

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 24, 2021

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

Fall Adult Education Classes

The Fall Session of adult education ends this Sunday.



Faith in Finance: Making Giving More Meaningful

This **Sunday, October 24**, the Stewardship team presents its final session of "Making Giving More Meaningful" at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. If you're unable to attend in person (either this session or earlier ones in the series), you can find a summary online at

<https://standrewlutheran.com/making-giving-more-meaningful>.

Road Trip! The Missionary Journeys of Paul

What legacy did the Apostle Paul leave for the church and for us today? In his final class session this Sunday, Steve Christiansen will share ideas from *Paul for a New Day*, by Robin Scroggs. The author tries to clarify Paul's message in today's terms and highlights some theological ideas we could put into practice ourselves—ideas about justification, faith, the church community, and ethics.

Join Steve Christiansen via Zoom at 10:00 am on **Sunday, October 24**, to learn more about how Paul shaped the church.



Wednesday Evening Prayer

All are welcome this **Wednesday, October 27**, when midweek evening prayer services continue via Zoom. Informal gathering time begins at 6:45 pm, with the devotion at 7:00 pm. Centering Prayer follows at 7:30 pm for those who would like to participate in this receptive method of silent prayer.

The Doctrine of Discovery

Unsettling Truths



In 2016, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA adopted the "Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery." The Doctrine of Discovery originated with a papal bull in the 15th century and codified both colonialism and religious intolerance into international law. The Doctrine of Discovery created a theological framework that supported racism, colonialism, and the annihilation of Indigenous people. Today it continues to support those evils and injustices found in our church, U.S. law, and legal interpretation.

We'll learn more about this important topic—both how it impacted the founding of our country and how it impacts us today—in our special Adult Education class between services on **Sunday, October 31**. You can ATTEND ANYWHERE. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall or you can participate via Zoom.

Christmas Greenery Orders



The deadline to order Christmas greenery from Scout Troops 618 and 5618 is this **Sunday, October 24**. Please check the product flyer and price list on the communications table in the Narthex for details regarding the items available, or contact Amy Harker (email mimiweasel@gmail.com) and she'll send you that information electronically. Prepayment is not required and can be handled at delivery on November 20-21.

Table Talk: What Is Patriotism?

Tuesday, October 26, 7:00-8:00 pm (via Zoom)

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 we have a tradition at St. Andrew of gathering for Table Talks. Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the next Table Talk via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 26, 7:00-8:00 pm**.



In March 1941, German Lutheran Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer traveled to Switzerland on behalf of the conspiracy against Adolf Hitler. His role was to communicate with the Allies through ecumenical church leaders. At an evening gathering one ecumenical leader asked him, "What do you pray for in the current situation?" He responded, "Since you ask me, I must say that I pray for the defeat of my country, for I believe that this is the only way in which it can pay for the suffering which it has caused the world." In April 1945 Bonhoeffer was executed by the Nazis for committing treason. But one could make a case that he was a true patriot fighting for the well-being of his nation.



In this Table Talk, we will discuss what constitutes true patriotism in a time such as ours. Prior to our conversation, you are encouraged to read David Brooks' *New York Times* editorial "How to Love America: Patriotism in a Time of Division" (<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/04/opinion/america-patriotism.html>).

Pastor Mark's Upcoming Chi Rho Lectures

This **November 12-14**, Pastor Mark will be delivering a weekend of lectures titled "Doing Ethics in Extraordinary Times: The Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" at Central Lutheran Church in Eugene. German pastor and theologian Bonhoeffer is often celebrated as an example of a modern Christian martyr for his participation in a plot to assassinate Hitler, while he himself avoided justifying his actions. What does it mean to "do ethics in extraordinary times"? What does Bonhoeffer's witness mean for us today?

All lectures will be held in person and via livestream and are free and open to all. Visit www.welcometocentral.org/chi-rho/ to learn more and watch this newsletter for details to come.

A Blessing for

Learning to Delight Again

This Sunday, Pastor Susan Kintner will reference Kate Bowler, author of *Everything Happens* and *No Cure for Being Human*.

You can learn more at <https://katebowler.com> or check out Bowler's podcast, "Everything Happens."

Bowler shares several blessings on her website and this one seems appropriate for us today:

A blessing for learning to delight again.

blessed are you, the pragmatic. you who have run the math and know what adds up... and what doesn't. you have set it all down. you who don't hope or dream or plan anymore because... what's the point?

but blessed are you, learning to live here. your world has shrunk. pain or grief or fear has sucked up every bit of oxygen from the room and every ounce of delight has been squeezed from your hands.

but blessed are we, who discover that even in the smallness, our attention might compress even more.

we who pull out a magnifying glass to discover... to notice... to taste... to smell... the small joys and simple pleasures that make a life worth living.

you who wear the fancy blouse because it makes you feel nice, long after you thought your body was worth decorating. you who eat the over-the-top meal because that is what today can afford.

you who make the memory and plan the trip and who snap a picture because we know that this one, wild, precious life might cost us everything... so why not make it not just bearable, but beautiful.

Thank You

Dear Friends at St. Andrew,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$400. The Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) truly appreciates your commitment to supporting survivors of domestic violence in Washington County and we're grateful for your kindness.

Since 1975, DVRC has been providing life-saving services to survivors of domestic violence, but our work would not be possible without the help of people like you! We thank you for continuing to support our mission of educating, supporting, and empowering those affected by domestic violence after so many years.

Rosemary (Rowie) Taylor
Executive Director

Preparing for Reformation Sunday October 31, 2021

Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel: John 8:31-3680



Thanksgiving Is Coming



The Service Committee is once again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families and we need your help. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education. These are families that really need help.

Last year, generous donations from St. Andrew members enabled us to purchase \$50 Winco gift cards for 75 families. We would like to achieve this goal again. Any donations that exceed our goal of \$3,750 will be donated to the St Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community who needs food assistance.

If you wish to give on-line, select the Thanksgiving Food Drive fund or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with Thanksgiving Food Drive in the memo line.

This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving a needy family the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year.

To give us time to purchase gift cards and get them to these families, our deadline for donation is **Sunday, November 14**.

Please contact LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com, 503-314-6321) or Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com, 503-649-5091) with questions.

Farm Workers Drive a Success

The Western Farm Workers Association fall drive was successful with more than 330 food and clothing items collected.

Among items donated were 183 articles of clothing, which included 40 coats, 31 sweatshirts, and 11 sweaters, as well as work pants, rain jackets, work boots, and other miscellaneous clothing items.

A total of 148 food items were collected, including 65 cans of tuna, 21 bags/cans of pinto beans, 9 bags of rice, 9 jars of peanut butter, 5 jars of jam, 7 bottles of cooking oil – plus other miscellaneous food items.

Everything was delivered to the Western Farm Workers office in Hillsboro on Monday, October 4. Peter Berger, WFWA operations manager, thanks the people of St. Andrew for their generosity.

Service Committee



Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Volunteers Needed

Your help is needed. Twice a year, St. Andrew coordinates the Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering for churches in Oregon, SW Washington, and Idaho, when we collect School Kits and Quilts. Churches are donating these gifts to communities around the globe. To learn more, go to <https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits>.

We are preparing for our Fall LWR Ingathering and looking for volunteers to help load the shipping container. Volunteers are organized in shifts of 2 hours. That's right – we're looking for just two hours of your time for this important ministry.

Churches will deliver their donations to St. Andrew on **Friday, October 29**, or **Saturday, October 30**. We need volunteers to unload boxes from cars or pack the boxes in the shipping container. The boxes weigh up to 45 pounds. The Friday shifts are 8 to 10, 10 to 12, 12 to 2 and 2 to 4. The single 3-hour shift on Saturday is 9 to 12. St. Andrew COVID-19 guidelines apply to this activity.

If you haven't already signed up or have questions please contact Roger Sandquist (503-840-0001 or rogersandquist@frontier.com).

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Kay (mother)	Comfort, peace, and God's love as death nears	Linda Olshausen
Maverick Dixon (unborn nephew)	Complete healing in the womb	AJ & Rebecca Uecker
Madeleine (granddaughter)	Effective treatment and healing	Mary Smith
Robert and Channa	Support and comfort	Carol Harker
St. Timothy Catholic Church, Brookings, OR	Positive resolution to community opposition	India Jensen Kerr
Grunewald Guild staff and teachers	Support and wisdom	Susan Kintner
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Gary Grafwallner, Ian MacDonald, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason Brian McKiernan, Carol Means, Ed Pacey, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Nan Thompson, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Zion Lutheran Church (Redmond, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Shepherd in the Hills Lutheran Church (Sisters, OR)		
Masjid Abu Bakr (Portland)	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

If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629
or e-mail office@standrewlutheran.com Tuesday-Friday, prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com Saturday-Monday.

Bonhoeffer, The Church, and the Climate Question



Pacific Lutheran University invites the public to attend its 16th Annual David & Marilyn Knutson Lecture at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 2**, via Zoom. This year's speaker is James B. Martin-Schramm, professor emeritus of religion at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

The lecture will begin with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's provocative 1933 essay on "The Church and the Jewish Question" and draw parallels to climate change. Where virulent anti-Semitism was the most important issue facing the church in Bonhoeffer's day, Martin-Schramm argues Bonhoeffer would have grave concerns about the impacts of climate change on present and future generations. Martin-Schramm explains how Martin Luther's doctrine of the two kingdoms shaped Bonhoeffer's critique of the church and state in his day regarding "the Jewish Question" and ponders how Bonhoeffer might challenge the feeble responses of both the state and the church to the climate crisis. The lecture explores tensions between patriotism and resistance and considers how God is at work in the world today among all who are striving for climate justice.



For detailed information and to register for the free event, go to

plu.edu/religion/knutson-lecture.

Keep Fright Away

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) advises that hosting a Halloween party for grownups this year is doable, but with the highly transmittable Delta variant, it does take some planning and caution.



"Make sure you're vaccinated; that's number one," said Ali Hamade, OHA senior health advisor and deputy state epidemiologist. "Number two, wear a good face covering that is at least two layers thick. A Halloween mask will not do the job."

Hamade adds that outdoor events are best because the risk of transmission is much lower than socializing indoors. Keep the guest list small and stick with vaccinated guests (no children under 12); discourage people from crowding together; wash your hands before and after eating; and don't touch your face with unwashed hands. If guests go inside, remind them to wear their masks and physically distance. Open windows and run a fan or air purifier to maximize ventilation.

If your party takes place during trick-or-treating, please wear a mask when handing out candy.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Tira Nessel	503-866-5099

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 24

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Children’s Ministry with Donna Brocker	Children’s Library
10:00 am	Confirmation (for grades 6-8)	Library and via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Road Trip: The Missionary Journeys of Paul.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Faith in Finance: Making Giving More Meaningful.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Monday, October 25

6:00 pm	Scout Troop Leaders	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Meeting	East Parking Lot

Tuesday, October 26

7:00 am	Sunrise Women.....	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Men’s Gathering & Bible Study.....	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
9:00 am	Facilities Team Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:15 am	Community Carbon Leadership Meeting.....	Adult Library
7:00 pm	Table Talk.....	via Zoom

Wednesday, October 27—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Yoga Class	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Informal Gathering Time.....	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm	High School Youth Pumpkin Carving.....	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer	participate via Zoom

Thursday, October 28

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study.....	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Adult Library
7:00 pm	IT Meeting.....	Offsite

Friday, October 29

7:00 am	LWR Ingathering	Garden Parking Lot
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 30

7:00 am	LWR Ingathering	Garden Parking Lot
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Sunday, October 31, Reformation Sunday

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Adult Education Special Topic: The Doctrine of Discovery	Fellowship Hall and via Zoom
10:00 am	Children’s Ministry with Donna Brocker	Children’s Library
10:00 am	Confirmation (for grades 6-8)	Library and via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group.....	Youth Room
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

8:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or watch the livestream of worship on YouTube. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*



The same link will bring you to the recording of the service to watch anytime after the livestream ends.
An audio recording of the 8:30 am service will be available Sunday afternoon by simply dialing **503-643-9416**.



11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or participate in worship via Zoom. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*

To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of 9/30/2021

Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Report Date 10/13/2021

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
M & M Giving is 89% of Budget FYTD, and 93% of Monthly Budget
Expenses are 93% of budget, but 108% of actual giving received to date
September's Mortgage Principal only payments were \$20,210

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	73	145	32	249		
Monthly Total	291	580	126	987	\$ 44,821	\$ 16,379
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 55,342	\$ 12,732

3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M & M) Fund "Operating Budget") (AKA)	Budget FYTD	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD Amount	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2021-2022	\$ 166,025	\$ 147,334	89%	
Expenses FY 2021-2022	\$ 169,805	\$ 158,509	93%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2021-2022	\$ 46,049	\$ 38,196	\$ 58,767	\$ 702,068	\$ 12,732
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 20,210	The Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to pay mortgage and payments to Capital Campaign (A Hope for All).		

Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, disaster relief, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 104,946	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 1,343	-	\$ 30,458	
COVID Hunger Relief	\$ 387	\$ 1,200	\$ 260	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$8,272			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2021

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Gretchen Bancroft (Finance Team Chair), Joel Johnson, Linda Sah Olshausen

Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney, Tammy Piscatelli, Tracie Semenchalam

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Scout Troop 618 Treasurer: Johanna Au