



# the VOICE

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Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

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## Summer Themes

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18*

When we introduced the Narrative Lectionary (NL) last fall, one of the things that excited us about it was the opportunity for different series and themes in the summer months. This year, we will use the suggested series from Luther Seminary, the creator of the NL: four weeks in Isaiah, three weeks in 2 Peter, four weeks exploring Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry, and we'll conclude with three weeks studying the Creeds.

As we alternate between the Old and New Testaments, we'll hear stories and readings that are familiar. Most of them appear in the Sunday readings at some point, but some do not. Each series will allow us to examine the author, the context in which the stories were written, and the way(s) they apply to us today.

The readings from Isaiah begin with his response to God's call, "Here am I, send me." The readings that follow tell of God's people's experience of judgment and the eventual promise of redemption. More importantly, though, they tell of God's presence during Zion's national suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. In other words, God never abandons God's people.

In 2 Peter, we are reminded of the importance of knowing God – that that knowledge (that is, our faith) is our foundation in a world that competes for our attention. Our foundation is not static, however. In the words of our mission statement, it allows us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The series on Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry gives us an overview of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. Walking us through trusting the Lord with all our heart, the creation of Wisdom as the first act of the Lord, a reminder that for everything there is a season, and concluding with a beautiful love poem, these readings offer a perspective on God that is often overlooked.

The Creeds are one of the pillars of our faith, expressing the core of what we believe. The readings for this series will explore the articles of the Creeds, not focusing on either the Apostles' or the Nicene, but rather the essence of the individual articles – God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Each week of this series will also feature a different wording of the Creeds during worship.

As we venture into these series, may they deepen our understanding of scripture – and provoke more questions about it.

With peace,  
Pastor Lara ☩

## Sunday Worship

10:00 am

In-person  
and Livestream

Masks are optional for  
in-person worship.

Visit [salc.church/media](http://salc.church/media)  
for livestream worship.



### Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, June 4 | 11:15 am

Updates on ministry.

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### Grad and Teacher Recognition

Sunday, June 11

Congratulate our grads and  
thank our teachers!

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### Faith and Family Resource Center Work Day

Saturday, June 17 | 9:00 am

Painting and other projects.

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# Worship and Liturgical Arts

## Sanctuary Refresh

The Worship and Liturgical Arts Committee (WLA) is excited to share we have re-started our Sanctuary refresh project with designated (donor directed) funds that we received in 2019. You may recall that we were set to start this project prior to the pandemic shutdown and were not able to continue until now. The overall scope of the project, which will be done in stages, is to update the look and feel of the Sanctuary with more of a nod toward an extension of the view from our beautiful windows using different mediums and lighter colored wood tones in a few new furnishings to replace worn or temporary ones. WLA worked with Judy Gowdy, an interior designer, to develop these overall design principles. It is WLA's vision to use Sanctuary furnishings to help tell the story of what we believe as Christians. All of these pieces are intended to work together and be of similar design, to tell that story.

## Reflections in a Mirror

by Jan Benson

As I look in the mirror of these rapidly occurring decades, I do not always recognize the face reflecting back to me. But my inner beliefs and processing these attributes in my faith life has remained substantially the same: strong belief in my faith as outlined and cleansed by Martin Luther.

The comfort zone in the familiarity of being in God's house worshipping with others who accept the loving Grace of Jesus Christ and our redemption through him is gratifying to one's soul and daily life.

So many of my friends speak of reducing clutter and getting rid of things, moving to a smaller manageable space. Revisiting and reimagining a new viable lifestyle.

Similarly, in God's house the message remains still powerful, still true today as was written. But a new awareness of enlightening our vision and gathering together in a light revealing sanctuary is now possible.

A new lectern is an Alpha and Omega design, baptismal font and Christ candle holder represent rushing water. All three items constantly reminding us who we belong to now and forever.

The artist Warren Weber intends to use ash wood with aluminum accents which will enhance the ethereal component in reflecting on our faith. And so it begins a new fresh start for our Sanctuary.

Yes, we are now in the 21st century, grounded in our faith and seeing life with new enlightening lenses.

Praise to the Holy Trinity ! 🙏

Worship is at **10:00 am** on Sundays, both **in-person** and via **livestream**.

- In-person: A distanced seating section is available for those who want more space between worshippers.
- Livestream: Visit [salc.church/media](http://salc.church/media) to access the livestream on YouTube. If you have a Google account, we invite you to offer a greeting or comment in the chat window.

## Worship Texts

### June 4

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Luke 5:8-10

### June 11

Isaiah 9:1-7  
John 8:12

### June 18

Isaiah 55:1-13  
John 4:13-14

### June 25

Isaiah 61:1-11  
Luke 4:16-21



## Music Rehearsal Times

Chancel Choir  
Thursdays, 7:00 pm

**Worship Videos and Sermon Notes and Recordings** of past services can be found at [SALC.church/sermons](http://SALC.church/sermons)

## Be a Greeter!

It's fun! You get to chat with folks as they arrive for church and most importantly, welcome people to Saint Andrew's.

Sign up online for the date(s) you wish to greet. The sign-up is at [salc.church/signup-greeter-coffeehost](http://salc.church/signup-greeter-coffeehost). Or, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland to sign up for a specific Sunday.

If you have questions, please contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529. 🙏



# Worship and Liturgical Arts

## Communion Distribution

We have begun a hybrid approach for receiving Holy Communion, and believe this honors all of the requests that we've gotten about receiving Communion.

- We receive at the rail on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month.  
You are invited to kneel or stand at the rail – whichever is comfortable – on the side in which you are seated. For safety reasons, the back sides of the rail (closest to the choir and musicians) are not available for kneeling or standing to receive Communion.
- We receive continuously on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and also on festival Sundays and worship services, such as Easter and Christmas.

Every Sunday, we commune the east and west sides of the Sanctuary simultaneously so that you receive Communion on the side in which you are seated. The ushers guide this process.

We view this as the best way to accommodate everyone's wishes. Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding as we work to provide a meaningful worship experience for all. 🙏

## Healing Prayer during Communion

Healing Prayers during Holy Communion are offered on the third Sunday of the month. The next date is on Sunday, **June 18**.

Our Healing Prayer Ministers are ready to pray for your requests for healing (yourself or someone else), thanksgiving, or a stressful situation.

We have one Healing Prayer station (kneeler) on the side of the Sanctuary near the organ.

You will be asked if you would like to be anointed with oil at the end of the prayer.



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## Communion Bread

We are always looking for **bread bakers**. If you'd like to bake Luther Bread for us to use in Communion, please contact Karin Eklof for more information. The Luther Bread recipe and a link to sign up for a specific Sunday is online at [salc.church/communion-bread](http://salc.church/communion-bread). 🙏



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## Discipleship Ministries

### Midweek Bible Study with Pastor Lara

Tuesdays, May 30 and June 6 | 10:00 am | 322/Conference Room and via Zoom

Midweek Bible Study concludes for the summer on **June 6**. We spend time with the primary reading for the upcoming Sunday using the practice of *Lectio Divina*. If you plan to attend on **May 30 and/or June 6** and need the Zoom link, please visit [salc.church/midweek-bible-study](http://salc.church/midweek-bible-study). 🙏

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### Sunday Bible Study Leaders Needed

Share your knowledge, love, or curiosity about a book in the Bible, or just your favorite chapter, in a Bible Study on Sunday mornings!

Volunteer to lead a Bible Study. These can be one, two, or three week sessions. Pastor Lara Forbes will help you with background material.

Be brave and share! Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church), for more information or to schedule your time. 🙏

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### Sunday Education Classes Will Resume in the Fall

Sunday Church School, Youth education, and Forums will return in the Fall.

Recordings of past Forums can be found at [salc.church/discipleship-hour-adults-page](http://salc.church/discipleship-hour-adults-page). Please contact Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, [susan@salc.church](mailto:susan@salc.church) or 425-746-2529, with questions. 🙏

# Discipleship / Children / Youth and Family Ministries

## For Youth in Grades 6-12 and Adults

### Tiny House Build 2023

Monday-Friday, **August 7-11** | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, **August 9** | *overnight option*

Monday-Friday, **August 14-18** | 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sign-ups are now live for the 2023 Tiny House Build! We are partnering with Mt. Si Lutheran Church and Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church this August as we build and learn together at Mt. Si Lutheran Church.

#### The Build

The build is

Monday-Friday, **August 7-11**, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, and Monday-Friday, **August 14-18**, from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

The week of **August 7** will be the primary week for youth to participate and engage in additional programming.

The week of **August 14** will have limited sign-ups.

We are looking for **youth entering 6th grade through graduating seniors** as well as **adults** to come and help build a tiny home. We are working with local organizations to learn about housing, food, and job insecurities. We will also be doing additional service projects alongside the build. The additional projects and programming will only take place the week of August 7.

#### Overnight Option:

Youth are invited to stay overnight on Wednesday, **August 9**, for an evening of learning and fun. Youth will learn about issues around hunger, share a meal together, play games, and more.

Adult chaperones are needed for the overnight.

#### Sign Up


Youth and adults: to sign up, go to [salc.church/tiny-home-2023](http://salc.church/tiny-home-2023). The deadline to sign-up and receive a t-shirt is **July 9**. All other sign-ups need to be submitted by **August 1**.

Questions, please contact Doug Johnson. 



## For Everyone!

### Summer Opportunities for Children, Youth, and Families

Keep an eye on your email, the bulletin, and social media for more opportunities to gather together this summer. 

### Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to these youth who celebrate birthdays in May!



Duane R ..... 6/01  
Savannah R ..... 6/02  
Daniel D..... 6/11  
Andrew G ..... 6/26

For more information, contact  
Director of Youth and Family Ministries Doug Johnson, [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) or 425-746-2529

Check out our Family Social Media pages:

Facebook: [@SALCFamilies](https://www.facebook.com/SALCFamilies)

Instagram: [@salcfamilies](https://www.instagram.com/salcfamilies)

# Health and Wholeness

## Stay Healthy during Smoke Season!

by Jay Baxter and Cheryl Jurrus

Wildfire smoke will likely occur again this summer. Be proactive and take steps now to protect yourself. Breathing in smoke is not good for anyone. Days of consistent smoke exposure can take a toll on your health, making it especially important to protect yourself and those around you by staying alert and doing what you can to reduce smoke exposure.

When it's smokey outside, track air quality levels on the Washington Smoke Information website and follow related health recommendations. Also beware if there is any accidental release of toxic fumes.

Do your best to stay indoors and keep air clean by:

- Closing windows and doors unless it's too hot to maintain safe temperature inside.
- Filtering indoor air, which is the best way to stay safe, especially during extended periods of smoke. You can do this using an HVAC system, HEPA portable air cleaner, or DIY box fan filter.
- Do not add to indoor air pollution, such as smoking or burning candles.
- Setting air conditioning units to recirculate.
- Limit outside physical activity and wear a property fitting mask, like an N95.

Minor symptoms include eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches, wheezing, coughing and shortness of breath. More serious symptoms include difficulty breathing, chest pain and irregular heartbeat. Seek medical attention if your symptoms are severe.

For more information on how to protect yourself from wildfire smoke, visit the **Washington Smoke Information** website, <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com>, and follow related health recommendations.

Don't just complain about the smoke; protect yourself.

Our heavenly father wants us to be healthy and care for the health of our neighbors as well.



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## KnitWits

Saint Andrew's KnitWits (Knitting as Witnesses) is a fellowship group whose primary mission is to provide items of comfort that are knit or crocheted. Their on-going projects include prayer shawls, baptismal blankets, lapghans, baby blankets, baby booties, chemo caps, hats, wash cloths, sweaters, and scarves. The work of the KnitWits' hands keeps many people warm and reminds them that someone cares.

The KnitWits meet **in-person** on the third Sunday of each month following worship. The next meeting is Sunday, **June 18, at 11:15 am** in 322/Conference Room. All are welcome! Contact KnitWits coordinator Dianne Chong for more information.



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## Personal Care Kits - Thank You!

*As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:9*

The Baskets of Promise drive for personal care kits was a big success this year. We were able to assemble **189 kits** which have been sent to Lutheran World Relief. A big thank you to all those who contributed items for the kits, to all the folks who turned out to help assemble them, and to those who did the heavy lifting.

A special shout out to the youth who did a stellar job of putting together many of the kits one Sunday morning. Along the way they learned about the work of Lutheran World Relief and the role of the church in the wider world. Those who participated in this activity are: Philip G, Samuel G, Andrew C, Joshua S, Melanie G, Avery L.

A job well done by all.

# Fellowship

## Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, **June 4** | **11:15 am** (following worship) | *301/Fellowship Hall North and via Zoom*

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship on Sunday, **June 4**, (approximately **11:15 am**.)

The meeting will be in-person and via live Zoom or in a recorded Zoom format. It will be primarily a time to update everyone on various topics. The agenda will likely include:

- Financial Update
- Sanctuary Refresh Project Update
- Report out on work with the Cluster

Contact Congregation Council President Carolynn Ferris with questions. 📞

## Dorcas Circle

### Quilt Blessing

On April 30, 26 quilts were blessed at the Sunday service. The 26 quilts and the personal care kits assembled by the Health and Wholeness Committee were delivered to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Ballard for shipping to Lutheran World Relief.

### Quilting and Lunch!

Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, **June 6**, at **9:30 am** in 302/Fellowship Hall South to assemble and sew quilts.

At **11:45 am** on **June 6**, Dorcas will have a potluck lunch in 301/Fellowship Hall North.

Members and friends of Saint Andrew's are always welcome to join us to help assemble and sew quilts. Sewing skills are not required.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about Dorcas Circle is welcome to bring a potluck dish and join us for the potluck! If you are planning to attend the potluck, please contact Linda Willenberg.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Willenberg. 📞



## Juneteenth National Independence Day

**June 19** is Juneteenth National Independence Day and is now a federal holiday. The church office will be closed on Monday, **June 19**.

Juneteenth represents the day that all slaves were freed by law in the United States of America. This means that America is trying to moving forward from the past and coming closer together no matter what race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sex, or religion that we go by. 📞

# Fellowship

## Help Transform the Faith and Family Resource Center

Saturday, **June 17** | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Nursery/Faith and Family Resource Center

On Saturday, **June 17, 9:00 AM until Noon**, we will have another Work Party to continue the transformation of the former Nursery into the new Family Resource Center. The focus of this work party will be painting the walls of the main room, so wear painting clothes. There will be some other jobs as well if painting is not your thing.

The church will provide coffee, juice and donuts. Please contact Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman, [kurt@salc.church](mailto:kurt@salc.church) or 425-746-2529, with any questions. 📍



## Tuesday Morning Men

Every Tuesday | 8:30 am | via Zoom  
Facilitator: Dick Swaisgood

### Current Study

Tuesday Morning Men are studying the *Book of Acts*. We look at a variety of bible translations including study bible notes as we delve deep into the beginnings of the early church. Join us for an interesting conversation! No bible knowledge necessary.

Bring your Bible and coffee and join us on Tuesday morning at 8:30 am!

Contact Dick Swaisgood for instructions on joining this online gathering. All men are welcome!!



### TMM Fundraiser

The Saint Andrew's Tuesday Morning Men (TMM) are currently raising funds to help the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School. This project is to raise the salary for a full-time farm manager in an attempt to make the Girls School more self-sustaining and, in regard to the coffee, profitable. We think this is a wise investment in the future, sort of like teaching someone to fish rather than to give them a fish to eat. See page 16 for more information.



## Belize Mission Trip

Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church has extended an invitation to their intergenerational mission to Belize, **April 5-14, 2024**. Expected cost is approximately \$2000. A deposit of \$350 is due **July 1, 2023**. A Zoom informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, **June 6**, at 6:00 pm.

For more information about the mission trip, go to: [www.shlc.org/community/belize-mission-trip](http://www.shlc.org/community/belize-mission-trip).

To get the Zoom link for the June 6 meeting, contact Pastor Nyla Schoeld at [pastornyla@shlc.org](mailto:pastornyla@shlc.org). 📍

## Construction Alert

Construction will soon begin on a project that will remove a culvert and restore natural stream conditions for Sunset Creek in Bellevue, opening important spawning habitat to help several fish species recover. This 3-year project will at times impact I-90, SE 36th Street, and SE Eastgate Way. Visit the online open house at [bit.ly/I-90-SunsetCreek-OpenHouse](http://bit.ly/I-90-SunsetCreek-OpenHouse) to learn more about the project (note: the URL is case-sensitive). The "Construction" tab outlines the projected project phases and impacts to area roads. 📍

## Let's Go to Holden Village

We are looking for folks who would like to resume the Saint Andrew's Church group trips to Holden Village.

A suggested time frame would be late August if there's room.

Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church), if you are interested in this opportunity. 📍

## Annual Women's Retreat

### Save the Date for November 10-12

The Annual Women's Retreat, a joint venture between Saint Andrew's Lutheran and Our Savior Lutheran in Issaquah, will be held **November 10-12** at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend.

Stay tuned for further details.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church). 📍

# Graduates!

## Grad Sunday ~ June 11

We hope you are able to join us as we honor and celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 11, during the worship service. We invite you to stay after worship for a social gathering to talk with our graduates and celebrate with them.

Our high school grads this year are: Collin Feldman, Thomas Gustafson, Jack Holmes, Annelise Johansen, Owen Laub, Quinn Myhre, Elliette Nickel, and Isabel Serex. 📍

### Congratulations to all who are graduating, and blessings to you as you continue your life's journey!

From High School:

**Calvin Michael Dodge:** graduating from Ingraham High School and will be attending Washington Western University in the fall. Calvin is the son of Amy Hobson and Christian Dodge, and grandson of Dean and Shirley Hobson.

**Collin Jasper Feldman:** graduating from Sammamish High School and will be attending Washington State University and pursuing a degree in Construction Management.

Honors/Accomplishments: I've worked at McDonalds ever since I was 14. I played football all through high school. I purchased my own car with my own money. I gained a very strong work ethic through all of my high school time.

Favorite memory of Saint Andrew's: my favorite memories at Saint Andrew's are the many Christmas services. I choose these times because I can still see the lights and candles when I close my eyes. Seeing all of my family together and happily smiling with each other is what I'm very grateful for. It makes me smile when I think back to those moments in Church.

**Thomas Thor Gustafson:** graduating from Eastlake High School and will study Computer Science at the University of Washington.

Honors/Accomplishments: Thomas ran track all 4 years at Eastlake, and was part of the all-time 3rd fastest 4x200 team.

Favorite memory of Saint Andrew's: retreat to Warm Beach, sock samurai games.

**Nina Michele Hobson:** graduating from Mercer Island High School and will be attending Texas Christian University in the fall. Nina is the daughter of Sam and Erika Hobson. and granddaughter of Shirley and Dean Hobson.

**Owen Laub:** graduating from Mount Si High School and will be attending Washington State University.

Honors/Accomplishments: Owen was a Captain of the MSHS Boys Soccer team this year.

Favorite memory of Saint Andrew's: being a Games helper during Vacation Bible School.

**Elliette "Ella" Nickel:** graduating from Issaquah High School and attending University of Colorado at Boulder, with the first semester being in Seville, Spain.

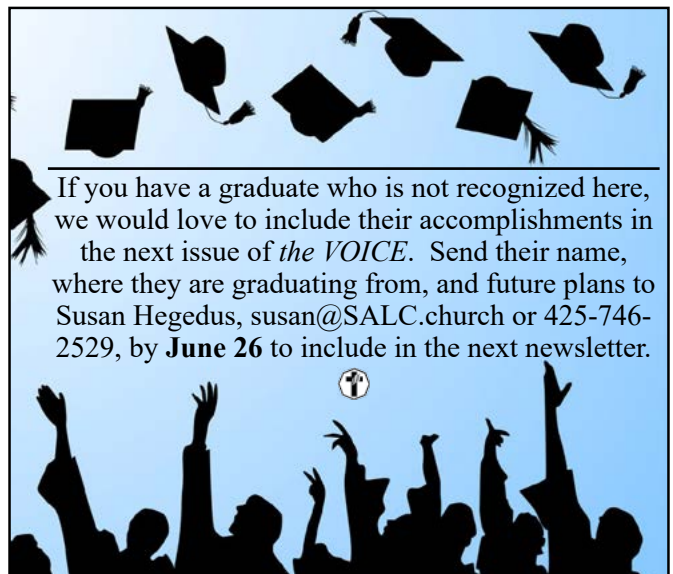
Favorite memory of Saint Andrew's: helping with Vacation Bible School.

Other Degrees:

**Emily Andresen:** graduated Magna Cum Laude on May 14 from Gonzaga University with a major in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Computer Science. She is looking forward to starting her job as a Mechanical Engineer next month at Framatome in the Tri-Cities. Framatome manufactures nuclear fuel assemblies, which are used in commercial nuclear reactors for renewable energy.

**Davis Carmichael:** graduated in December 2022 from Chapman University with a double major: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Physics and BS in Computer Science. He's currently job hunting in the Southern California area.

**Jill Nichols-Hicks:** graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. She is headed to Chelmsford, Massachusetts to complete a year-long internship at Trinity Lutheran Church.





# Graduates!

## From Jill Nichols-Hicks

Dear Saint Andrew's Faith Family,

I am pleased to announce that I have completed my seminary coursework (intensive route done in 2 years instead of 3) at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary toward attaining my Master's in Divinity. I next will be headed to Chelmsford, Massachusetts to complete a year-long [pastoral] internship at Trinity Lutheran Church. The candidacy committee assigned from our synod has endorsed me for continuation toward Word and Sacrament candidacy with the final approval to come after I finish the internship. Brent and I sold our Issaquah home and have been living in student housing in Berkeley, which has been my first time living out of the State of Washington. I have highly valued my educational pastoral formation and training here at this seminary, learning from fabulous theologians and scholars, amongst a wonderful group of people hungry to serve others and teach about God's love and restorative justice and freedom through Christ Jesus. I am honored to be able to move forward in the next steps toward my call to serve in the ELCA wherever the Holy Spirit sends me.

Thank you for your prayers, texts, and emails; I really appreciate it and feel the support. Both Brent and I are very grateful for your continued consideration of our family and for checking in with Alex, who is having to live for the first time without his parents in town. We feel so blessed to have spent the last 17 years at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church participating with you all in worship and ministry work, and being the church in our community and world. We have many warm memories and beautiful friendships.

May the peace of Christ be with all of you,

Jill Nichols-Hicks

Brent Hicks



## JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Group

### Movie and Book Suggestions

#### A Movie Suggestion: *The Hate You Give*



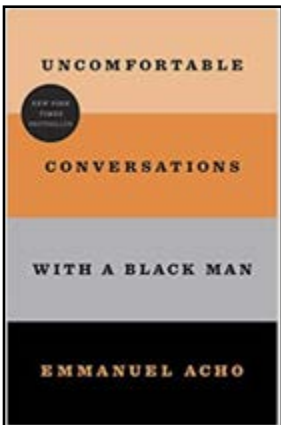
A young black student from a poor neighborhood who attends a prep school in an affluent area finds her uneasy life balance further disrupted when she witnesses her childhood friend being shot by a police officer. Caught in the middle of the subsequent turmoil, she is forced to look inside herself and figure out just where she stands in her young life. Based on a book of the same name by Angie Thomas.

Rated PG-13; for mature thematic elements, some violent content, drug material and language.

*The Hate You Give* is available on Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV, VUDU, YouTube, Redbox and Google Play Movies & TV. It is also available through the King County Library System on DVD



#### A Book Suggestion: *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man* by Emmanuel Acho



In *Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man*, Acho takes on all the questions, large and small, insensitive and taboo, many white Americans are afraid to ask—yet which all Americans need the answers to, now more than ever. With the same open-hearted generosity that has made his video series a phenomenon, Acho explains the vital core of such fraught concepts as white privilege, cultural appropriation, and “reverse racism.” In his own words, he provides a space of compassion and understanding in a discussion that can lack both. He asks only for the reader's curiosity—but along the way, he will galvanize all of us to join the antiracist fight.

*Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*: in addition to being available from most book sellers, is available from the King County Library System: as a book, an eBook, an audiobook on CD or a downloadable audio book and through the Libby app as a downloadable book or a downloadable audio book.



# Northwest Washington Synod

## From Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Published in *The Spirit*, June 2023 edition

In 1994, the ELCA adopted a social message entitled, *Community Violence*. This social message acknowledges that the causes of violence are complex and pervasive and that violence breeds violence. This social message raises these questions:

In the face of this, what are we as a church called to be and do? What resources of our faith can we bring to bear on this apparently intractable predicament? How shall we respond to both victims and perpetrators of violence? What shall we do in cooperation with others as together we seek to counter violence in our communities?

As I write this, we have had more mass shootings in the United States than days of the year (mass shootings are defined as an incident in which four or more victims are shot or killed). The sheer volume of these killings naturally brings up the questions above – how do we respond?

First, we are called to pray. We are called to pray individually and collectively. We are called to pray for the victims of violence and for the loved ones of those harmed. We are called to pray that justice might come, for reconciliation and for peace. We are called to pray in repentance that we are not paralyzed in fear or hatred or numbness. I confess that I do not like memes that make fun of people saying, “thoughts and prayers.” My siblings in Christ, we are called to pray as people of faith! But prayer is not an excuse to do nothing. Through prayer, we are called to action.

Second, we are called to prayerfully enter into hard conversation about this issue with one another – in love and grace and accountability. Have someone directly affected by gun violence come and speak – a trauma doctor, a school counselor, a parent, a social worker. While I know some people would rather come to church to take refuge *from* the world and not engage the world, we, as siblings in Christ, grow in peace and understanding when we carefully listen and learn. When we are faced with difficult decisions or situations, the Holy Spirit gathers diverse people together to challenge one another and to discern where God is calling us to be as people who follow Jesus.


Third, we are called to advocate – especially for those without voice. Provide and call attention to resources and services that prevent violence, racism, and hate. Work individually in your own life to learn more about how systems of oppression lead to violence and humbly learn and practice. Partner with other congregations, churches, interfaith communities, and organizations to have a larger voice toward peace and justice. The advocacy arm of the NWWA Synod is Faith Action Network. Go to their website ([www.fanwa.org](http://www.fanwa.org)) and see how to be engaged. For other resources, I encourage you to go to <https://www.elca.org/60days> and download “A 60-Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence.”

Fourth, we are called to treat each person as a child of God. We choose life or death every day in our words and in our actions. Fundamentally, as Lutherans, we believe that the good news of Jesus Christ has redeemed each one of us. So how do we live and move and be in this world with such good news?

Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes in *The Cost of Discipleship*, “Words and thoughts are not enough. Doing good involves all the things of daily life. ‘If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink’ (Romans 12:20). In the same ways that brothers and sisters stand by each other in times of need, bind up each other’s wounds, ease each other’s pain, love of the enemy should do good to the enemy. Where in the world is there greater need, where are deeper wounds and pain than those of our enemies? Where is doing good more necessary and more blessed than for our enemies?”

As your Bishop, I pray that through God’s Holy Spirit, we may work together toward peace, toward justice, toward understanding, and toward the end of violence in all forms, especially, in this day and time, the end of gun violence.

Trusting in God’s grace, we pray, we listen, we advocate, we act.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | [bishop@lutheransnw.org](mailto:bishop@lutheransnw.org) 



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## The NW Washington Synod has PRIDE!

Our NW Washington Synod is proud to be a Reconciling in Christ synod and there are many opportunities for you and your church to join in and celebrate this month.

- Seattle PRIDE Parade - The Synod will be marching in the Seattle PRIDE parade on Sunday, **June 25**.
- There are several other PRIDE events happening throughout June (and even July) across our Synod:
  - o Whatcom Youth – **June 3**
  - o Snohomish – **June 3**
  - o Stanwood/Camano Island – **June 3**
  - o Monroe – **June 11**
  - o Everett Block Party – **June 17**
  - o Anacortes – **June 17**
  - o Capitol Hill Trans-PRIDE Event – **June 23**
  - o Lake Stevens – **June 24**
  - o Mount Vernon Skagit Queer – **June 24**
  - o Bellingham – **July 9**

Contact the synod office, 206-783-9292 or [office@lutheransnw.org](mailto:office@lutheransnw.org), for contact information for each event. 

# NWWA Synod

## Lay Ministry Formation

The Synod is excited to announce that it is launching a Lay Ministry Formation process for the Northwest Washington Synod.

### Why Lay Ministry Formation?

In 1 Corinthians we read, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” As baptized children of God, we all have amazing callings – given to us by God for the good of the world. Has the church spent a disproportionate amount of time, resources, and energy centered on clergy and not enough on how God might be revealed through the diversity of all of God’s children? Intentional focus on Lay Ministry Formation is an attempt to help find a better balance and real opportunities for Christ to minister to us, and we to each other, in maybe unexpected but renewing ways.

### What is Lay Ministry Formation?

Our new Lay Ministry Formation is a cohort-based, committed journey for our lay leaders to discern and deepen their calling as a minister in context. The two-year formation process engages the Christian tradition through Biblical and theological frames, contextual realities, and practical functions of congregational and community life. This certificate program provides a hybrid learning environment of in-person retreats, online small groups, and guided reflection. In the process, participants grow in their own spiritual calling alongside professionally trained scholars and reflective practitioners. Cost of the program is to be determined.


### Who might be interested?

This program is open to any congregational lay leaders wishing to discern their own call to ministry or who wish to grow deeper in their callings around practical intersections of faith and love of God.

\*\*Although this program is open to all lay leaders, it is required for those seeking to become a Synodically Authorized Lay Minister (SALM), serving local churches as lay ministers as authorized by the Office of the Bishop.

### Where can I find more information?

There are two upcoming informational meetings where we will discuss in greater detail the process, curriculum, and rationale for what the Lay Ministry Formation process is all about. If you know of a lay leader in your congregation who would benefit from this program, or you yourself are interested, join us via Zoom on Wednesday, **May 31, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**, or Wednesday, **June 14, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**.

For more information, to get the Zoom links for the informational meetings, or to express your interest, please email [live@lutheransnw.org](mailto:live@lutheransnw.org) 

# Thank You


## Thank You

*Thank you, my Saint Andrew’s family for all your support, love, prayers, and cards.*

*Your love and caring helped my children and I cope with the loss of David.*


*You have made a difficult time less challenging.*

*I am blessed to have you in my corner.*

*Sherry Grindeland *

## Day of Service – Thank You!

Charlotte sends a big THANK YOU to the Team from Saint Andrew’s that helped to clean up her yard on Saturday, May 6. The Day of Service was a morning of great fellowship, nice weather, and a lot of hard work.

There was lots to do and everyone jumped right in raking and hauling leaves, cutting and hauling branches, cutting and trimming grass and a lot of other yard tasks. Thanks to the team of 21 hard workers: Pastor Lara, Doug Johnson, John Andresen, Matt and Andrew Camrud, Todd and Sara Carmichael, Fred Clarke and Ann Ross-Clarke, Steven, Kristin, Thomas, Andrew, Philip and Samuel Gustafson, Erik Johnson, John Nelson, Gina Perez and Vincent Storlie, and Debbie and Dick Szabo. 



# Congregation Council

## President's Corner

fromCarolynn Ferris, Congregation Council President

Grace and peace to you all!

### Saint Andrew's Committee Review

Dan Johnson is leading the Council initiative to evaluate the functioning of our various committees. He has carried out several interviews / conversations with representatives from many of the committees already. He hopes to complete the remaining meetings by sometime in June and produce a report on his findings. The Council will then review this input and, along with committee leadership, develop plans for appropriate next steps wherever needed.

### 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting

We have scheduled the Semi-Annual meeting for **Sunday, June 4**. We will hold the meeting in-person just after the Sunday worship hour. The meeting will be in-person but will also be available via live Zoom or in a recorded Zoom format. We do not anticipate the need to take any votes from the congregation, it will be primarily a time to update everyone on various topics. The agenda will likely include:

- 1) Financial Update
- 2) Sanctuary Refresh Project Update
- 3) Report out on work with the Cluster

### Cluster leadership Meeting - April 29

On Saturday morning, April 29, representatives from Saint Andrew's, Cross of Christ, Sammamish Hills, Mount Si, and Saint Luke's Lutheran churches met to brainstorm possible ways that we could collaborate to increase the effectiveness of our ministries. There were six areas of focus:

- 1) Pastoral Duties
- 2) Administration, Finance, and Property
- 3) Outreach
- 4) Youth and Family Ministry
- 5) Music and Worship
- 6) Small Group Ministry


Multiple ideas were generated in all of these areas – it is clear that there is a tremendous opportunity to share resources and talent in very positive ways.

We also talked about the possibility of becoming “one body with multiple arms”. If we could gather all of the represented churches into one larger organization, it might open up a host of new possibilities in how we worship, steward our buildings and property, engage and support our community, and generate a momentum of energy and excitement.

We recognize that this effort will take much more time and energy to sort through what might work and what isn't feasible. All agree that we need to take incremental steps rather than one giant leap. We will start by focusing on ways we can collaborate with one or more other churches where it makes sense.

The Synod is strongly in favor of this work. Pastor Herb Shao of the Synod was able to attend a bit of our meeting on April 29. He has promised to put together a request for funding to hire a part-time consultant to help us continue the exploration of this collaboration work. The Synod Council does not meet until the end of June, so it will be several weeks before we know whether this funding might be available, but Pastor Shao thinks there will be strong support for this.

It should be noted that Cross of Christ is particularly interested in connecting with Saint Andrew's as we are only about three miles apart and a greater level of synergy makes a good deal of sense here. We will be scheduling a time for the respective Executive Committees and full Councils to meet to develop relationships and better understand one another's ministry and hopes for the future.

There is much more to come, but it is exciting to think about what God may have in store for us! 

# Congregation Council

## Treasurer Note

from Bill Brueggemann, Congregation Treasurer

### The numbers for January – April 2023

	April	YTD (January-April) 2023
Income	\$ 47,465	\$250,883
Expenses	60,034	252,746
Cash Flow	- \$ 12,569	- \$ 1,863

### Comments

The graph shows 2023 cash flow compared to history over the past 5 years.

Income in April was much lower than expected for the Easter season. Compared to average income over the past 5 years, contributions were about \$20,000 less in April.

Expenses are less than budgeted, but cash flow at the end of April is negative **-\$1,863** (more money spent than received). This shortfall is paid from reserves.

Due to high contributions in January, cash flow is still trending more positive than the 5-year average.



### Giving Options

You may contribute in many ways:

- On Sundays, you can drop cash or checks into the offering plate.
- Mail or drop off cash or checks to the church.
- Donate from your bank account or credit card by going to [salc.church/giving-options](https://salc.church/giving-options) and selecting the “Tithe.ly Online Giving” button.
- Ask your bank to automatically send a check periodically to Saint Andrew’s.
- Transfer shares of stock or required IRA distributions. Please contact Bill Brueggemann for the necessary forms.

Please contact me at [bill@salc.church](mailto:bill@salc.church) if you have any questions. 📧

## At the May 8 Congregation Council Meeting....

**Pastor Lara** led a devotion on John 20:19-25.

**PresidentCarolynn Ferris’ Report:** See President Carolynn Ferris’ “President’s Corner” report on page 12.

**Pastor Lara Forbes’ Report:**

- Pastor shared that there is good energy around partnering and collaborating with our cluster congregations – and possibly one or two others that are close by but aren’t in our cluster (Faith/Redmond and St Matthew’s/Renton).
- Over the last few months, we have been seeing more visitors and potential new members worshiping with us.

**Finance:** See Treasurer Bill Brueggemann’s “Treasurer Notes” on page 13.

**Committee Review:** Dan Johnson is leading this effort. He has held initial meetings with several committees, gathering a general sense of levels of support committees feel they are receiving, what’s working, what’s not working, and initial ideas about potential actions.

Packets containing minutes from Council meetings and reports from all committees are available to review in the church office and by request. Contact the church office, [info@salc.church](mailto:info@salc.church) or 425-746-2529. 📧

# Outreach and Servant Ministries

## Our Core Ministries....

*Core Outreach Ministries* of Saint Andrew's are specific areas of ministry which congregation members are most involved in with various resources, including time, expertise, and financial resources. Our *Core Outreach Ministries* are:

- ~ Affordable Housing/Homelessness
- ~ Food Security
- ~ Christian Education non-profits
- ~ Local Ministries
- ~ Global Missions

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## Ministry of the Month for June ~ Imagine Housing



*Most Generous God, we thank you for all that you provide to meet the needs of all your people. We thank you for the resources provided by Imagine Housing to people struggling to afford a safe place to live. We thank you for the staff and volunteers at Imagine Housing working to see that people in our community have a safe place to call home. Bless and sustain their work. Strengthen our partnership with Imagine Housing to support their mission. And watch over and protect the people in our neighborhoods who turn to Imagine Housing for a safe, healthy, affordable home. In Jesus name we pray, Amen..*

### Opportunities to support Imagine Housing:

There are a number of current ways that you can help:

- You can provide financial support to Imagine Housing with a check to Saint Andrew's and Imagine Housing on the memo line or directly to Imagine Housing at: <https://imaginehousing.org/get-involved/donate/>
- You can volunteer to deliver food and basic needs to seniors and low-income households. For information on volunteering go to: <https://imaginehousing.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- You can participate in Imagine Housing's Homes Fore All! golf tournament on **August 28**. For information see: <https://imaginehousing.org/get-involved/events/homesforeall/>

### How Saint Andrew's and its members are involved in supporting Imagine Housing:

Saint Andrew's currently supports Imagine Housing in several ways:

- Saint Andrew's supports Imagine Housing through the outreach portion of the church budget.
- Members attend (and volunteer at) Imagine Housing's fund-raising events.
- Carolynn Ferris serves as president of Imagine Housing's Board of Directors.

### The latest news from Imagine Housing:

- Imagine Housing's fifteen communities are home to 1400 people with diverse backgrounds, stories, and goals.
- Imagine Housing's Board of Directors is reflective of the community they serve – 63% of members are Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and 63% identify as female. 50% of members have experienced housing instability at some point in their life and 63% currently live, or have lived, in an affordable housing community.

### Some Background on Imagine Housing:

In 1987, a small group of highly passionate people at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church saw a clear need for more affordable housing in East King County. They soon formed St. Andrew's Housing Group as an independent non-profit organization focused entirely on creating affordable apartment homes in the region.

In 1992, St. Andrew's Housing Group (SAHG) opened its first housing development, Andrew's Arms, offering 14 units of affordable housing in Issaquah, Washington.

Within 8 years, SAHG added another 176 units to the portfolio with the development and acquisition of Andrew's Heights (1995), Highland Gardens (1998), Terrace Hill (1999) Grace Place (2001, formerly Ellsworth House), and Kirkland Plaza (2001).

In 2011 St. Andrew's Housing Group was renamed Imagine Housing to more broadly reflect our mission to build and operate permanent affordable rental communities and provide support within those communities.



# Outreach and Servant Ministries

## Corner of Blessing Collection Emphasis for May KidVantage (formerly Eastside Baby Corner) ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Diaper Derby May 5-June 9




Saint Andrew's is once again participating in the KidVantage 9th Annual Diaper Derby. The Diaper Derby is a friendly "competition" to collect diapers and wipes to help meet the needs of young families in our communities!

The event runs through **June 9**.

How the Derby Works:

- Points are attached to each set of donated diapers and wipes.
- Our horse's name is DANDY ANDY.
- There are three ways to "compete" in this race and help keep these babies dry and healthy:
  - Bring diapers and wipes to the Corner of Blessing in the Narthex. The last of the diapers will be delivered to KidVantage no later than the June 9 deadline.
  - Use the Giving Catalog to buy diapers and wipes to be sent directly to KidVantage. Giving Catalog: <https://gooddler.com/Wishlist/10467>. In the Campaign Code field, enter DANDY ANDY or Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church.
  - Donate online at [www.KidVantageNW.org/diaper-derby](http://www.KidVantageNW.org/diaper-derby). In the Campaign Code field, enter DANDY ANDY or Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Let's help our struggling young families to not have to choose between feeding the family or buying diapers. For more information, contact Liz Rudolph. 

## The Sophia Way

Phew!

It was a beautiful **90 degree** afternoon in the parking lot of Saint Andrew's Church on May 15!

Several church members braved the heat and came to donate food and other supplies for Sophia's Place.


Thank yous go to the enthusiastic group of 12!: Terri Anderson, Jay Baxter, Susie Carney, Sarah Cannon, Beth Donahoe, JoAn Eklof, Janell Erickson, Linda Gilham, Karen Getzinger, Sherry Grindeland, Louise Tollefson, and Linda Willenberg.

**Next time?**

Join us on **Tuesday, July 18**, when we collect food for a Summer Salad Luncheon for the women at Sophia's Place!

(The lunch will be served on **July 19**.)

Let Joyce Arnold know if you are interested in contributing food to the meal, or want to learn more about The Sophia Way.

The Sophia Way continues to support women of the Eastside seeking shelter and safety. For more information, visit <https://sophiaway.org> or contact Joyce Arnold. 



## The Sophia Way Honors Pastor McEachran

At its "Sheltering: A Place to Call Home" Luncheon on May 17, The Sophia Way honored Pastor James McEachran with the **2023 Grace of Giving Award!**

In giving the award, The Sophia Way said: "*Jim selflessly dedicates his time and energy to building thriving communities. His dedication to supporting The Sophia Way mission to be a place of hope and change for women, inspires us, every day!*"

Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEWAfKUm7t8&t=2s>

Congratulations Pastor McEachran! 



# Outreach and Servant Ministries

## Collection Emphasis for Hopelink ~ June

Hopelink often asks us for items that their clients desire, but they don't usually get donated. As we head into summer, the food bank is asking us for condiments that you would see at a BBQ. To be able to support the most families, they ask for items in small to medium sized containers (around 10 to 18 ounces – depending on the item).


So, during June we will be collecting:

- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Pickles
- Relish
- Ranch dressing
- BBQ sauce



Hopelink has asked us to continue to collect **paper grocery bags**. They have an ongoing need for these.




Bring all donations, including paper bags, to the Corner of Blessing in the Narthex. 

## The Mobile Market at Hopelink

Hopelink's vision is a "Community Free of Poverty". At Saint Andrew's we support Hopelink primarily through their Food Bank. But Hopelink offers nine comprehensive programs to help end poverty in our community. Getting people who need food assistance connected with Hopelink brings them in contact with the other eight programs to help them exit poverty. From a recent Hopelink update: "Maintaining access to essential needs like nutrition is the foundation required for the success of all individuals in any Hopelink program... At a baseline level, everyone needs access to consistent, reliable nutrition to maintain employment security, housing security, and ultimately exit poverty for good."



"Some rural areas across King County have limited access to nutritious, affordable food. While Hopelink's five food bank locations offer fresh and nutritious food, some of our neighbors can't make it to a Hopelink Food Market due to barriers in transportation, work schedules, or childcare." Hopelink has a Mobile Market that is aimed at closing the gaps in access to food. It makes 11 stops in rural areas or where populations face significant barriers to accessing food.

The Mobile Market currently offers pre-packed boxes of shelf-stable items along with coolers of staples like meat and milk. Hopelink received a grant from the Washington State Department of Agriculture. "With this grant, the Mobile Market will upgrade to a bigger truck which will allow the team to offer everything available in the physical Markets on the truck, as well." 


## Fundraiser for MGLSS

### SEEKING FUNDS

#### for the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) to hire a Farm Manager

"Why?" you ask. After 25 years of fairly weak farm management, Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA) has asked the Saint Andrew's Tuesday Morning Men's (TMM) group to raise the salary for a trained manager on the almost 400-acre plot of land on which the Girls School rests. For years the farm has raised some of the food needed, but OBA thinks the farm could produce enough food to feed the girls and produce enough coffee to also provide a cash crop. For many years the farm has been managed by the Heads of School, but their focus was always on the girls, farming was a distant second. OBA approached the Saint Andrew's men's group to raise \$10,000. Half of that money is from an anonymous source, so we need to raise only \$5,000. We have gathered \$3300, but we're \$1,700 short. Please, can you help us?



If you are interested, willing, and able, please send a check written to Saint Andrew's with the words "Farm Manager" on the memo line. Thank you! 



# Outreach and Servant Ministries

## Helping Hands Needed

Join us to prep new backpacks for the Congregations for Kids on Wednesday, **August 9**.

Congregations for Kids provides backpacks filled with supplies for needy students in the Bellevue School District.

Our shift begins at **11:00 am** at Spiritridge Elementary.


Space is limited so RSVP to Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland by **July 15**, at [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529.



## CFH --- Congregations for the Homeless update

The Rotating Shelter for CFH will be moving to another church for the month of June. Saint Andrew's had offered to host the men, but CFH asked if we could host in September instead. We will be on the calendar to host the men in September 2023 and June of 2024 (instead of March.) Since the church hosting in June also hosts the men in November of each year, they are asking the other congregations to contribute dinner, breakfast and lunch supplies, and other supplies during the month of June. Contact Cheryl Jurrus to sign up to help bring a meal or other items. Thank you to everyone who expressed willingness to help in June and stay tuned to find out what we will need in September.

The new Emergency Men's Shelter is set to open in Eastgate in early June! They will need help moving all the office equipment, beds, kitchen, etc. If you want to help, contact Tom Kerby, [Tomk@cfhomeless.org](mailto:Tomk@cfhomeless.org).

Many men have been moving into apartments from CFH and two people have been collecting household goods and delivering them to the apartments when needed. If you want to contribute dishes, towels, sheets, pans, pillows, or items for a "welcome basket", contact Cheryl Jurrus. 



## Lantern Hill, Mexico

by Shana Nielsen

“Education is power.” I recall hearing that statement years ago, and I can honestly say that I wasn't actually sure what that meant. For as long as I could remember, school had been a part of my life; kind of like breakfast, lunch, dinner, and birthday parties. School was something that I got to take for granted. “Education is power” takes on new meaning each time I visit Lantern Hill. Education will open doors for the children enrolled at Lantern Hill in Mexico. Education will expand job opportunities by tenfold for these kids and will help financially support their families as well.



The children who are receiving educational support and take away meals at Lantern Hill range in age from 4 to 22 years of age; there are 100 children with varying learning abilities who are receiving not only assistance with homework and challenging assignments, but also snacks for hungry bellies. They also receive loving support and care that keeps the kids motivated and learning; there is no dollar value for that. Regardless, there is a financial component that keeps the Lantern Hill doors open, their teachers employed, and food purchased. Additional funds are being sought to purchase a building and yard next door to the school that there can be a safe place for the kids to garden, play sports, and to sing and dance on a stage built for them; all of these simple things that we and our children get to take for granted.

Each month there are many opportunities to consider when thinking about donations. Please give prayerful consideration about a donation to Lantern Hill. Summer programming is about to be in full swing with tons of new programs, engaging activities and hungry mouths to feed; we can't wait to see the power of education with our students! For more information about Lantern Hill, please look us up on Facebook, Instagram, or connect with Shana Nielsen.

[www.friendsoflanternhill.org](http://www.friendsoflanternhill.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLanternHill>

<https://www.facebook.com/lantern.hill.7>



## God's Work, Our Hands Service Day Scheduled

Saint Andrew's Annual *God's Work, Our Hands* work party will be Saturday, **September 9**.

We're finalizing the project but tentatively expect it will be yard work, minor repairs and painting.

Watch the next issue of *the VOICE* for further information but mark your calendar now.

Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, [sherry@salc.church](mailto:sherry@salc.church) or 425-746-2529. 

# June 2023

For current information,  
visit [salc.church/calendar](http://salc.church/calendar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May - 28	May - 29	May - 30	May - 31	Jun - 1	Jun - 2	Jun - 3
10a - 11a Sunday Worship 11:15a - 1p Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting	10a - 11:30a Health & Wholeness Ministries Committee 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 5p - 6:30p Executive Committee : Executive Committee (Override) 6p - 7p Finance Committee	8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men 9:30a - 12:30p Dorcas Circle 10a - 11a Midweek Bible Study with Pastor Lara 11:30a - 2p Dorcas Circle Luncheon 6:30p - 8p Choir-Bells- Musicians Appreciation Dinner	Jun - 7	7p - 9p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jun - 10
Jun - 4	Jun - 5	Jun - 6	Jun - 7	Jun - 8	Jun - 9	Jun - 10
10a - 11a Sunday Worship Recognition Sunday 10a - 11a Sunday Worship	1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 7p - 9p Congregation Council Meeting	8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men	2p - 3p Congregation Care Team 4p - 5p Adult Education Planning Team	7p - 9p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jun - 17
Jun - 11	Jun - 12	Jun - 13	Jun - 14	Jun - 15	Jun - 16	Jun - 17
ALL DAY Graduation Recognition Sunday 10a - 11a Sunday Worship	1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 7p - 9p Congregation Council Meeting	8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men	1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	OFFSITE ALL DAY Discipleship Committee 9a - 12p Family Resource Center, Work Party
Jun - 18	Jun - 19	Jun - 20	Jun - 21	Jun - 22	Jun - 23	Jun - 24
10a - 11a Sunday Worship 11:15a - 12:15p KnitWits (Knitting as Witnesses) 1p - 2p Finnish Lutheran Congregation Worship Service	ALL DAY Juneteenth National Independence Day/office closed	8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men	7p - 8p Racial Justice Group/JEDI	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jun - 24
Jun - 25	Jun - 26	Jun - 27	Jun - 28	Jun - 29	Jun - 30	Jul - 1
10a - 11a Sunday Worship	1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 7p - 8:30p Outreach and Servant Ministries	8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men 7p - 8p Building and Property Committee	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jul - 1

## *Pastoral Acts*

### Baptisms

None

### Weddings

None

### Memorial Services

Ruth Chavers, May 25

Pastor Lara Forbes and Pastor James McEachran

David Grindeland, May 27

Pastor Lara Forbes and Pastor James McEachran

### Committals

David Grindeland, May 27

Saint Andrew's Memorial Garden

Pastor Lara Forbes and Pastor James McEachran

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**Beverley Watt, R.N.**, Faith Community Nurse

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**Joan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

**Vanessa Wilkie**, Handbell Choir Director

## Samaritan Center of Puget Sound

**Dr. Neal Teng**, Counselor

206-957-4708

## Serving in Our Community

We have many in our congregation family who serve on boards and commissions in our community. Some of those who serve are:

### Judy Gowdy

Board Member, KidVantage (formerly Eastside Baby Corner)

### Carolynn Ferris

Board President, Imagine Housing

Chair, City of Bellevue Planning Commission

### Dick Swaisgood

President, Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside

### Tom Getzinger

Registrar and Webmaster, Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside

### Judy Thiel

President, Eastside Music Festival Foundation

### Sherry Grindeland

Board Member, Eastside Heritage Center

### Matt Camrud

President, The Rotary Club of Bellevue

### Bill Brueggemann

President, Bellevue Youth Choirs

Please let us know how you serve in our community!

The due date to submit items for the next issue of  
*the VOICE* is **June 19**

Email submissions to Susan Hegedus, [susan@SALC.church](mailto:susan@SALC.church)

## Congregation Council, Committees 2023

Committee	Council Liaison	Committee Chair
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Building and Property	Kit Bowerman	John Nelson
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### Mission and Values

Mission:

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

Values:

**Worship:** Responding to God's gift of Grace through Word and Sacrament, with praise, prayer and music. *Ephesians 5:18b-20, Romans 12:1*

**Discipleship:** Nurturing the growth of Christian faith in all ages as we learn from and follow Jesus. *Colossians 1:10, 2 Timothy 3:14-17*

**Outreach:** Serving and loving our neighbors with generosity and justice by sharing of our gifts from God. *Mark 10:43-45, Matthew 25:35-40*

**Relationship:** Living as a compassionate community sharing God's forgiveness and acceptance of all. *John 13:34-35, Colossians 3:12-14*

**Sunday Worship Services | 10:00 am**  
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