

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR  
SAMMAMISH HILLS AND SAINT ANDREW'S LUTHRAN CHURCHES

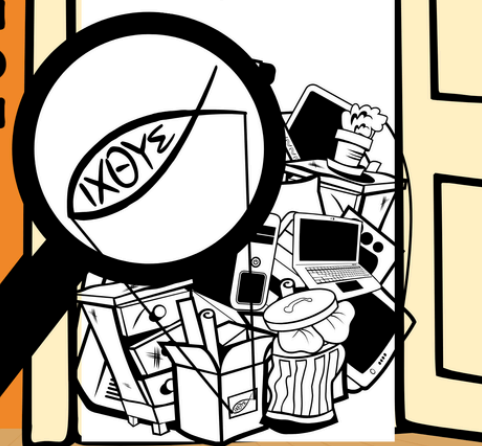


## Sock Samurai Kicks of the Year

We had our first big youth event at the end of September with Sock Samurai. Thank you to youth from Saint Andrew's, Mt. Si, Sammamish Hills, and St. Matthew's who came for the evening!

**FALL RETREAT  
2025**

Finding God  
in Unexpected Places



Deadline to sign-up is 10/17 | November 7-9  
Cost: \$125 per person | Black Diamond Camp  
Grades 6-12  
NWWA Synod has offered generous financial support to  
keep the cost at \$125 per person

**SEE PAGE 02 FOR MORE!**

## Calling ALL Volunteers

Almost a year ago when we started this shared ministry between our two congregations, we knew that for it to work long-term, we would need your help. The help of parents, youth, and adult mentors to lead, plan, and coordinate the wide varieties of ministries and opportunities we have for our families. This means we need YOU to help this year.

If you are reading this I humbly ask that you consider helping teach Sunday school or confirmation; help lead a youth event; be a chaperone on a youth trip; be on a planning or ministry team; or simply ask on how you can help with our families this year. There is always a place to help.

If you would like to help with children, youth, and family ministries this year, please use the following short form. Click the link or scan the QR code.

[Volunteer Interest Form](#)



## 2025 Synod Fall Youth Retreat



### Finding God in Unexpected Places

All current middle and high school youth are invited to attend the third annual Synod Fall Youth Retreat at Black Diamond Camp, November 7-9. Last year nearly 100 youth and adult leaders from across the synod gathered together and we are expecting at least 100 people participating again this year. If you or your youth are interested in participating. Please complete the registration form by clicking [this link](#) or using the QR code to the left.

Cost is \$125 per person. Contact Doug for payment information for each congregation. Sign up by 10/15!



Scan here for  
registration form

Middle & High School Service Event

# SPICE PACK

Support Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

**04 OCT.**  
**10-12:30PM**

ME St Lutheran Church  
411 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St, North Bend, WA

10:00-10:30 Welcome & Bible Study  
10:30-11:00 Prep Packing Stations  
11:00-12:30 Pack Spices with the community

RSVP to [pastor@mslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@mslutheran.org)  
[www.elfpnw.org](http://www.elfpnw.org)

### Luther Fest Fundraiser

If you are planning on participating in the summer mission trip, we invite you to help with Luther Fest this Sunday, 10/5. Contact Kathy Fisher [kathy@salc.church](mailto:kathy@salc.church) for more info.

**2026**  
**Intergenerational Summer Mission Trip**

We are excited to offer an intergenerational mission trip this summer in partnership with the wonderful people of Lantern Hill in Ensenada, Mexico. This trip is open to all ages. We will work with the leadership and community in Lantern Hill as well as your talents and passions to custom build our mission trip experience.

If you are interested in attending the 2026 **Summer Mission Trip to Lantern Hill (6/26-7/2)**, we ask that you **attend an information session on October 7 at 6:30pm, via Zoom.** This is an intergenerational trip with limited spots. You can find the Zoom information below.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85841996854?pwd=FnbiMDRbXlN3VNW8E5bLaFMWA8glsD.1>  
Meeting ID: 858 4199 6854 Passcode: 907316

Cost is \$700 per person plus airfare and potential lodging in San Diego. Contact Doug for payment information for each congregation.

**Build relationships, serve with your neighbor, eat tacos!**

Connect on Social Media:



@SALCFamilies



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## Sammamish Hills Sunday School

Sunday School for Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church will begin on **October 5**. Parents are invited to join as we discuss the new schedule and new plan for the year.

With the new worship schedule, Sunday school will begin at approximately 10:30am, in the same Sunday school meeting space as last year. Sunday school will last no more than 45 minutes.

We are asking that children and families gather outside of the classroom prior to the start of Sunday School. A separate email has more details explaining new policies and procedures.



## Saint Andrew's Sunday Church School

Saint Andrew's Sunday Church School will begin on **Sunday, October 5**, during the education hour, starting at 9am.

We will have two classes this year for our elementary families. If you would like to help with Sunday Church School or help teach, please contact Ann Thorpe, [annthorpe@me.com](mailto:annthorpe@me.com).

## Family Contact Information!

We are updating our databases for families. Please take a moment to complete this [Google Form](#) or scan the QR code to ensure we have up-to-date information for your family.



## Shared Confirmation

We are excited to announce that we are experimenting with a new, two-year, shared confirmation ministry between Saint Andrew's, Mt. Si, Sammamish Hills, Cross of Christ, and Our Savior Lutheran Churches.

Our confirmands will meet once a month over a meal to learn and grow together. The first session will be on October 12, from 4pm-7pm. Each month confirmands will gather together to learn about two different lessons, one on the bible and another on tradition, history, worship, theology or another relevant topic. The different churches will share hosting responsibilities throughout the year. There will also be a rotation of teachers from the different churches throughout the year. The goal of this model is to provide the best possible community and learning environment for our confirmation age youth.

More information will be sent to families via email. Contact Doug Johnson if you have questions.

If you have a youth that are confirmation age please be sure to complete the contact form using [this link](#) or the QR code.







## October Event Calendar

- Spice Pack - Sat. 10/4 - 10am-12:30pm - Mt. Si Lutheran
- Luther Fest - Sun. 10/5 - 4pm-6:30pm - Saint Andrew's (Tickets required)
- Lantern Hill Info Meeting - 10/7 - 6pm - Zoom
- First Shared Confirmation Session - 10/12 - 4pm-7pm - Sammamish Hills
- Registration Deadline for Fall Retreat - 10/15
- Community Game Night - 10/19 - 5pm-7pm - Sammamish Hills
- Trunk or Treat - 10/24 - 5:30pm-7:30pm - Sammamish Hills
- "Trunk" or Treat - 10/25 - 3pm-5pm - Saint Andrew's
- Confirmation Sunday - 10/26 - Sammamish Hills

## Doug's Sunday Schedule

- October 5 - Sammamish Hills
- October 12 - Saint Andrew's
- October 19 - Sammamish Hills
- October 26 - Saint Andrew's

Questions? Contact Doug Johnson: [doug@salc.church](mailto:doug@salc.church) - [doug@shlc.org](mailto:doug@shlc.org) - cell: 951-312-9771

## Trunks or Treat!

Families have two opportunities to join in the fun for Trunk or Treat events this October.

### **Sammamish Hills Trunk or Treat**

Friday, October 24, 5:30-7:30pm

Come and enjoy games, snacks, activities, and the Trunk or Treat. Festivities will be in Fellowship Hall and the parking lot.

### **Saint Andrew's and St. Luke's "Trunk" or Treat**

Saturday, October 25, 3pm-5pm

Come for an afternoon of fun as we share treats and laughs. All "trunks" will be inside on a decorated table in Fellowship Hall. Come vote for your favorite!

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Both congregations needs volunteers to help with snacks, games, and decorated trunks. If you are interested in helping there are sign-ups for each church located in the Narthex. You can also reach out to Doug if you would like to help in any way.

