

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 5, 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

Note: Face masks are now required for all in-person worship. Please see the article below for details.

Guest Preacher Ron Werner, Jr.

On this final Sunday of Pastor Mark's sabbatical, we welcome Ron Werner, Jr., pastor and community organizer, to St. Andrew. Werner, Jr. is the founding director of Together Lab, which accompanies people of faith out of isolation and into a leader-full ecology of movements and ministries in Oregon. Using a fusion of sacred organizing and design thinking, this work has led to the activation of cohorts, collectives, and circles exploring everything from Oregon's hidden racist history to ecumenical youth ministry to immigrant justice to affordable housing to faith and the vaccine. Ron is an ordained pastor in the ELCA. At home, he loves to cook and dance alongside his wife, Erin and two young daughters, Dylan and Averie.



Mask Mandate Inside and Out

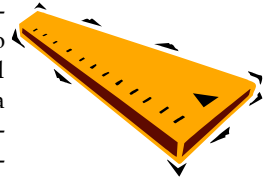


Masks are now required at all in-person worship. As always, we request and expect all who worship together at St. Andrew to be vaccinated. If you're feeling apprehensive about gathering for worship together, that's understandable. Please make decisions that are best for you and your household. Remember that all online worship options at St. Andrew remain available for everyone.

Lutheran World Relief School Supplies

Good news! We have everything needed to fill 100 school bags for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your generous donations that enable young people around the world to access educational opportunities that will enrich their lives.

If you've already purchased school supplies but haven't delivered them to church yet, feel free to bring them in and we'll store those supplies to provide a head start on next year's campaign. Otherwise, consider donating your purchases to schools or other organizations supporting young people in need.



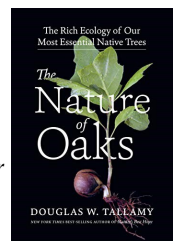
The Service Committee

Earth Care Books

It began with Kristin Ohlson's book, *The Soil Will Save Us*, more than two years ago and, since then, members of St. Andrew's Community Carbon and Earth Care Team have discovered even more books to inspire and instruct all of us who are motivated to protect our planet home.

Recently, the group presented our St. Andrew Library with seven highly recommended books:

- Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Dirt to Soil*, by Gabe Brown
- Finding the Mother Tree*, by Suzanne Simard
- The Nature of Oaks*, by Douglas W. Tallamy
- Nature's Best Hope*, by Douglas W. Tallamy
- Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Back Yards*, by Sara Stein
- The Soil Will Save Us*, by Kristin Ohlson



Please give Pam Farr, our adult librarian, a little time to get these catalogued and shelved, but then check them out. If you have questions about issues beyond these books or recommendations for other reading on the topic of Earth Care, feel free to contact any member of our team: Bev Briggs, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christensen, Carol Harker, Liz Hardy, Allison Katsuftrakis, Eric Luttrell, Don Nearhood, or LuAnn Staul.

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

PUBLIC PRAYER FOR WATER PROTECTORS

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FAITH TRADITIONS

BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
9AM: GATHERING
10AM: PRAYER

COVID 19 - MASKS REQUIRED

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 4:00 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.

Sabbatical Thanks

Thank you for our sabbatical journey and your warm welcome to our guest preachers over the past several weeks. We welcome Pastor Mark back to the church office on Tuesday, September 7!

Pastor Susan

Preparing for Next Sunday September 12, 2021

Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38



I Am My Story

This year, The Immigrant Story plans to go live with four musicians and four stories of survival on one unforgettable night, Saturday, September 11, at 7:00 pm. The event will be held at the Alex L. Parks Performing Arts Center, 9000 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy.



With storytellers from Burundi, Rwanda, Cambodia, and Syria, the program focuses on first-person tales of courage and fortitude. These stories of resilience in the face of unimaginable atrocities of war and genocide offer hope and inspiration at a time when we need them most.

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.

Thomas Keesecker in Concert Live & 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.



Organ Scholarship Applications Due



The St. Andrew Foundation is delighted to announce that it is continuing to offer a scholarship for organists ages 13-30. This award offers aspiring young musicians financial assistance to pay for organ lessons or other materials needed for their studies. For more information and to apply, please go to

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

The application deadline is Monday, October 4. If you have questions, please email foundation@standrewlutheran.com.

Synod Day of Learning

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 via Zoom.

Conversations and workshops will follow the theme of Faithful in the Fray. This fall we will look at faithfulness as it applies to faith and racism, and we are delighted to share that local leader and author **Pr. Lenny Duncan** will be our keynoter. Workshops will be both morning and afternoon, and will include themes such as anti-racist reading of the Bible, crafting new liturgies as sacred collective action, and honoring our grief around the history of racism.

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.

A Book Sale's Coming: It's Time to Prune Your Collection!

Yes, there's gonna be a used book sale, scheduled for Sunday, November 28, and we need all your cast-off and no-longer-desired books to sell. Simply put your donations in the boxes on the floor of the Adult Library or on the counter. You can bring in magazines, children's books, history, fiction, too, whatever you think you're ready to pass on. Proceeds will enable us to purchase new books for our St. Andrew libraries.

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

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 & 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 Gloria Heidinger	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Heidinger (sister-in-law)
Family and friends of Sharon McBride	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Jim & Pat Hilliker
Family and friends of Bob Carlson (uncle)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Carol Hogan
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
Baby Raya and her family	Strength and comfort	Ginny Link (great-grandaunt)
Kay (mother)	Effective treatment and recovery	Linda Sah Olshausen
Joyce (sister)	Effective treatment and recovery	Judy Scholz
Satya Semenchalam	Healing and recovery following surgery	Rakesh & Tracie Semenchalam
Nan Thompson	Healing and recovery following surgery	Staff
Carol Means	Comfort and patience awaiting surgery	Staff
Maverick Dixon (unborn nephew)	Complete healing in the womb	AJ & Rebecca Uecker
John Fiegenbaum	Healing and comfort	Amy Fiegenbaum
Dr. Cara Steinkeler (daughter)	Strength as she works with COVID patients	Gary & Gail Grafwallner
Jan Smith & Sue Cahlander	A COVID-free bubble during their travels	Jan Smith & Sue Cahlander
All those suffering from natural disasters	Protection and safety	Staff
People in Afghanistan	Safety and security	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar & Oregon Synod Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brockner, Evan Dahlquist, Dawson Dethlefs, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Protection and safety	Staff
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Cave Junction, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Calvary Lutheran Church (Grants Pass, OR)		
Congregation Neveh Shalom (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.

Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop

Anyone interested in learning more about Centering Prayer? There will be a Zoom Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop on **Saturday September 11**, from 9:30 am-1:00 pm. This workshop is presented jointly by the Franciscan Spiritual Center and Contemplative Outreach of Oregon. The instructors are experienced in the Centering Prayer method developed by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating 1981. This is the method Mary Smith and I have followed 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, go to: www.contemplativeoutreachportland.com/

What's Up with Choir?

Minister of Music & Media Allison Katsufraakis announced to choir members this 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.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 5

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (masks required)	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Livestream Worship	listen/watch via telephone or online
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (masks required)	Sanctuary of the Firs
11:00 am	Online Worship	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Monday, September 6—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7

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)
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Offsite
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, September 8—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Yoga (both Chair Yoga & Floor Yoga)	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Reopening Committee Meeting	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library
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, September 9

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
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Friday, September 10

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, September 12

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (masks required)	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Livestream Worship	listen/watch via telephone or online
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (masks required)	Sanctuary of the Firs
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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 of the Firs 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.

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 e-mailing office@standrewlutheran.com.

Text Giving

Text 503-386-9646 with the amount you wish to give. You can give a one-time 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.

Church App (<https://app.ministryone.com/landing/nBv>)

A convenient way to stay connected—and to give—is by using St. Andrew's 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!