



the VOICE

November 2023

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

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Given and Shed for You

*Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.*
ELW Hymn 523


When I was in grad school, I traveled to Nicaragua for a mission trip with the campus ministry group over spring break. We stayed in a village in a remote area near the border with Honduras, and worked alongside the residents helping level (by hand!) the site for a community center that would be built by another group a couple of weeks later.

On our first day there, we and the village residents all gathered for worship in an outdoor open space. Our pastor, who didn't speak any Spanish, co-led a bilingual service with the local pastor. We stood the entire time because there weren't enough seats for everyone. We learned the songs by call and response. We prayed the Lord's Prayer in the language we were comfortable with; it was a beautiful cacophony of voices. But when it came time to receive Communion, our group was surprised because the elements were Wonder Bread and Pepsi. (We later learned that it was because that's what was available.) We received that bread and soda as reverently as we would have if they'd been Luther bread and wine or grape juice.

When I share the Communion part of this story, the responses to it are varied. Some people think it's great, and others are offended by it. When I look back on the experience, though, I remember the sacredness of that moment – the way that it connected us to Jesus and to one another not just that day, but even now.

As Christians, we experience that sacredness, that connectedness, every time we receive Communion. When we gather and hear the words “given and shed for you,” and take in the very real presence of Christ “in, with, and under” the elements, we trust and remember. We trust Christ's promise of forgiveness, and we remember his commandment to “do this in remembrance of me.”

This trust and remembrance, these acts of faith, make tangible the promise of God's grace in Jesus. The promise that is freely given to us in our outstretched hands. The promise we carry with us and share with others when we go out into the world. May it assure you of your connectedness to Jesus today and always.

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.



Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, **October 29**
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
A fun community event!
See page 6

Time Change

Remember to “Fall Back!”
We return to Standard Time
on All Saints Sunday,
November 5. Set your clocks
BACK one
hour before
going to bed on
November 4.



Women's Retreat

Friday-Sunday,
November 10-12
“Grateful”
See page 9

Worship and Liturgical Arts

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

November 5

All Saints Sunday

John 11:32-44

Isaiah 25:6-9

November 12

Hosea 11:1-9

Mark 10:13-14

November 19

Isaiah 5:1-7, 11:1-5

Mark 12:1-3

November 26

Reign of Christ

2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-3

Luke 24:30-32

Worship Videos and Sermon Notes and Recordings of past services can be found at SALC.church/sermons



Music Rehearsal Times

Chancel Choir

Thursdays, 7:00 pm

Handbell Choir

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

Flowers 2024

We welcome flowers in the Sanctuary on Sundays. The sign up for 2024 will be available by mid-November, both online at salc.church/flowers and on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Church staff keeps the chart in the Narthex and the online sign-up in sync, so you only need to sign up in one place. 🙏

Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir rehearsals begin on **October 24** and are **Tuesdays** at **7:00 pm**.



We would LOVE to have you be a part of the Handbell Choir!! Contact Handbell Choir Director Vanessa Wilkie for information. 🙏

Affirmation of Baptism Service

Sunday, **October 29**

We hope that you are able to join us in support of our confirmands, **Joshua Santjer and Zoe Elien**, who will be affirming their faith during worship on Reformation Sunday, **October 29**. We are so proud of the work they have done and their commitment to learning and growing in faith. We celebrate with them as they enter this new stage of faith and life here at Saint Andrew's. We invite you to stay after worship for a reception in Fellowship Hall to celebrate their hard work and dedication. 🙏

Communion Practices at Saint Andrew's

by Sharon Gurtel, Chair, Worship and Liturgical Arts Committee

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and shared it with his friends, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Over the last few months, we have been receiving communion at the altar in a hybrid manner: alternating the practice of processing with receiving at the rail. Processional communion has us continuously walking, while receiving at the rail allows us to kneel or stand. We will continue alternating these two practices, as it best honors the wishes of all members of our congregation.

With both of these practices, the Worship and Liturgical Arts Committee (WLA) also began the practice of both sides of the Sanctuary simultaneously being served. This is primarily for safety reasons. Walking on the back side of the altar space is a safety issue because of the multiple microphones, cords, and instruments that are in the very small space between the piano/choir and the altar. To minimize the potential for accidents, the ushers direct us to avoid walking in that space when going to and coming from the altar for communion. This is accomplished by communing from the altar rail side that corresponds to the side of the sanctuary where you are seated.

On the Sundays that we receive at the rail, anyone seated on the west (organ) side of the Sanctuary is asked to fill in from the end of the padding nearest to the organ and continue to the baptismal font. Anyone seated on the east (pulpit) side is asked to fill in from the baptismal font and continue to the end of the padding nearest the pulpit. As we do this, we "complete the circle." The pastor and communion server team continuously walk in a counter-clockwise circle inside the altar rail, starting on the organ side.

On processional communion Sundays, both sides of the Sanctuary are served starting near the baptismal font. Each person moves from receiving bread to receiving wine/juice and then depositing their empty cup in the provided basket. The ushers direct us to exit from one side of each pew and return via the other side to avoid congestion in the aisles.

At Saint Andrew's we are so fortunate to be gathered around the table throughout the entire service because of the architecture of our worship space. With the sacrament always in view, it allows us to focus to "do this in remembrance of [Jesus]" with reverence and thanksgiving, no matter the position of our body. 🙏

Worship and Liturgical Arts

Children's Church Bags Expanded

A picture book, crayons, scratch paper, stickers, and a coloring sheet: What's not to like about the children's bags?

Now we have an expanded version – appropriate for children who can read.

The big kids' bags include an age-appropriate book and a printed puzzle and pen. They still get scratch paper and stickers.

The cloth bags for littles are made of colorful printed material. The new bags for children who can read are a solid color.

Yes, all bags contain a snack. ☺

The bags are available each Sunday in baskets just outside the entrances to the Sanctuary. 📍

Dinner Church Planned for Advent

Join us for an evening of small-group fellowship and soup as Saint Andrew's celebrates Advent with three Dinner Church gatherings. These will be held on Wednesdays **December 6, 13, and 20**.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall North at **6:00 pm** to socialize.

Grace will be said at **6:15 pm** followed by soup, bread, and conversation.

Around **6:30 pm** each table group will read and discuss an assigned Bible passage. We'll then have a large group discussion. Our time will conclude with communion at **7:15 pm**, and we will finish the evening by **7:30 pm**.

Work and school schedules, and traffic, may delay your arrival so we'll keep the soup warm until **7:00 pm**. Feel welcome to come anytime.

Want to help set-up, cook, or clean-up? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church for more details. 📍

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. We are looking for additional volunteers so that we can greet people at both doors each Sunday.

Sign up online at salc.church/signup-greeter-coffeehost for the date(s) you wish to greet. Or, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salc.church or 425-746-2529, to sign up for a specific Sunday. 📍

Sanctuary Refresh Update

The artist who was commissioned to build the three furnishings for the Sanctuary - the pulpit/lectern, baptismal font, and Christ Candle holder - is working on them. He has received the fabricated pieces of aluminum and begun cutting the wooden components. We will share photos as we receive them.

This Sanctuary refresh project was begun pre-pandemic and designated (donor directed) funds were received in 2019. 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. Contact Sharon Gurtel, Worship and Liturgical Arts Committee chair, with questions. 📍



base structure for the new lectern/pulpit.



Our Sanctuary has changed over the years. Here's a photo from 1960. What changes do you notice from then to today?

Discipleship: Education ~ Sundays

Sunday Discipleship Hour Forums

The coffee is ready at **8:45 am**, and Forums begin **promptly at 9:00 am**.

Unless otherwise noted, Forums are in-person only.

With permission of the presenter, Forums are recorded and posted online for later viewing (salc.church/discipleship-hour-adults-page). Contact Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, susan@salc.church or 425-746-2529, with questions.

Sundays, October 22, 29 | 9:00 am | 301/Fellowship Hall

Bible Study on the Book of Esther

Join us for a study of **Esther**. She is a heroine whose actions led to the inauguration of the Jewish festival of Purim. Grab your Bible and join us! (We always have a few Bibles available if you forget yours.)

The study will be facilitated by Diane Hogle.

Sunday, October 29 | 11:15 am | 301/Fellowship Hall

Celebrate Our Confirmands

Please stay following worship to honor and celebrate this year's confirmands, who will Affirm their Baptism during worship that morning!

Sunday, November 5 | 9:00 am | 301/Fellowship Hall

Stewardship: Discipleship Ministries

Come and learn more about youth education and activities. Discover ways to be involved with our youth and families as they grow in faith, and have fun!

Sunday, November 12 | 9:00 am | 301/Fellowship Hall

Affordable Housing Project

Saint Andrews is considering offering a part of our property on the eastern boundary to be developed into affordable housing by Imagine Housing. A Task Force has been formed to shepherd the discernment process and keep congregation members informed and seek out perspectives and concerns. On November 12, representatives from the Task Force, Imagine Housing and a hired architectural firm will present preliminary designs for the apartment building and a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines expectations for Imagine Housing and Saint Andrews Lutheran Church. Anyone interested in learning more about this potential project are encouraged to come to ask questions and provide input.

Sunday, November 19 | 9:00 am | 301/Fellowship Hall

Guided Bible Verse Discussion

Bring your Bible to this Forum for a guided discussion of the scripture reading for the day.

Mikel Oswalt will help us navigate Isaiah verses 5:1-7, 11:1-5. Mikel will give us a bit of background and help us glean the message.

We will wrap up the discussion around 9:45 am so you can take your new insights into our 10:00 am worship service.

Sunday, November 26 | 9:00 am | 301/Fellowship Hall

Advent Fair

An annual event for all ages! See page 8 for details.



Sunday Church School

Age 3 - Grade 5

Sundays | 9:00 am | Room 106

Lessons follow the Narrative Lectionary - the stories that Pastor preaches and are read in church. Contact Sunday Church School Coordinator Ann Thorpe with questions.

Youth Education

Grades 6-12

Sundays | 9:00 am | 322/Conference Room

Youth Education meets at **9:00 am** on Sundays. All youth, grades 6-12 are invited to participate as we learn about the Bible and faith. This year we are focusing on the Gospel of Mark as we go through our second year of the Narrative Lectionary.

Cornerstone Ministry (Confirmation)

Grades 7-8

Sundays | 9:00 am | 322/Conference Room


We have begun year two of Cornerstone Ministry. All youth in 7th and 8th grades are invited to participate. On Sunday mornings, youth participate in Youth Education at **9:00 am**; see the note about Youth Education for more. For more information, please contact Doug Johnson.

Discipleship Ministries

Midweek Bible Study with Pastor Lara

Tuesdays | 10:00 am | 322/Conference Room and via Zoom

Midweek Bible Study is led by Pastor Lara. We spend time with the primary reading for the upcoming Sunday using the practice of *Lectio Divina*. This is a spiritual practice dating back centuries that allows for a deeper look at Biblical readings.

If you plan to attend and need the Zoom link, please sign up at salc.church/midweek-bible-study. 

Discipleship: Children / Youth and Family Ministries

For Youth in Grades 6-12

Youth Activities -

Mini Golf and Arcade Fun!


Sunday, November 5 | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monster Mini Golf, Factoria

All youth grades 6-12 are invited for a fun evening at Monster Mini Golf on **November 5**. We will start with a round of mini-golf and then stick around for fun-times in the arcade.

Cost: \$14 for mini golf plus any extra money you want for the arcade/snacks! See monsterminigolf.com/bellevue/ for pricing and specials.

Meet at: Monster Mini Golf, 4080 Factoria Square Mall SE, Bellevue, WA 98006


Make sure to **sign-up** at salc.church/event/mini-golf so we know how many youth are coming! 

Created to be ME - Fall Youth

Retreat



Friday-Sunday, **November 10-12**, six youth from Saint Andrew's will be joining youth from nine other congregations, totalling 75 participants in a new Synod Fall Retreat at Camp Lutherwood. Youth grades 6-12 will be exploring the

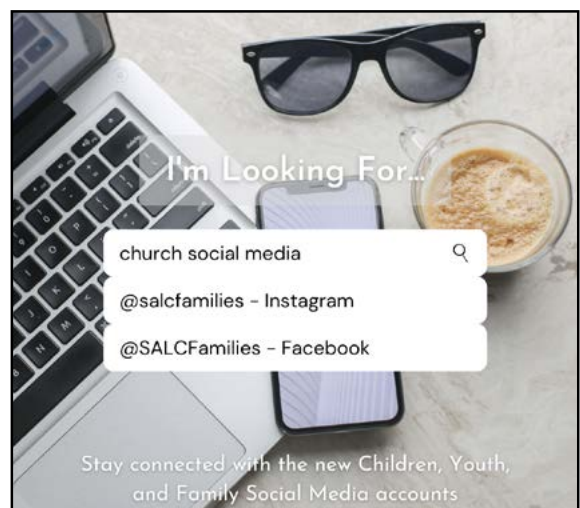
theme: "**Created to Be** _____" as we learn all about who God created us to be. We invite you to pray for our youth and adults: Abby, Adam, Jack, Kate, Alex, Melanie, Johannes, and Doug; as well as the other youth and adults participating in the retreat. Want to see what is going on at the retreat? Make sure to follow our Youth and Family Page on Facebook and Instagram. You can find us by searching for @SALCFamilies on your profile. 

For All Families

Registration Forms

We need your registration forms! All youth and their families that are participating in activities with Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church during the 2023-2024 year need to complete a registration form. To find the youth registration form, go to salc.church/youth-registration (or go to salc.church, click on the "Forms|Resources" tab and scroll down to the Youth Registration link.) Paper copies are available upon request.

If you are using a form saved from a previous year, please ensure the date in the footer of the form indicates "*revised July 2022*".



Discipleship: Children / Youth and Family Ministries For Everyone!

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, **October 29** | 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saint Andrew's Parking Lot

All families are invited for an afternoon of Halloween fun on Sunday, **October 29**, at 3:00 pm! Come dressed up in your favorite Halloween costume as members of the congregation provide a fun and safe evening for all ages. **Volunteers are needed to sign-up for trunk decorations.** Trunk or Treat will take place in the church parking lot. If you would like to sign-up or get more information, visit salc.church/trunk-or-treat or contact Doug Johnson. 📞



Family Game Night

Sunday, **November 19** | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church

It was great to host Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church and Mt. Si Lutheran Church in October and we hope you can join us this month. Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church is hosting the Family Game night on **November 19**. Please sign-up by **November 16**. A light dinner will be provided. Families are invited to bring a game and a snack to share. To sign up, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3yr6whus> (Spring dates will be coming soon!)



We hope that you will be able to join. Questions, contact Doug Johnson. 📞

Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to these youth who celebrate birthdays in November!



Ian M	11/03
Elisabeth J.....	11/14
Kayleigh J.....	11/20
Noah J	11/23

Pie-in-the Face Fundraiser

Want to have some fun while supporting our youth's summer trips? Want to throw a pie in church? Do we have the fundraiser for YOU!

Starting in November we will be doing our Pie-in-the-Face Fundraiser where you will get to vote on which of our select members will get a pie in the face! You will vote for both one youth and one adult to receive a pie in the face. How do you vote? With your dollars. You can vote as much as you want. The person with the highest total gets the pie in the face! We will provide weekly updates and the winner will be revealed on Sunday, **November 26**, after worship. If you have any questions, contact Doug Johnson. 📞



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

Stewardship

Stewardship Moment

You have heard the term “It takes a village to raise a kid.” Well, I think it also takes a village to maintain a vibrant running church. A village cannot thrive without embracing change. The challenges of the pandemic showed us that our congregation can adapt to changes and develop new ways to share hope and spirit. As we move into a new future together, we are reminded of God’s abundance in the everyday gifts of our life together as a congregation.

Why are you a member of Saint Andrew’s? Is it the Word, music, fellowship, the unique structure of our Sanctuary where you can see everyone, prayer and solace, or is it something that I haven’t even mentioned? For me, it is all of the above. Church brings a joy that cannot be experienced anywhere else. A past member of Saint Andrew’s said that he liked the three Fs: Faith, Fellowship, and Food! I liked that little moniker, and I think that Saint Andrew’s supplies all three of those.

We will be hearing more stories about the “life” of Saint Andrew’s, and testimonials from members of our congregation.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter with an invitation to consider your gifts to Saint Andrew’s. Please read it carefully and respond generously on Stewardship Sunday, **November 19**. See you then!

Blessings,


Kit Bowerman, Stewardship Committee Chair 

Photo Directory


Photo Directory

We are publishing an updated congregation photo directory this fall, and want to have everyone who is part of our congregation included (whether or not you are technically a “member”)!

Our photos sessions have concluded, but there are still several ways to get your photo into the directory:


- Contact Susan Hegedus to make arrangements to have your photo taken at church.
- Provide a *recently* taken photo of your family.
 - If it’s digital, email it to Susan Hegedus or contact her for upload instructions.
 - If it’s a printed photo, bring it to church and we’ll scan it for you.
- Set up a Zoom call with Susan Hegedus and she will record a photo.
- If Pastor Lara comes to visit you, she will be happy to take your photo.



Visit salc.church/photo-directory or contact Susan Hegedus, susan@salc.church or 425-746-2529, for information. 

Your Household Information in the Directory

Cell Phone Numbers Included

Beginning with this congregation directory, cell phone numbers for adults in the family will be included along with a home phone number. You can opt out of including cell number(s) or any other information you wish to keep private. If you would like to opt out of printing certain information, please make sure we have your preference by Monday, **November 6**. Send the information to info@salc.church or phone the office, 425-746-2529. 

Updates to Household Information


Have you moved? Phone numbers or email changed? Please make sure we have your current information by Monday, **November 6**. Send updates to info@salc.church or phone the office, 425-746-2529. 

Photo Sessions THANK YOU

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the photo sessions at church. I appreciate your expertise, your talents, and the time dedicated to this project! Thank you to: Johannes Grad, David Squiers, Dan Johnson, Joan Brennan, Carol Schneider, Linda Gilham, Shirley Hobson, Janell Erickson, Judy Johnson, Jan Bowerman, Carol Muecke, Mary Mills, Ed Corker, Beverley Watt, Adam Camrud, Andrew Camrud, Christine Camrud, Melanie Grad, Kate Brennan, and Jack Brennan.



You are a blessing! Susan Hegedus 


Photo Directory Fundraising Thank You

A huge thank you to all of you who supported our youth during the Photo Directory Fundraiser. We are so grateful for all that you do to support the youth of our congregation. 

Fellowship

Invitation to Assemble Personal Care Kits

Monday, **October 30** | **10:00 am** | *Fellowship Hall South*


Would you like to do something to make a difference in someone's life? Would you like to get to know some other people in our congregation? If the answer is "Yes" to either or both of these questions we have an answer for you. Come and join the Health and Wholeness Ministry committee on **October 30** to help assemble Personal Care kits. Individualized instruction is provided. 

Boxes Needed

The Health and Wholeness Ministry Committee and Dorcas Circle need shipping boxes to pack personal care kits and quilts for shipment to Lutheran World Relief.

Medium size boxes are needed for the personal care kits and large and extra large boxes are needed for packing quilts.

Boxes can be broken down, folded and brought to church in October.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Willenberg. 

Devotional Books

We have received the *Christ in Our Home* and *The Word in Season* booklets for October/November/December. Pick them up in the Narthex whenever the building is open, or contact the church office, info@salc.church or 425-746-2529, if you would like a copy of either or both booklets mailed to you.



Advent Fair ~ Enjoy the season!


Join us for the annual Advent Fair at **9:00 am** on Sunday, **November 26**. During this hands-on event, you can help assemble emergency kits for Hopelink and create your own Advent wreath or centerpiece.

Other crafts will be available.

Tempted yet?

Taste this - You will be able to decorate (and eat) a holiday cookie.

Volunteers are needed to help oversee the craft projects and provide cut-out cookies for the cookie table.

To volunteer for this fun event, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church. 



Dorcas Circle

Quilting

Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, **October 31 (Halloween)**, in *302/Fellowship Hall South* from **9:30 am until 12:30 pm** to assemble and sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The quilts will be delivered to Our Redeemers Lutheran Church in Ballard on Saturday, **November 4**, for shipment to LWR.


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

Dorcas Circle will not be meeting in November, and will meet again on **December 5**.

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.

- **Donate double, queen, or king size flat sheets that are in good condition, without any tears, holes, or stains.**
- 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 crochet or embroidery thread (any color) 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. 

Fellowship

Register for GRATEFUL – The 2023 Women’s Retreat



Finding Joy in the midst of Life

The Women’s Retreat, *GRATEFUL: Finding Joy In the Midst of Life*, is Friday-Sunday, **November 10-12**, at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend.

Saint Andrew’s partners with Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah to host this gathering that features guest speaker **Donna Oiland**, games, good food, and a lot of fun.

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

Cost:

- Full retreat package: two Nights (Friday and Saturday) and four meals: \$220
- Mini retreat: Saturday night only and four meals: \$200
- Minor retreat: Friday night only and three meals: \$180
- Main event: Saturday day only and three meals: \$120

Meals offered are Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch.

Rooms are double occupancy. Single room (no roommate) surcharge is \$45.

Yes, we need volunteers.

Brochures with registration forms are in the Narthex or visit salc.church/womens-retreat for an online registration form.

For more information, contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



Tuesday Morning Men

Every Tuesday | **8:30 am** | via Zoom

Tuesday Morning Men meet weekly for book and bible study. Join us for an interesting conversation, prayer, and fellowship!

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

Contact the church office for information on joining this online gathering. All men are welcome!!



Graduation Congratulation!

Tummy Watt, daughter, of Beverley Watt has earned her Masters from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. with a degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Congratulations Tammy!

Older Wiser Lutheran Saints (OWLS)

Tuesday, **November 14** | **11:45 am** | 301/Fellowship Hall North

Your Taxing Situation Answers

John Wilson, the King County Assessor, will be the guest speaker at the OWLS March lunch on Tuesday, **November 14**.

NOTE: The November Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints date will be the **second Tuesday** instead of the usual third week because of Thanksgiving.

Assessor Wilson will talk about Senior Exemptions and how our property tax system works.

OWLS meet at **11:45 am** for a potluck lunch. You don’t need to be older or wiser to join the gathering. If possible, please pitch in with a dish for the potluck.

Questions? Contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.



Women’s Early Book Study (WEBS)

Wednesdays, through **November 15**

10:00 am - 11:30 am | 322/Conference Room and via Zoom

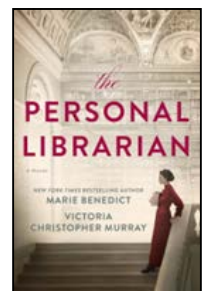
Coordinator: Cheryl Jurrus

The WEBS Fall Session continues on Wednesdays through **November 15**. We are reading and discussing the best-seller novel, *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray.

“A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan’s personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.” (Amazon)

Our discussions explore the historical time period in the early 1900’s, the ethical questions, racism, and women’s roles.

We participate by facilitating, sharing devotions, and praying together. We have fun, laughter, disagreements, service projects, and we get to know each other! Join us! Contact Cheryl Jurrus for the reading/discussion schedule and the link for Zoom.



Health and Wholeness

KnitWits and Gratitude

by Dianne Chong, KnitWits Coordinator

The Saint Andrew's KnitWits (Knitting as Witnesses) are a fellowship who exemplify the church's mission of growing together in Christ to love and serve all people. The group meets once a month to share what they are knitting or crocheting and to learn from each other. The KnitWits began as a prayer shawl ministry that provided prayer shawls as a tangible gift of prayer for those needing comfort. Over time the prayer shawls were given as signs of welcome or departure. The KnitWits expanded the types of items that they made to include baptismal blankets, hats, wash cloths, scarves, and many other items making up the 600-plus items that are distributed each year. Items have been sent to 30 different organizations as shown in the illustration. During the pandemic many organizations were unable to accept items because workers and volunteers were quarantined. The KnitWits continued to make items, and once organizations could accept items, the KnitWits sent out just under 600 items per year during the pandemic.

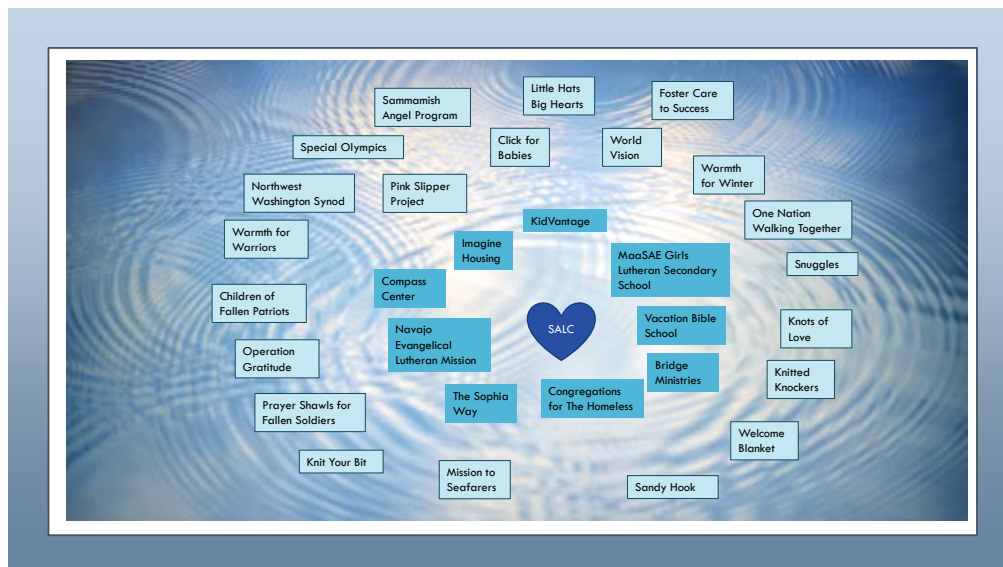
There are several perspectives to gratitude with respect to the KnitWits and their activities. The first of these are the direct expressions from the recipients. It can be from:

- A soldier who is away from family and home (“The scarf that was knitted for me brought on some cheerfulness.”; “Thank you for taking time out of your day, to think about the service members deployed and investing your time and money in making this scarf for us. I am grateful for the men and women that support us like you do.”);
- Someone who has lost a loved one (“It is always comforting to know that someone cares about the loss of a loved one.”);
- People undergoing medical procedures (“The prayer shawl keeps me warm during chemo and reminds me that you are praying for me.”).

Expressions of gratitude can also come from the various organizations that work tirelessly to support:

- Underserved communities (“Because of you, families in our community have hope.”);
- Victims of domestic abuse (“We appreciate your kindness and generosity.”; “Your gifts make a difference.”);
- Students (“A reminder that someone was thinking of me”)
- Education (“Babies in Washington will have purple hats ... reminding caretakers to never shake a baby.”).

The other sense of gratitude is one that the KnitWits have personally - through the work of their hands, they feel the gratitude in their hearts. While the many thank-you notes are fully appreciated, gratitude also comes from the fellowship of the knitting/crocheting ministry. The KnitWits are grateful for the opportunity to meet, learn, and share with each other and know that they have a common ministry of using their skills to help all. They knit or crochet gratitude into every stitch. The KnitWits are also grateful for the support shown by the members of Saint Andrew's for this ministry. As it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 🙏



KnitWits

The KnitWits meet **in-person** on the third Sunday of each month following worship. The next meeting is Sunday, **November 19, at 11:15 am** in 322/Conference Room. All are welcome! Contact KnitWits coordinator Dianne Chong for more information. 🙏

Congregation Council

President's Corner

fromCarolynn Ferris, Congregation Council President

ELCA Cluster Collaboration

There has been renewed energy in our efforts to connect more meaningfully with congregations in our Cluster. A few updates:

- 1) The Synod is very interested in supporting our work within the Cluster. They have agreed to partially fund one or two project coordinators / coaches to help move us forward. We will be working to develop a scope of work for these individuals and outline potential next steps.
- 2) Pastor Mark Griffith has returned to Saint Luke's in north Bellevue. He is very energized about our efforts and will become very engaged with the collaboration efforts.
- 3) We are planning a joint meeting with the Executive Committees from Saint Andrew's, Cross of Christ, and Saint Luke's. We hope to have bold discussions about how we might "do church" differently in the future.
- 4) We still hope to have a refresh of our cluster workshop that took place in April 2023. This likely won't happen until after the first of the year given the holiday schedule.

Affordable Housing Project Task Force

To date, most discussions about a potential affordable housing project on our campus have been funneled through the Building and Property Committee. An effort is underway now to identify individuals to serve on a Task Force that can take the lead in exploring options, gathering input from the congregation, developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Imagine Housing, and possibly bring forth a proposal to the congregation in our 2024 Annual Meeting. Please let us know if you would like to serve on this Task Force.

2024 Nominating Committee

I have reached out to Art Gurtel and those who were elected to serve on the this year's Nominating Committee to get them started on their work to identify candidates for our 2024 Council.

Advent Dinner Services

Midweek Advent services will be back this year! In a new format, we will combine enjoying a meal and worship service in one setting. The dinner service will be held each Wednesday in December from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Members of the Health and Wholeness Ministry Committee will be serving soup and bread on December 6. Congregation Council will be serving on December 13. Members of Cross of Christ will be invited to join us as well. What a wonderful way to usher in Christmas and all of the joy that brings.



At the October 9 Congregation Council Meeting....

Pastor Lara led a devotion on Hebrews 11:8-16.

President Carolynn Ferris' Report: See President Carolynn Ferris' "President's Corner" report on page 11.

Pastor Lara Forbes' Report:

- Pastor and Mary Mills will soon begin a review of the congregation membership rolls.
- On February 20, 2024, in partnership with Seattle University, Saint Andrew's will host author and speaker John Philip Newell for a lecture and book signing. He is known throughout the world as a teacher of Celtic spirituality. He is also the founder of the School of Earth and Soul, which seeks to reawaken awareness of the sacred in all things and to help translate this awareness into compassionate action.

Finance: See Treasurer Bill Brueggemann's "Treasurer Notes" on page 12. In addition:

- Work on the 2024 Current Fund budget will begin soon.
- A job description for bookkeeping support is being finalized.
- Saint Andrew's is a beneficiary of a former member's trust. The administrator of the trust has requested that Saint Andrew's designate a person as its authorized representative. **The Council approved authorizing Bill Brueggemann, Treasurer, to act on behalf of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church in matters pertaining to the administration of the trust funds.**

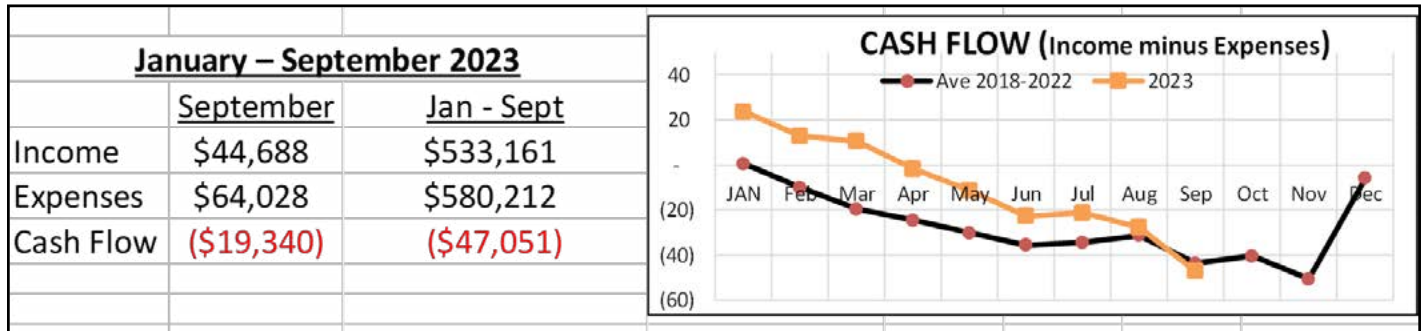
Committee Highlights: Several committee liaisons highlighted current activities and needs.

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 or 425-746-2529.

Congregation Council

Treasurer Note\$

from Bill Brueggemann, Congregation Treasurer



Comments

- **Income** was the lowest month this year and well below expectations, \$20,000 less than last year. To meet the 2023 budget, \$267,000 is needed in October - December. Last year \$255,000 was received in those months and we encourage members to again step up their contributions to meet Saint Andrew’s needs.
- **Expenses** continue \$21,400 below budget for the year. Staff and committees are doing a good job managing expenses.
- **Cash Flow** for the year is now more negative than the 5-year average and only slightly better than in 2022. Please consider making additional contributions this year to make up for this deficit.

Reminder – Please Use Tithe.ly for Your Electronic Contributions

Saint Andrew’s uses two software applications, **Breeze** and **Tithe.ly** for membership and contribution records. Your giving statements are sent to you from **Breeze**. Electronic contributions (credit cards and direct bank deposits) using **Tithe.ly** are automatically recorded into **Breeze**. The old way, using **VANCO** (also known as Simply Giving) requires the finance staff to manually record the transactions, which is extra work plus errors can be made.

Members who are still using **VANCO** are encouraged to switch to **Tithe.ly**. This will ensure that your contribution statements are accurate at year end. You may switch at any time by clicking the **GIVE/DONATE** button on the Saint Andrew’s website and registering your contribution with **Tithe.ly**. There is also a button to remove your contribution from **VANCO**. Forgot your **VANCO** password? No problem, just email financial secretary Jan Bowerman or myself, bill@salc.church and we will do the **VANCO** deletion for you.

Giving Options

You may contribute in many ways:

- Donate from your bank account or credit card by going to salc.church/giving-options and selecting the “Tithe.ly Online Giving” button. NOTE: a processing fee is charged for electronic transactions.
- Ask your bank to automatically send a check periodically to Saint Andrew’s.
- Mail or drop off cash or checks to the church.
- On Sundays, you can drop cash or checks into the offering plate.
- 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. 📞

Northwest Washington Synod

From Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Published in *The Spirit*, November 2023 edition



In the song *Amazing Grace* we sing, “I once was lost but now I’m found.”

Because my job sometimes involves travel, there are times when I am wandering unfamiliar airports – trying to find my flight, trying to find edible food, trying to find a place to charge my phone, trying to find a place where there isn’t a cacophony of sound and crowds of people. And sometimes at airports I also experience a feeling like a disconnection from my “self.” Sometimes I am wandering the airport trying to find my “self.” Strangely, there are moments at airports where I get this feeling as though I am unmoored from what connects me to other people. Honestly, I don’t know if this is something only I experience or if others feel the same way.

There have been a slew of recent articles and social media posts written about how churches are dying and pastors are leaving and people are upset and no one goes to church anymore and so on. These posts are hard to read, and I wonder – is this a sign that we are feeling unmoored? That we are searching for something? Or maybe it is simply being lost.

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus tells two parables – one about a lost sheep and one about a lost coin (Luke 15:1-10). You probably remember these parables – the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine in search of the one. The woman turns over her entire house for the one coin that is missing from her purse. I think that traditionally we hear these parables as Jesus searching for the one who needs to hear the good news of Jesus for the very first time. But I think that is a misreading. The lost lamb was a part of the shepherd’s flock. The lost coin was in the woman’s purse. This story is for insiders. For those who know and yet have gotten lost.

This lostness might be of one’s own volition. The sheep wanders from the prescribed pasture. But it can also be something that just happens. A coin cannot, on its own, get lost. We have all experienced the disruption of the pandemic, the cracks in our government, the warming of our climate causing suffering and death, and so much more. We notice changes in our churches and in our families and in our communities. Many of us have experienced personal troubles and tragedies. These all can lead to a sense of feeling adrift. And it can lead to fractures in our church community and our faith life.


However, the circumstance comes about – because of one’s own actions or because of something that descends upon us – lostness occurs. And even when we know God’s love and grace and comfort, even when we know that community is important, even when we are already part of God’s community and church, we can still feel unmoored, lose our sense of belonging, our capacity to trust. We can get so lost that we don’t know who we are or whose we are or where we belong anymore.

I don’t know where you are at as you read this article today. Perhaps you are feeling snug with the other ninety-nine in the sheepfold of God. Perhaps you are a coin cozy with the other nine coins. But perhaps you are not. Perhaps you, too, are wondering and wandering. Perhaps you, too, are feeling disconnected from friends or family or your church community. Perhaps you, too, are wandering in Concourse C wondering how in the world you get to Concourse A. Perhaps you, too, are a sheep bleating for help or a coin under the couch cushions.

If this is you, the good news is that God is a searcher and a finder. The amazing news is that God is the shepherd hiking into the wilderness looking for you. The astounding news is that God is the housewife lighting her lamp and sweeping every corner in the house to find you. You are worth looking for. You are loved and desired. And when God finds you, there is rejoicing and laughter and a party! As Dan Erlander writes, “Love is God’s action to bring us into abundant life – reconciled to God, to each other, and all creation!”

In the 2023-24 course offerings of the synod’s LiVE Project there are many ways to be community together and the body of Christ together. There are ways to encourage and uplift one another. There are retreats, ongoing classes, and a year-long “Abide in the Word” Bible Study. (Learn more at <https://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>) If you are feeling unmoored, lost, alone, adrift, I encourage you to first join in your community at your church and second, to join in the offerings in the wider synod. We are church together. We are journeying together. We get lost, and we get found, together.

Together we sing, “We once were lost but now we’re found.”

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org 

Northwest Washington Synod

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

There are many opportunities around our Synod for spiritual growth. Here are a few. Visit <https://www.lutheransnw.org/> to explore additional offerings.

- **LiVE** is a ministry of the Northwest Washington synod that offers education opportunities for lay people. The goal of LiVE is to form Christian leaders able to make sense of God's world and our place in it. LiVE offers a flexible, hybrid-style of learning, including multi-week courses, one-day retreats, and interactive learning cohorts. The 2023-2024 Course Catalog is available where you'll find all of the sessions being offered this year. Visit <https://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>
- **LiVing Our Values: How to Deal with Difference**
Saturday, **November 4** | **10:00 am - 3:00 pm** | Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett (2301 Hoyt Ave, Everett, WA)
Cost is \$100/person - scholarships available! Lunch included.
This experiential and educational event will focus on anti-racism and inclusion. It is open to ALL rostered ministers, professional church staff, and church members. Participants will use the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) to assess and set their own goals in this work. There will be time for group learning, individual reflection, and affinity group breakouts. Register by **October 26** at <https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/anti-racism-training>. Thank you to the leaders from the Strategic Team for Authentic Diversity for their leadership on this event.
- **Waiting for God Retreat: Reimagining Church Vitality**
Saturday, **November 18** | **9:00 am - 3:00 pm** | at *Saint Andrew's*
As a pre-Advent retreat, we'll explore how the practice of waiting for God offers space for vitality and renewal. At our September retreat with Dr. Michael Chan we heard that faith communities today struggle to practice curiosity in the midst of anxiety. In an age of anxiety around declining church resources, how do we reimagine what it means to be Church created in God's image? Guided by the four Sunday Scriptures of Advent, we will intentionally explore how Jesus accompanies us in our anxieties and fears about the future of the church; giving us renewed energy, purpose and focus. Learn more and register at <https://www.lutheransnw.org/events/waiting-for-god-retreat>

Deacon Dianne Johnson Celebration

The Synod Director for Evangelical Mission, Deacon Dianne Johnson, is retiring as of October 31. While we will greatly miss her enthusiasm, wisdom, creativity, and compassion, we want to send her off to her next adventure in style. All are invited to join us for a gratitude and sending Open House Celebration on Sunday, **October 29, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm** (presentation time at 3:00 pm) at First Lutheran Church in Bothell (10207 NE 183rd St, Bothell).

For more information, visit <https://www.lutheransnw.org/news/deacon-diannes-departure>

Welcome Pastor Judy Brennan to the Synod Staff

The Synod is delighted to announce that Reverend Judy Brennan has begun serving as one of our Directors for Evangelical Mission (DEM)! Pastor Judy brings a deep passion for God's people and rich history of life and ministry experiences to this position. She was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in 2004. In 2013 she moved to the NW Washington Synod and has served two congregations in Bellevue and on synodical task groups. She loves hearing about where people encounter the sacred in their daily life and partnering in both traditional rituals and new ventures. Read more about Pastor Judy here: www.lutheransnw.org/about/our-team.



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorial Services

Richard Dean Swaisgood, October 1, 2023

Committals

Richard Dean Swaisgood, October 1, 2023; Saint Andrew's Memorial Garden

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 November ~ Love Tree

Dear Lord:

As we enter the holiday season that focuses on the birth of your blessed son, help us remember this is a time to give generously of ourselves and to cease stressing about trying to make our homes and lives the "Hollywood" version of Christmas.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with the less fortunate in our community through the Saint Andrew's Love Tree.

Help us remember that we are truly blessed by the gift of your love.

Amen.

Saint Andrew's Love Tree to Appear Soon

The Saint Andrew's traditional Love Tree, an opportunity for helping our neighbors in need, will be tagged and ready for you on **November 19**.

We will provide holiday gifts for The Sophia Way, KidVantage, Imagine Housing, and Bridge Disabilities Ministries.

The Love Tree will be set up in the Narthex. Tags with gift requests or suggestions will be on the tree.

You pick a tag (or two or three or more) and purchase the suggested item.

Return the items no later than **December 3**.

Tags for KidVantage include clothing items and toys. \$25 gift cards are needed for The Sophia Way and Imagine Housing.

Questions?

Check with our Love Tree volunteers: Joyce Arnold, Jay Baxter, Jan Bowerman, or Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at sherry@salc.church.



The Sophia Way

Hot and Delicious "Sloppy Joe" lunch on September 20!

Thank you Terri Anderson, Sarah Cannon, Nancy Davis, Susie Carney, Shirley Hobson, Pat Kaald, Jay Baxter, Mary Mills, Linda Willenberg, Louise Tollefson, Jan Bowerman, Linda Gilham, Joyce Nelson, Bev Anderson, and Ruth Miller!

Our next lunch for the women at Sophia's Place will be on Wednesday, **November 29!** Food drop-off is **November 28**.

Watch Sunday bulletins and weekly *Trendings* enews for more information!



Other News from The Sophia Way

Meanwhile, The Sophia Way is preparing for very special winter celebrations for the ladies they serve.

On Saturday, **November 4**, there will be a Community Brunch, where the ladies will be able to "shop" for clothing, play games together, and eat good food!

Then, in December, volunteers will be creating gift bags for more than 160 women who are dealing with homelessness on the Eastside.

You may always help, and there are many ways to volunteer!

Check <https://sophiaway.org> and The Sophia Way Amazon Wishlist for ideas of how you may be a part of these important festivities!

(Or talk with Joyce Arnold)

Outreach and Servant Ministries

Introducing KAFIKA HOUSE Tanzania (formerly known as The Plaster House)

All are invited to a **buffet luncheon** at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church on **Wednesday, November 1, at 11:45 am** to hear **Sarah Rejman**, the Founder and Director of KAFIKA HOUSE.

KAFIKA HOUSE is a high-love, low-cost rehabilitative surgery program in Northern Tanzania. Sarah is eager to share the good news of their expansion and the renaming of their unique medical treatment centers in Tanzania. Enjoy a variety of African foods and watch a media presentation of their current work. Learn how you can invest and change the lives of children living with disabilities who are surgically treatable, now available at three different sites in Tanzania.

Check out their current websites: kafikahouse.org and friendsofkafikahouse.org.

Kindly **RSVP to Jean Wahlstrom**, who can also provide more information. KAFIKA HOUSE is a longtime global mission project of both Saint Andrew's and Cross of Christ.



MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), Tanzania

The new Pre-Form One class has arrived at MGLSS. We do not have an official number yet as some girls are still trickling in. They are enjoying the campus and the new friends they have made with their peers. An Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA) group will attend the Form Four graduation in October to celebrate the 2023 class. There are 63 girls sitting for national exams, their results will not be available until 2024.

We have also learned from Avitus, the farm manager, that they harvested 44 metric tons of maize. They use 4 tons per month. Despite planting 3 times due to drought, they were able to grow enough maize to cover their needs. Nice job, Avitus! The Tuesday Morning Men's group (TMM) is helping to fund Avitus and the agricultural development at MGLSS, a terrific investment.

Save the Date!!

On **Sunday, December 3**, we will welcome **Jason Bergmann**, the Executive Director of Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA), and **Briana Eng**, OBA's Program and Communications Specialist, to our **Adult Discipleship Hour Forum** for a presentation. OBA is the non-profit organization that handles the funding for MGLSS, one of our budgeted global mission projects since 1998.

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.



Volunteer Opportunity to Support KidVantage

Saturday, **December 2** | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon | *KidVantage in Issaquah*

Volunteers are needed for a work party at KidVantage on Saturday, **December 2**. Space is limited.

Our volunteers will probably be helping Saint Andrew's member Liz Rudolph sort toys for holiday gifting. Liz volunteers at KidVantage and helps oversee the toy storage and distribution.

The minimum age for youth to help is 14.

To volunteer, go to salc.church/volunteer-at-kidvantage or contact Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland, sherry@salc.church.



Fall Drive for Personal Care Kits

The Health and Wholeness Committee is collecting items for Personal Care Kits to be shipped in November. The kits are sent through Lutheran World Relief to areas around the world where there is a need for these basic items. The following items are needed:

- **Towels**, 20"x40" - 27"x52"; Light weight, dark colors
- **Combs**, large sturdy (no pick combs)
- **Metal nail clippers**
- **Soap**, 4 or 5 ounce bars
- **Toothbrushes**, adult size

Please place donated items in the Health and Wholeness basket in the Narthex. We thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause!



Outreach and Servant Ministries

Collection Emphasis for Hopelink ~ October and November

This year, again, we will be packing Emergency Bags for the Hopelink Food Bank. So, during the months of October and November, we are collecting the food items to go in the Emergency Bags. Hopelink has asked that we pack “No-Cook” bags this year. The Bellevue food bank gets “Cook” bags from the Hopelink warehouse but has no supply of “No-Cook” bags. They need these to support those with no access to cooking facilities (homeless).

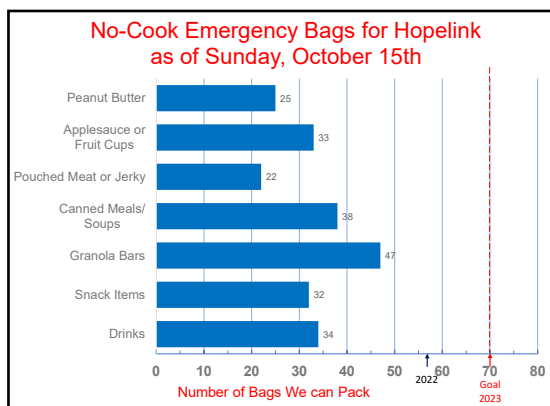


The items in these bags need to be able to be eaten directly without being heated or the use of a can opener. **ALL CANNED ITEMS MUST HAVE A POP-TOP LID.** These need to be things that can be eaten cold and plain.

There are seven different items that go in each “No-Cook” Emergency Bag. We are collecting these items during **October and November:**

- 1 - Peanut Butter – (~16 ounce plastic jar – no-stir)
- 1 – Applesauce or Fruit Cups Package – (packages of 4 or 6 cups [about 4 ounce cups], kept in original packaging so that it contains the label, ex: peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce)
- 2 – Pouched Meat or Jerky – (beef jerky or meat sticks [like slim Jims]; pouched meat like tuna, chicken, salmon [Starkist is a common brand]). Common sizes for both are about 3 ounces.
- 2 – Canned Meals/Soups – (examples: ~15-20 ounce chili, beef stew, canned ravioli, hearty Progresso soups such as: beef pot roast, chicken pot pie, Italian Wedding, etc.) – **Pop-Top lid!**
- 6 - Granola Bars – (look for ones that are at least 150 – 200 calories each – total at least 1,000 calories)
- 5 - Snack Items (high in calories and will not crush easily. Examples: dried fruit, nuts, trail mix. Individual packages – look for ones that are at least 100 – 150 calories each – total at least 500 calories)
- 2 - Shelf-Stable Drinks – (juice boxes are a good option.)

Look in the Corner of Blessing, online at salc.church/hopelink and in *Trendings* for the chart that shows what items are still needed to be able to pack the most bags. Here is the update as of October 15:



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.



Dorcas Circle Collection for Compass Housing Alliance

From **now through January**, Dorcas Circle is collecting some clothing items as well as toiletries for Compass Housing Alliance.

Below is a list of most need items.

- Warm hats
- Men’s white T-shirts in sizes large through 4XL
- Men’s boxer shorts in sizes large through 4XL

All clothing items must be new, in original packaging and not washed.

Compass Housing Alliance currently has a large supply of socks, and is currently not requesting donations of socks.

Toiletries and Hygiene items are always needed, including the following;

- Bars of soap
- Shampoo
- Hair conditioner
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Disposable razors



A LUTHERAN ORGANIZATION

Donations can be placed in the baskets in the Narthex near the elevator.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Willenberg. 📞

Outreach and Servant Ministries

PORCHLIGHT (formerly Congregations for the Homeless)

The men in the Rotating Shelter Program really appreciated being able to stay at Saint Andrew's the month of September and they even seemed a little sad to be moving on to another church on September 29. During the month of September we hosted a total of 20 men (not all at the same time). Three of the men went on to housing, 14 were employed (3 with new jobs), and there were 15 at the end.

One more big Thank You to all of Saint Andrew's staff and members who provided support, groceries, meals, welcome cards and posters, and even new underwear. And a special Thank You to our hosting team for planning, setting up, and putting away. We worked together really well!

The new PorchLight emergency shelter on Eastgate Way is always in need of meals and groceries. One member of Saint Andrew's took over all the leftovers from a catered dinner that she had at her house. What a great idea!

Cheryl Jurrus 



Lantern Hill, Mexico

by Shana Nielsen

So why Lantern Hill? What difference does this "after school tutoring program" really make? Is financial support from Saint Andrew's really helping change lives for the better? A few things to consider: Less than 60% of kids in Mexico finish high school. Most end their schooling around age 15 due to financial reasons. As the children age, their school curriculum becomes more difficult and financial costs to continue schooling increase. Coupled with that fact, as the children grow older they become more capable of contributing to their family's financial status, whether that labor is through household duties or in the formal job market. It is very difficult to compete with immediate money compared to unrelatable long term financial stability, especially when the families are struggling to feed their families on a daily basis.

Lantern Hill currently supports meal provisions and tutoring services to 100 children ages 4-21. Without Lantern Hill, 40 of those children would most likely never get further than the first year of high school before dropping out. Instead, not only are kids completing high school, they are thinking bigger than their families ever thought possible, and are considering professional degrees including becoming teachers, dentists, and doctors. I cannot tell you how amazing it is to hear about their setting goals and watching them achieve so much more than what the norm has been within their community for generations. Additional goals for Lantern Hill include purchasing an additional building for expansion of the tutoring programs and providing more health clinics, and to establish additional scholarships to provide the necessary aide to help even more children get to university ~ because of you and your support, the goals being set for bettering the lives for our students just continues to become a reality; keeping kids in school is a dream that is a reality for so many more Mexican children. What an incredible answer to prayer! ~ As always, Thank You, and God Bless you for your prayerful support!

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>




PORCHLIGHT Fundraising Luncheon

All are invited to join PorchLight for their annual fundraising lunch in support of their mission to partner with men and the community to create a path from homelessness to stable living. Your partnership in this fundraising event helps LIGHT THE WAY for men experiencing homelessness in East King County and ensures PorchLight can continue providing critical programs and services.

The luncheon is Thursday, **November 9, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**, at Bellevue College.

Registration deadline is Friday, **October 27**. Visit <https://porchlightcares.org/attend-event/> for information and to register.

There is no charge for a ticket to our fundraising event. PorchLight is requesting a minimum donation from each attendee of \$150. 



Outreach and Servant Ministries

Thank You from 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! 🙏

Giving to Outreach Organizations

Saint Andrew's supports several local and global organizations. If you would like to financially support these organizations at any time, you can

- mail a check to Saint Andrew's (clearly marked with the name of the organization) OR
- donate on the Saint Andrew's secure online donation webpage, <https://salc.church/giving-options> and press the "Tithe.ly Online Giving" button. Designate the desired organization; OR
- donate directly to the organization.

You are also invited to check organization websites for specific needs they may have. 🙏

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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

Carolynn Ferris

Board President, Imagine Housing

Chair, City of Bellevue Planning Commission

Tom Getzinger

Registrar, Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside

Judy Thiel

President, Eastside Music Festival Foundation

Sherry Grindelnd

Board Member, Eastside Heritage Center

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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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We Support:



November 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct - 29	Oct - 30	Oct - 31	Nov - 1	Nov - 2	Nov - 3	Nov - 4
<p>9a - 9:45a Discipleship Hour Forum</p> <p>9a - 9:45a Youth Education (grades 6-12)</p> <p>9a - 9:45a Sunday Church School-age 3-grade 5</p> <p>10a - 11a Sunday Worship</p> <p>12:15p - 1:15p Acolyte Officer's Planning Meeting</p> <p>4:30p - 7:30p 2024 Nominating Committee</p> <p>OFFSITE</p> <p>6p - 9p Mini Golf and Arcade Fun</p>	<p>1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting</p> <p>5p - 6p Executive Committee</p> <p>6p - 7p Finance Committee</p>	<p>8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men</p> <p>10a - 11a Bible Study with Pastor Lara</p>	<p>10a - 11:30a WEBS (Women's Early Book Study)</p> <p>2p - 3p Congregation Care Team</p>	<p>7p - 9p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays</p>	<p>11a - 3p Larry Berglund Memorial Service and Reception</p>
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Nov - 19	Nov - 20	Nov - 21	Nov - 22	Nov - 23	Nov - 24	Nov - 25
<p>ALL DAY Stewardship Sunday</p> <p>9a - 9:45a Discipleship Hour Forum</p> <p>9a - 9:45a Youth Education (grades 6-12)</p> <p>9a - 9:45a Sunday Church School-age 3-grade 5</p> <p>10a - 11a Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:15a - 12:15p KnitWits (Knitting as Witnesses)</p> <p>1p - 2p Finnish Lutheran Congregation Worship Service</p> <p>2:15p - 3:15p Acolyte Meeting</p> <p>OFFSITE</p> <p>5p - 7p Family Game Night/Sammamish Hills Lutheran</p>	<p>1p - 2p Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting</p> <p>7p - 9p Discipleship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>8:30a - 9:30a Tuesday Morning Men</p> <p>10a - 11a Bible Study with Pastor Lara</p>	<p>7p - 8p Racial Justice Group/JEDI</p>	<p>ALL DAY Thanksgiving Day/office closed</p>	<p>ALL DAY Office closed on Fridays</p>	<p>Nov - 25</p>
Nov - 26	Nov - 27	Nov - 28	Nov - 29	Nov - 30	Dec - 1	Dec - 2
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