


November 11, 2026

*Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People*

*Prayer of the Week:*

Gracious God,
we offer our deepest gratitude for all our veterans,
past and present, and for the families who stood by them.
We acknowledge their unique journeys, their sacrifices,
and the challenges they may still carry.
Hold them in Your loving arms, ease the burdens they bear,
and grant them peace, comfort, and healing.
May they always feel the appreciation and support
of a grateful nation.
Amen.

Prayer for Veterans and Their Families, from*: American Legion Veterans Day Prayers*

## Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

**November 15: Hal & Carolynn Ferris, Greeters; Terri Anderson, Coffee host**
**November 22: Joe Baro and Amy Baro; Karen Getzinger, Coffee host.**

For the moment, please contact April (april@salc.church)
to be a Sunday greeter or to Host coffee hour.

***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.***

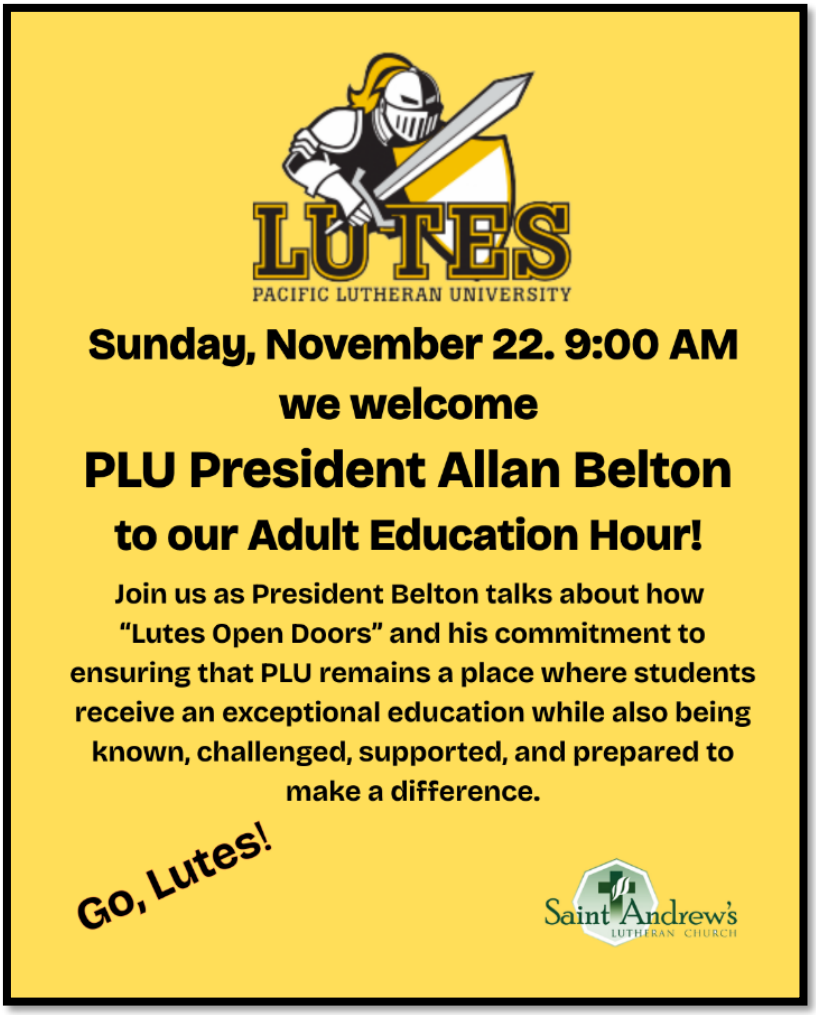
**Sunday, November 15:**

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| **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** |

## Readings for November 15:
## Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Matthew 25: 14-30

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 this Sunday, **November 15th,** 2026. If you have questions, please talk with any member of the committee.

## Stewardship: Commitment Sunday is November15th




This coming Sunday, November 15, is **Commitment Sunday,** when we ask everyone one to bring their 2027 pledge cards to with them to church and put them in the offering plate. By now you should have received information via both email and USPS. If you didn't or can't find it, or you won't be in church on Sunday, no problem. This year you can get the all the same information and submit your pledge on line HERE, or with this QR code.

## 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 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.

# thanks a bunch!



## Thanks, Hal!

Have you noticed the handrails coming up to the Sanctuary?? Thanks to Hal Ferris, they were sanded and re-oiled, bringing out their gorgeous wood grains. And he did it while recovering from Covid!

Not only do they LOOK better, they are smoother and safer for us all. Thank you!!!

For your prayers, cards, wishes, and precious fellowship, I thank you. I walk now without a cane, I can bend over and pick something off the floor without banging my head on the floor, and can get dressed without sitting down. These are all miracles. Thank you. *Marvin Kananen*

Dear Pastor Lara,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and everyone at the church for your prayers, love, and kindness throughout my surgery and recovery.

Thank you so much for keeping me in your prayers and for the beautiful knitted gift you sent me. Your thoughtfulness and love have touched my heart more deeply than words can express.

I truly believe that all these prayers and acts of love have brought about a miracle. My condition has turned out to be much better than expected, and my recovery has been going remarkably smoothly. I feel so blessed and grateful for God's grace, love, and healing.

I look forward to being reunited with you and everyone at church very soon. Until then, please know how much your love and support mean to me.

With a grateful heart, I give thanks to the Lord for His endless love and blessings!

With love and gratitude,

*Juliet Engan*

## Welcome New Members:





We were happy to receive ***Hilka Ndapandula Timoteus***
and ***Lorne Mongeau*** as new members on Sunday, October 13, 2026! Be sure and greet them.




## December Blood Drive

The best gift someone might receive is a blood donation!
Please use the QR code on the poster or go HERE to sign up for a time on Thursday, December 3rd! **We have 40 slots … and so far 8 appointments**.
Share with friends and family !

## Advent Fair:

It's that time already: **ADVENT FAIR** is November 29th; beginning at 8:45 AM and continuing after worship. Our theme is ***"Connections With Crafts".***

We'll be making:

- Centerpieces for a Christmas lunch for seniors,
- Designing holiday cards for our immigrant neighbors,
- Filling bags with art supplies for local immigrant children,
- Decorating cookies for the firefighters,
- and of course packing grocery bags for Hopelink.

We'll also be having a **BAKE SALE** to cover the cost of the speaker at the Women's Retreat. **Can you donate baked goods**? Or some **Christmas cut-out cookies** to decorate (we need 15 doz). Let April (april@salc.church) know. She's assisting while Sherry heals.

Since we want to fill **100 bags** with art supplies, please consider donating some items from the list below. There's a box (and copies of the shopping list) in the narthex.

### ADVENT FAIR CRAFT SUPPLIES WISH LIST

**This year we'll be filling 100 bags with art supplies for children to enjoy over the holiday break. If you'd like to contribute to the pile, please consider purchasing some of the items below and return them to the church by Sunday, November 22.**

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| Tablets of Drawing Paper | Glue sticks |
| Crayons | Scissors |
| Washable Markers | Stickers |
| Colored Pencils | Erasers |

## 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 again on Sunday taking your Christmas wreath orders!! So *Be Prepared* to order! Need more information? Contact Aaron or Mary Davis.









**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]

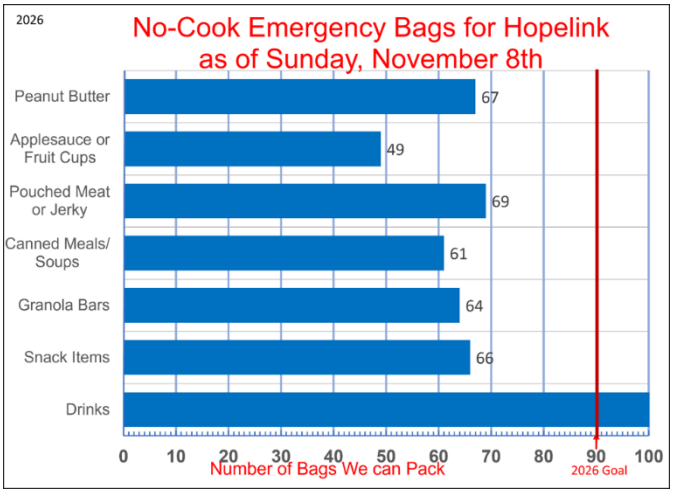
# Corner of Blessing
# Food of the Month – October & November

We are making very good progress with just **TWO** Sundays to go. As you can see in the Progress Chart below, this week the most needed item is **Applesauce/Fruit Cups**. After that we need **Canned Meals/Soups** then **Granola Bars** and **Snack Items**.
*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:

- **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.

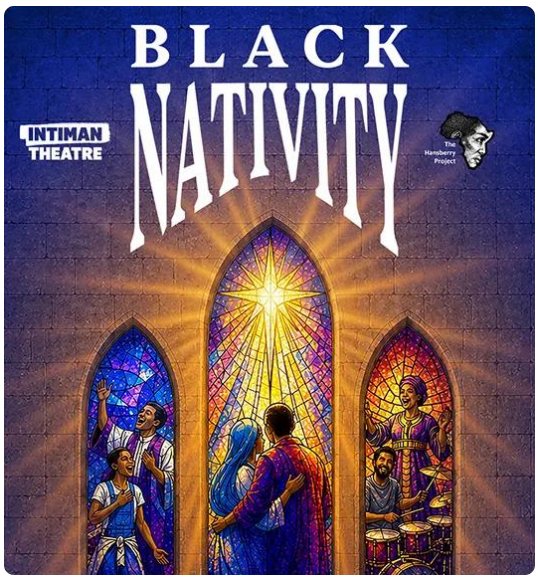
**Here is the progress chart as of November 8th.** Check here to see what is needed to pack the most emergency bags:



## The Sophia Way updates

**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.

## Holiday Joy:




Have you ever seen "Black Nativity" at the Intiman Theater? Treat yourself, friends and family to this dynamic telling of the birth of Christ.

Langston Hughes' gospel song-play returns! Featuring 30 performers, a live band, powerful vocals, a citywide gospel choir—and a chance to sing along. The magic and joy of the Christmas story is brought to life with vivid colors, dance and music. A joyful holiday celebration for all ages and beliefs that will have you leaping to your feet. (*Yes, Lutherans can leap to their feet, clap on 2 & 4 and dance in the aisles* 😉)

For more information, head to their website: Black Nativity | Intiman Theatre Holiday Gospel Musical

## Bells of the Sound Holiday Concerts:



Northwest Washington Synod
Southwestern Washington Synod
Northwest Intermountain Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**A Pastoral Statement from the ELCA Bishops of Washington State Regarding Initiative 638**

Dear Beloved People of God,

We, the bishops of Washington state, are deeply troubled by the passage of Initiative 638. This initiative prohibits transgender girls from participating in girls' school sports and requires additional medical verification of biological sex for all girls seeking to participate in athletics.

Every child is a beloved child of God. Every child. In Genesis 1:27, we hear that all humankind is created in the image of God. In Psalm 139, we hear that all people are fearfully and wonderfully made. These are not conditional promises. They are declarations of God's love for all people.

As many know, playing sports offers children and youth so much more than learning to win and lose. They learn teamwork, perseverance, and respect for others. They develop friendships, confidence, and relationships with coaches and mentors. Every child deserves these opportunities.

There is no question that this initiative most directly affects transgender girls, excluding them from these experiences. But it also creates new barriers for all girls. The United States has spent decades expanding opportunities for girls and women in sports. Now, in the name of protecting girls, Washington state will require additional medical verification of girls' bodies before they can compete. (Boys will not be subjected to any requirement like this.) These additional requirements raise serious concerns about privacy, access, and dignity, particularly for families already facing financial or geographic barriers.

We recognize genuine concerns about fairness in athletics. These concerns deserve thoughtful discussion, sound scientific evidence, and policies that account for the complexities of human development. Research is still developing on this. We should resist simplistic assumptions about athletic advantage. We should not punish our children because we, as adults, have been unable to hold thoughtful, respectful, and informed conversations about equity in sports.

To transgender girls, nonbinary and intersex children and youth, we want to say this directly:

You are beloved. You are not a problem to be solved. You are not a political argument. You are a person created in God's image, with gifts to share, friendships to enjoy, and a life that matters.

To the girls and women of Washington state:

Your dignity matters. Your opportunities matter. Your bodies deserve respect and privacy.

We can protect girls' sports without abandoning transgender children. We can seek fairness without sacrificing compassion. And we can disagree without denying the humanity of our neighbors.

We ask our congregations and communities to do more than offer kind words. Reach out to families with transgender children and youth. Stand against bullying and discrimination. Make our churches places of genuine welcome, safety and belonging.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors, especially those who have been marginalized. May we love as Jesus calls us to love.

In Christ's Love,

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| Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | Bishop Keith Marshall | Bishop Meggan Manlove |
| Northwest Washington Synod | Southwestern Washington Synod | Northwest Intermountain Synod |

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!

**ELCC LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM PROJECT**



Mt. Si, Our Savior's, Holy Trinity, Sammamish Hills, St. Andrews, St. Luke's and Cross of Christ came together on a first collaborative project-**15 Welcome Baskets for Porchlight** men who were moving into independent living accommodations. Each church chose to collect 15 of different items. The picture is the result of a production line for filling the baskets. This is just 6 of the 15. 4 baskets have already gone to men moving.

The Porchlight Thank You said "moving is an exciting step but can be stressful. Having towels, toiletries, cleaning supplies, trash baskets, laundry baskets, shower curtains and more means one less thing to worry about as they settle into their new homes. The baskets also remind the men that people in their community care about them and are cheering them on. We are grateful for your grace and generosity."

We each learned a lot with our own collections as we all do things differently and we did them on our own timing. It worked well and we were able to provide more baskets than perhaps one would do alone. Blessings to all.

## Calendar

**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

**Thursday, November 19**
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, November 20**
6:00 PM Sock Samuri

**Saturday, November 21**

**Sunday, November 22**
9:00 AM Adult Education, *PLU President Belton*
Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

**Monday, November 23**
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ELF Meeting, online

**Tuesday, November 24**
8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
2:00 PM Sophia Way Lunch supplies drop off

**Wednesday, November 25**
10:30 AM Sophia Way Lunch delivery
2:00 PM The Weatherly Worship Service

You can access our weekly online calendar HERE.

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