

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 19, 2017

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005
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Worship Services:
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

Plans for New Church Directory

It's been three years since we last printed a directory of St. Andrew members and active non-members, so it's definitely time to work on a new one. Please help us make a new directory as comprehensive and accurate as possible. Your first step is to promptly fill out the questionnaire postcard we'll be sharing on Sunday mornings in February. The deadline to return it is **March 1**.

We will have completed directories available for pickup at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on June 20. If you have questions, talk to Jennifer Trom, Carol Harker, or Mickey Nearhood, who is spearheading the project.

Eucharistic Ministry Training

If you are interested in learning more about being a Eucharistic minister and would like to be trained for that role, please come to the Conversation on Caring on **Wednesday, February 22**, from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Chapel. If you're interested but cannot attend, please be in touch with Pastor Robyn.

Clothes Drive for Foster Closet, Inc.

My name is Jarod Lokrantz and I am a scout from Troop 618 based here at St. Andrew. I am currently working on my Eagle project, which is a clothes drive for Foster Closet, Inc., a small nonprofit that provides clothes to foster families that might not be able to afford them otherwise. I would be very grateful if you could



donate clothes to Foster Closet for my Eagle project.

Foster Closet, Inc. is looking for new socks and underwear for all ages (small child-teen), as well as new and gently used long-sleeved shirts and long pants for children ages 4-8 years old. Please leave your donations in the bin in the Narthex from now until **Saturday, February 25**. Alternatively, you can bring clothes to the east parking lot at St. Andrew on Saturday, February 25, between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. Thank you so much for your donations!

Naked Baby Clothing Swap Sunday, February 26, 1:00-2:30 pm Fellowship Hall

It's that time again! Please join us after the late service to get rid of the items you no longer need and take the ones you do! Clean out your closets and storage units and declutter the play area after all those new Christmas acquisitions.



Bring baby/children's items, including infant (birth-size 5T) and maternity clothes, shoes, hats, toys, books, furniture, nursing/feeding items, diapering gear, and sleeping/blanketing stuff.

This is a FREE event, but we ask that you donate a nonperishable food item for the food pantry as your "ticket," if possible. We also need volunteers to help set up and take down. Please spread the word!

Contact Emily Lawson at 713-819-6489 for more details.

Are You Ready to Help Build a Home?

Just as St. Andrew has done in the past, our congregation will participate with Willamette West Habitat for Humanity this year in helping to build safe, affordable, decent homes for hardworking low-income families. We have accepted three work dates for the spring cycle:



- **Wednesday, March 22** (6 volunteers needed)
- **Saturday, March 25** (10 volunteers needed)
- **Wednesday, April 5** (10 volunteers needed)

If you are interested in helping out with this important ministry, please contact Dan Fako (call 503-626-3414 or e-mail dan43theman@comcast.net) or sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions regarding participation in this program, please feel free to contact Dan Fako or catch up with him at church.

Contacting Luke Brocker

If you'd like to contact Luke Brocker while he's in basic training, please talk to Pr. Mark Brocker (or e-mail him at brockerms@standrewlutheran.com), and he will give you the details and proper protocol.

Oh, Happy Day!

Bill Beavers is turning 70. All are invited to help him celebrate at an open house on **Saturday, March 4**, 2:00-5:00 pm., at 2150 NW 160th Ave in Beaverton. Please come when you can, leave when you need to. No gifts! Food and beverages provided. RSVP to 503-313-3343.



Thank You

A great big thank you to all of you for your commitment to and support of our recycling effort to keep disposable batteries out of our landfills. During the past 12 months, your efforts have kept more than 300 pounds of batteries from ending up in landfills. Please keep up your good work and be sure you record your name and address on the form by the recycling area when you drop off batteries as this information is required by METRO. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me.



Dan Fako

Canoe Needed for the Food Flood

The Service Committee would like to borrow a canoe (or small boat, or a raft) for the flood of food that is about to engulf St. Andrew.



The theme of the 2017 Lenten Food Drive is "Food Flood." We will be asking the congregation to flood us with food to be donated to the food pantry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. We hope to have a canoe or small boat in the Narthex where people can drop off their contributions.

We would need to borrow this canoe from March 1 through April 20. The boat will stay inside the church throughout that time.

Please call or e-mail Mary Smith if you have a canoe, boat, or raft you could loan us. Phone: 503-332-9732. E-mail: dbits1@gmail.com.

Date Change



Due to a volunteer conflict, the photo shoot announced earlier for this weekend has been rescheduled. We will be taking pictures of people in the congregation who would like to update their photo in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 12**. Meet near the patio staircase after either the 8:30 or 11:00 am service.

Important Dates to Note

Saturday, April 1: Budget Requests from each Committee and Ministry for 2017-2018 due to the Finance Team for compilation for the Church Council (More information will be sent to teams late February.)

Thursday, June 1: Annual Reports for each Committee and Ministry due to the Parish Executive for compilation

Tuesday, June 20: Annual Meeting of the Congregation

6:00 pm Potluck;

6:45 pm Annual Meeting

Prayers of the People

Every week, the church newsletter includes a listing of people for whom prayers are requested. This list becomes the basis for the pastors' "Prayers of the People" during worship services on Sunday morning.



Anyone can request a prayer by contacting the church office or filling out a "Voice from the Pew" (beige) or "Welcome" (bright green) card available in the pew racks.

Our policy is that most prayer requests will run for two consecutive weeks. Prayers of congratulation (for births, anniversaries, etc.) normally run only one week.

If you would like your prayer to be continued past the regular two-week period, please contact Carol Harker in the church office. If a prayer is dropped from the list and you would like it to be reinstated, we will be happy to do that for another two-week period.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS (8:30 AM/11:00 AM)

Presider.....	Pastor Robyn Hartwig
Preacher.....	Pastor Robyn Hartwig
Minister of Music.....	Allison Katsufrakis
Assisting Minister	LuAnn Staul/Scott Taylor
Lector	Suzanne Warnes/Lee Anne Krause
Acolyte	Sam Harker/Miriam Au
Pianist	Susan Friesen
Musicians.....	The Waters
Welcome Team.....	Max & Susan Maxwell/Ted & Fran Miller
Ushers.....	Ralph & Diane Riley, Paul Navarre, Tommy Navarre/ Dan Fako, Tom & Barb Lane
Hosts	Max & Susan Maxwell/Hal Douglas
Minister of the Altar	Mariellen Flood
Worship Coordinator.....	Sandi Beavers/Sharon Fako

Prelude	<i>Gather Us In</i>	John Behnke
Offertory	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>	Traditional
Postlude	<i>We Are Marching in the Light</i>	Valerie Shields



The flowers on the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Carol Hogan in memory of Danny.



**Memorial Service for
Hall Simons
Monday, March 20
10:30 am
Beautiful Savior
12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd
Vancouver, WA
(catered luncheon)**

Hall Simons was a charter member of St. Andrew. Please RSVP to Phyllis Morris at 503-644-0757 if you plan to attend.

Contribution Statements

Your 2016 end-of-year contribution statements are now ready to be viewed and printed through *InFellowship*. If you already have an *InFellowship* account, you are set to download and print.

If you haven't yet created an *InFellowship* account, now is the time to do so! Go to www.standrewlutheran.com and click on the "InFellowship/Giving" tab in the top menu bar to learn how to create an account.

Once you have registered/created an account, just follow these steps:

- Log into your *InFellowship* account
- Click on "Your Giving"
- Select "2016" from the Year drop-down box
- Click "View"
- Click on the "Download" button near the top with the text "Download statement"
- Save or open the PDF file and then print.

For those of you who do not have an e-mail address, we will prepare statements for you and mail them soon. Some of you may want the Financial Secretaries to print your statements and send them the traditional way. If so, simply put a note in the "Financial Secretaries" mailbox in the Narthex (far right, near the bottom of the bank of mailboxes) or call the office.

February Alajrab Family Update

The Alajrab family continues to make Portland their home. We are doing less to help as they are able to get around by public transportation to most places. Occasionally, we arrange for medical transportation, such as when 18-year-old Ahmad had outpatient eye surgery to remove a cyst on February 7. We appreciate all the help with transportation that St. Andrew members have offered over the past 8 months.

Ali, the father, has had medical issues that qualify him for SSI (Supplemental Security Income). The family has not received payments yet, as the amount needs to be deter-

mined in light of assistance from DHS (Department of Human Services) that includes food stamps. Foussa is not working yet, as she is busy attending classes at Portland Community College to learn English.

Ahmad decided to leave high school and go to work fulltime. He had never been in school as he had always worked to help the family and this is what he knows. He rises early, takes two buses to the warehouse where he works, and returns in the evening hungry, tired, and very happy that he has found something that he can do. He works with others who speak both Arabic and English and we expect him to learn more English as time goes by.

Omar and Ahed are working hard in school. While English is difficult for the parents to learn, we expect to soon be able to carry on longer conversations with the younger children. Currently, the conversations are pretty simple.

Bonnie Bliesner, Nuha, and Keith meet with Foussa and Ali every month to review record-keeping/bills/correspondence. Ali and Foussa do not understand the letters they receive and count on others to help them figure out what response is needed. They have friends who speak Arabic and English who also help them with this. Our contact with these folks helps us also know more about the challenges and accomplishment of the family. Not being able to talk with one another without a translator has been a hurdle.


Thanks to all at St. Andrew who keep this family in their prayers.

Neighbor Care

Pastor Robyn is assembling a team to help one of the people who receives communion from our Eucharistic ministers each month make a small move out of his current apartment and just four doors down the hall. He has various disabilities that keep him from doing any heavy lifting or very much walking. If you can help on **Saturday, February 25**, from 1:00-3:00 pm, please e-mail Pastor Robyn at pastorrobyn@standrewlutheran.com. Volunteers will meet at St. Andrew at 12:30 pm and return to the church no later than 3:30 pm. Thank you for living out our core values!



Contact Info for the Bliesners

 If you have a copy of the 2014 church directory, please cross off Larry and Bonnie Bliesner's telephone number as they have opted to relinquish their land line. Larry can now be reached on his cell phone at 503-840-2602; Bonnie's cell phone number is 503-830-7001.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Hall Simons	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Phyllis Morris
Family and friends of Ray Letourneau	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Judy Scholz
Family and friends of Harley Luttrell	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Eric Luttrell
Leroy Affolter	Peaceful passing and comfort for his family	Bob & Mary Brown
Carl Cottingham	Strength and healing	Pat Christiansen
Jennifer Duckworth	Healing and relief from pain	Gretchen Bancroft
Ebba Carroll	Healing and recovery	Mike & Mary Carroll
Kaitlyn Ford	Healing and recovery	Suzanne Warnes
Keremi Stanley	Healing and recovery	Fran Mack
Bernie Dwigans	Healing and recovery	Carol Hogan
Ahmad Alajrab	Healing and recovery	Bonnie Bliesner
Claudia Smith	Healing	Chuck Smith
Ian MacDonald	Lung and kidney transplant	Marlene Maxwell
Brian McKiernan	Healing from a bone marrow transplant	Patty Jones
Charissa White	Special blessings and healing	Bev Briggs
Bob Dallenbach	Thanksgiving for successful relocation	Bob Dallenbach
Barbara Rowland	That she is able to fulfill messages from the Holy Spirit	Barbara Rowland
St. Andrew Youth	Blessings on their Camp Lutherwood retreat	Staff
The Alajrab Family and other refugees	Acceptance and safety	Staff
Refugee Sponsorship Team	Thanksgiving for their faithful work	Staff
Refugee resettlement programs	Hope and survival	Staff
Immigrants	Just treatment	Staff
Those unable to worship with us	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
Mareline Barnes, Varian Berry, Grace Helleson, Douglas Hooke, Betty Horst, Robert Kennedy, Bob Miller, Dorothy Moore, Ruth Powers, Helen Rogers, Margie Schindele, Nancy Schmidt, Vivian Wilkinson		
All who are imprisoned, especially Dee Piscitelli	Strength and peace	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Calvary, Hillsboro	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Community of Christ, Hillsboro		
Trinity, McMinnville		

The Political Responsibility of the Church



Table Talk

Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely and openly with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion, Pastor Brocker invites you to gather for a Table Talk on **Thursday, February 23**, 7:00-8:30 pm.

A number of people at St. Andrew have been asking how the church is to respond to government actions perceived as unjust. On one end of the spectrum, advocates for the separation of church and state argue that the church should stay out of politics. Toward the other end of the spectrum, President Trump, in an address to the National Prayer Breakfast, said that he would "destroy" the Johnson Amendment, which bans all tax-exempt nonprofits, including churches, from "directly or indirectly" participating in political campaigns for a specific candidate. He would support, for example, allowing pastors to endorse

specific candidates from the pulpit. Evangelical Lutherans have tended to fall in the middle of this debate.

To begin this Table Talk, we will read a statement issued on February 1 by the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section "in support of justice and peace" and "in resistance to every form of unjust discrimination and aggressive nationalism" (<https://www.thebonhoeffercenter.org>). We will also read a brief *New York Times* article, "Trump Vows to 'Destroy' Law Banning Political Activity by Churches" (https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/02/us/politics/trump-johnson-amendment-political-activity-churches.html?_r=0). Participants will be free to raise questions and share whatever insights they may have on the political responsibility of the church.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Brocker by e-mail (brockerms@standrewlutheran.com) or by phone (503-646-0629).

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

For the most complete and up-to-date information, please visit the online calendar at www.standrewlutheran.com.

Sunday, February 19

	Lutherwood Retreat for High School Youth	Camp Lutherwood
8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School: Jesus Heals Two Blind Men	Children's Commons, Classrooms, Children's Library
10:00 am	Confirmation Class: Job.....	Library
10:00 am	Adult Education: Following Jesus 101: The Greatest Story.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Adult Education: Reformation Themes	Chapel
10:00 am	Adult Education: The Gospel of John	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Taiwan Lutheran Church Worship and Sunday School.....	Chapel, Children's Commons, Classrooms
3:00 pm	High School Youth Return from Lutherwood Retreat.....	Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 20—Presidents' Day; Learning Center and Church Office CLOSED

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant
7:00 am	Women's Sunrise Spirituality Group	Elmer's Restaurant
10:00 am	Beginning T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Girl Scout Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Foundation Board Meeting.....	Library
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer.....	Chapel
7:30 pm	Sunday School Strategic Planning Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, February 22—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:15 am	Chapel for All Learning Center Children.....	Chapel
10:45 am	Gymnastics for Learning Center Children.....	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Bonhoeffer Seminar.....	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Advanced T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Conversations on Caring: Eucharistic Ministry Training	Chapel
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Taiwan Fellowship	Library
10:00 am	Dance Class for Learning Center Children	Children's Library
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel, Library
7:00 pm	Table Talk: The Political Responsibility of the Church	Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 24

10:00 am	T'ai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Oregon Synod Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 25

7:00 am	Jarod Lokrantz Eagle Scout Project	East Parking Lot
9:00 am	Oregon Synod Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 26—Transfiguration Sunday

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School: The Sower.....	Children's Commons, Classrooms, Children's Library
10:00 am	Confirmation Class: Esther.....	Library
10:00 am	High School Youth: Gathering.....	Youth Room
10:00 am	Adult Education: Reformation Themes	Chapel
10:00 am	Adult Education: The Gospel of John	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Taiwan Lutheran Church Worship and Sunday School.....	Chapel, Children's Commons, Classrooms

Preparing for Next Sunday

Scripture Lessons for February 26

Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

