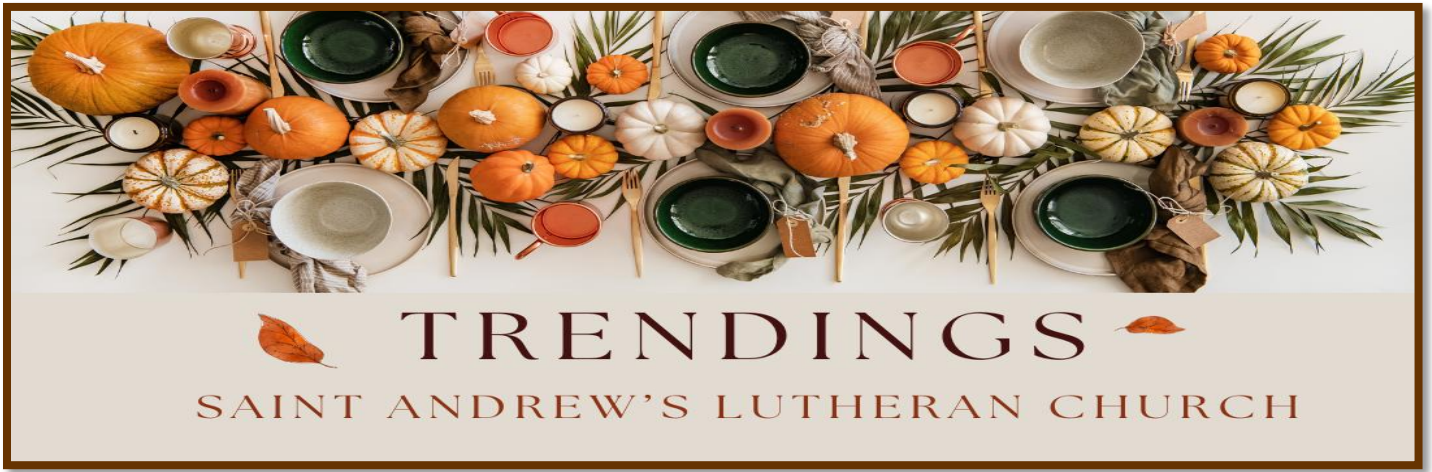




November 25, 2025

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

Prayer of the Week:

God our creator, you have ordered seedtime and harvest, sunshine and rain. Give to all who work the land fair compensation for the work of their hands. Grant that people of this and every nation may give thanks to you for food, drink, and all that sustains life; may we use with care the land and water from which these good things come; and honor the laborers who produce them, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ELW: The gifts of agriculture prayer.

Pastor 'scams': It's the holiday season, a time when internet/email scams show up frequently. Please note - Pastor Lara WILL NEVER email or text you requesting cash or gift cards. If you receive something like that -mark as spam and delete!

NOTE: The office will be CLOSED Wednesday, November 26 and November 27 for Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Greeters and Coffee Hosts:

November 30: ADVENT FAIR!!

December 7: Mikel Oswalt & Stella Nieman, 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.

Worship is at 10:00 am on Sundays, 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, November 30th at Saint Andrews:

- 8:30 AM Advent Fair!!
- 10:00 AM Worship in-person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed
- 11:00 AM Advent Fair, continued

Readings for November 30

Daniel 3:1-30

John 18:33-37

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



Join Pastor Lara in the Library or on ZOOM for Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM. Email Pastor (pastor@salc.church) for the ZOOM link.

“Humble & Holy”, the 2025 Devotions for Advent and Christmas from Augsburg Fortress are available in the Narthex! There are small and large print versions. Additional devotional materials will be available at the Advent Fair.

Join us for the Advent Fair Sunday, November 30 At 8:30 AM.

We're opening early this year to give you time to enjoy all the activities.

- Pick out your Christmas devotional materials, and Advent calendars.
- Help pack 80 food bags for Hopelink, make an Advent centerpiece or wreath, frost a cookie (or two) and eat them.
- Nancy Davis and her crafty team will help you make a fancy gift tag.
- Come prepared to purchase something from our bake sale – a fundraiser for the Women's Retreat.
- Check out the book about the Massae Girls' School.
- Make a Christmas ornament or two!

The Fair will be open from 8:30 to 9:45 AM and 11 to 11:30 AM.

Volunteers still needed to bake goodies for the bake sale, cutout cookies and help with a couple of the booths.

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



Knit Wits: Busy hands are happy hands! And the Knit Wits have been busy. Thank you for 36 hats, 16 wash cloths, 1 scarf, and 3 baby bundles. These will all be appreciated.

About the baby bundles: These sets consist of a 12" square blanket and a 2.5" hat. Please use size 3 or 4 yarn in lighter colors for these. These are used to

wrap neonates that have died at birth. They are distributed across the country. The parents keep the bundles.

We will also continue to supply hats and scarves this winter. Locally, these will go to KidVantage or the Compass Housing Alliance.



Love Tree

CHRISTMAS 2025

Beginning November 23rd you can shop and support the following agencies:

Kid Vantage
(Board books, Board games, dolls, trucks/cars)

Lantern Hill
(\$25 toward building supplies)

Compass Housing
(socks/t-shirts; gloves/mittens)

The Sophia Way
(\$25 gift cards to QFC/Fred Meyer/Safeway)

We also support uniform purchases for the Maasae Lutheran Girls school in Tanzania (\$65 donation) Look for that display on the bulletin board!

Donate + take an ornament.



Sanctuary Flowers for 2026: The 2026 Flower chart is on the Narthex bulletin board! Can you believe it?? 2026!!

Reminder: NO LILIES!!



Bible study is coming back on Sunday, December 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will break open the Messianic Prophecies for Jesus birth.

- ♥ How were the people of the Old Testament expecting the Messiah to be coming into the world?
- ♥ What did the people in Jesus' time expect?
- ♥ How does this fit into our understanding of Jesus as human and God?

Participants will receive a chart showing the top six prophecies and their fulfillment in Scripture. Come and discover and share. Allen Bolen and Cheryl

Jurru will be your facilitators. Bring your Bibles.

December Events to Remember:

Sunday, December 7

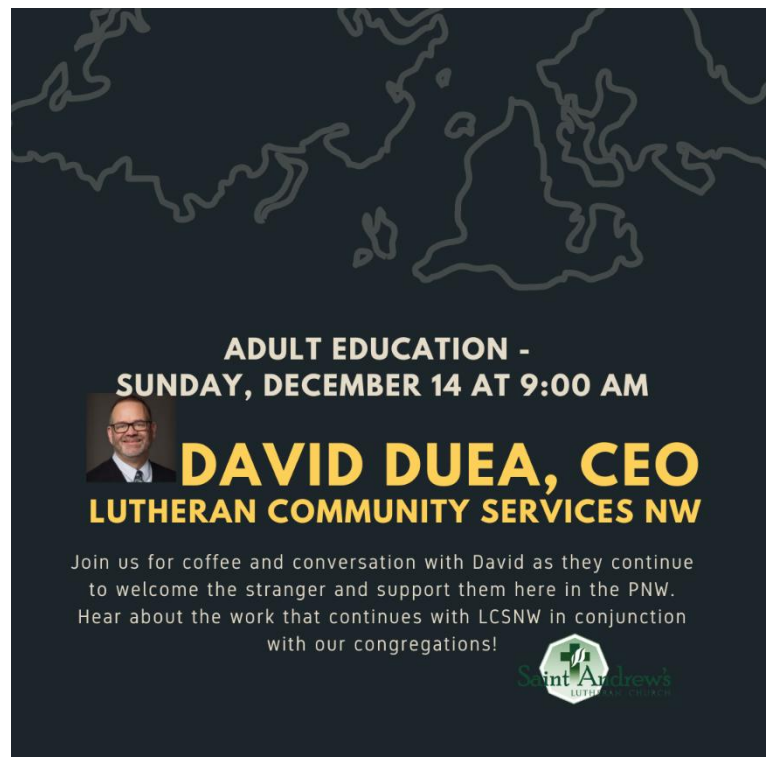
9:00 AM Bible Study with Cheryl & Allen. Topic: Advent Prophecies

Sunday, December 14:

9:00 AM Adult Education, David Duea CEO of Lutheran Community Services NW
11:00 AM **Sunday Brunch!** It's a breakfast potluck! Let Sherry know what you're going to bring, and if you can help with set-up/clean-up!
(Sherry@salc.church)

Wednesday, December 24:

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight and Holy Communion



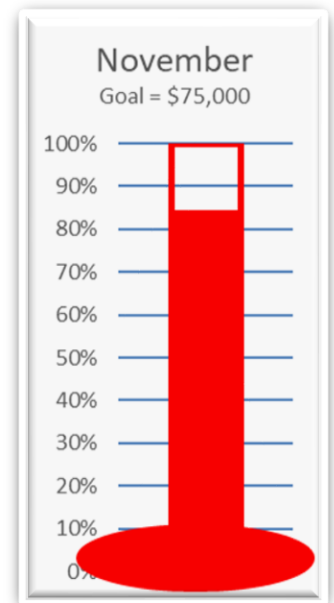
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Outlook for the Remainder of 2025

To reach our budget goals and address a deficit of \$73,776, Saint Andrew's congregation must raise \$223,634 during the final two months of the year. In 2024 contributions totaled \$65,087 in November and \$138,758 in December. Based on this history, targets for 2025 are set at \$75,000 for November and \$148,366 for December. Achieving these goals is possible with the support and generosity of our church community.

The progress toward meeting the November goal is being tracked and displayed on the thermometer graphic to the right. Contributions from all sources in November total \$62,763, 84% towards the goal of \$75,000.



Encouragement for Thanksgiving Giving

As Thanksgiving approaches, it is a meaningful time to reflect on the blessings we have received – both individually and as a church family. We encourage everyone to consider making a generous Thanksgiving offering to help support the mission and ongoing work of Saint Andrew's.

For those eligible, making Qualified Charitable Deductions from retirement accounts may offer tax benefits by reducing taxable income. Please explore this option if it is available to you.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about these financial figures or the overall budget status, please contact Treasurer Bill Brueggemann at Bill@salc.church.



Stewardship Moment November 25, 2025

Well, last week was Stewardship Sunday, and a big thanks goes out for all of those who turned in your pledges. For those who didn't, don't worry. You still have time to turn in your pledges to the church office.

Some people are having a hard time finding a way to send their pledge cards to the office. You can find a PDF of our Stewardship Letter and Pledge form online at [Church Constitution and Business | Adults | Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church](#). If you would rather have a "hard" copy pledge card, call the church at (425) 746-2529, and request that a pledge card be sent to you via the mail. And last but not least, if you are at church on Sunday, ask Pastor Lara, Kathy or Sherry to give you one personally. They would be more than happy to be of help. You can mail the pledge to: 2650 148th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 98007-6452, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

As said before, our pledge is a response to God and his church for all of the many blessings that we receive every day. Thank you for your pledge and Happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings,

Kit Bowerman, Stewardship Chair



Pastor's Reading List: Several books have been suggested to me over the last few weeks. I have not read them yet, but I trust the people that recommend them. As the situation in our country continues to evolve, they may be helpful for you, too. Please feel free to share this list.

- *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*
- *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*
- *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*
- *Let This Radicalize You: Organizing and the Revolution of Reciprocal Care*



Clothing Needed! From October 2025 through February 2026

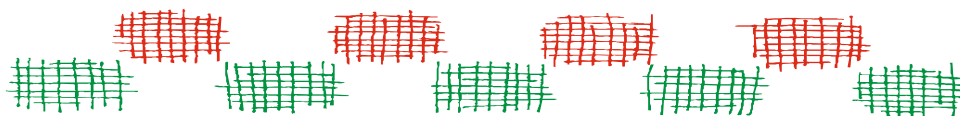
Dorcas Circle will be collecting men's and women's clothing and toiletries for Compass Housing Alliance in Seattle. There is a 'clothing' bin near the elevator for your donations. **ALL DONATED CLOTHING ITEMS MUST BE NEW, UNWASHED, AND IN UNOPENED ORIGINAL PACKAGING.**

Women's clothing is most needed in sizes Medium through Extra Large.

- Underwear
- Long sleeve warm shirts
- Sweat pants
- Warm hats
- Warm scarves
- Mittens/gloves

Men's clothing is most needed in sizes Large and Extra Large.

- Boxer shorts
- White T-shirts
- Long sleeve T-shirts
- Long sleeve warm shirts
- Sweat pants
- Warm hats
- Warm scarves
- Mittens/gloves



Saint Andrew's original "Saint Andrew's Housing Group", led by SALC members, evolved into 'Imagine Housing'. That leadership and participation from Saint Andrew's continues.

At the recent Leadership Eastside Gala, Imagine Housing's President, Yi Zhao, was honored with the *Ignite Community Choice Award*. This award is given to "an individual or organization who reflects Leadership Eastside's values of community building, shared responsibility, racial equity and social justice, systems perspective and thrival."

Please join us in congratulating Yi and the rest of the Leadership Eastside Award Honorees! *"It's an honor to share in collaboration and community, to co-create a more interconnected and welcoming Eastside community," said Yi.*

Corner of Blessing

Foods of the Month – December

hopelink

We have completed our collection of food for the No-Cook emergency bags and we will be packing 80 bags at the Advent Fair on Sunday!! So, we will start our December collection this Sunday, November 30th

Hopelink has asked us to collect **baby items during December**. They are in **desperate need of baby wipes**. They have diapers for their clients but regularly have no wipes. So, their biggest need is baby wipes (and baby food).

So, for December we will be collecting:

- Baby Wipes
- Baby food* (any kind)
- Formula*



*(Note: Check the expiration dates. Hopelink is legally required to throw away any expired baby food or formula.)



KidVantage Thanks You! Congregation Volunteer Day at KidVantage: We are beyond grateful and blessed for the St Andrew's group who came at two different shifts on November 22nd to help set up and fill holiday bags for needy kids at the KidVantage hub in Issaquah. Volunteers prepped toys and helped to fill the holiday bags. Thanks to the team of 14 volunteers: **Kit Bowerman, Joan Tweten, John & Joyce Nelson, Mike & Juliet Engan, Susan Hegedus, John & Sandy Andresen, Dick & Debbie Szabo, Marie Bean and Gary & Liz Rudolph**. We are so grateful for the continued support and generosity of Saint Andrew's.





ELCC (Eastside Lutheran Church Community) churches, the Synod and the ELCA:

The Eastside Lutheran Church Community (ELCC) has created a new logo and the website has been updated with events throughout the summer to mark on your calendars!

Be sure to check out the website [HERE](#).

From a NWWA Synod Congregation:

A poster for a community sing event. The background is dark blue. At the top, a large yellow speech bubble contains the text "COMMUNITY SING: SONGS OF PROTEST". To the right is a brown heart. Below the heart is a yellow starburst with the text "LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING!". In the center is a circular image of four raised fists of different skin tones. To the left of the fists is a rainbow flag with the text "RESIST MINDLESS CAPITALISM!". Below the flag is a yellow speech bubble with the event details: "Saturday, Nov. 29th", "2 PM - 4 PM", "Immanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary", "1215 Thomas St", "Seattle, WA 98109". At the bottom is a yellow speech bubble with the text: "COME TOGETHER WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO LEARN AND SING SONGS OF PROTEST AS A REMINDER THAT WE ARE MORE THAN CONSUMERS. BUILD RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND NURTURE COMMUNITY IN SONG. WE SING TOGETHER AND FOR OUR NEIGHBORS." At the bottom left is a yellow starburst. At the bottom center is the text "Wheelchair accessible for all | Call for accommodations" and "IMMANUELSEATTLE.ORG | 206.622.1930 | OFFICE@IMMANUELSEATTLE.ORG".

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Advent Wednesdays

December 3, 10 & 17

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
8501 SE 40th St Mercer Island, WA 98040

5:45-7 PM Soup and Pie
7-7:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer
Worship available in person and livestreamed



Sign up for the meal



Livestream (YouTube)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island will have mid-week Advent soup suppers and Holden Evening Prayer. If you're planning on attending, please sign up [HERE](#) so they have a head count for food.

Advent Evening Prayer



Sunday, November 30, 2025
@ Our Savior Lutheran Church
745 Front St S, Issaquah WA 98027

5pm Preview Session with the Writers
6pm Worship
6:30pm Treats & Fellowship

An Eastside Lutheran Church Community & Partners Event



PLU Christmas: All Shall Be Well: Join us for our beloved series of PLU Christmas Concerts as the Choir of the West, University Chorale, and University Symphony Orchestra present *All Shall Be Well*, a theme taken from the title of J.A.C. Redford's setting of Julian of Norwich's famous 14th-century text: "All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Leave inspired and transformed by the themes of hope, joy, peace, and love in works that celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season.

Tickets on sale : Order them online here: <https://www.plu.edu/christmas/>

Local Concert Date:

December 8 at 7:30pm in Benaroya Hall

Music Garden studio Fundraising Concert

Keys To Your Heart

SHARING LOVE THROUGH MUSIC

Supporting children with special needs through Love Me Ministry locally and Love with Actions globally in Rwanda, Africa

SUGGESTED ENTRY: \$10
| 12.06.25 | 10:30 AM-12:00PM
Additional giving is welcome and deeply appreciated
@ CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

A celebration of light & hope.

Please join St. Luke's for our 27th annual
Saint Lucia Celebration
 with a lunch of Swedish meatballs
 (vegetarian meatballs also served)

Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share. Freewill offering.
Sunday, December 7th, 2025
@ 11:30am

We welcome children and youth to participate in the maiden & star boy pageant. Please pre-register (to make sure we have enough gowns.) Star boys, please wear a white shirt and black pants.

RSVP

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
 3030 Bellevue Way NE Bellevue, WA 98004 (425) 822-7907 slukes.org

CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
2:00 PM Sophia Way Lunch drop off
7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, November 26

Office is closed for Thanksgiving

7:00 PM JEDI Committee meeting

Thursday, November 27 – THANKSGIVING!

Office is closed – Enjoy your turkey!

Friday, November 28

Office is closed.

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30

Advent 1 – Advent Fair + Bake Sale

8:30 AM Advent Fair
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 1

1:00 PM Staff meeting
6:00 PM Finance Committee meeting
7:00 PM Executive Committee meeting

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, December 4

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

Friday, December 5

Office is closed.

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

Advent 2

9:00 AM Adult Education, Bible Study
Sunday School, preschool-5th grade
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 8

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness Meeting
1:00 PM Staff meeting
7:00 PM Council meeting

Tuesday, December 9

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 10

1:00 PM Care Team meeting
4:00 PM Adult Education Team meeting

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

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