



the VOICE

May 2024

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve All People

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Summer Worship

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

As our program year comes to a close, we are already looking ahead to the series and themes that we'll use in worship during the summer months. This year, we'll have a total of three series covering a range of themes using readings that are mostly familiar, and also some that you may not have heard in a while. Each of the series will allow us to examine both the original context in which they were written, as well as how they apply to us today.


To start, we'll explore Creation Care using readings from the Old Testament and the Psalms. In this series, we'll not only read the first creation story in Genesis, we will also give thought to humanity's relationship to the various aspects of creation – such as the sky, water, and animals. In our consideration of the current climate crisis, we will read stories from Leviticus and Ezekiel about environmental devastation and renewal, paying particular attention to how they echo in the later books of the New Testament.

Our second series will focus on Samuel and part of the history of biblical Israel. Beginning with God calling Samuel, we'll explore Samuel's role in biblical Israel's history, including Israel's desire to have a human king as their ruler instead of God. We'll read about the anointing of Saul, who serves as the first human king. And we'll conclude with the story of young David killing Goliath, a story that many of us haven't heard since Sunday school.

We'll conclude our summer readings with the familiar "Bread of Life" series from John's gospel. In chapter 6 of John, Jesus presents some difficult teaching to those who would follow him. After many of his devout disciples walk away, Jesus asks the twelve if they also wish to leave; to which Peter answers, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We are also very excited to announce that on Sunday, August 25, we will participate in an outdoor worship service with the other ELCA congregations in our cluster! More details on this are coming soon.

As we move into the next season of our church and calendar years, may our worship together deepen our relationship with scripture and with God.

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.



KidVantage Diaper Derby

May 3 - June 7

A friendly "race" to collect
diapers and wipes for needy
families in our community.

See page 15

Bellevue Churches Collaboration Forum

Sunday, May 5, 11:15 am

Hear updates about
collaborative plans being
explored with Saint
Andrew's, Saint Luke's, and
Cross of Christ.

See page 6

Day of Service

Saturday, May 18
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Help a senior in our
community with yard work.
See page 16

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

May 5

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Mark 12:28-31

May 12

1 Corinthians 15:

1-26, 51-57

Mark 12:26-27a

May 19

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

May 26

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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

Timber Ridge Worship

Thursday, **May 2** | **2:00 pm** | *Timber Ridge, Issaquah*

Pastors Olaf and Kristin-Luana Bauman, who serve Our Savior Lutheran in Issaquah, have invited us to collaborate with monthly Communion services at Timber Ridge, a senior living community in Issaquah. Between our two congregations we have quite a few members who are residents there and would benefit from this. The worship services are open to all staff and residents, and will be held on the first Thursday of the month at **2:00 pm**, beginning **May 2**. Each congregation will alternate responsibility every other month for the service. Pastor Lara and Dr. Simpson will lead the **May 2** service. 🕊

Concerts in May at Saint Andrew's

Mark your calendar for these two concerts!
Both concerts are in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary.
All Saint Andrew's concerts are **FREE and open to all**. Invite a friend!

Salon à Trois

Sunday, **May 12, 2024** | **4:00 pm**

Salon à Trois features some composers whose names may be familiar, like Clara Schumann (Robert Schumann's wife) and Fanny Mendelssohn (Felix Mendelssohn's sister); some who may be new to you, like Cecile Chaminade (French), Amy Beach (American), and Rebecca Clarke (British); and some who are still living, one of which (Vartan Aghababian) composed trios specifically with our group in mind!

The repertoire we share will comprise of both duos and trios for Soprano, Viola, and Piano. The trio includes Saint Andrew's member Hillary Nordwell, piano; Ann Moss, soprano; and Justin Ouellet, viola. 🕊



Leslie Johnson String Quartet

Saturday, **May 18, 2024** | **7:00 pm**

The ensemble *A Piacere Musica da Camera* is a string quartet comprised of Saint Andrew's member Leslie Johnson, viola; HyeKyong Seo, violin; John Kim, violin; and Brian Wharton, cello. Specializing in string quartet repertoire, this ensemble will perform a concert with a "springtime" theme. We hope you will join us! 🕊

Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir rehearsals are **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm**.

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



Children's Church Bags

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available to use during worship. The bags are available each Sunday just outside the entrances to the Sanctuary; ask the ushers/hospitality team if you don't see them. Please return the bags following worship.

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

Yes, all bags contain a snack. 😊 🕊

Lent~Easter

Prayer Partners for Lent

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12

Our Prayer Partner for Lent Reveal was at the Discipleship Hour Forum on Sunday, April 7. It is always a joyous occasion to learn who has been praying for us. Prayer is part of our faith-life! Below is the list of Prayer Partners.



Recipient

Anderson, Terri
 Arnold, Joyce
 Banuelos, Joe
 Baxter, Jay
 Bolen, Allen
 Bostic, Carol
 Bruggemann, Bill
 Corker, Ed
 Davis, Aaron
 Davis, Mark
 Davis, Nancy
 Engan, Alex
 Erickson, Janell
 Ferris,Carolynn
 Forbes, Pastor Lara
 Grindeland, Sherry
 Hobson, Shirley
 Johnson, Dan
 Johnson, Judy
 Jurrus, Cheryl
 Kaald, Krystal
 Kaald, Pat
 Lund, Renee
 Mader, Eva
 McLeod, Anna

Person praying

Nancy Davis
 Donna Nellist
 Pat Kaald
 Nielsen, Shana
 Michele Vossler
 John Nelson
 Cady Plewa
 Christine Zomorodian
 Terri Anderson
 Joan Tweten
 Bill Bruggemann
 Corker, Ed
 Allen Bolen
 Juliet Zhang
 Joe Banuelos
 Gary Turk
 Stella Nieman
 Mark Davis
 Dick Szabo
 Joyce Nelson
 Helen Ryan
 Dan Johnson
 Carol Schneider
 Louise Tollefson
 Linda Quinn

Recipient

Miller, Ruth
 Mills, Mary
 Nellist, Donna
 Nelson, John
 Nelson, Joyce
 Nieman, Stella
 Nielsen, Shana
 Plewa, Cady
 Parks, Jakki
 Quinn, Linda
 Ryan, Helen
 Schneider, Carol
 Seaman, Linda
 Szabo, Debbie
 Szabo, Dick
 Tatum, CJ
 Thorpe, Ann
 Tollefson, Louise
 Turk, Gary
 Tweten, Joan
 Vossler, Michele
 Warrick, Nicky
 Willenberg, Linda
 Zhang, Juliet
 Zomorodian, Christine

Person praying

Shirley Hobson
 Cheryl Jurrus
 Linda Willenberg
 Krystal Kaald
 Judy Johnson
 Jakki Parks
 Aaron, Davis
 Renee Lund
 Sherry Grindeland
 Carolynn Ferris
 Pastor Lara Forbes
 CJ Tatum
 Eva Mader
 Alex Engan
 Janell Erickson
 Carol Bostic
 Joyce Arnold
 Mary Mills
 Linda Seaman
 Debbie Szabo
 Nicky Warrick
 Ann Thorpe
 Anna McLeod
 Jay Baxter
 Ruth Miller



Personal Care Kits Collection

Throughout Lent and into the Easter season, the Health and Wholeness Ministry Committee has been collecting articles to be put into Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). The kits are sent to areas of the world where emergency supplies are needed.

You can help fill these kits by donating the items listed below. Items donated by **April 28** will be included in the spring shipment. Place all items in the designated basket near the elevator in the Narthex.


- **Combs**, large sturdy (no pick combs)
- **Metal nail clippers**
- **Soap**, 4-5 ounce bars in original packaging
- **Toothbrushes**, adult size
- **Bath towels**, 20"x40" – 27"x52", light weight, dark colors



Help Assemble and Pack Personal Care Kits

Monday, **April 29** | **10:00 am** | Fellowship Hall South

Assemble and pack PERSONAL CARE KITS for Lutheran World Relief with the Health and Wholeness Ministry Committee! On Monday, **April 29**, we will put together Personal Care Kits and pack them for shipping to Lutheran World Relief. Join the fun and help us reach our goal of 150! All are welcome:

Young or old. Be part of preparing the much-needed essentials to be distributed to people who are the most vulnerable, especially during disasters. 



Discipleship: Education ~ Sundays

Sunday Discipleship Hour Forums

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

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.

Sunday, April 28

Creation Care and Climate Change: Putting Faith into Action

Saint Andrew's member **Jeff Thiel** leads this two-part Forum which began on **April 21**. The focus is on:

- Updates on our understanding of what is happening
- Updates on the status of solutions
- How we can do our part as households
- How we can do our part as a congregation

On **April 28** we'll develop an action plan for our households which Jeff hopes will help people understand that there is much they can and should do to contribute to be good stewards of God's creation.

Jeff is an expert in the subject of climate change and is a tireless promoter of solutions to the global climate crisis.

Sunday, May 5

PorchLight

Ryan Murk from PorchLight Shelter for Men in Bellevue is our guest speaker on Sunday, **May 5**. Ryan will give us an overview of all PorchLight's programs and how they are doing since the opening of the new Emergency Shelter on Eastgate Way. He will also update us on PorchLight's plans for the future. It is always inspiring to hear from Ryan, Senior Manager of Housing. Bring your questions!

Sunday, May 12

Program Pending

Plans for this Forum are being finalized. Watch Sunday bulletins and weekly *Trendings* enews for updates.

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Bible Study

Saint Andrew's member **Mikel Oswald** leads a Bible Study and discussion on the Pentecost text from Acts chapter 2. Bring your Bible and curiosity.

Sunday, May 26

Coffee and Conversation

Enjoy coffee/tea/cocoa, goodies, and informal fellowship!



Sunday Church School

Age 3 - Grade 5

Sundays | **9:00 am** | Room 106 | through May 19

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

Our last class of the year is Sunday, **May 19**.

Youth Education

Grades 6-12

Sundays | **9:00 am** | Faith and Family Center

It's hard to believe but we are coming to the end of the year. The last Youth Education will be on **May 12** during the Discipleship Education Hour. Come for a morning of fun trivia and donuts! **Parents are welcome to attend as well!**

End-of-Year

Youth Education Classes end Sunday, May 12.

Sunday Church School ends on Sunday, May 19.


Teachers and volunteers will be recognized and thanked during worship on Sunday, May 5.

Discipleship: Education

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 Group ~ Sock Samurai

Sunday, May 5 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
meet in the Faith and Family Center

Sock Samurai returns on **May 5!** We will start in the Faith and Family Center with some dinner and then it is game on! Saint Matthew's youth are joining in the fun, so come, bring a friend and have a great time. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome! Please sign-up at salc.church/youth-sock-samurai by Thursday, **May 2**. Questions, contact Doug Johnson, doug@salc.church. 


End of Year Youth and Family Party

Friday, May 31 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Faith and Family Center

All youth and their families are invited for an end of the year party on Friday, **May 31**. Bring a snack to share and a great attitude as we celebrate another great year together! Please sign-up at salc.church/end-of-year-party by Tuesday, **May 28**.

Questions, contact Doug Johnson. 

May Youth Weekend at Holden Village

We ask that you please pray for our group as we head to Holden Village for the May Youth Weekend, **May 17-19**. While we are there we will explore the theme: *All Creation Groans Together: Love, Lament, and Action in a Climate Emergency*. Kate Brennan, Abby Kasper, Quinlan Kasper, Alex Lynn, Beth Donahoe, and Doug Johnson are attending. 

For Everyone!

Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to these youth who celebrate birthdays in May!




Soren L.....5/03
Benjamin D.....5/04
Abigail D.....5/09
Christopher H 5/11
Mark H 5/11
Andrew C5/15
Ella M5/17
Abigail A.....5/21
Joshua S..... 5/29

Growing Young Assessment

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Growing Young Assessment. We had 115 responses! This is absolutely incredible. To view the responses you can use the link provided below. Please keep an eye out for more opportunities to discuss the assessment with the Growing Young Team.

Thank You! The Growing Young Team - Christine Camrud, Mark Davis, Anna McLeod, Margaret Santjer, Juliet Zhang, and Doug Johnson.

Link to responses: <https://salc.church/gy-report> 

Fellowship

Bellevue Churches Collaboration Forum

Sunday, May 5 | 11:15 am | Fellowship Hall North

For the past year or two we have been exploring ideas on how we might work more collaboratively with churches in our Cluster. The goal is to increase our missional impact and better steward our resources. As that work continues, the three Bellevue churches - Saint Andrew's, Cross of Christ, and Saint Luke's - have formed a "Bellevue Churches Steering Committee" to explore bold ideas to see where God may be leading us in this effort. The Steering Committee has formed subgroups with these areas of focus:

- 1) Governance
- 2) Finance and Staffing
- 3) Missional Outreach

Carolynn Ferris, Pastor Lara, Bill Brueggemann, Tom Getzinger, and Jean Wahlstrom are part of the Steering Committee.

Following worship on Sunday, **May 5**, Carolynn Ferris and Pastor Lara are hosting a Forum to provide an update on the collaboration work, answer questions, and seek input. Please plan to come! 📍

Graduate Update

Collin Feldman graduated from high school last June and currently attends Washington State University. Here is a brief update from Collin's Mom, Sonja.

Collin has been working hard in school and made the President's honor roll with a 3.89 GPA so far.

He will apply to the Construction Management program in the school of Engineering at the end of this year.

He has been living in the dorms and also joined a fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, and is meeting lots of new people.

He is working out in a campus gym and recreation center nearly everyday and finding the school/life balance.



Older Wiser Lutheran Saints (OWLS)

Tuesday, May 21 | 11:45 am | Fellowship Hall North

Lunch With Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints


Gather with Saint Andrew's OWLS for lunch on Tuesday, **May 21**.

The program is pending but we guarantee good fellowship and a delicious potluck.

Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins, the weekly email called *Trendings*, and/or the Saint Andrew's website for further details.

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

We gather at **11:45 am** and dine at noon. If able, please pitch in a dish for the potluck lunch



Graduates!

Are you going to graduate this May/June? We would love to honor you during our Graduate Sunday on **June 2**. If you are graduating from high school, college, or beyond, we would love to honor you during this time. Families with graduating high school seniors have been sent an email on how to share your information. Please submit information no later than **May 19**. Graduates/graduate families can reach out to Doug Johnson for more information.

Even if you cannot be here on June 2, we want to recognize graduates in *the VOICE*, and note what their plans are for the next chapter of their lives. Send the information about your graduate to Doug Johnson, doug@salc.church, or Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus, susan@SALC.church, to be included in an upcoming issue of *the VOICE*. 📍

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, **June 9** | 11:15 am (following worship)

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship on Sunday, **June 9**.

Save the date! More information coming soon. 📍

Fellowship

Staffing Announcement

Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus has submitted her letter of resignation, as she would like more time to spend with family who live in different states and countries. The transition will take some time, and Susan and congregation leadership will work together to determine her final working date.

Susan and Dennis will remain active members of the Saint Andrew's family/congregation.

And, to answer the question that will be on everyone's mind: Susan is committed to completing the Photo Directory before leaving! 📷

Join Women's Early Book Study (WEBS) Spring Session

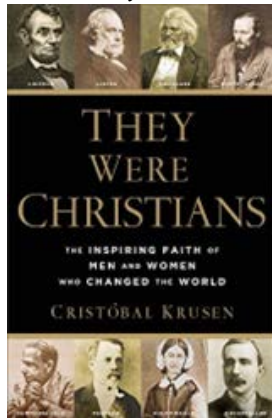
Wednesdays, April 10 - May 22

10:00 am - 11:30 am | Room 212 (Library) and via Zoom

Coordinator: Cheryl Jurrus

Women's Early Book Study (WEBS) will be meeting from **until May 22** on Wednesdays at **10:00 am** in the Library (Room 212). We end promptly at **11:30 am**.

Join us as we read and discuss the book *They Were Christians - The Inspiring Faith of Men and Women Who Changed the World* by Cristobal Krusen. We will learn how their Christian faith guided them and what they accomplished. There are 11 stories interwoven with the author's own faith story that can inspire us and help us to appreciate the Christian lifestyle. We will do more study to supplement the book as we learn about Dag Hammarskjold, Florence Nightingale, Frederick Douglas and others.



"They Were Christians reveals the faith-filled motivations behind some of the most outstanding political, scientific, and humanitarian contributions of history. From the founding of the Red Cross to the family crisis that drove America's favorite president to his knees and cracked his religious skepticism, the fascinating stories of these faithful history-makers will inspire, encourage, and entertain readers of history and biography." (Amazon)

Join us in person or on Zoom. Contact Cheryl Jurrus to send the Zoom link. We pray together as well as learn, laugh, and encourage one another in service and faith. 📷

Dorcas Circle

Quilting

Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, **May 7**, in *Fellowship Hall South* from **9:30 am until 12:30 pm** to assemble and sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

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

Other Ways to Help

There are many other 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 can 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. 📷

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!! 📷

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

Film Discussion

On April 14, the JEDI Group (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) led a discussion of “*The Barber of Little Rock: One Man’s Fight to Close the Racial Wealth Gap.*” This documentary film by John Hoffman and Christine Turner follows Arlo Washington as he helps members of his community escape the hazards of banking while Black.


The film can be viewed at <https://www.newyorker.com/video/watch/the-barber-of-little-rock>.

Additional resources to learn more about economic segregation and the history of redlining can be found at salc.church/wp-content/uploads/DiscipleshipForum-2024-04-14-JEDI-EconomicSegregation.pdf 



Snippets of Gratitude

All Church Work Day ~ Thank You!

THANK YOU!!! to everybody who helped spiff up the church for Easter! Dana Nasby and Matthew Wetmore, Gary Rudolph, John Nelson, Carolyn McKenna, Doug Johnson, Pastor Lara, Joan Tweten, Erik Nielsen, Joe Banuelos, Hal andCarolynn Ferris, Tom Getzinger, David and Michele Vossler, Jean Wahlstrom and Marv Kananen, Ron Ryan, Ann Thorpe, and David and Kendra Mills. The next work day will be the morning of **September 28, 2024.** 




Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside ~ Thank You!

THANK YOU to the more than 30 volunteers from Saint Andrew’s who joined the Performing Arts Festival of the Eastside (PAFE) during the week of April 2-6.

These congregation members participated in a huge outreach opportunity with folks from all around our community and even farther!

During the Festival and concerts, we hosted about 450 students, along with their families and friends, at Saint Andrew’s!

Also, several Saint Andrew’s members are on the PAFE Board: Tom Getzinger, Johannes Grad, Linda Quinn, Terri Anderson, and Joyce Arnold. Leslie Johnson serves as a teacher advisor for the Board.

Such talent and energy within our congregation - thank you! 



Health and Wholeness

VOICE Articles

What health issues do you want to see featured in our articles for *the VOICE*? If you have suggestions, please send them to Jay Baxter or Cheryl Jurrus. We want to inform, educate, and maybe even persuade our church family to be as healthy as possible.



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, **May 19, at 11:15 am** in the *Conference Room*. All are welcome! Contact KnitWits coordinator Dianne Chong for more information.

All Church Work Day



Congregation Council

President's Corner

from Carolynn Ferris, Congregation Council President

Bellevue Church Steering Committee

Another meeting of the Bellevue Church Steering Committee was held on Saturday, April 20. We heard each of the sub-groups report on their progress in their various areas of focus: 1) Governance, 2) Finance and Staffing, 3) Missional Outreach.

Bill Brueggemann has agreed to take on most of the leadership of the Finance and Staffing work so that Tom Getzinger can pivot to exploring how we can increase our missional impact by collaborating through music. He will be working with the Missional Outreach team led by Jean Wahlstrom.

Pastor Lara and I will be hosting an after-service Forum in May to provide an update on the collaboration work, answer questions and seek input. The date is **May 5**. It would be great if you can join us!

PorchLight Men's Shelter - June

The Congregation Council has approved a request from Porchlight (formerly Congregations for the Homeless) to have the men spend the evenings at Saint Andrew's for the month of June. You likely recall that, in the past, they most often joined us in March. They have asked that we switch our host month to June going forward. Kurt is in full agreement with this as heating costs will be lower in June.

Building Improvements

The Building and Property Committee has come forward with a request to fund repairs to the soffits, eaves, and possibly the roof where internal gutters have failed. You have likely seen large amounts of water running off the corners of the roof of South Hall during heavy rain. This has been going on for several years due to the deterioration of the internal gutter system. The repair is critical as the longer the situation exists, the more damage is done.

Council readily agreed that this repair is critical and directed that money from our Building Maintenance reserve will be used for this repair.

The Building and Property Committee also asked that we consider replacing the water heater, urinals in the men's bathroom, and the galvanized piping that serves the bathrooms and the water fountain in the Narthex. The piping has deteriorated to the point where there is very little water pressure. The drinking fountain no longer functions and the conditions in the men's bathroom are very unpleasant and unsanitary.


Council very much supports this plumbing repair and upgrade, but decided to hold off authorizing the work until the repairs to the soffit and roof are completed. At that point, we will have a clearer picture of how much money will be required.

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

The 2024 Semi-Annual meeting has been scheduled for **June 9**. I will be out of the country at that time so **Tom Getzinger** will chair. At this point, I believe it will primarily be an informational meeting; no voting is anticipated.

Yours in Christ, Carolynn Ferris 

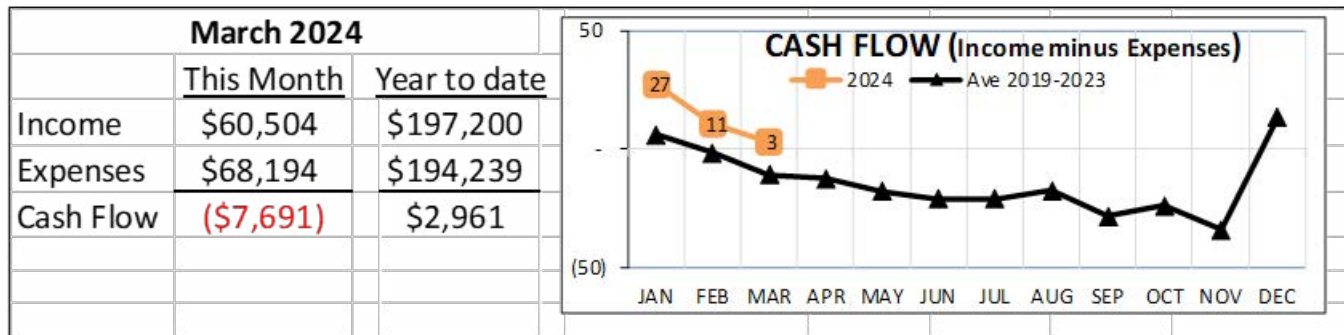
Saint Andrew's Constitution

On March 11, 2024, the Congregation Council approved Continuing Resolutions amendments in the Saint Andrew's Constitution, updating the descriptions for the Building and Property (C13.08.A24) and Worship and Liturgical Arts (C13.08.B24) Committees to clarify that the Sanctuary space is a jointly and equally shared responsibility of both committees. The current version of the Saint Andrew's Constitution can be found at salc.church/constitution. 

Congregation Council

Treasurer Note\$

from Bill Brueggemann, Congregation Treasurer



Comments

Cash flow is still positive (more income than expenses) by \$2,961 for the year due to exceptional giving in January. However, income in February and March income was less than the \$67,000 per month needed to meet expenses. This trend of negative cash flow each month is consistent with our history; but it would be nice not to depend on extraordinary giving at the end of the year to meet budget. Please consider making your pledged contributions earlier in the year.

You may contribute in many ways:

- 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. NOTE: a processing fee is charged for electronic transactions (the church will pay this or you can opt to cover the fee.)
- 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. 📞

At the April 15 Congregation Council Meeting....

Pastor Lara led a "Dwelling in the Word" devotion on Luke 10:1-11.

PresidentCarolynn Ferris' Report: See President Carolynn Ferris' "President's Corner" report on page 10.

PorchLight: The Council approved hosting the PorchLight Rotating Men's Shelter at Saint Andrew's for the month of June.

Pastor Lara Forbes' Report:

- Pastor Lara shared plans to host monthly Communion services at Timber Ridge in Issaquah. This is a collaborative ministry with Our Savior Lutheran in Issaquah.
- Pastor informed the Council that Communications Specialist Susan Hegedus is resigning her position. Johannes Grad will lead a Task Force to facilitate the transition.

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

- Funds have been donated to a new Worship and Music Development Fund. This fund is intended for creative development of musical arts at Saint Andrew's and will be directed by Dr. Will Simpson.
- A Task Force will be formed to determine the use of funds bequested by the John Stoddard estate.
- **The Council approved the Finance Committee's list of people authorized to commit funds.**

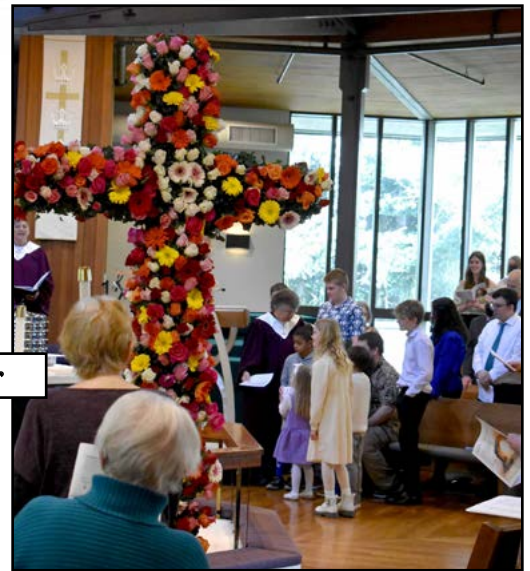
Building Repairs:

- The Building and Property Committee recommends completing two building repair projects: updating gutters/soffits, and replace and upgrade piping in the Narthex area.
- **The Council approved moving forward with the gutter/soffit repairs, to be paid from the Maintenance Reserve Fund.**
- The piping project will be addressed following completion of the gutter/soffit repairs.

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. 📞



Easter



Cluster Family Game Night



Northwest Washington Synod

From Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

Published in *The Spirit*, May 2024 edition



I have a confession to make, I am a terrible pool player. I am so bad that the last time I played, the person I was playing with stopped the game and said, “You are the worst pool player I have ever played with.” (I had told him I was horrible but he didn’t believe me.) I’m using this story as a very thin tangent to talk about gifts and the Spirit ... bear with me.

In Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, we read, “*Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*”

As many of you know, Paul was writing to a congregation in Corinth after receiving some correspondence from them and hearing their concerns. Throughout this letter Paul emphatically makes it clear that no one is spiritually better than others – no one has better faith, no one has better gifts, no one should eat better than another at the Eucharist table. Paul is adamant in this. (He is talking about this because of some struggles in the Corinth church. You are welcome to read the entire letter of 1 Corinthians to get more context.)

Paul emphasizes that because we all receive faith through the Holy Spirit, no one is spiritually superior. Paul further emphasizes that because we all receive a variety of gifts given by the Holy Spirit, no one has a worthier gift than another. And, to emphasize this point, Paul writes that the Spirit does not give only one kind of gift to all. Because the church and the world need diverse gifts, the Spirit gives different gifts to different people. In other words, Paul is simply saying this: same Spirit – lots of gifts.

You hear this? In a society where we emphasize certain gifts and skills and abilities above others (and often feel like we have fallen short), we hear in 1 Corinthians that the Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts to a variety of people. Specifically, YOU have been given a variety of gifts, and this is good.

Further, these Holy Spirit gifts – they are not meant to benefit the individual person but are to benefit the entire community and world. Paul emphasizes that these gifts are not to be used in selfish ways or in self-seeking ways. Paul clearly states that if a gift cannot be shared, and shared for the good of others, it is not from the Spirit. Ultimately, the purpose of these different gifts of the Spirit is to share in God’s love and grace and mercy with all through Jesus Christ our Savior.


As Americans, we have often been told (and maybe believe) that as individuals we are responsible for ourselves. We are not to rely on others – we are to be strong and self-sufficient. We are taught that to have freedom is to be autonomous. But let’s be clear. This is far from what we read in 1 Corinthians. Paul says each person receives gifts for the common good. Paul says that each person receives the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. It is in community where the gifts from the Holy Spirit shine. It is in community where the Holy Spirit is made manifest.

You see, it is God’s intention that we are to be with one another – for one another – as the community of faith, as the body of Christ, as the Church on earth. The Holy Spirit has given a variety of gifts to a variety of congregations and individuals. And together we are called to bring these gifts together to help bear one another’s burdens, to love and pray together, to bring justice and new life, to be made manifest in the Holy Spirit for the common good.

Honestly, it doesn’t matter that I am a terrible pool player. But it does matter how I both share the gifts that God has given me and how I reach out to others in mutual support when I am in need.

I would love to hear stories from you about your gifts being made manifest in the Holy Spirit – individually and in your congregation. How are each person’s gifts being shared in your own particular congregation? How is your congregation sharing with another congregation? What gifts were missing from your particular place of worship that you have found outside of your space? What gifts have you been able to share with others?

May we live into what we often say in worship, “The gifts of God, for the people of God.” Amen.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org 

Resources and Prayer Messages from the Synod

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>



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 May ~ PorchLight



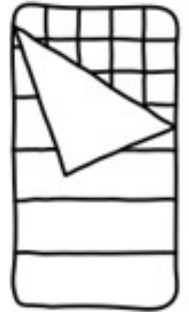
Please remember PorchLight Shelter for Men (including the staff, donors, and volunteers) in your prayers during the month of May.

Dear Lord, Bless the staff, clients, volunteers, and donors of PorchLight as they work together to help men experiencing homelessness to find stable housing. We know that their challenges are different as they face each day, but your Love never changes and we ask you to guide them as they struggle and celebrate with them when they succeed. Amen.

We Will Welcome PorchLight Rotating Shelter in June!

We will be hosting PorchLight's (formerly Congregations for the Homeless) Rotating Shelter for the month of June at Saint Andrew's this year. There are approximately 20 men who will be arriving for dinner at 6:00 pm and leaving each morning at 7:30 am from **June 1 to July 1**. Most of them have jobs and they have been selected to participate in this program because they are "clean and sober" and on the path to stable housing.

- Contact Nancy R. Davis to volunteer to be a shopper and bring supplies once or twice during the month. We are making arrangements for other churches to help out with the dinners and possibly lunches, but we will be providing supplies for breakfasts.
- Contact Jay Baxter to be a "host" to welcome the meal providers and the men to our church once or twice during the month. It's a great way to meet the men and let them know they have our support and warm welcome.
- Contact Cheryl Jurrus to be on the planning team and help set up the areas they will be using. Thank you for supporting this ministry and helping the men go on to employment and housing.



Donations for PorchLight

Donations of men's clothing items in good condition are always welcome. Bring donations to the designated box near the elevator in the Narthex. Most needed items are:

- sweatshirts
- jeans
- sweatpants
- backpacks
- jackets
- shirts
- shoes
- NEW underwear



Outreach and Servant Ministries

Corner of Blessing Collection Emphasis for May

KidVantage 10th Annual Diaper Derby ~ May 3 - June 7



Sound the Bugle Call to Post!

Saint Andrew's Lutheran is once again participating in the KidVantage (formerly called Eastside Baby Corner) 10th Annual Diaper Derby. The event runs from **May 3 to June 7**. This is our 5th year "racing."


In 2023, 37 participating companies and organizations collected more than 127,000 diapers for kids living in our community. This kept babies dry and healthy while also removing a serious barrier to stability for families. However, the need has been greater than what donations brought in so every diaper counts!

How the Derby Works:

- Diaper Derby **starts May 3** so don't donate until then!!!
- Points are attached to each diaper donated and for packages of wipes. The larger sizes (size 4 and up and well as pull-ups) are most needed.
- Each "race horse" is in a race with like-sized organizations so we aren't competing against Microsoft or other mega-stallions. We have a chance to be the best in our class!


You can bring your diapers and wipes to the Corner of Blessing at the church or donate financially through the KidVantage website: <https://kidvantage.org/diaper-derby/> under our "horse" name **DANDY ANDY** or **Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church**.

The last of the diapers will be delivered to KidVantage no later than **June 7** by members of the Outreach and Servant Ministries committee.

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



Volunteer Opportunity with Hopelink's Bellevue Market

Hopelink's Bellevue Market is currently looking for volunteers who are interested in delivering groceries to homebound clients in the Bellevue area with their Home Delivery program. Through this program, volunteers first visit Hopelink to pack food before delivering it to clients' homes in their personal vehicle. They are looking for volunteers who can commit to at least 3 months of volunteering on a bi-weekly basis as deliveries are made twice a month. You can deliver at any consistent time that works with your schedule! Volunteers must be able to lift at least 20 pounds and must also have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Being a home delivery volunteer is a great way to help our community and a unique way to connect with families in need. Please reach out to Celia at cthurman@hopelink.org if you are interested and they can set up a time for you to shadow one of our current Home Delivery volunteers. 



The Sophia Way

Did you know...


At the First Congregational Church in Bellevue...on the fourth 4th Tuesday of each month, from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm...The Sophia Way holds a monthly meeting for anyone who would like to learn more about the organization.

There are so many ways they serve women experiencing homelessness!

Everyone is welcome!

Learn more about how The Sophia Way, with the community, is able to help women who need support and hope!

Joyce Arnold could even pick you up!

Please contact Joyce Arnold to learn more about The Sophia Way. 

Outreach and Servant Ministries

Day of Service – May 18, 2024

Congregation Volunteer Day!


Saturday, **May 18** | **10:00 am - 11:30 am** | *Off-site*

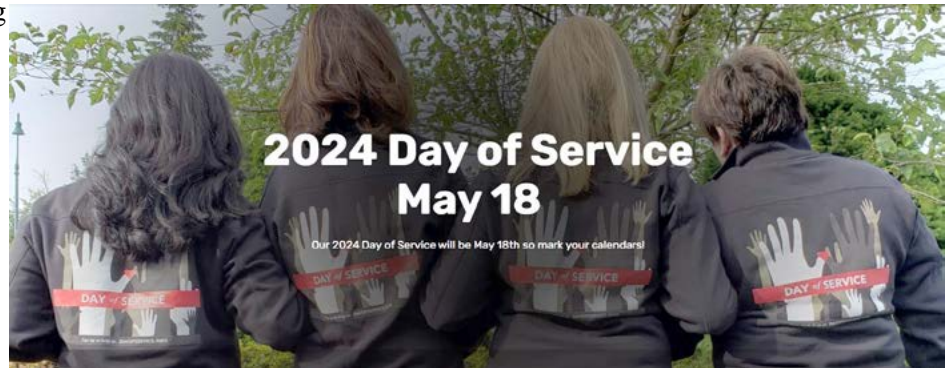
Here is a chance to help one of our neighbors. Everyone in the congregation is invited to help a senior in our community who needs help cleaning up and tidying her yard.

This is a volunteer opportunity suitable for all ages (5+). On Saturday, **May 18**, from **10:00 am to 11:30 am**, we will be helping Ann with her yard in the Sammamish area. Ann is a widow and may come and work side by side with us as we tidy up her yard.

This is outside yard work, so dress for that and wear comfortable and waterproof shoes. Bring work gloves, if you have them, and any yard tools you want to bring along. The address of Ann's house will be provided closer to the event.

This is part of the 2024 Day of Service, <https://www.dayofservice.info/>, organized by Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, <https://www.shlc.org/>.

Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, online at [salc.church/day-of-service](https://www.salc.church/day-of-service), or contact Dick Szabo. 



Lantern Hill, Mexico

by Shana Nielsen

Lantern Hill is in such good hands with Alma, a former student and program director managing all of the facets involved in caring for the nutritional and educational needs of 80 children ranging in age from 4 to 17! Thankfully at time of this writing, both the program and students are doing well. There is a tremendous amount of positive momentum and excitement about the future. It is even evident in the pictures of the students at times showing focused attention and seriousness and also of course, lots of pics showing kids having fun as well!

We are continuing to raise necessary funding for the building project. Once building is ready to get started, identifying assistance with labor will be necessary to assist our small but mighty construction crew who currently take care of all building repairs and maintenance.

As the program at Lantern Hill continues to grow and the goals to provide educational and nutritional support to more kids, so also does our want and need to grow and diversify the Friends of Lantern Hill board. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more, please let me know ~ I am always happy to share about this amazing place that makes such a positive difference for the lives of so many.

Like always, thank you for your continuous support and prayers for the children and families served at Lantern Hill.

For more information about Lantern Hill or for information about donating, see us on Facebook at either Lantern Hill or Friends of Lantern Hill, Instagram at Friends of Lantern Hill, or connect with Shana Nielsen.

www.friendsoflanternhill.org

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Outreach and Servant Ministries

MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS), Tanzania

Pre-Form 5 Program

Around 30% of the Maasai girls are lost to forced marriage and early pregnancy when they return home from the ten month break between Forms 4 and 5. For years, OBA has been contemplating a way to keep the young ladies on campus, rather than traveling home and risking all of their hard work. This year, a generous OBA donor funded a new program for the young ladies. 53 out of the 63 Form 4 graduates are currently participating in the Pre-Form 5 program! In the Pre-Form 5 program they are learning cooking, sewing, and computer skills. The girls really enjoy the computer program, but when they were asked what else they would like added to the program, the majority said art and design. In the future we plan to ask the sponsors to help support this program by donating \$400 during the 10 month gap.

Candidates

We recently learned that **Neema Melami Laitayock** ran in the last election and plans to run in the next one. **Upendo Malulu Ndoros** also plans to run in the next parliamentary election. Both of these women were in the very first classes, active in leadership activities, and sang in the choir. After earning a bachelors degree Neema returned to MGLSS to teach English for several years.

Prayers

A **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST** for the 33 Form 6 students who will be taking their national exams this month. The results will not be known until the fall. This determines if any can go on to university or vocational training. After exams they will participate in 3 months of national service, required of all Form 6 graduates.

Visit <https://bootstrapafrica.org/> to learn more about Operation Bootstrap-Africa and its work. If you have questions, contact Jean Wahlstrom. 📧



Kafika House, Tanzania

In March they opened KAFIKA HOUSE **IMOSHI** where the focus is on children with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Their mamas stay with them on site enabling a different model of care for a longer healing journey. Sarah, the Director, met with Cure Children's Hospital in Kenya who provide surgical care for children living with disabilities. She also visited Bethany Kids who provide training to pediatric surgeons. She also joined the Tanzania Management and Development for Health team to further rehabilitation services, developing Basic Standards for Specialized Rehabilitation Hospitals organized by the Ministry of Health. KAFIKA HOUSE is taking their place alongside the people shaping Tanzania's rehabilitative health plans and policies. These relationships are key to expanding the ministry of KAFIKA HOUSE.

While Sarah has been off site making connections, the surgeons, nurses, and anesthetists of One World Medical Relief returned, were transforming the lives of 55 children with cleft lip and palate, masses, and burn scar contractures. All these medical personnel volunteered their time and talent to surgeries and training. We praise God for the gifts of healing and thank you for your support of the unique work of KAFIKA HOUSE.

Learn more at kafikahouse.org and friendsofkafikahouse.org. If you have questions, contact Jean Wahlstrom. 📧



Post-MGLSS Student Meet Dainess Marco

Last month's issue of *the VOICE* featured Catherine Malaki, who is receiving scholarship support from Saint Andrew's. Our second student receiving funding is **DAINESS MARCO**. Dainess is studying at Kampala University in Uganda for a B.S. in Education.

Please pray for both Dainess and Catherine as they pursue their degrees.



May 2024

For current information,
visit salc.church/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr - 28	Apr - 29	Apr - 30	May - 1	May - 2	May - 3	May - 4
<p>May - 5</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Discipleship Hour Forum</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Youth Education (grades 6-12)</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Sunday Church School-age 3-grade 5</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Sunday Worship churches Collaboration Forum</p> <p>11:15a - 12:15p SALC - Bellevue Officer's Planning Meeting</p> <p>6p - 8p SALC - Youth Group - Sock Samurai</p>	<p>May - 6</p> <p>10a - 11:30a SALC - Health and Wholeness Ministry</p> <p>1p - 2p SALC - Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting</p> <p>4p - 5p SALC - Executive Committee</p> <p>6p - 7p SALC - Finance Committee</p>	<p>May - 7</p> <p>8:30a - 9:30a SALC - Tuesday Morning Men</p> <p>9:30a - 12:30p SALC - Dorcas Circle</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Bible Study with Pastor Lara</p> <p>7p - 8:30p SALC - Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>May - 8</p> <p>10a - 11:30a SALC - WEBS (Women's Early Book Study)</p> <p>12p - 2p SALC - Cluster Pastor's Gathering</p>	<p>May - 9</p> <p>7p - 9p SALC - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>May - 10</p> <p>ALL DAY SALC - Office closed on Fridays</p> <p>1p - 5p SALC - Marli Edde Memorial Service and Reception</p>	<p>May - 11</p>
<p>May - 12</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Discipleship Hour Forum</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Youth Education (grades 6-12)</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Sunday Church School-age 3-grade 5</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Sunday Worship</p> <p>4p - 7p SALC - Concert: Salon a Trois.....Hillary Nordwell</p>	<p>May - 13</p> <p>1p - 2p SALC - Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting</p> <p>7p - 9p SALC - Congregation Council Meeting</p>	<p>May - 14</p> <p>8:30a - 9:30a SALC - Tuesday Morning Men</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Bible Study with Pastor Lara</p> <p>7p - 8:30p SALC - Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>May - 15</p> <p>10a - 11:30a SALC - WEBS (Women's Early Book Study)</p>	<p>May - 16</p> <p>7p - 9p SALC - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>May - 17</p> <p>ALL DAY SALC - Office closed on Fridays</p> <p>OFFSITE</p> <p>ALL DAY May Youth Weekend at Holden Village</p>	<p>May - 18</p> <p>OFFSITE</p> <p>ALL DAY NWWA Synod Assembly 2024</p> <p>OFFSITE</p> <p>ALL DAY May Youth Weekend at Holden Village</p> <p>10a - 11:30a SALC - Day of Service</p> <p>7:30p - 9p SALC - Leslie Johnson String Quartet</p>
<p>May - 19</p> <p>OFFSITE</p> <p>ALL DAY May Youth Weekend at Holden Village</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Discipleship Hour Forum</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Sunday Church School-age 3-grade 5</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:15a - 12:15p SALC - KnitWits (Knitting as Witnesses)</p> <p>12:15p - 1:15p SALC - Acolyte Meeting</p>	<p>May - 20</p> <p>1p - 2p SALC - Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting</p> <p>7p - 8p SALC - Discipleship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>May - 21</p> <p>8:30a - 9:30a SALC - Tuesday Morning Men</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Bible Study with Pastor Lara</p> <p>11:45a - 1:15p SALC - O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints) ; O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Lutheran Saints) (Override)</p> <p>7p - 8:30p SALC - Outreach and Servant Ministries (Override)</p> <p>7p - 8:30p SALC - Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>May - 22</p> <p>10a - 11:30a SALC - WEBS (Women's Early Book Study)</p> <p>7p - 8p SALC - Racial Justice Group/JEDI</p>	<p>May - 23</p> <p>7p - 9p SALC - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>May - 24</p> <p>ALL DAY SALC - Office closed on Fridays</p>	<p>May - 25</p>
<p>May - 26</p> <p>9a - 9:45a SALC - Discipleship Hour Forum</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Sunday Worship</p>	<p>May - 27</p> <p>ALL DAY SALC - Memorial Day/Office closed</p>	<p>May - 28</p> <p>8:30a - 9:30a SALC - Tuesday Morning Men</p> <p>10a - 11a SALC - Bible Study with Pastor Lara</p> <p>1p - 2p SALC - Saint Andrew's Staff Meeting</p> <p>7p - 8p SALC - Building and Property Committee</p> <p>7p - 8:30p SALC - Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>May - 29</p> <p>6p - 7:30p SALC - Choir Appreciation Dinner</p>	<p>May - 30</p>	<p>May - 31</p> <p>ALL DAY SALC - Office closed on Fridays</p> <p>6p - 8p SALC - Youth End of Year Party</p>	<p>Jun - 1</p>

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

None

Weddings

None

Memorial Services

Roger Koskela, April 27

Committals

Janet Voldal, March 20

Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Bellevue

Dorothy Simon Hogle, April 6

Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery, Snohomish

Roger Koskela, April 27

Saint Andrew's Memorial Garden



Congregation Council, Committees 2024

Committee	Council Liaison	Committee Chair
Executive	Carolynn Ferris, President Tom Getzinger, Vice President Johannes Grad, Secretary Bill Brueggemann, Treasurer Pastor Lara Forbes	
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Samaritan Center of Puget Sound

Dr. Neal Teng, Counselor

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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 Grindeland

Board Member, Eastside Heritage Center

Matt Camrud

Past President, The Rotary Club of Bellevue

Bill Brueggemann

President, Bellevue Youth Choirs

Kurt Lutterman

Member, City of Bellevue Environmental Services Commission

Mary Mills

Tutor for K-12 students for the King County Library System

Please let us know how you serve in our community!

The due date to submit items for the next issue of
the VOICE is **May 15**

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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