups** – (ex: ~15-20 oz, ex: chili, beef stew, canned ravioli, hearty Progresso soups (such as: beef pot roast, chicken pot pie, Italian Wedding, etc. – **Pop-Top lid**)
- **Granola Bars*** – (look for ones that are at least 150 – 200 calories each – total at least 1,000 calories for the 6 bars)
- **Snack Items*** (high in calories & will not crush easily. Ex: dried fruit, nuts, trail mix. Individual packages – look for ones that are at least 100 – 150 calories each - total at least 500 calories for the 5 snack items)
- **Shelf-Stable Drinks** – (Something that does not require refrigeration and will not puncture easily. Ex: juice boxes, water, protein shakes.)

* The granola bars and snack items can be in larger (Costco) packages since we repackage them into Ziplock's of 6 or 5 items.

Here is the progress chart as of November 1st. Check here to see what is needed to pack the most emergency bags:



The Sophia Way updates



The COMING HOME Celebration on Friday, November 6th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Hilton Bellevue; 300 112th Ave SE, Bellevue.
A very special evening at the Hilton Bellevue, with dinner, music, auction, and people, who believe, (rightly so!) that "stability changes everything"!, Tickets available here.

Any questions at all…let me know!
Blessings,
Joyce Arnold

The next Sophia Way Lunch being provided by Saint Andrew's is November 25th! We will, again, have the honor to provide lunch for the women who shelter at Sophia's Place.
What's on the menu? ***Meatloaf and mashed potatoes***!!
If you would like to donate some of the food for the meal, or supplies for the pantry, please contact Joyce Arnold (arnoldaj44@hotmail.com) . Items will be collected on Tuesday, November 24th for the lunch on November 25th.

Travel to East Africa!

Our ministry partner, ***Opportunity Builds Africa,*** has four standard travel opportunities! Dr. Dave and Michele Vossler are planning to go on the Tanzania Medical Impact Discovery Tour **July 11-25, 2027.** It includes time at the MaaSAE girls school! Think about joining them – or participating in another Discovery Tour. Find out more about all the Discovery Tours. HERE. ***Registration Closes: November 15th, 2026***

YOUR JOURNEY AWAITS
Tanzania Immersion with Kafika House
June 19 - July 3, 2027

Our two-week program is designed for guardians and teens to bond, grow and volunteer at Kafika House amidst the cultural and natural beauty of Tanzania and its people. This trip is not solely academic, solely service-based or solely culturally immersive -- it's the full package! It's time to go beyond comfort zones and perceived limits and join Kafika House as we change the landscape of rehabilitative care for children with disabilities in Tanzania. Find out more HERE.

Friends of KAFIKA HOUSE

Be Prepared (for the holidays)

A good scout knows to 'be prepared' and OUR scouts (Cub pack 673) Luke and Daniel Davis are going to be in the Narthex on Sunday taking your Christmas wreath orders!! So *Be Prepared* to order!
Need more information? Contact Aaron or Mary Davis.





Volunteer Opportunity to Support KidVantage:

Saturday, **November 21st** | ***9:00 am - 12:00 noon or 1:00 pm – 4:00pm*** | *KidVantage in Issaquah*

Volunteers are needed for a work party at KidVantage on Saturday, **November 21**. There are two shifts **9:00 am to noon** and **1:00 to 4:00 pm.** Eight to ten volunteers are needed for each shift. Our volunteers will be helping Saint Andrew's member Liz Rudolph sort, prep and package toys for holiday gifting. Liz volunteers at KidVantage and helps oversee the toy storage and distribution.

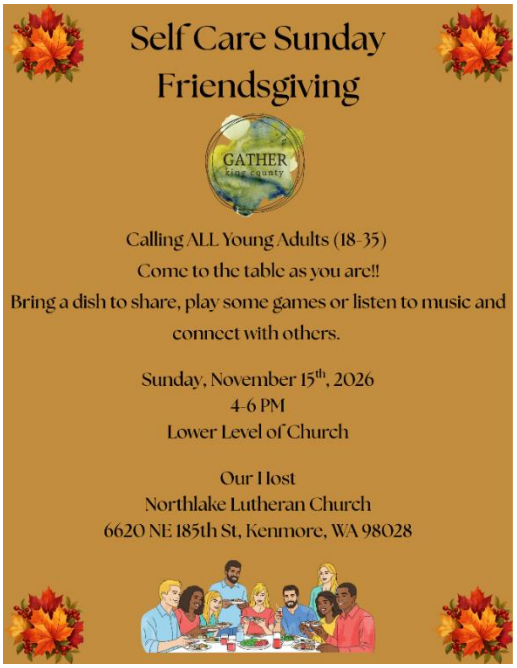
The minimum age for youth to help is 14. To volunteer, sign up HERE! Or contact Liz Rudolph (lizzyrudolph@gmail.com) or Dick Szabo (dick.szabo@comcast.net).

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!



Gather (young adult ministry ages 18-25) has enother event planned!

Self Care Sunday Friendsgiving

November 15th, 2026 4-6PM at Northlake Lutheran Church (6620 NE 185th St, Kenmore, WA 98028) in the lower level of the church.

Come to the table as you are!!

Bring a dish to share, play some games or listen to music and connect with others.

You are loved! You are welcome here! You are uniquely you!

OSLC/ELCC Bell Choir
2 ringers needed for the Christmas season
Do you know anyone from 9 to 90 that might like to give bells a try for Christmas? Bell ringing experience is not necessary, but reading music is a plus. Friends, enemies, neighbors, and family are all welcome! Rehearsals are at 7:00pm on the Tuesdays in November. Please contact the Bell Coordinator, Wendy Winslow at wendywinslow@hotmail.com.

Calendar

Wednesday, November 4

Thursday, November 5
2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7
NWWA Youth Retreat begins

Sunday, November 8
9:00 AM Adult Education, *Faith & Civic Engagement*
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, November 9
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Council Meeting, In Person

Tuesday, November 10
8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, online
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study, hybrid
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day – Office is closed.
2:00 PM Care Team Meeting, Online
7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting, Online

Thursday, November 12
11:30 AM Covenant Living Clergy lunch
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15
9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM KnitWits
12:30 PM Acolyte Meeting, Online
4:00 PM Shared Confirmation Class

Monday, November 16
1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, online
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 18
12:00 PM ELCC Pastor's Meeting

You can access our weekly online calendar HERE.

The Reverend Lara Forbes, Lead Pastor
pastor@SALC.church
The Reverend Timothy T. Weber,
Shared-Time Pastor
timwebertt@yahoo.com
Dr. Will Simpson,
Director of Music Ministries
will@SALC.church
Doug Johnson,
Director of Youth and Family Ministries
doug@SALC.church
Sherry Grindeland, Fellowship Coordinator
sherry@SALC.church
Kurt Lutterman, Facilities Manager
kurt@SALC.church
Kathy Fisher, Communications Director
kathy@SALC.church
Vanessa Rykaczewski, Handbell Choir Director
Elaine Koga, Choir Accompanist
Andrew Camrud, 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:

Saint Andrew's LUTHERAN CHURCH

2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98007
425-746-2529 / www.salc.church