# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS July 11, 2021

St. Andrew Lutheran Church 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005 www.standrewlutheran.com; 503-646-0629 Worship Services: Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 11:00 am

## **Hybrid Worship Offerings**

What an incredible experience it was to return to in-person worship on July 4! It was a jumble of emotions — mostly joy but with a little anxiety and trepidation. Thank you for continuing to show grace to one another as we figure out how to be together in person for worship once more. Of course, we continue to offer online worship access for those that cannot be with us for any reason.

Our 8:30 am service is held indoors in the Sanctuary, with livestream access on YouTube. Our 11:00 am service is held outdoors in the Sanctuary of the Firs, with Zoom access for those

worshiping remotely. Links for these online services are shared in the Weekly News email sent on Fridays. We hope that these options allow everyone to continue worshiping in the way that feels safest and most appropriate for them.



## Leading Worship Together

Returning to in-person worship is a powerful reminder of how many volunteers work together to make worship happen every week. It's a lot of work, but if we all play our part, everything gets handled without a hiccup.

In particular we are in need of Altar Guild members, Assisting Ministers, and Ushers for the 11:00 service. No experience is necessary and you will receive all the training you need. We work with your schedule so you can attend your preferred service and still worship with your family or friends.

Please contact Minister of Music & Media Allison Katsufrakis at <u>allisonk@standrewlutheran.com</u> if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

#### Wednesday Evening Prayer

Midweek Evening Prayer Services will continue to be offered through the summer months via Zoom. Meditations will be drawn from *Devotional Classics*. All are welcome this <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>July 14</u>, for social time at 6:45 pm and service at 7:00 pm. Centering Prayer follows at 7:30 pm. Participate in all or part of our scheduled time together. Look for links to this worship service at midday on Wednesdays in Allison's email.

## Spirituality Book Group: The Murmur of Bees

The Spirituality Book group is thrilled to return to meeting in person! They resume on **Sunday, July 18**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Murmur of Bees*, by Sofia Segovia.

"Set against the backdrop of the Mexican Revolution and the devastating influenza of 1918, *The Murmur of Bees* captures both the fate of a country in flux and the destiny of one family that has put their love, faith, and future in the unbelievable." (Goodreads review).

## Quilt Sunday is July 11, 2021

It's a little bit later in the summer than normal, but better late than never! This <u>Sunday, July 11</u>, at the 8:30 am service, we will continue our tradition of wrapping our high school seniors in handmade quilts. This year we celebrate Logan Isaacson, class of

**2021!** These quilts, made by members of our own Nifty Notters group, are our way of reminding these young adults that no matter where life leads them, the love and prayers of their St. Andrew community go with them.



## **Nifty Notters**

The Nifty Notters welcome everyone to join them

**Saturday, July 17**, from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall to work on baby quilts for Virginia Garcia Clinic and larger quilts for LWR and Safeplace. All supplies are provided and no experience is needed. Bring a lunch and join us for all or part of the time. If you can't come on Saturday, they have many cutting and sewing/tying projects that can be done at home. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917 or Pam Farr at 503-626-6657.

## Wisdom Calls—Part Three

The Oregon Synod is glad to host the third part of their online storytelling series "Wisdom Speaks," sharing stories and experiences from some of our synod's first ordained women. This online event takes place on <u>Saturday, July 17</u>, at 7:00 pm. You can register for the event on the Oregon Synod Website or Facebook page. Our own Pastor Susan Kintner and Pastor Robyn Hartwig have taken part in these events in the past.

## Helping Children Bloom through Earth Camp



St. Andrew kicks off our first Earth Camp this Monday, July 12. We delight in God's children! We delight in God's world. At Earth Camp, St. Andrew teachers share their love and care for our planet with another generation, the generation that will inherit

both the successes and failures of our stewardship. At Earth Camp, we sing together and play and learn. We dedicate ourselves to making Eden bloom once more.

## Lydia Circle Meets July 13

Lydia Circle will meet <u>Tuesday</u>, July 13 at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. This month's Bible study is the second of a three part series entitled "Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone), taken from the July *Gather* magazine. It is inspired by Jesus' proclamations "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36), and "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). This month's session delves into "just truth." All are welcome, and you need not to have read the study to take part.

#### **Helping the Hungry**



Driving around Portland this summer, it's clear that the hunger and homelessness crisis prompted by COVID-19 continues to trouble many people in our community. The saints of St. Andrew have already shown generosity in offering

assistance and that help is still needed. All contributions to the food barrel in our Narthex are delivered to the St. Matthew Food Bank for distribution to people suffering from food insecurity. Thank you for caring for others!

#### Want to Spend Some Dollars?

We're talking about Thrivent Choice Dollars.

You do not need to be a Thrivent member

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to help identify St. Andrew activities that might benefit from extra funds. Interested? We will meet on <u>Sunday, July 18</u>, in Fellowship Hall at (or before) 10:00 am to learn more about Choice Dollars. Many of us don't know much about this and now we have a chance to learn, ask questions, and help discern what we would like to support in the next 12 months.

We missed having meetings since 2018 but the money has come in each year and has recently been sent to the ministries designated in 2018 to receive them. We will review past decisions as we prepare to choose where we want to go from here. The more input, the better we can consider how to best use money coming in the next 12 months.

Thrivent members who are designating choice dollars will have the opportunity to vote on suggestions at this meeting. Please join us to determine how to spend those dollars on behalf of St. Andrew ministries.

#### Wanted: Chocolate!

Donna Brocker, our Welcome Ministry's mug maven, is in search of candy to fill those delightful welcome mugs our guests receive on their first visit to St. Andrew. Donna says chocolates are a particular favorite, and the candies must be individually wrapped. Please leave your donations in the office with Donna's name on the bag.

#### Synod Day of Learning

Save the date! <u>Saturday, September 25</u> is the Oregon Synod's annual Day of Learning. This year the event will be provided online so that everyone can take part. Further details will be provided in August.

#### Climate Change on The Other Side of the Hill

Almost all of us who attend St. Andrew live in an urban environment, where we've already experienced



unprecedented temperatures surpassing 115 degrees Fahrenheit in this summer of 2021. In the fall of 2020, we lived under skies turned orange by wildfires and sheltered inside to escape poor air quality.

But Oregon is a big state and home to many rural communities that have likewise been affected by climate change. The documentary *The Other Side of the Hill* explores the rural community of Lakeview. About 6 hours south from Portland by car, Lakeview is in the center part of our state, east of Medford and within miles of the California border.

Interfaith Power & Light invites everyone to watch the film between July 10-25 to discover some rural perspectives on a changing climate. You are invited to register at <u>https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/movie-series/</u> to watch the film at your convenience from July 10 through July 25.

#### **Reclaiming Our Heart, Repairing Our World**

The Oregon Synod invites all to join a half-day online retreat with Mushim Ikeda and Pastor Matta Ghaly (of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in Portland) via Zoom on <u>Saturday July 17</u>, from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. Reclaim the heart by attuning to the Sacred through meditation and prayer practices in the Buddhist, Christian, and Sufi traditions. Come explore the particularities and common threads of how these spirited and embodied practices can resource our lives, nurturing and cultivating our resilience as we seek to repair the world. This retreat is open to ALL, with a special invitation to BIPoC and LGBTQ2IA+ folks. Closed Captioning & ASL interpretation are provided. Tuition is on a sliding scale, and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. To register, visit

https://eastbaymeditation.org/calendar/online-reclaiming-our-heart-repairing-our-world/.

## Gratitude for the Oregon Synod Wildfire Relief Fund

Dear Lutheran Disaster Benefactors,

The \$10,000 from Bishop Laurie was received by our fire department during one of the darkest times in our community. We lost half of our fire district to the historic and devastating Holiday Farm Fire on September 8, 2020. More than half of our volunteer firefighters and board members lost everything they owned while battling the blaze and evacuating others to safety. The \$10,000 was spent on generators for several of the volunteers who were living in RVs and 2 were donated to the community Tool Lending Library, to help people who had lost tools start to rebuild. The recovery effort is a long-term project and any way we can support it, we are. We look forward to homes being re-built and people coming back to the valley and to Blue River, the town that was completely destroyed. The generators are more than just a tool-they are a symbol of life returning to the valley. Even before properties have electricity, people are able to work on projects and run their RVs with the generators. They are something necessary that the volunteers and community members could not afford to replace or purchase for use, no matter how necessary. Most of the volunteer firefighters were not insured and so are struggling to replace items and living necessities. This gift was much appreciated and has long-lasting impact on our recovery. Thank you all.

> Chief Rainbow Plews and the volunteer firefighters of Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District

(Allison Katsufrakis here: I attended a wedding in this area last weekend – much still needs to be done to recover, but our gifts have helped a great deal!)

## In Need of Prayers..

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NAME	PRAYERS FOR	<u>CONTACT</u>	
Adam McQueen's father	Compassionate care, comfort and peace in hospice	Adam McQueen	
Sue Cahlander	Smooth recovery from a surgical procedure	Sue Cahlander	
Michaela (grandchild)	Comfortable recovery from surgery	Sue & Jan Cahlander-Smith	
Mary Brown	Healing and quick recovery after surgery	Bob & Mary Brown	
Susan Reiser	Healing and quick recovery after surgery	John & Susan Reiser	
Lee Anne and Brian Knapp	God's blessings during a time of transition	Lee Anne Knapp	
Rod Ottenbreit (Bobbie Larson's brother)	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment	Bobbie Larsen	
John Carlson (Bev Briggs's brother in law)	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment	Bev Briggs	
Ken Reiner	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment	Diane Reiner	
Dave Gutzler	Healing and recovery	Barbara Gutzler	
Earth Camp, and all other summer camps, retreat centers, and programs	Blessings on their ministries	Staff	
Those threatened by wildfires	Protection and safety	Staff	
St. Andrew Council Executive Committee Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff	
Karen Klingelhafer, Kyler Vogt, and all seminarians India Jensen Kerr and all theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff	
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff	
Luther House (Corvallis, OR) Trinity Lutheran Church (Dallas, OR) Faith Lutheran Church (Keizer, OR) Our Savior Lutheran Church (Lebanon, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff	
Congregation Chabad (Portland, OR)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff	
Individual friends and loved ones in need of prayer	Whatever they most need; say their names in your heart or aloud	Staff	
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## "Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love."

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## Oregon Historical Society Online Exhibits

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The Reckoning with Racism group wants to remind you that the Oregon Historical Society has several exhibits online that pertain to their studies of the last year.

The People of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and

Racing to Change: Oregon's Civil Rights Years

Both exhibits can be found on the Oregon Historical Society website at <a href="https://www.ohs.org/museum/">https://www.ohs.org/museum/</a> exhibits/.

#### <u>Preparing for Next Sunday</u> July 18, 2021

Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, July	11—Quilt Sunday for High School Seniors	
8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Livestream Worship	•
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	• •
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	
11:00 am	Online Worship	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	
Monday, Jul		P F
9:00 am	, Earth Camp	Outdoor spaces, Kitchen
6:00 pm	Troop 618 Meeting	
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	-
Tuesday, Jul	y 13	
9:00 am	Earth Camp	Outdoor spaces, Kitchen
10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Off-site
10:00 am	T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Lydia Circle	St. Andrew Room
1:30 pm	Service Committee Meeting	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Human Resources Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
Wednesday,	July 14— <u>Weekly News</u> submissions due by 4:00 pm	
9:00 am	Earth Camp	Outdoor spaces, Kitchen
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	via Zoom
6:45 pm	Informal Gathering Time	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer	participate via Zoom
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer	participate via Zoom
Thursday, Ju	ly 15	
9:00 am	Earth Camp	Outdoor spaces, Kitchen
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	via Zoom
Friday, July		
9:00 am	Earth Camp	
10:00 am	T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Ju		
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
	18—Confirmation Sunday	
8:30 am	Worship with Communion	•
8:30 am	Livestream Worship	• •
10:00 am	Thrivent Distribution Meeting	
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	•
11:00 am	Online Worship	
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Club	Fellowship Hall

## Connecting to Virtual Worship at St. Andrew

**YouTube** 8:30 am: Watch the livestream of worship on YouTube. *The link will be sent to you via e-mail and the church app.* • The same link will bring you to the recording of the same

- An audio recording of the 8:30 am service will be available Sunday afternoon by simply dialing **503-643-9416**. •



**ZOOM** <u>11:00 am</u>: Participate in worship via Zoom. The link will be sent to you via e-mail and the church app. To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone.

#### Ways to Give: Thank you for supporting our ministries!

If you are able, please give now using any of the following options: Postal Mail

Simply mail a check to the church office. Let us know if you'd like giving envelopes mailed to your home each month by calling 503-646-0629 or emailing office@standrewlutheran.com.

#### **Text Giving**

Text 503-386-9646 with the amount you wish to give. You can give a onetime donation or set up a recurring donation. Text "funds" to receive a list of funds.

#### Online at www.standrewlutheran.com

Click on "Give Now" on the church website. You can also view your giving.

#### NEW! Church App (https://app.ministryone.com/landing/nBv)

The newest way to stay connected-and to give-is by using St. Andrew's new church app! Download "Church by Ministry One" from the App Store and use it to watch St. Andrew videos, submit a prayer request, and give a one-time or recurring gift.

#### **Direct Deposit / "Simply Giving"**

Request a form from the church office to enable automated giving from your checking or savings account through the "Simply Giving" program.

#### Stock Transfer

The required form is available through the church office or website and should be submitted at the beginning of the process.

#### Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. Andrew!