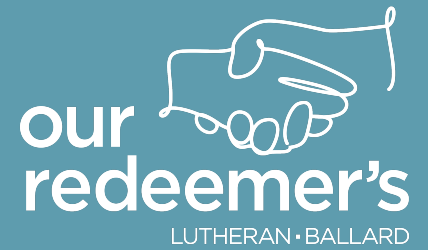


MAY - JUNE 2026



GOODNews

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Pops-icle Party Ice Cream Social	June 21
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Begin: The Church Way

A Community in the Model of Christ

When does a journey begin? Is it when the bag is packed, or when luggage is stored for take off? Or, could a journey begin when accommodations are reached, and the alarm goes off—from getting there, to *being* there? **Perhaps the most convincing start point is when the destination is chosen—the path to getting there begins.**

All over Europe, there are markers along the way (like the one pictured on the previous page), especially at the start points and end of the Camino de Santiago—“the way of Saint James.” Walkers of the way have many choices of routes to take, all maintained by those carrying on the long history of the pilgrim’s path. The journey is said to take as long or as short as a person needs and chooses. Resting places along the routes provide lodging, hospitality, and community for walkers. In a sense, the way of “the Camino” is hospitality and care for this community of wanderers—as Christ met his disciples on the road to Emmaus, and lodged with them, so too, can walkers look for the God between and within meetings on this road with strangers. **The journey to the destination is not so much the road itself, but the community built on the way.**

The season of “Time After Pentecost” is not as it once was, just as the Camino is no longer only about the pilgrimage of sinners to the resting places of saints; Pentecost begins Summer—the school year comes to an end, vacation time is taken while it is warm, and the work of tending gardens and farms begins in earnest. In days before global agriculture, this meant living and working with faith that the community would be equipped and supplied with its needs to maintain its life—trusting that the seeds sown in Spring would root and flourish through Autumn, not unlike the promise of the Holy Spirit to provide everything for the journey of apostles of the risen Christ. **That the season after Pentecost ends with the coming of Christ, and Easter heralds the beginning of the end, so the journey through Summer holds this hope in abundant and secure life. Summer means movement towards this end goal.**

Consider church history; markets and trade, long prohibited by the medieval observances of Easter, are opened for business. Roaming troupes bring poems, plays, and music. Communities gather for bone-fires, and by passing through the flames for luck. Fun and games are more prevalent in the downtime. And of course, most pilgrims set out on journeys of penitence, inspiration, and growth, taking advantage of clearer weather and time before the harvest needs workers—a looming reminder that a return home is necessary by the words “the harvest is rich, but the laborers are few.” Afterall, the harshness and danger of life in this world walks this road, too.

The heat of Summer meant easier travel, but also water scarcity, water—economy, and battles over water sources and arable land. Armies marched in this time. Fire could spread more easily. It could mean the increase of vermin, parasites, and spread of diseases, even where water is plentiful. Summer could be a wandering season for pilgrims and itinerants, as well as refugees dislodged from their ruined homes and abandoned, plague cities. (Does all this sound familiar?) It’s a fitting confluence of real images for this church season when the seeds of the resurrection—planted in us, the *adama* (soil) by the waters of baptism—take root and grow the life of the Spirit with the fires of Pentecost. Also, that the beginning of the Spirit’s movement and livelihood of the Body of Christ comes with threat and danger on the roads the Apostles walk.

We tend to forget—Pentecost is not after Easter, it is the end of Easter, and it is the beginning of the church. The appearances of Christ, inspiring, fueling, and reforming belief no longer focus on the primacy of place. **Instead, it is the work of Christ, extended through those who share Jesus’ way, that reveals the presence of God in any and every place there is community in his name.** As Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well,

believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem...the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth..God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.
(John 4:21-24)

The Holy Spirit, in full swing, is unleashed, propelling and compelling the disciples to the corners of the world, as scattered by the four winds. Jesus appears in visions, one with the Living God. Witnesses to his life tell of their journey. Disciple becomes Apostle, a person who not only follows the Way (ie., Jesus, the gospel), but also one who is literally “sent” on the way of/to Christ. The face of Christ can appear in the tension between following and being sent—between living as community in Christ, but not yet at the eternal life bit (between sinner and saint). Like travelers of the Camino, the church of Christ begins as a compelling to initiate, form, and steward community—meeting Christ in the stranger, just as Jesus promised—“as you did to the least of these who are members of my family, so also you did to me.” **The beginning of the church is in revealing the face of Christ in the world, seeking also this face on the roadways and in the marketplaces. The destination is chosen; the journey begins.** - Pastor Thomas Voelp

What's Happening in May

- May 1 8 AM – 2 PM LWR In-Gathering
- May 2 8 AM – 11:30 AM LWR In-Gathering
9 AM – 3PM LiVE Project Retreat
6 PM Breaking Bread Dinner
- May 3 9 AM Informal Worship**
10 AM ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11y.o.);
Sea Lions (6th Grade);
10:15 AM – Otters (3-5 y.o.)
11 AM Traditional Worship
- May 4 5 PM Church Ladies at Old Stove Gardens
- May 6 5 PM BAT Meeting
7 PM Choir Rehearsal
- May 7 7 PM Executive Committee Meeting
- May 8 10 AM Grounds Crew
- May 9 9 AM Liturgical Arts Team
- May 10 9 AM Informal Worship**
10 AM ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11y.o.); Sea
Lions(6th Grade); 10:15 AM – Otters (3-5 y.o.)
11 AM Traditional Worship
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- May 13 7 PM Choir Rehearsal
- May 14 7 PM Council Meeting
- May 16 9 AM Special Meeting of 2025 Synod Assembly
(Online)
- May 17 9 AM Informal Worship**
10 AM ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11y.o.);
Sea Lions (6th Grade);
10:15 AM – Otters (3-5 y.o.)
11 AM Traditional Worship
3 PM Ballard Sunday Dinner
- May 18 Registration closes for Synod-wide
Gathering and Workshops (May 30)**
- May 19 11 AM Archive Committee Meeting
7 PM Faith Formation Team Meeting
- May 20 7 PM Choir Rehearsal
- May 21 6:15 PM Youth Meetup at Next Level Burger
- May 22 10 AM Grounds Crew
- May 24 Pentecost Sunday**
9 AM Informal Worship
10 AM ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11y.o.);
Sea Lions (6th Grade);
10:15 AM – Otters (3-5 y.o.)
11 AM Traditional Worship

May 25 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

- May 27 7 PM Choir Rehearsal
- May 30 9 AM - 5 PM Gathering and Workshops
(Synod-Wide)**
- May 31 9 AM Informal Worship**
10 AM ORCA: Harbor Seals (5-11y.o.);
Sea Lions (6th Grade);
10:15 AM – Otters (3-5 y.o.)
11 AM Traditional Worship

What's Happening in June

- June 1 5 PM Church Ladies at Old Stove Gardens
- June 2 7 PM Executive Committee Meeting
- June 3 7 PM Choir Rehearsal
- June 6 9 AM Liturgical Arts Team
- June 7 9 AM Informal Worship**
10 AM Annual Meeting of the Congregation
10 AM ORCA End of School Year Party
11 AM Traditional Worship
- June 9 7 PM Church Council Meeting
- June 10 7 PM Choir Rehearsal
- June 14 10 AM Graduates' Sunday
& Music Sunday**
Summer Worship Schedule Begins
- June 18 Church Office Closed - Juneteenth Observance
- June 21 10 AM Summer Worship &
Pops-icle Party/Ice Cream Social**
3 PM Ballard Sunday Dinner
- 
- June 28 10 AM Summer Worship**
11 AM Seattle Pride

Newsletter Schedule and Goals

To reduce our paper usage, and to better live into our commitments to sustainability, newsletters will be issued every two months, beginning in August. We have had a habit of reprinting the same information each week, and that adds up, especially as so much of our printing is almost immediately placed in recycling after single use. The impact on staff and teams is also lessened each month, contributing to time for discernment and development of activities, programs, and planning for events. We are trying some small changes to our promotion and advertising. As we continue to grow our mindset to be proactive, grow the gift of shared responsibility, and seek new ways to be church, the change in newsletter scheduling is a step in these directions. *Pastor Thomas*



Easter: We are grateful!

Thank you, heartily to everyone who helped with the Easter Brunch and our services through Holy Week and Easter!

Easter Sunday was an especially lovely day and so many people were impacted by the music, meal, and services we had! Big celebrations like these ground our community and are works of love (emphasis on work!). From planning, to coordination, to set up, providing, cooking, shopping, and gathering, what makes Easter happen is more than the work of a few, but depends on a community of care and motivated for service.

There were many who stepped out and made our celebration a success. Brunch was especially exciting! A special thanks to our Coordinators, Lisa and Connie, who ensured the logistics would come together. Thanks also to Bob for his insights and help in providing tried and true ways, and gave direction to adaptation. Also thanks to Lake Niell and Justine Ramey for their work to promote and connect those who not only participated, but also those who engaged in the work that brought joy to over 400 people during Sunday, alone! To Tom and Matt, Julie, Sonja, Judy and Bruce, Jodi and Aaron, Patrick and Julie, Chris, Holly, the Runnings, Betsy, Annie, Cindy, and all others who gave time, thought and effort to help prepare, provide, and serve this meal. Paula, Easter Egg Hunt is a highlight, and your annual assembly and hiding of eggs brings so many families joy on our campus. Also—Greta and Steve, thank you for showing up as part of this community! A special thank you to those who helped take down and clean up. Thank you, heartily to everyone who helped with this meaningful way Our Redeemer's celebrates Easter!

To Our Redeemer's Choir, Handbells, and musicians, we are so grateful for the ways you prepared and shared your gifts in praise and joy. Shoutouts to Betsy, Jodi, Joanna, and Fred for volunteering their time and talents! A special thanks to Bob who de-branched the Christmas trees to become the cross! Liturgical Arts and others who came to prepare our sanctuary for worship—the setting was beautiful! A lovely, colorful smattering on the white and gold backdrop were the tulips—thank you Margaret! Campus was fabulous, Grounds Crew! Joshua and Patrick, thank you for leading from experience! To those who woke up early and ready for worship at Carkeek Park, especially Sonja, the Hunters, and Russ—thank you for your sacrifice! Kris, Judy, Doug, Linda, John, the Grigsbys, the Niedners, Mandy, Linda, Annie, and all who served as worship leaders and ensured the smooth-sailing of our services for our gathered community: I hope you feel the gratitude we have for your time and help! Many, many thanks! (The world does not have enough exclamation points.)

- Pastor Thomas, Council, and Staff

Celebrating May + June Birthdays

May

01 Maria Kalina
 03 Iris Miller
 04 Victoria Hunter
 04 Mia Brady
 07 Erin Miller
 10 Margaret Berg
 11 Anita Lewis
 12 Logan McCarthy-Fredericks
 12 Connie Sandstrom
 12 Ed Woodfield
 13 Shelbe Kukowski

15 Jean Hall
 19 Linda Carbone
 20 Mary Peterson
 21 Elaine Stevens
 22 Sonja Braasch
 22 Malaika Dugaw
 22 Jolanta Grigsby
 23 Kathy Hendricks
 23 Eric Running
 25 Emilie Purvine
 28 Andrew Shimer

June

01 Ken Lubkowski
 03 Glory Frodesen
 03 Harper Hammett
 05 Metriese Wayne
 09 Nelson Miller
 09 Christine Skow
 09 Mary Pederson
 13 Arayah Seyler
 13 Jana Davis
 16 Bette Hendricks

20 Chuck McKenzie
 20 Nancy Parks
 21 Richard Holt
 23 Matt Grover
 24 Andrew Brissette
 24 Paul Grigsby
 26 Olaf Brissette
 28 Gabriel Jones
 30 Barbara Moen
 30 Craig Gibson



2026 Stewardship

Income	2026 Approved Budget	Income	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Regular Offerings	483,208	127,675	26.4%	6,873
Church Use	83,800	21,100	25.2%	150
Fundraising (Auction)	22,000	24,931	113.3%	2,931
Interest	1,000	(16)	-1.6%	(266)
Endowment Transfer of Funds	40,000	9,002	22.5%	(998)
TOTAL INCOME	630,008	182,691	29.0%	8,689
Expenses	2026 Approved Budget	Expenses	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Social Justice/Outreach	48,721	12,767	26.2%	587
Pastoral Staff	132,254	31,279	23.7%	(1,784)
Worship & Music	77,780	16,636	21.4%	(2,809)
Fellowship & Caring	13,587	1,630	12.0%	(1,767)
Faith Formation	49,966	10,582	21.2%	(1,909)
Stewardship	10,060	3,384	33.6%	869
Communications	49,680	12,151	24.5%	(269)
Facilities	125,359	27,074	21.6%	(4,266)
Administration	169,382	37,269	22.0%	(5,076)
TOTAL EXPENSES	676,789	152,772	22.6%	(16,425)
NET INCOME (Loss)	(46,781)	29,919		25,114

2026 Mission Budget
 25% thru fiscal year

For questions or to set up giving, or to change your giving, contact Administrator, Karie Stearns at administrator@ourredeemrs.net

Thank you for your support!

Regular Giving and the 2026 auction have both brought in more income than anticipated. Nearly all expenses are currently underbudget, leading to a positive net income, rather than the anticipated deficit.

Parking Lot Update

As Council President and Building Advisory Team (BAT) coordinator, I'm occasionally asked by congregation members about the plans for the parking lot. Efforts have been made over the years to spot repair the parking lot, but as we now know, those fixes were always doomed to be short lived.

As with any large endeavor, understanding the scope and scale of the issue is critical to determining a long term solution.

At the April Council meeting, BAT member, Tad Anderson, was invited to share with Council the information referenced in this article. The reports are lengthy and technical in nature and Council was very thankful for Tad's clear and concise presentation of this information. There will be opportunities for the congregation to review these reports.

Based on the information we reviewed, Council will appoint a Parking Lot Task Force in the coming months. The task force will conduct a strategic planning process, with involvement from the congregation, to determine how to move forward with the parking lot.

There will be more information to come regarding the task force, but if you are interested in participating in the Parking Lot Task Force please contact me (David McBride mcbride.david.j@gmail.com), any council member, or Pastor Thomas.

Why is this happening?

In May, 2025, using funds generously contributed to the Parking Lot designated fund, Zipper Geotechnical Associates (Zipper Geo) was engaged to diagnose the structural causes of pavement cracking and sinkholes in the parking lot, and to provide a report on what would be required to achieve long term stability of the ground.

Zipper Geo drilled 5 boreholes (6-11 feet deep) and collected 3-5 soil samples in each. These revealed 2-9 feet of "poorly compacted, old fill material" on top of glacial till. Fill material showed a high fraction of fine soil, making it highly vulnerable to shifting and settling in the presence of water.

Importantly, "a conventional crushed rock base layer below the asphalt was not encountered." The borehole drilled near the largest sinkhole (near the center of the lot, where there was a vegetated island with a large tree as recently as 2014) encountered very loose, brown fill material to a depth of 4.5 feet. The asphalt pavement thickness is 2", which is appropriate for cars but not for large trucks. All these factors contribute to the pavement failure.

In other words, the ground underneath the pavement will not support a parking lot that will remain durable, without sinkholes and cracking, for more than a few years. We can fill up the holes, and pave them over, but they will always return.

Some good news: following an inspection of our drainage pipes by Permadyr Diagnostic Services, to determine if pipe leakage was a cause of any parking lot depressions, there were no breaks or leaks identified!

Another important point to consider is that our current parking lot was paved to support passenger cars. As you are probably aware, the parking lot is accessed by large heavy trucks. Some of the truck traffic is related to activities at Our Redeemers, the Lutheran World Relief in-gathering, and during our e-cycling events.

Additionally, commercial delivery trucks use our lot as a turn around and occasionally as a place to park for a lunch break.

Fortunately, based upon the information we have on the current condition of the soil, it does not appear that we need to take immediate action to stop heavy trucks from entering our lot. Instead, as the congregation determines the long term plan for our parking lot, we will need to consider to what extent accommodating heavy trucks on our parking lot furthers our mission and vision.

Given the potential size and scope of a project to improve our parking lot, the BAT gathered as much information as reasonable prior to presentation of findings to the Council, and ultimately the Congregation. As part of the fact finding process, following the reports from Zipper Geo and Permady, a preliminary assessment was sought through the City of Seattle. While this is the first step in the permitting process, should the congregation decide to move forward with repaving the parking lot as it is now, the assessment also provides key information to help with estimating costs.

Based on the preliminary assessment report from the City, repaving the entire parking lot will require us to obtain, among others, a grading permit . Grading permits require a stormwater management plan. Obtaining such a plan will entail, surveying, additional geotechnical analysis, and civil engineering design work.

So, what is the plan for the parking lot?

That's not a question that I, BAT, or Council can answer alone. It is a question we will need to consider and answer as a congregation. What we can share, based upon the work of our amazing Building Advisory Team, are the following:

1. Until the soil under the pavement is corrected, filling in the pot holes will never be more than a temporary solution.
2. Analyses by Zipper Geo, Permady, and the City of Seattle inform us that the scope of work to correct the deficits in the underlying soil is significant.
3. Consultation by Jeff Chambers, a civil engineer at Pacland, **provided a preliminary cost estimate of \$900k - \$1.7 mil.** This number could be inflated by 5-10% based on the estimate being standardized for commercial businesses, but it gives us a starting point for discussion. A firm estimate for any project requires a detailed design plan and permit approvals. We are not there yet.
4. **More good news! We still have approximately \$20,000 in designated parking lot funds available as we begin the next stage of this process.**

But, I still have questions

If you'd like to understand more about the extensive process that got us to this place, please reach out to me. Also, If you are interested in taking on an active leadership role for this next phase, let a council member or Pastor Thomas know so that you can be considered for appointment to the Parking Lot Task Force. Stay tuned for more Parking Lot updates.

David McBride / President

Stephanie Fowler / Vice President

Tad Anderson / BAT member

Join Our Council



The Nomination Team is looking for new members to join the church council starting a three year term in July. If you are interested in serving Our Redeemer's Church in this way please reach out to Emilie Purvine (emiliepurvine@gmail.com), Steve Cromwell, or Jana Brady. We'd be happy to talk to you about being on church council and answer any of your questions!

Adult Faith Formation

May - June

Between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, children take part in ORCA downstairs, while Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall. Embodying Church is open to all!

May 3 - Pastor Thomas - What is the church? "Church" Words. (1 Peter 2:2-10)

May 10 - Pastor Thomas - What is the church? Person and People. (1 Peter 3:13-22)

May 17 (Ascension Sunday) - MJ McDermott - Weather and the Word

Embodying Church: Weather and the Word

May 17, 10am Fellowship Hall

When Moses parted the Red Sea,
could it have just been a weather event?

Meteorologist and parishioner M.J. McDermott will break open the ways weather has been used in Scripture from Genesis to Revelations. She'll also talk about how we gather weather observations and let you (especially the kids) try out some weather instruments.



May 24 (Pentecost) - Pastor Thomas - What is the church? Called and Sent.

May 31 (Trinity) - Lutheran "Uses of the Law" (Romans 3:21-31)

June 7 (Annual Meeting) - No Adult Formation.

Summer Schedule begins on June 14, Sunday Formation is on break. Formative Opportunities over Summer include Wonder Wanders and other special events!

Celebrating Graduates

10:00 am Sunday, June 14

As we come to the end of the school year and are led into our summer schedule, we have great opportunities to celebrate the people of this community, especially those who have completed academic journeys and achieved the goals of their education! Those who are graduating from high school or college are being sent on new paths to achieve greater goals for themselves and our community at home and abroad. As we embrace the new beginnings of the church at Pentecost, we also celebrate the new beginnings and milestones of students. **On June 14, we will gather, celebrate, and bless graduates, especially high school grads at our first single service of the summer, followed by some treats.** This will also be our Music Sunday—a special service when—you guessed it—we emphasize the church's love of music, joy in singing, and express praise and gratitude as one community.

If someone in your family is being promoted to a new school, your teen is graduating from high school, or a young adult in your family is graduating or receiving an academic degree, please contact Pastor Thomas or the Office as soon as possible. Please include name, school(s), and, if graduating, next steps/plans, etc. We will list this information in the worship bulletin.

If celebrating one of our high school graduates, please let us know ASAP to arrange selection of a quilt! High school grads who could not join us for Grad Sunday in 2025 are welcome to receive the blessing and quilt this year.

Come celebrate the work and accomplishments of our students, and praise the Source of faith and learning!

Church Ladies Night

Monday, May 4 and June 1, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

On May 4 and June 1, we will gather again at Old Stove Gardens from 5- 7 pm. Arrive early or come late to pull up a chair and join the conversations. It is a wonderful way to connect and build relationships with other amazing women in our midst. A variety of food and beverages are available, including many non-alcoholic choices.

Old Stove Gardens is located at: 1550 NW 49th St, Seattle.
If you have questions or need a ride, please contact Connie Sandstrom
206-375-5449



Ballard Sunday Dinner

Sunday, May 17 + June 21, 3 PM

In Service to Our Neighbors - Help Out Every third Sunday, Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) partners with local churches at Ballard First Lutheran to serve a warm, nourishing meal to our neighbors in need. It's a simple act of kindness that can have a big impact. Dinners will be held May 10th and June 21, and we're looking for volunteers to lend a hand! No experience is necessary—our team will guide you every step of the way to ensure you feel comfortable and supported. Join us in making a difference!

Sign up here: <https://rb.gy/ea817>



Join Our Monthly Youth Meetup in May

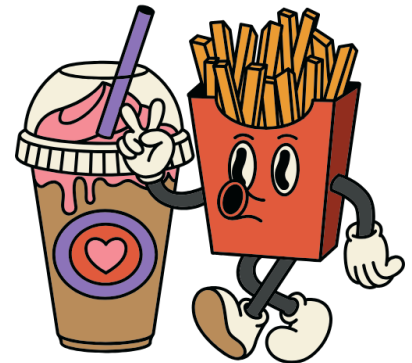
Thursday, May 21 and June 18 6:15-7:30 PM | Next Level Burger

Our Youth Meetups happen every third Thursday of the month! It's a great chance to hang out, grab a burger, and catch up. Join Pastor Thomas in Ballard for our March gathering—and feel free to bring a friend along! **Please RSVP to Pastor Thomas by May 20th!**

The Details:

- Friends are always welcome!
- No one will go hungry. We can cover meals as needed.

Questions? Feel free to contact Pastor Thomas.



Ballard Food Bank May + June

Thank you for continuing to support the Ballard Food Bank!

For the month of May, Stephanie suggests thinking of the letter S. Personal hygiene items such as sanitizer, shampoo, soap, and sunscreen.

Your donations of food items are still needed. Thank you for giving generously to our neighbors!

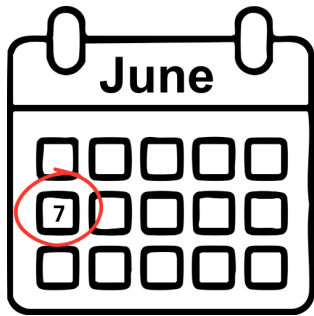
Grounds Crew

Fridays, May 8 & 22, June 12 & 26, 10 AM

Join us for more gardening fun on Friday, May 8th + May 22nd from 10-noon. Our work scope is to remove remaining ivy from the west parking lot fence and invasive plants in the north yard. All levels of gardeners are welcome, as there is always a task to match your interest and skill!

Questions? Contact Connie Sandstrom at conniesandstrom05@gmail.com

Pictured: our stellar April mulch spreading crew that spread a cubic yard in less than 2 hours. Missing from photo: Doug Gresham.



Annual Meeting Sunday, June 7th, 10 AM

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, June 7th directly following the 9 AM service.

Save the Date

Join us on the 23rd of July for a Men's Get Together! We are beginning a monthly gathering, similar to Ladies Night, but this one is for the guys! Time and Location TBD, if you interested in joining or want to help organize this event, contact Aaron Duke aduke987@gmail.com

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering, West Coast and PNW May 1 - 2

Thank you to everyone who provided items for Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kits, and to Sharon, America, and others who helped prepare the kits for loading and sending out.

May 1st and 2nd, in the Our Redeemer's parking lot, teams of loaders packed the trucks, and plentiful snacks were provided, served, taken in! There will be another in-gathering in the Fall, to continue this global outreach.

Are you interested in joining Our Redeemer's LWR collection and assembly team?
Please contact Sharon Longaker at 206-393-2881.



Immigrant Justice Prayer Walk



Saturday, May 16th | 12pm - 6 pm | St. Luke's Episcopal Church & Daybreak Star Cultural Center

Join All My Relations Community Coalition to gather in the healing circle and walk in prayer and unity as we stand for dignity and justice for our immigrant relatives. The walk begins at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and ends at Daybreak Star Cultural Center.

- 12 pm - Gathering & Opening Service
- 1-2 pm Commodore Park Water Ceremony
- 2-4 pm - Prayerful Walk to Daybreak Star
- 4-6 pm - Community Meal & Closing Ceremony.



NW Washington Synod Gathering

Saturday, May 30th | 9am-5pm Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood & Lynnwood Neighborhood Center

Please join us for this full day to celebrate, learn, and connect around the theme of generosity. This is generosity rooted in God's abundant love for creation. Generosity of time, space, talents, and money. Generosity of our hearts.

We will be gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood AND the new Lynnwood Neighborhood Center. We will center our time in worship at 9am with song, communion, preaching by Bishop Shelley, and gratitude and blessing for our Synod VP Kay Edgerton who will be concluding her term this summer. We will welcome our keynote presenter, Rev. Tim Brown, ELCA director for congregational stewardship. Following lunch, there will be 2 afternoon workshop times - with a total of 22 options from local leaders! As we prepare to close the day, we will re-gather for a sending service - including time to install our newly elected synod council officers and members.

Registration will close at 12 noon on May 18th! Register by scanning the QR code or visit www.lutheransnw.org/events

NW Washington Synod Gathering

**Life in God's Garden:
Seeds of Generosity**

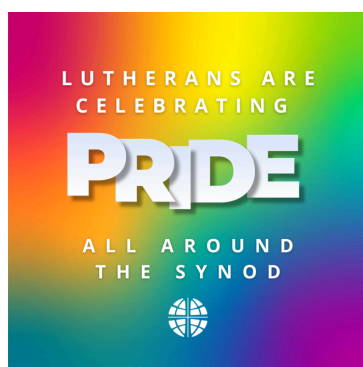
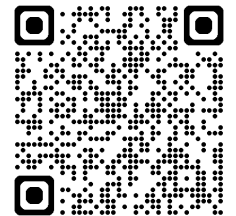
Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm



Worship
Workshops
Rev. Tim Brown, Keynote
Lunch included
\$40/person

at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood
& Lynnwood Neighborhood Center

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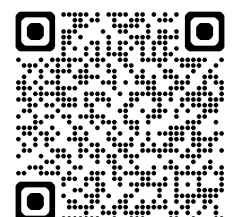
The NW Washington Synod has PRIDE!

We are proud to be a Reconciling in Christ synod and there are many opportunities for you and your church to join in and celebrate during the 2026 Pride Season.

Seattle PRIDE Parade

We will be marching in the Seattle PRIDE parade again on **Sunday, June 28, 2026**. If you would like to walk in the parade, please RSVP with Pastor Thomas **no later than June 11th!**

There are many different PRIDE events happening throughout this summer across our Synod. Like last year, our hope is to show up to as many events as possible! For a complete list of events, go to www.lutheransnw.org/pages/pride or scan the QR code.





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Sunday Worship
9 AM Informal Worship
11 AM Traditional Worship

Stream Online Sundays (11 AM)
Facebook: [facebook.com/OurRedeemer's](https://www.facebook.com/OurRedeemer's)
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>

Church Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
10AM-3PM

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OUR VISION: In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring, and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks, and grows.



Our Spring Community Recycling Event was a success!

On April 25, we cared for our earth by helping to recycle (7) pallets of electronics and (25) cubic yards of styrofoam. Over 120 households participated, and the suggested donations collected \$545 for the Ballard Food Bank.

Many thanks to our day of leads Cindy Anderson and Juli Vannoy, and to our volunteers who made it happen: Tad Anderson, Mark Sandstrom, Rich Mullenbach, Mary Melvey, Julie Vannoy, John McDermott, Tom Bernard, Diana Meyers, Holly Gundacker, Carolyn Lewis, Dee Otness, Kris Rogness, Sue Johnson and Sandy Box.

Save the date: **October 3, 2026** for our Fall Recycling Event!