

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 12, 2021

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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Worship Services:
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

Protecting Our Youth

In preparing to resume fall programming at St. Andrew, the Re-opening Team has recommended to the Executive Committee that all staff and volunteers working with youth be required to be fully vaccinated. Members of the Executive Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendation and drafted the following statement for the Congregational Council to consider at its September meeting:

All employees and volunteers supporting the church or using church facilities who specifically work with youth, including organizations such as Scouts and Bee Bops Kids who use St. Andrew facilities, are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The only exceptions are for documented advice by a personal physician, or elevated risk because of anaphylactic shock caused by a previous dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

If approved by Council, the vaccination requirement would be effective October 18, thus conforming to the state mandate for teachers in Oregon.

September Drive for Western Farm Workers



During the month of September, the Service Committee will collect food and clothing items for the Western Farm Workers. Please donate new or gently used clean coats, sweaters, rain pants, and work boots in all sizes for adults and children. The WFW also has an urgent need for food items this year: pinto beans, white rice, peanut butter and jelly, cooking oil, and canned tuna. Please place items in or near the collection barrel in the Narthex. Thank you.

The Service Committee

Keesecker in Concert Live and Livestreamed

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Saturday, September 25, 2021
7:00 PM | Sanctuary | Freewill offering

Thomas Keesecker will perform music from his best-selling "Quiet Series" piano collections in an hour-long program of piano music, congregational song, and poetry. Tom is a well-known Lutheran church musician and composer whose informal folksy programs have been compared to a show featuring Garrison Keillor and George Winston. A Lutheran pastor described Tom's piano style as a blend of Paul Manz and Thelonious Monk! People have been touched by his arrangements of *Beautiful Savior*, *Jesu*, *Joy of Man's Desiring*, *There Is a Balm in Gilead*, and his Celtic- and Jazz-influenced stylings of other well-known hymns.



CDs of his music will be available for purchase at the performance.

11:00 am Worship Returns to the Sanctuary

On Sunday, September 12, the 11 o'clock service moves from the Sanctuary of the Firs inside to the Sanctuary itself. This is also the Sunday that we welcome Pastor Mark back to the pulpit following his productive and invigorating sabbatical.

Remember that all online worship options at St. Andrew remain available. If you feel apprehensive about gathering to worship together, simply connect to worship via YouTube or Zoom. You'll find links in the email accompanying this newsletter.

Christian Education Begins September 19

Education classes are set to resume between services next Sunday, September 19, with a few twists.



Christian Education

Concierge Treatment for Kids; "The Roots" Postponed

After listening to our families with children too young to be vaccinated against COVID-19, we have decided to postpone the launch of our new Sunday morning children's program, "The Roots." We're still excited about this program and believe it can be the future of our Sunday morning children's programming, but we'll start "The Roots" once we can do so safely and our families with children are comfortable to attend. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this program already.

In the meantime, to begin the year Donna Brocker will be hosting individualized time with children whose families are comfortable attending. Youngsters ages 3-grade 5 will gather at 10:00 am in the Children's Library on September 19 for some special time.

Confirmation

Confirmation for youth in grades six-eight will begin in the Adult Library at 10:00 am the same Sunday, with a Zoom option for those preferring to participate remotely.

High School Youth Group: The Dichotomy of God and Science

We're looking forward to kicking off another year of High School Youth Group at 10:00 am in the Youth Room on September 19. This year, we'll begin by discussing the centuries-old (but ever-present) false dichotomy of God and science, leading us to redefine what we're talking about when we talk about God and opening us up to see the divine at work in real, meaningful ways in our everyday lives.

Adult Education

Two classes will be offered during the five-week Adult Education term that begins Sunday, September 19, at 10:00 am. Steve Christian will teach his class, "Road Trip: The Missionary Journeys of Paul," via Zoom, while Andy Roberts and Dwight Jerde invite people to join them in Fellowship Hall for "Faith in Finance: Making Giving More Meaningful."

Pick up an Adult Education brochure at church or see the website for more details on St. Andrew's classes and other opportunities for faith formation throughout the year.

I Am My Story

This year, The Immigrant Story is going live at the Alex L. Parks Performing Arts Center with four musicians and four stories of survival on one unforgettable night, **Saturday, September 11**, at 7:00 pm. For more information, please go online to <https://theimmigrantstory.org/i-am-my-story-live/>.



With storytellers from Burundi, Rwanda, Cambodia, and Syria, the program focuses on first-person tales of courage and fortitude.

The program will begin with a performance by renowned viola player Dijana Ihas, a professor at Pacific University who survived the war in Bosnia and was a member of the Sarajevo String Quartet, which played more than 200 concerts during the Siege of Sarajevo. She will be joined by three musicians from the Oregon Symphony.

MACG Leadership Training



You have heard the name "MACG" from time to time at St. Andrew. Perhaps you are wondering what this organization is all about. You are invited to attend a FREE leadership training institute in September. Come and see.

- **Come to learn fundamental organizing skills:** Individual relational meetings, listening sessions, research and action to help obtain a concrete, winnable outcome.
- **Come to strengthen our St. Andrew community.** We strive to engage people within a culture that is relational, action-oriented, and reflective.
- **Come to learn to distinguish problems from issues.** We can help work for common good by moving from general problems to concrete, winnable issues by using relationships we have made with decision-makers in the public arena.

This training will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 18, and Saturday, September 25. The sessions will be held over Zoom, so you may join us from the comfort of your home.

Many St. Andrew members have taken this training (often more than once), and all have reported taking away important skills that strengthen our St. Andrew community as well as skills that are useful in their lives outside of St. Andrew.

To register, go to

https://www.macg.org/sept_2021_leadership
or visit the MACG webpage (www.macg.org)
and scroll down to find the link to register.

Questions? Please contact any member of the St. Andrew MACG Core Team: Pat Christiansen, Larry Bliesner, Lynn Santelmann, Scott Taylor, Victoria Kovalenko, Bob Stadel, or Jan Smith.

Centering Prayer Workshop

Anyone interested in learning more about Centering Prayer? There will be an Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop on **Saturday September 11**, from 9:30 am-1:00 pm via Zoom. This workshop is presented jointly by the Franciscan Spiritual Center and Contemplative Outreach of Oregon. The instructors are experienced contemplative outreach teachers of the Centering Prayer method developed by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating and two other monks in 1981. This is the method Mary Smith and I have been following in our Zoom Centering Prayer time on Wednesday evenings after the mid-week evening service.



Centering Prayer is described as "a receptive method of silent prayer"... "in which we experience God's presence within us; closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship."

Cost for the workshop is \$35. For more information about how to register for this workshop as well as Zoom follow-ups scheduled for September 18, 25, and October 4 and 11, visit

www.contemplativeoutreachportland.com/

Ginny Link

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters will meet **Saturday, September 18**, from 9:00 am-2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Join us for all or part of the time to work on baby quilts and larger quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We're trying to finish as many LWR quilts as possible so they're ready to go at the October Ingathering. No experience is needed and all supplies are provided.

Please note that, at this time, we are not eating together inside the church, but we do recommend that you bring a snack or lunch. We'll take a break to enjoy some fellowship time at tables outside.

Bells of Grace

The Bells of Grace will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 15**, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will be masked during rehearsals to keep everyone safe. Please contact Deacon Susan Reiser if you are a returning ringer or want to join the choir. She is available between services to answer your questions.

What's Up with Choir?

Minister of Music & Media Allison Katsufrakis announced to choir members last week, that given rising numbers of COVID infections, choir practice will not resume in September as it usually does. Instead, she hopes to begin rehearsals in October, with an eye toward the choir singing for Reformation Sunday (October 31) and the Advent/Christmas season. Meanwhile, special singing masks have been ordered.

Please, everyone, get vaccinated, wear a mask, wash your hands, maintain physical distancing, and pray that by working together we can squelch the virus so no more waves of infection threaten our healthcare system and the valiant people it employs.

Native Wildflower Garden

St. Andrew's Earth Care team is developing a new garden bed this fall in our Reformation Earth Garden next to the back patio. In the fall of 2020, we planted five native trees in the garden and this past spring we planted a number of native shrubs. With one exception, these woody plants are doing well.



We're now working on a native wildflower garden just beyond the Reformation Cedar. Currently this wildflower garden is a large semi-circle of prepared soil surrounded by a low red brick border. Next week, we'll begin planting 14 native flowering perennials and seeding six native flower annuals in this part of the garden. If you're interested in our plant choices, email Eric Luttrell (luttrem722@gmail.com) and he will send you two plant lists that may be helpful in planning your own wildflower garden.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Don Brown (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Bob and Mary Brown
Family and friends of Kathie Karl (Doug's sister)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Doug & Jan Morrell
Family and friends of Lois Brass (longtime member)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Camille Jackson
Family and friends of Sharon McBride	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Jim & Pat Hilliker
Family and friends of William Huffman	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Pat Hilliker
Agnes Sandquist (Roger's mother)	Peaceful passing	Roger & Pat Sandquist
Joyce (sister)	Healing and recovery from COVID-19	Judy Scholz
Granddaughter of Bill & Sandi Beavers	Healing and recovery from COVID-19	Bill & Sandi Beavers
Dr. Cara Steinkeler (daughter)	Strength and protection as she works with COVID patients	Gary & Gail Grafwallner
Hospital staff in Oregon and beyond	Protection, strength, and support	Staff
Maverick Dixon (unborn nephew)	Complete healing in the womb	AJ & Rebecca Uecker
Sandi Beavers	Comfort and peace awaiting surgery	Sandi Beavers
Carol Means	Healing and recovery following surgery	Staff
Nan Thompson	Healing and recovery following surgery	Staff
Satya Semenchalam	Healing and recovery following surgery	Rakesh & Tracie Semenchalam
Ethan & Mary Brocker	Blessings on their married life together	Staff
All those suffering from natural disasters	Protection and safety	Staff
People in Afghanistan	Safety and security	Staff
St. Andrew Council, Executive Committee, Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Karen Klingelhafer, Kyler Vogt, and all seminarians	Encouragement and support	Staff
India Jensen Kerr and all theology students		
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Hope Lutheran Church (Klamath Falls, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Klamath Lutheran Church (Klamath Falls, OR)		
Bethany Musallah (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

Synod Day of Learning: Faithful in the Fray

The Oregon Synod staff invite all of us to participate in the second annual Synod Day of Learning on **Saturday, September 25**, from 9:15 am-3:45 pm. The rise of the Delta variant will not stop us – workshops and the keynote address will all be offered via Zoom.

Conversations and workshops will follow the theme of the year at the Oregon Synod: Faithful in the Fray. This fall we will be looking at faithfulness as it applies to faith and racism, and we are delighted to share that local leader and author **Pr. Lenny Duncan** has agreed to be our keynoter. Workshops will be both morning and afternoon, with these morning options recently announced:

Morning Option 1: Discomfort as a Crucial Space for an Anti-racist Reading of Biblical Texts

In this workshop with Rev. Carmenmargarita Sanchez De Leon, we will take a panoramic look at how biblical texts have been used to justify racism and at the same time we will be invited to embrace discomfort as a learning space to delve into systemic racism and reach an anti-racist and feminist reading of biblical texts.

Morning Option 2: Facing the Climate Crisis and Holding Hope in Communion with our Ancestors

Led by Cherice Bock and Juan Carlos La Puente, we will explore in this session how our efforts toward climate justice and reckoning with racism are connected to our own inter-generational liberation and healing. We'll expand our awareness of our bodies as sacred living memories that connect us to the earth and to each other.

Morning Option 3: Hidden Stories, Our Stories

How can we unearth the effects of racism and systemic injustices in our own stories? We'll take time to explore our personal narrative and powerful tools for sharing those narratives, making room for the hidden stories we need to hear from one another. Led by Jordan Beck and Rev. Ron Werner, Jr.

The entire day's event is only \$50 per screen for adults over 21. Under 21 is free. Scholarships are available by contacting the Synod office at office@oregonsynod.org. Registration closes on September 20 at 9:00 pm.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Monday, September 13

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 5618 Meeting	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club.....	via Zoom

Tuesday, September 14

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	Facility Management Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Lydia Circle.....	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts Adult Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom

Wednesday, September 15—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

1:00 pm	Caring Ministry Team Meeting	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Informal Gathering Time.....	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm	Mission Committee.....	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer	participate via Zoom
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer.....	participate via Zoom

Thursday, September 16

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study.....	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Council Meeting.....	via Zoom & St. Andrew Room

Friday, September 17

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 18

9:00 am	Nifty Notters.....	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, September 19

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	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 (masks required).....	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Deadlines to Note

Monday, October 4

Organ lesson scholarship applications due.

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://standrewlutheran.com/give/st-andrew-foundation/>.



Now—Mid-November

This fall, make room on your bookshelves and help the St. Andrew libraries at the same time by pruning your collection. Drop off your donations in the Adult Library. A Used Book Sale to fund purchases of new books is scheduled for **Sunday, November 28**.

Preparing for Next Sunday September 19, 2021

Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



A Note about Yoga

Our yoga teachers are traveling in September. Wednesday morning classes for both floor and chair yoga will resume October 13 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

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.