



the VOICE

July and August 2023

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

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Spotters and Scooters

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

When my siblings and I were growing up, my dad insisted that we attend church every Sunday even when we were on vacation (yes, we grumbled about it, ha-ha). Our vacations included a lot of camping trips so, if there was a service at the campground, we often attended it. Otherwise, we drove to the nearest town and attended a church there; sometimes they were Lutheran, but not always. What I remember most about those times is what it feels like to walk into an unfamiliar place and hope that you'll be welcomed in.

In a recent article in *Living Lutheran*, retired ELCA pastor Kathryn Haueisen wrote about her experience searching for a new church as a "regular" person:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2023/06/the-search-for-a-church/>

While she doesn't share whether she has found a church home, she offers some good food for thought about hospitality, describing it as being about "spotters and scooters." Spotters are people who look out for those they don't know and introduce themselves. Scooters are the people who see a stranger approaching them and scoot over to invite the new person to join them.

Which one are you?

More and more people are becoming comfortable venturing out after the pandemic, and more and more people are moving into our area from other places. Many of them are looking for a new faith community. When people come through our doors for the first time, they've already at least checked out our website. More likely, though, they've also spent time watching the worship services and Discipleship Forums on our YouTube channel. By the time they're ready to come in the building, they're hoping that what they experience in-person matches up with what they've seen online.

The next time you see someone at church that you don't know, introduce yourself. Offer to sit with someone who is visiting, or invite them to sit with you. Invite them to fellowship after worship; if they accept, **go with them** so that they have someone to talk with. ☺

If the thought of talking to someone you've never met sends you running in the other direction, grab someone who's more comfortable chatting up strangers and tag along for the conversation. Remember what it feels like to come into a new place for the first time.

Being welcoming, practicing hospitality, is about more than just greeting someone who's worshipping with us for the first time. It's also about making sure they feel comfortable and **included** and that there's a place for them here. Because there is.

With peace,
Pastor Lara ☮

Sunday Worship

10:00 am

In-person
and Livestream

Masks are optional for
in-person worship.
Visit salc.church/media
for livestream worship.



Ice Cream Sundae Sunday!

July 2 | following worship
Create your own sweet treat!
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Christmas in July

A special collection drive to support
KidVantage and Lantern Hill
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Worship and Liturgical Arts

Assisted Listening Devices for the Sanctuary

Assisted Listening devices are now available to use for worship and other events held in the Sanctuary. The devices are in the Sound Booth; please ask the Sound Booth Operator if you would like to use one. 

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

- Livestream: Visit 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

July 2

2 Peter 1:1-11
Matthew 13:44-46

July 9

2 Peter 1:16--2:2, 15-19
Mark 13:5-7

July 16

2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18
Matthew 24:42-44

July 23

Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8
Matthew 13:34-35

July 30

Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36
John 8:56-58

August 6

Ecclesiastes
1:1-11; 3:1-17
Luke 13:1-3

August 13

Song of Solomon
2:10-13; 8:6-7
Mark 8:35-37

August 20

Genesis 1:1-5
Matthew 6:30-34

August 27

John 1:1-18
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

September 3


Romans 8:14-39
Matthew 28:17-20

Worship Videos and Sermon Notes and Recordings of past services can be found at 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. 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 or 425-746-2529. 




Healing Prayer during Communion

Healing Prayers during Holy Communion are offered on the third Sunday of the month. The next date is on Sunday, **July 16**.


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. 

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. 




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. 

Discipleship Ministries

A Special Thank You to the Faithful Teachers of Our Sunday School

Thank you to **Sara Carmichael** and **Karen Laub** who taught the younger children. They were present EVERY Sunday, prepared with stories and activities, regardless if they had one child or four children.

Thank you to **Ann Ross-Clarke**, who in the fall came every Sunday prepared to teach the older children. They did not come BUT she was prepared.

Thank you for your dedication to this ministry! 🙏

Sunday Coffee and Conversation ~ before and after Worship

Sundays | 9:00 am | 301/Fellowship Hall North

Throughout the summer, all are invited to come for a time of informal fellowship before and after worship. Goodies too! 🙏

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.

Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church, for more information or to schedule your time. 🙏

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 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 is the primary week for youth to participate and engage in additional programming.

The week of August 14 has 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. 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. 🙏



Discipleship / Children / Youth and Family Ministries

For Youth in Grades 6-12



Youth Fall Retreat!

Save the Date: 2023 Fall Youth Retreat, Friday-Sunday, **November 10-12**. More information to come later this summer!

For Everyone!

Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to these youth who celebrate summer birthdays in July and August!



- Thomas G7/08
- Kellen J..... 7/23
- Sonja W 7/24
- Luke D8/05
- Maia Wk 8/06
- Collin F..... 8/12
- Mara B..... 8/22
- Emily E.....8/24

Thank You to the Faith and Family Resource Center Painters

Thank You!!! to the members who helped during the June 17 work party to get the new Faith and Family Resource Center painted: Kit Bowerman, Dana Nasby, Adam Camrud, Andrew Camrud, Susan Hegedus, Johannes Grad, Joan Tweten, John Nelson, Sherry Grindeland, Judy Thiel, and Pastor Lara.

Facilities Manager Kurt Lutterman

For more information, contact Director of Youth and Family Ministries Doug Johnson, doug@salc.church or 425-746-2529
Check out our Family Social Media pages:
Facebook: @SALCFamilies
Instagram: @salcfamilies

Fellowship

Saint Andrew's Park Days

Saturdays, **July 29** and **August 19** | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Robinswood Park

Families of all ages are invited on **July 29** and **August 19**, both 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, in Robinswood Park, for a time to gather together and play games. Families are invited to bring their own chairs/blanket, food and drink, and any outdoor games to share. For those who are interested, you can park at the church and walk over, or head straight to the park and look for the shade tent by the Red Barn. No need to sign-up, just show up and share the fun! For more information, contact Doug Johnson, doug@salc.church or 425-746-2529.



Ice Cream Sundae Sunday!

Sunday, **July 2** | following worship | 301/Fellowship Hall

Join us for an Ice Cream Sundae Sunday right after the worship service on **July 2**.

You get to create your own sweet treat from an assortment of ice creams and toppings.

No need to sign up. For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

Welcome New Members!

On June 25, we welcomed the following new members into our faith family. Please take a moment to say hello and get to know them!

Joan and Joseph "Joe" B

Kate B

Jack B

Eleanor and Eric G

Giuliana "Gigi" G

Howard and Judy J

Grete N and Peter C



Fellowship

Older Wiser Lutheran Saints (OWLS)

OWLS Plan A Sweet Outing!

Tuesday, July 18 | 9:30 am
meet at Saint Andrew's

Join the Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints as they tour Boehm's in Issaquah on Tuesday, July 18, beginning at 10:30 am.



RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST because we have limited spots. Cost of the tour is \$10 and there is an optional no-host lunch afterward. Reserve your spot by contacting Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church. You don't have to be older or wiser to go on this fun trip! 🙋

Reserve Your Spot for the Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be held Friday-Sunday, November 10-12, at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend.

Saint Andrew's partners with Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah for this fun gathering that will include guest speaker Donna Oiland, games including one about scripture, good food, and a lot of fun.

Our theme is **GRATEFUL: Developing an Attitude of Gratitude.**

Donna Oiland, our speaker, will share her experiences in her journey of life challenges and faith as she encourages us and leads us to a better attitude of gratefulness.

You have the option of staying at the retreat Friday and Saturday night or joining us just for the Saturday workshops.

Yes, we need volunteers.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church. 🙋

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!!



Dorcas Circle

Quilting

Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 11, and Tuesday, August 1, in 302/Fellowship Hall South from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm to assemble and sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

All members and friends of Saint Andrew's are welcome to join us. Sewing skills are not required.

Other Ways to Help

There are also many ways that you can support our mission of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, including the following.

- Cut 11-inch quilt squares at home using washable fabrics. Dorcas has a lot of fabric that you could bring home from church to cut into quilt squares.
- Lutheran World Relief does not accept quilts that have any flags or religious symbols.
- Sew quilt tops at home. Quilts need to be 60 inches by 80 inches.
- Donate double, queen, or king size flat sheets that are in good condition, without any tears, holes, or stains.
- Donate colored embroidery thread to tie quilts.

Donations can be placed in the Dorcas basket near the elevator in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Linda Willenberg. 🙋

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, if you are interested in this opportunity. 🙋

Fellowship

Fraudulent Emails

We have learned that congregation members have received some bogus email “invitations” that “appear” to be coming from other members of Saint Andrew’s. Please be aware of these - don’t open any attachments and don’t click on any links in the email! ⓘ

Phishing Red Flags

by Kurt Lutterman, IT Manager, Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church

Phishing is a type of social engineering where an attacker sends a fraudulent message designed to trick a human victim.

The human receiver of phishing is significantly more likely to thwart phishing attempts than technology can.

One of these Red Flags should make you very suspicious. Two or more of these **strongly** suggest a phishing message:

- **If you have ever replied to another phishing attempt using this email address or mobile number**
 - Even innocent replies like “I don’t understand your request.”
 - “Dark web” sites keep track of who has responded.
- **Urgent or threatening language**
 - Pressure to respond quickly.
 - Threats of closing your account, legal action, reporting to authorities, publishing webcam video.
 - Technical Support: you have a virus, expired subscription, declined credit card.
 - Related to current event: natural disaster, war refugees, “Act Now to help.”
- **Requests regarding sensitive personal or financial information**
 - Name, SSN, birth date, bank or computer account name or password, credit card number.
 - Updates to account information or password.
 - Any type of financial transaction: gift cards, direct deposit, crypto-currency, PayPal, Venmo, Cash App, Zelle.
- **Anything too good to be true**
 - Winning a lottery, prizes you must pay to receive, inheritance, “holding” someone else’s money.
- **Unexpected email or text message**
 - Receipt for something you didn’t purchase, “Call this number to cancel.”
 - Unusual notice about a package delivery (delayed or undeliverable) that prompts you to click on a link.
- **Information mismatch (hover mouse over address or link, but DO NOT click)**
 - Incorrect sender email address: second to last part of address should be <companyname>
 - Substitution characters in address or subject line: Ç0MCA\$T versus COMCAST (what are the 4 here?)
 - Links to non-official websites.
- **Suspicious attachments**
 - Attachments you didn’t ask for.
 - Weird file names.
 - Uncommon file types: HTML, DOC, XLS files can hurt you, among others.
- **Unprofessional design**
 - Incorrect or blurry logos.
 - Image-only emails (no selectable text).
 - Little, poor, or no formatting.
 - Spelling or grammar errors.
- **Something seems “off”**
 - Unusual request.
 - Sender “tone”.



Safety precautions you should take (based on *The Washington Post*)

- Don’t pick up calls from unknown numbers. If it’s important, they will leave a message.
- Assume people and companies are not who they say.
- Reach out to the person or company through an official channel published on their website.
- Ask a friend or family member about suspicious messages.
- Call the sender on a number you know is good.
- Slow down and trust your gut.
- Be VERY SKEPTICAL of links or phone numbers in texts, emails, or other messages.



Health and Wholeness

The ABC's of Skin Cancer Prevention

by Jay Baxter and Cheryl Jurrus

Prevention of skin cancer can start at home with periodic self-examinations. Get familiar with your skin and your own pattern of moles, freckles, and beauty marks. Be alert to changes.

Always Practice Safe Sun:

- Limit sun exposure time during peak sunlight hours, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Wear protective clothing, hats, and sunglasses.
- Apply sufficient amounts of sunscreens with SPF 15 or greater.
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going out in the sun and reapply as necessary.

Be Aware of Skin Protection for Youth:

- Keep children, especially babies, out of the bright sun.
- Use protective clothing and hats for your children as well as special sunscreen.
- The effects of sun rays are cumulative with a large percent of our lifetime sun exposure occurring before the age of 20.

Caution with Medications:

Be aware that some medications can cause photosensitivity and increasing risks with sun exposure.

- Diuretics (water pills)
- Ibuprofen
- Tetracycline
- Birth control pills
- Some high blood pressure medications


Get an appointment with a dermatologist if you have any suspicious spots. Skin cancer is preventable and treatable. It can also spread and even cause death if untreated. As God's children, we want to take care of our skin and be healthy.

"For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." Psalm 95:7.



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, **July 16, at 11:15 am** in 322/Conference Room. All are welcome! Contact KnitWits coordinator Dianne Chong for more information. 

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

Pride Month

June was Pride month. In June we celebrate the ongoing struggles of those in the LGBTQIA community to find acceptance, support and inclusion into our broader community. Our joining last year to the Lutheran Reconciling In Christ organization means that we officially recognize and affirm those who have been marginalized by so many in the Christian community.

During the month of June members of the JEDI Group hosted a table in the Narthex with information and collected donations for the national Reconciling In Christ organization of which we belong and have pledged support. **THANK YOU** to all who stopped by the table and to those who donated to support this cause! 



Northwest Washington Synod

From Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Published in *The Spirit*, July/August 2023 edition

As I write this, I am still re-living a beautiful experience that I had last weekend. Five of my friends and I drove to the Gorge Amphitheatre and we saw Joni Mitchell in concert. For some of you, this might be interesting, for others, you might not even know who Joni Mitchell is. For me, the time was filled with joy, laughter, tears, friendship, and community ... not to mention amazing music and storytelling.

But this isn't about Joni Mitchell ... at least not entirely. For what struck me as I sat on the grass with 26,000 other people, was the church-like feeling that was there. Or perhaps I should say the "Jesusy" feeling that was there. Or maybe the Holy Spirit in action feeling. And this came from the crowd itself.

As we all sat crowded together on blankets and chairs, people told stories, shared food and drink, sang songs, helped those who were having difficulty navigating the hillside, and together we became community. The little children sitting to the right of me danced, the young girls sitting to the left of me accepted blankets from my friend, and the man in front of me told me that he had traveled from North Carolina to see Joni. He told me that he was surprised to discover the Gorge was not located in Seattle!

There was one point in the concert, after it had gotten dark, when Joni was singing and people – one by one – started shining the flashlight from their cellphones towards the stage. Throughout the crowd, little points of light lit up the darkness. Now, if you have been to a concert in the last ten years, this is a common occurrence. Cell phone lights have taken the place of lighters being raised. However, because Joni has not performed in over twenty years, she was bemused by the lights. She turned to the person next to her on stage and said, "It looks like a fallen constellation. Where did they get all those lights?"

I thought her words and her surprise were charming. But as I looked around me, at the people sharing blankets, at those with arms around each other swaying to the music, at the cozy darkness around us and the lights looking like fallen stars, it was more than charming. It was holy.

For a moment, we were a cathedral. For a moment, we were community. For a moment, we were one.


At our best, this is what it means to be church. To be the Body of Christ. To practice hospitality and generosity, and grace. To see Christ in one another. To accept others' limitations and to be accepting of our own.

I confess that all was not perfect at the Gorge. There was a person close to me who insisted on singing every word to every song. While her voice was fine, I was not there to hear her but to hear Joni. There were people who cut in line after we had been waiting two hours to get inside. There was a driver who bullied his way into the front of the very long line of vehicles as we were leaving.

Perhaps this is like church, too. At least church as a human construction. Those of us who have been part of a church for a while, we know that church is not always sharing blankets and food, singing and joy. Sometimes, as humans, we hoard our stuff. We take offense at others. We refuse to listen. We bully. We push. Our voices sometimes drown out other voices.

And yet ... I pray that the moments of grace we receive this summer – from music at the Gorge to singing lustily in church, from sharing food on a hillside to receiving the body and blood of Christ – may we be church together. May we know and make it known that all are fully loved by God – in the times when we are like fallen constellations and in the times we are not.

May your summer be filled with holy moments.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org 



Synod News, Resources, and Prayer Messages

Our synod, the Northwest Washington Synod, has a variety of resources. Some are devotional, some share information about news and events around the synod. Visit <https://www.lutheransnw.org>

- Weekly updates and prayer messages and monthly newsletters: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/news>
You can also opt to have this weekly update emailed to you.
- Podcasts offered by individuals and congregations: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/resources/podcasts>
- Devotions for individuals and congregations: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/resources/devotions-worship>



Stewardship

Stewardship Corner

From a theological viewpoint, what is Stewardship? Charles Bugg defines stewardship in the Holman Bible Dictionary as “Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.” Another way of looking at it is: “The Christian steward is not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God, but also the spiritual gifts that are given through the Holy Spirit.”


In Genesis, God created all peoples to be stewards of His creation. Our stewardship of creation involves the caretaking of the environment and animals as well as our families and our community (whether it be our church, city, nation or world) that we live in.

Bible verses that reflect stewardship include: Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15, 1 Peter 4:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Luke 16:11, Proverbs 16:3.

I look at stewardship as “joyful giving”. This can include the gifting of money to the church, as well as time and talents. Giving money to the church may not seem very joyful to some, however, it provides our congregation with a space for worship and fellowship. When you see the beautiful quilts on the altar provided by Dorcas Circle, you can’t help but feel joyful knowing that those quilts are going to keep someone warm on a cold night.

In the next few months, we will be looking at stewardship from different angles. I am excited to see what abundant gifts our congregation will bring to Saint Andrews Lutheran Church in the coming year.

Blessings,

Kit Bowerman, Stewardship Committee Chair 

Semi-Annual Meeting Highlights

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on June 4, 2023. At this meeting, the following topics were presented and discussed:

- **Finances:** Congregation Treasurer Bill Brueggemann provided an update on the finances of the church.
 - o Income is 3% under budget (unfavorable trend). Expenses are 5% under budget (favorable trend).
 - o Cash flow is negative, but better than our most recent 5-year average. Our reserves are adequate. The Cash Flow chart is available each month in *the VOICE*.
- **Sanctuary Refresh:** Worship and Liturgical Arts (WLA) Committee Chair Sharon Gurtel provided an update.
 - o The project began in 2018, but was paused due to COVID. WLA received designated funds for this project (approximately \$7800.) The overview was approved by 2018-2019 Congregation Council.
 - o The vision is for a more contemporary look and feel, extending outdoor elements we see through Sanctuary windows, lighten overall color palette. After meeting with many local artists, Warren Weber from Bothell was selected.
 - o Initial pieces to update:
 - Lectern: will be a more appropriate size for space, have lighter colors, and an Alpha/Omega design.
 - Baptismal Font: will feature curved wood (like flowing water) and have lighter colors.
 - Christ Candle: will be similar in design to Baptismal font.
 - o WLA will provide updates as received by the artist.
- **Stewardship:** New Stewardship Chair Kit Bowerman spoke about the importance of Stewardship and shared a text from Paul’s letter to Corinthians. Plans are being made for Fall and Kit is looking for volunteers to work with him.
- **Affordable Housing:** Hal Ferris provided information about upcoming Affordable Housing opportunities.
 - o The Bellevue City Council is about to approve code changes that would allow churches to build affordable housing on excess land. Saint Andrew’s could use part of the parking lot and unused land east of that (about 2 of our 4.5 acres) for affordable housing.
 - o At this time, initial conversations are taking place to explore this possibility. No money is being spent and no decisions have been made. If we move forward, this would be a multi-year process.
- **Cluster Collaboration:** Congregation Council President Carolynn Ferris provided an update on collaboration occurring within our cluster (our cluster includes ELCA congregations in our area, and Saint Andrew’s, Cross of Christ, St. Luke’s, Holy Cross, Mt. Si, and Sammamish Hills have been active in these conversations.)
 - o Conversations have recognized challenges, but focused on abundance. We have many assets. What can we do with them? On April 29, there was a cluster collaboration brainstorming session that identified Pastoral duties, Worship/Music, Buildings/Property, Youth/Family ministries, Outreach, and Small Groups as potential areas for collaboration. Many ideas were shared and conversations will continue.
 - o Pastor Herb Shao from the synod has requested funding for a consultant to help this effort.



Congregation Council

President's Corner

fromCarolynn Ferris, Congregation Council President

Grace and peace to you all!

Bellevue Korean Methodist Church (BKMC)

The Bellevue Korean Methodist Church is a relatively small congregation (10 – 12 worshipers) that has been utilizing space at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Factoria. Holy Cross is a part of our NW ELCA Cluster.

Holy Cross has recently sold their property to Habitat for Humanity. The plan is to redevelop their building and land over the next 2 – 3 years in order to provide homeownership opportunities for lower income families, as well as build a community space that could accommodate worship and other potential community uses. Because of this redevelopment, all users of the building are being asked to find new venues for the time being.

The BKMC has approached us to see if they can relocate their worship and fellowship activities to our facility for the foreseeable future. They are interested in utilizing Fellowship Hall South to hold worship services at 6:00 am on Saturdays and 11:00 am on Sunday. They may also want to utilize our kitchen facilities on occasion.

The Council recently voted to adopt a statement declaring that we hope to attract outside organizations that are in alignment with our mission to “Grow in Christ to Love and Serve all People”. The Executive Committee will review the terms of their engagement and, if they are consistent with the direction of Council and for the betterment of Saint Andrew’s, will engage with BKMC to potentially execute a rental agreement.

As a note, this rental agreement will have clauses that require the BKMC to recognize and honor that we are an Reconciling in Christ congregation and that if and when there is a conflict of schedules for the Fellowship Hall South space, they will be relocated to another area of our building.

CFH Hosting – September

Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) has requested that we host the Rotating Shelter in September this year. As you know, we have been inviting the men to stay with us during the evenings in the month of March for some time. It was planned that we change to host for the month of June, but CFH learned that the church that typically serves them in September cannot do so for this year. Therefore, they have asked us to open our doors for them this year from September 1 - 29. Kurt Lutterman has given his endorsement and is prepared for the effort. Council voted to approve this invitation. In 2024, we expect to have CFH stay with us in the month of June.

Staff Reviews / Goal Setting

We recently chose to move staff reviews and goal setting to the summer months in recognition of the fact that our program year roughly aligns with the school year – beginning in September and ending in June. Review and goal-setting meetings are taking place the last two weeks of June.

Saint Andrew’s Pictorial Directory

It has been seven years since we last published a pictorial congregation directory. This has been on a “to do” list for some time, but it has been difficult to pull together the time and resources to make it happen – not to mention the disruption caused by COVID.

We are planning to schedule a time in September to take pictures and gather updated member information. Susan Hegedus will be leading this effort but is anxious to find a few helpers to make it happen. If you have any interest in being a part of this important effort, please contact Susan, susan@salc.church.

Affordable Housing Opportunity

As discussed in our recent Semi-Annual meeting, there may be a chance to develop an affordable housing project on our excess property. Due to pending Land Use Code changes in Bellevue, property owned by religious institutions that are close to transit may be up-zoned to greater density if permanently affordable housing is developed. Imagine Housing is in the process of exploring what might be possible on our property.

This will take time, and any potential project must be approved by the congregation. We will update you as things progress!



Congregation Council

Treasurer Note\$

from Bill Brueggemann, Congregation Treasurer

The numbers for January – May 2023

	May	YTD (January-May) 2023
Income	\$ 58,601	\$309,484
Expenses	68,230	320,851
Cash Flow	- \$ 9,629	- \$ 11,367

Comments

Income was higher in May than in April but is about \$11,000 below budget for the year.

Expenses are \$18,000 below budget for the year.

Cash Flow is negative \$11,367 (more money spent than received.) As the graph shows, cash flow is historically negative until the end of the year.

Fortunately, we have cash reserves in the bank to pay bills, staff salaries, and donations to mission partners.

Cash flow is trending better in 2023 than the 5-year average.



Data in this table is provided to answer a question from the Semi-Annual Meeting on how much is received from offerings placed in the collection plates on Sunday mornings:

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.
- Ask your bank to automatically send a check periodically to Saint Andrew's.
- Donate from your bank account or credit card by going to salc.church/giving-options and selecting the "Tithe.ly Online Giving" button.
- Transfer shares of stock or required IRA distributions. Please contact Bill Brueggemann for the necessary forms.

Please contact me at bill@salc.church if you have any questions. ☎

At the June 12 Congregation Council Meeting....

Pastor Lara led a devotion on Ephesians 2:13-22.

President Carolynn Ferris' Report: See President Carolynn Ferris' "President's Corner" report on page 10. The Council also discussed JEDI group Council representation.

Congregations for the Homeless (CFH): The Council approved hosting CFH for the month of September 2023.

Pastor Lara Forbes' Report:

- Pastor is a member of the Synod Team for Authentic Diversity (STAD). STAD is planning an anti-racism training/education event for October for rostered and lay people in our synod, which is mandatory for clergy every three years.
- The STAD team met with the Episcopal Circles team (their anti-racism/intercultural team) for the Diocese of Olympia to exchange ideas and information.
- Pastor encouraged Council members to read or listen to an article that touches on the struggles of churches in our area and what their future mission and vision might be. One of the pastors featured is Reverend Anna Rieke of St. John United Lutheran Church in Seattle. Contact Pastor Lara if you would like the link.

Finance: See Treasurer Bill Brueggemann's "Treasurer Notes" on page 11.

Facilities Use Task Force: This group's purpose is to look at facility use policies. Bill Brueggemann shared a summary of their work, and the Council discussed next steps.

Committee Refresh: Dan Johnson is leading this effort, and he has held initial meetings with all committees. Conversations have been productive and follow-up work has been identified.

Committee Highlights: Outreach and Servant Ministries chair Dick Szabo highlighted the "Christmas in July" drive to benefit Lantern Hill and KidVantage. ☎

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

Ministry of the Month for July and August ~ Congregations for Kids

Dear Lord:

Help us provide for the needy children in our neighborhood who lack necessities to succeed in school. We ask that you bless the Congregations For Kids efforts to supply these children with backpacks filled with school supplies. The group's work gives these children the tools they need to do well in school because educating everyone will improve our world. Bless the many volunteers and donors who do your work here in our community. Amen.

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church has been supporting Congregations for Kids since they began their work in 1996. That first year they filled and distributed backpacks to 143 children in 12 schools.

New backpacks are given to Kindergarteners, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 9th and 11th graders, and other students if needed.

Last year they did a record 3,569 packs for students in all 29 Bellevue schools. (Plus a few extras for new students.)

In the past we have held summer drives to collect school supplies but in recent years, because of the growing need, it is more cost effective to purchase supplies in bulk.



How Can We Help?

Saint Andrew's folks can help by volunteering to prep backpacks on Wednesday, **August 9**, or by writing a check to help underwrite the program. Checks should be made payable to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church with "Congregations For Kids" on the memo line. Cost to purchase and fill the packs last year ranged from \$19 to \$22 depending upon the grade level.

To volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

More Information

To learn more about the program, go to <http://www.congregations4kids.org>

On their website, you will find inspiring stories such as this one:

A new homeless family came to our area during the summer. They had lived in their car with their two young children. The children had limited clothing, no shoes, and no school supplies. The father was thrilled to learn that his kids could get nice backpacks with school supplies for free from Congregations for Kids. He came in first during the fall distribution day and picked two colorful ones for the children. Father told the staff that he never got a chance to receive higher education, but he has hopes for his children and wishes them to have a totally different future. The kids always come to school on time even though they live in the motel far away from our school. The father drives them early in the morning and never misses a day.



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 or 425-746-2529. 



Outreach and Servant Ministries

The Sophia Way Summer Salad Lunch!

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. 📍



Mission Partners

Saint Andrew's receives many letters of thanks from the Mission Partners to whom we donate funds, goods, and time. Check out the "Outreach and Servant Ministries" section of the bulletin board in the Narthex to see learn more about these organizations and how our donations help! 📍

Fundraiser for MGLSS

Tuesday Morning Men are seeking funds to help the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) in Tanzania hire a trained Farm Manager for the almost 400-acre plot of land on which the Girls School rests. With proper management, it is believed that farm could produce enough food to feed the girls and produce enough coffee to also provide a cash crop.



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

Collection Emphasis for Hopelink ~ July

Hopelink has asked us to collect **cereal** for July. With kids out of school, their customers are looking for this and cereal is not often donated. When Hopelink purchases cereal, they don't get much variety. So, they really appreciate it when we collect cereal. Hopelink and their clients were so very pleased with the cereal we collected last July, so they have asked us to do it again

So, for July we will be collecting:

- **Boxes of Cold cereal***

*(Note: Costco packaging with two boxes taped/glued together that can be separated into two boxes are OK, but NOT the single box with two bags inside. They can't be separated in their market.)



Collection Emphasis for Hopelink ~ August

Hopelink has asked us to collect **baby items** during August. The items they want us to collect are baby food, formula and baby wipes. These are items that families with very young ones really need but are hard for the food bank to get.

So, for August we will be collecting:

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

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



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

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



Outreach and Servant Ministries

Ho! Ho! Ho! Help Us Celebrate Christmas Giving in July

The Saint Andrew's Family is celebrating Christmas early this year – in July! Because of the overwhelming need at two of our favorite children's charities, **KidVantage** and **Lantern Hill**, we're collecting donations, toys, and clothing this month.

Ornaments on the Christmas tree in the Narthex suggest what items are needed.

Take an ornament (or three or four or more) on Sunday and bring the items back the following week.

The best part: You don't have to wrap the gifts!

Read below for information on what is needed and what your donations mean for Lantern Hill and KidVantage.



Friends of Lantern Hill

Lantern Hill, Linterna del Camino, has one mission – to break the cycle of poverty in Mexico. The group has ELCA roots.

It works to supply struggling families with food resources and to help keep children in school.

An inter-generation group from Saint Andrew's (the "Mexico 12") went on a mission trip to Lantern Hill in 2019.

For Shana Nielsen, it was an eye-opening, life changing and amazing experience. She has since become a Board Member of Friends of Lantern Hill and is a member of our Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee.

"My trips to Lantern Hill have been inspirational and incredibly humbling. These children have so little, yet find joy in the simplest things: getting a new pair of socks for Christmas, playing soccer with their friends on a playcourt the size of our living rooms, or reading a new book that was donated to their school."

The needs are so tremendous and yet it takes so little to support the 100 students that are currently enrolled.

Our church has been supporting Lantern Hill since the return of our Mexico 12. "It doesn't take much," Shana said. "Even a small check will make a difference to the families in this poverty stricken area outside of Ensenada."

To support Lantern Hill, write a check to Saint Andrew's with "Lantern Hill" in the memo line. Here are some examples of how donations will help:

- **\$10** - 10 meals for students. This includes costs of food and staff to prepare.
- **\$15** - 1 bus pass for 1 week to allow a student to get to High School or University.
- **\$25** - 1 teacher's salary for 1 day.
- **\$50** - Water costs per week. This includes water for facilities as well as bottled water for drinking.
- **\$100** - 3 weeks of electricity and internet for the program.
- **\$150** - High School Tuition.
- **\$250** - 1 month's rent on the 2 properties we have to rent for the program.
- **\$500** - University tuition for 1 student for 1 year.

KidVantage

The Issaquah-based KidVantage, formerly known as Eastside Baby Corner, helps children reach their full potential tomorrow by providing their basic needs today.

KidVantage began by supplying under-served families with new babies with items such as diapers, formula, and baby clothes. As the Eastside has grown, so has the need.

Saint Andrew's member Liz Rudolph volunteers at KidVantage. "All children, from infants to teenagers, need our help with clothing, shoes, jackets, and toys," she said. "For many of these children a toy from KidVantage and a jacket may be the only toy they've ever had and the first jacket they've owned."

Currently the group is low on clothing and toys – a tough situation for summer when kids are home with nothing to do.

"We use new toys to fill birthday bag requests and we're trying to stock up for the holidays now," she said.

A recent influx of refugees from Somalia, Afghanistan, and Venezuela need children's clothing of all sizes.

"The need," Liz said, "is great."

The clothing and toys can be new or gently used.

KidVantage Wish List

- Games
- Puzzles
- Markers and crayons
- Stuffed toys and animals
- Coloring books
- Board books for small children
- Legos and blocks
- Dolls – including Barbies
- Anything Pokemon
- Toy cars
- Jackets – both lightweight and winterweight
- Children's clothing of all sizes
 - Most needed: pants for boys size 12-14;
 - children's pants 2T to 14; and shoes
- Umbrellas
- Gloves and hats
- Infant furniture such as strollers, safety gates and locks, diaper pails, baby monitors, and high chairs



Outreach and Servant Ministries

Lantern Hill, Mexico

by Shana Nielsen



Christmas in July...First thought conjures up a picture of Santa Claus with his red hat and shorts, and a brightly colored shirt with palm trees on it...sounds fun, festive, and something I could really get on board to celebrate! Before our intergenerational mission trip to Ensenada, Mexico in the summer of 2019, thoughts of Mexico also stirred up visions of fun, merriment, blue skies, and warm water. Since our trip however, Mexico has new meaning for me, as I now picture the beautiful yellow school, appropriately named Lantern Hill, which serves as an after school and summer education program for a community of 100 children who a few years ago were not expected to complete more than the 6th grade. Without Lantern Hill, many of these children would not know if or when they would have their next meal, and they didn't have university trained teachers spending individualized time helping them with their homework. These kids have a safe place to go after school where they are tutored, have a safe place to play, they are fed, challenged to do their best, and are inspired and expected to set goals for themselves that takes them way beyond primary school.

For the month of July, I am so grateful for our Outreach and Servant Ministries Committee who is supporting Lantern Hill and KidVantage: two fabulous organizations that want more for children who are in challenging situations and where a donation will make a significant difference for a child. Please see the previous page for examples of what a financial donation to Lantern Hill of as little as \$10 will support.

If interested, during the month of July, I would like to ask you to consider taking an ornament off of our Giving Tree in the Narthex and making a financial donation to Lantern Hill. Lantern Hill is gearing up for the summer school program, and financial support is needed and more appreciated than words can express. A check made to Saint Andrew's with "Lantern Hill" noted on the memo line will ensure that 100% of your donation will go directly to Lantern Hill. Seeing this article in August? Weren't able to get to church in July but are interested in donating? There are a variety of ways to donate at any time, including on the website (Instagram and/or Facebook at Friends of Lantern Hill), or write a check to Saint Andrew's with Lantern Hill noted, and include it in our offering plate. If you have questions and would like to discuss further, you can reach out to Shana Nielsen.

Feliz Navidad!

For more information about Lantern Hill, please look us up on Facebook, Instagram, or connect with Shana Nielsen.

www.friendsoflanternhill.org

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

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



KidVantage Diaper Derby - Thank You!

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the KidVantage Diaper Derby!! Our Saint Andrew's horse, "**Dandy Andy**" finished third in the Belmont Stakes division! Most importantly, critically needed diapers and wipes were collected to serve needy families in our community. Thanks from KidVantage goes out to all who donated diapers, wipes, and dollars!

To illustrate the need, this chart shows a comparison of distributions in 2022 and 2023

	January-May 2022	January-May 2023
Car seat	654	1,115
Wipes	1,048,960	1,754,240
Diapers (Grouped)	662,584	1,070,192
Formula (Grouped)	2,386	3,537
Bundle	3,141	5,078
Bundle-Maternity	53	86
Bundle-layette	260	316

Note: Bundles are requests for an assortment of clothing and shoes in a certain size



Outreach and Servant Ministries


MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), Tanzania

PRAY for these Maasai young women on their educational journey!!

On May 6, 2023, 16 young Maasai women walked in the Form 6 graduation ceremony. These young women are now anxiously awaiting their exam results so they may start applying to universities. The timeline is very tight, as they usually do not receive their exam results until mere weeks before the universities open. We believe our graduates will do exceptionally well!

Many of the Form 4 graduates left campus shortly after completing their exams in October of 2022. Of the 67 students who took their "A" Level (Advanced) entrance exams, 65 are moving forward to Form 5! We won't know how many will return from the nationally scheduled eight-month break from school. This is a crucial time in their lives as they need to avoid unwanted pregnancies and early arranged marriages. We hope and pray they all return safely and ready in late July to start the next level of their education.

Saint Andrew's supports MGLSS in a variety of ways. Many Saint Andrew's members individually support girls in the MGLSS scholarship program with either full or half scholarships. These scholarships are important for the girls to continue their education.

Visit <https://bootstrapafrica.org/> to learn more about Operation Bootstrap-Africa and its work. For information about MGLSS, visit: <https://bootstrapafrica.org/project/supporting-girls-education/>. If you have questions, contact Jean Wahlstrom. 




The Plaster House, Tanzania

WOW! Much to Share!

Children are now being surgically treated at **3 locations** - Arusha, Moshi, and Karatu – following their expansion plan (try Googling these areas). All housing is near an operating hospital: **Karatu** (a former tourist lodge), **Moshi** (a former hotel next to the regional hospital, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre, managed by the Lutheran Church), and **Arusha** (using a former hotel on Themi Hill). All facilities are rentals.

The biggest expansion news? The land purchased in Arusha for their permanent housing (that will include operating theatres) is now **ready for infrastructure development**, meaning water, sewer, and electricity!! Permits have been granted – we are thankful to God and Tanzanian leadership.

And the biggest fund-raising news? **Sarah Rejman**, the founder and director of The Plaster House, will be coming to Seattle area **October 31 to November 3!!** More details will be coming as plans are finalized. Please check their website and sign up for their newsletter to stay informed. PRAY and mark your calendar! We will have opportunities to help make this expansion plan happen!

Visit The Plaster House website for further information, the latest newsletter, to see current photos, to donate, or to sign up for their monthly newsletter: <https://www.theplasterhouse.org>. Donations can continue through church by writing 'The Plaster House' on the memo of your check made out to Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. 



Join Us for Second Annual God's Work, Our Hands Work Party



God's work.
Our hands.

Join our helping hands volunteers as we participate in God's Work, Our Hands 2023.

We will be painting and doing yard work at a Congregations for the Homeless transition house near Saint Andrew's on Saturday, **September 9**.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America sponsors and celebrates the community service done each September by Lutheran congregations across the country.

We participated last year by doing yard work at church and hands-on blanket projects for Compass Housing Alliance and the Humane Society.

Pick your shift!

We'll be working from **9:00 am - 12:00 noon** and **1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**, with a group picnic at **noon**.

This inter-generational activity currently replaces our annual Vacation Bible School service project.

Please make a reservation for whichever shift (or both!!!) you wish to work. And if you need a new God's Work, Our Hands shirt, let us know. The shirts are \$10 and must be ordered by **July 31**.

For shirts or to sign up, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church. 

July 2023

For current information,
visit salc.church/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun - 25	Jun - 26	Jun - 27	Jun - 28	Jun - 29	Jun - 30	Jul - 1
Jul - 2 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship 11:15a - 1p Ice Cream Sundaes Sunday	Jul - 3 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 3p - 4:30p Executive Committee 6p - 7p Finance Committee	Jul - 4 ALL DAY July 4th Celebration/Office closed 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men	Jul - 5	Jul - 6 OFFSITE ALL DAY High School Mission Trip	Jul - 7 OFFSITE ALL DAY High School Mission Trip ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jul - 8 OFFSITE ALL DAY High School Mission Trip
Jul - 9 OFFSITE ALL DAY High School Mission Trip 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship 1p - 4p Claire Charlebois Celebration of Life Memorial & Reception	Jul - 10 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 7p - 9p Congregation Council Meeting	Jul - 11 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men 9:30a - 12:30p Dorcas Circle : Dorcas Circle (Override)	Jul - 12 2p - 3p Congregation Care Team	Jul - 13	Jul - 14 ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jul - 15 1p - 4p 'Stan' Sivesind Celebration of Life Memorial & Reception
Jul - 16 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship 11:15a - 12:15p KnitWits (Knitting as Witnesses)	Jul - 17 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting	Jul - 18 OFFSITE ALL DAY O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints) Field Trip 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men 9a - 10a O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints)/Field Trip Registration	Jul - 19 ALL DAY Sophia Way Lunch	Jul - 20	Jul - 21 ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jul - 22 11:30a - 12:30p Kay Lenci Committal
Jul - 23 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship 1p - 2p Finnish Lutheran Congregation Worship Service : Finnish Lutheran Congregation Worship Service (Override)	Jul - 24 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 7p - 8:30p Outreach and Servant Ministries	Jul - 25 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men 7p - 8p Building and Property Committee	Jul - 26 7p - 8p Racial Justice Group/JEDI	Jul - 27	Jul - 28 ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Jul - 29 OFFSITE 11a - 2p SALC Park Day
Jul - 30 9a - 9:45a Youth Education (grades 6-12) 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship	Jul - 31 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting	Aug - 1	Aug - 2	Aug - 3	Aug - 4	Aug - 5

August 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul - 30	Jul - 31	Aug - 1 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men 9:30a - 12:30p Dorcas Circle	Aug - 2 2p - 3p Congregation Care Team	Aug - 3	Aug - 4 ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Aug - 5
Aug - 6 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship	Aug - 7 OFFSITE 9a - 4p Tiny House Build 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 5p - 7p Executive Committee 6p - 7p Finance Committee	Aug - 8 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men OFFSITE 9a - 4p Tiny House Build	Aug - 9 OFFSITE 9a - 4p Tiny House Build 11a - 2p OWLS Summer Service Project/Backpacks for Kids	Aug - 10 OFFSITE 9a - 4p Tiny House Build	Aug - 11 ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays OFFSITE 9a - 4p Tiny House Build	Aug - 12
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Aug - 20 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship 11:15a - 12:15p KnitWits (Knitting as Witnesses) 1p - 2p Finnish Lutheran Congregation Worship Service	Aug - 21 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting	Aug - 22 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men 7p - 8p Building and Property Committee	Aug - 23 7p - 8p Racial Justice Group/JEDI	Aug - 24	Aug - 25 ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays	Aug - 26 9a - 12p Discipleship Committee Planning Meeting
Aug - 27 9a - 10a Coffee and Conversation 10a - 11a Sunday Worship	Aug - 28 10a - 11:30a Health & Wholeness Ministries Committee 1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting 7p - 8:30p Outreach and Servant Ministries	Aug - 29 8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men	Aug - 30	Aug - 31	Aug - 31	Sep - 2



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- Ann Thorpe**, Sunday Church School Coordinator
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- Vanessa Wilkie**, Handbell Choir Director

Samaritan Center of Puget Sound

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorial Services

None

Committals

None

Congregation Council, Committees 2023

Committee	Council Liaison	Committee Chair
Executive	Carolynn Ferris, President Dan Johnson, Vice President Tom Getzinger, Secretary Bill Brueggemann, Treasurer Pastor Lara Forbes	
Building and Property	Kit Bowerman	John Nelson
Communications	Rob Parks Becca Piel	
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Outreach and Servant Ministries	Jean Wahlstrom	Dick Szabo
Stewardship	Becca Piel	Kit Bowerman
Worship and Liturgical Arts	Tom Getzinger	Sharon Gurtel

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, 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

Kurt Lutterman

Member, City of Bellevue Environmental Services Commission

Please let us know how you serve in our community!

The due date to submit items for the next issue of
the VOICE is **August 14**
 Email submissions to Susan Hegedus, susan@SALC.church



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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
 In-person and Livestream: salc.church/media

Church Office Hours
 Monday through Thursday | 9:00 am—3:00 pm

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