

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

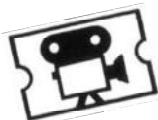
December 6, 2020—The Second Sunday of Advent

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

Our church community is OPEN and gathering ONLINE and BY TELEPHONE. We welcome you to meet up with us there!  
For your safety and to protect the most vulnerable, access to the church building remains HIGHLY RESTRICTED.

## December Movie Night



Do you like going to the movies? And talking about them afterward? We are planning monthly St. Andrew movie nights, COVID-style. We will select some movies to stream at home and then each month, we'll invite you to bring out the popcorn and gather around your computer screens as we talk about what we liked (and didn't like) about that month's movie.

Our first Movie Night will be **Friday, December 11**, at 7:00 pm. Since it's December, let's watch a classic—*A Christmas Carol*. I counted no less than 20 versions of this movie that can be streamed. Some are old black and white classics from as far back as 1938, some are animated, some are modern interpretations, as recent as 2020. You can stream many different versions on Amazon, some for free, some for a small rental fee. Or you may have your own favorite DVD of this classic at home. It will be fun to compare highlights with each other, as well as reflect on this beautiful story of redemption. This will also be a time to make suggestions for films for future movie nights.



You'll find the Zoom link for our first Movie Night in Carol's "Weekly News" e-mail on Friday, December 11.

*Mary Smith*

## Worship Connection Problems



St. Andrew's tech team is offering a new service on Sundays for anyone having difficulty connecting to worship. Between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm, you can simply call the church office at 503-646-0629 to get help from the pros. Remember that Rebecca Fako Uecker also continues to offer technical help for church-related purposes. You can contact her at [RLS.HOPE@yahoo.com](mailto:RLS.HOPE@yahoo.com).

## Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays

During Advent, St. Andrew's Wednesday evening services will center around the beloved Holden Evening Prayer, with Julie Aageson offering meditations from her new book, *Finding Home*. Please join us for any or all of these events on **Wednesday, December 9, December 16, and December 23**:

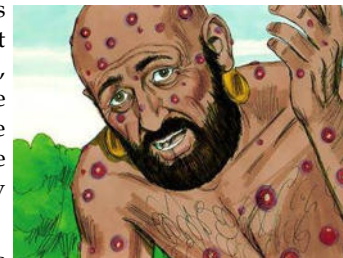
- 6:30 pm: Informal Gathering Time
- 7:00 pm: Holden Evening Prayer
- 7:30 pm: Centering Prayer & Other Opportunities

Advent offers the perfect opportunity to engage in Centering Prayer as we sit in silence to await the celebration of Christ's coming.

The Zoom connection link is sent out Wednesday afternoons, so watch your inbox for it.

## Adult Education: The Miseries of Job

Steve Christiansen will continue his exploration of the Book of Job at 10:00 am on **Sunday, December 6**, with Session 6. You'll find a course outline on St. Andrew's website and can access the class using the same Zoom link needed for Sunday worship.



An incorrect translation has led us to believe that Job was a patient man.

Not so, Christiansen explains, but he was persistent and he kept going in spite of the odds. Job's story is relevant for our time in that it raises many questions about the suffering of the innocent.

## Christmas Giving Tree

St. Andrew will be doing a Giving Tree for needy families with children enrolled at Barnes Elementary again this year. Like all of us, these parents yearn to make the holidays sparkle for their children, and we can help.



Just as we did with Thanksgiving Boxes, we'll be providing gift cards in 2020, giving parents the opportunity to shop for what their families need most. You can donate to the cause by sending a check made out to St. Andrew with Giving Tree in the memo line. If you prefer to give electronically, select "Give" on the menu bar of St. Andrew's website, then "Click here to give now." Once you've signed in to your account, select the green "Give" button and then choose the fund "Christmas Giving Tree."

Questions? Please call Donna Bocker at 503-502-6156. And read about the challenges one family is facing below:

## One Family's Story

Matt & Carolyn, both of whom lost their jobs due to the coronavirus, have eight children—two biological children, Carolyn's sister's four kids, and two younger foster children, one of whom has special needs. They've been fortunate to be able to keep their apartment, but food is their number one priority this Christmas season. Carolyn is also determined to emphasize reading in her home, so books suitable for children ages 2-10 are another wish she has for Christmas. In addition, at least a couple of the children need coats. Little bodies grow quickly.

Matt & Carolyn worry about when they'll be able to return to work, about keeping their children fed and healthy, about keeping them warm and well-occupied when so much of normal life has been disrupted. If you have the wherewithal to help relieve their worries, please donate to St. Andrew's Giving Tree ministry.

## Advent Devotional


Allison Katsufarakis, Libby Calhoun, and Deacon Susan Reiser have created a family friendly devotional for every day in Advent. There is an Advent wreath to color as the weeks progress. For each day of the season, there is a picture to color, a scripture passage, and a suggestion for an action to take in your home. The scripture passages come from a variety of sources, so even if you think you know the story you might discover new insights. Take some time during this busy season to pause and reflect on the gift of the Word made flesh. Visit the St. Andrew website to find the Advent Devotional: <https://standrewlutheran.com/worship/>.

## Let's Talk, Let's Listen Reboot

Last summer, the St. Andrew MACG Core Team organized a listening campaign, encouraging members to make phone calls to people we missed seeing at church. Now that this unusual holiday season has arrived, and the colder weather prevents outdoor gatherings, it's time to check in once again. Look for details in early January about how to be a part of this reboot.

In the meantime, please let the Core Team know how we can improve the program. Contact any of us—Pat Christiansen, Larry Bliesner, Scott Taylor, Bob Stadel, Victoria Kovalenko, Lynn Santelmann, or Pastor Robyn—if you have any feedback.

## Rebuilding and Recovery

 It has been a couple of months now since John and Christine Core lost their home and almost everything they owned in one of the wildfires that ravaged Oregon. If you'd like to help them get re-established, please consider donating to Go Fund Me account <https://gf.me/u/v8828q>, which was set up to make this season more joyful for them. If you have questions, please contact Michael & Barbara Keys at 971-219-2820.



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*Both pastors are on call  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.*

## Leadership Training Opportunity

Plan now to attend a FREE leadership training institute through the magic of the Internet in December.

**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 institutions:** Engage people systematically in a culture that is relational, action-oriented, and reflective.

**Come to learn to distinguish problems from issues:** From general problems to concrete, winnable issues by using relational power in the public arena to negotiate for the common good.



The eight-hour training will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm PST on:

**Tuesday, December 8**  
**Thursday, December 10**  
**Tuesday, December 15**  
**Thursday, December 17.**

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.

Click the link below to register:

[http://www.macg.org/dec\\_leadership\\_training](http://www.macg.org/dec_leadership_training)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the meeting.

Questions? Please contact any member of the St. Andrew MACG Core Team: Pat Christiansen, Larry Bliesner, Lynn Santelmann, Scott Taylor, Victoria Kovalenko, Bob Stadel, LuAnn Staul, or Pastor Robyn. If you have any problems with registration, e-mail Mary Nemmers: [mary@macg.org](mailto:mary@macg.org).

## Opportunities for Reckoning with Racism

Our St. Andrew Reckoning with Racism cohort is just completing our first quarter and preparing to start up again with 200 other people of faith on Zoom in January. If you'd like to join the 16 people in our cohort, please watch the videos of the sessions of our first quarter at <https://www.commonableoregon.org/rwr-members>. The password is **RwR\*202021**. Beginning in January, we'll gather on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22). Please be in touch with Pastor Robyn if you would like more information or would like to join our cohort. E-mail her at [PastorRobyn@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:PastorRobyn@standrewlutheran.com).

## Greeting Cards Redux



Many thanks for both the used and the unused greeting cards put into the collection box in Fellowship Hall. I have turned many used cards into gift tags and gift bags. The unused cards are matched with envelopes and sent on to bless both senders and receivers. Thank you for recycling!

*Pam Meredith*

Editor's Note:

If you'd like to contribute to Pam's Card Ministry while the pandemic continues to keep the church doors locked, simply drop them off at the Narthex entrance. You'll find a bin behind the food collection barrel. We'll make sure Pam continues to be well-stocked with cards.

## Caroling in 2020

One thing we look forward to every December is the opportunity to sing Christmas Carols to those in our congregation unable to join us for worship and other activities. But, this year, of course, the pandemic means we're unable to visit people in person.



In order to fill that gap, the three sisters—Carol Werner, Susan Werner Reiser, and Kristie Werner Gladhill—have created a short recording of our favorite carols. We hope they are your favorites, too.

After this weekend, you'll be able to find the recording on the St. Andrew website by doing the following:

- Option 1: [www.standrewlutheran.com](http://www.standrewlutheran.com) >  
on the first slide titled "Advent & Christmas,"  
click on "Read More" at the top
- Option 2: [www.standrewlutheran.com](http://www.standrewlutheran.com) >  
in the navigation bar at the top,  
click on "Worship":

Please sing along!

## Managing Your Mental Health During an Unusual Holiday Season

Many of us have found it particularly challenging to manage our own mental health as the pandemic continues, holiday plans are changed, and life as we knew it seems farther and farther away. The Caring Ministries Team recommends a series of articles found on the website for Mental Health USA. This week, take a look at their suggestions for maintaining your own mental health during this unusual holiday season:

<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>

Take some time this week to work on one of St. Andrew's Core Values: Self Care.

*St. Andrew Caring Ministries Team*

## Pandemic Prayer

While we might be feeling worn down and depleted by ongoing pandemic restrictions, Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, has composed a prayer that reminds us of the link between "a simple piece of cloth" and sacrament:

### A Prayer for Putting on a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world,  
help me to see the sacramental nature of this cloth.  
Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love  
for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart,  
that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.  
Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly,  
not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears,  
remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner,  
and may each breath that it holds be filled with your love.

In your name and in that love I pray.

Amen.

## Stock Donation Transfer

Greetings from the Financial Secretaries of St. Andrew. As the end of the calendar year approaches, we want to streamline the process of donating stock to the church since we are volunteering our time remotely from our homes.

Contributions must actually be paid before the close of year to be deductible in 2020. Please allow at least 3 weeks for the completion of the transfer. **Please start the process as soon as possible.**

We ask you to take the necessary steps if you intend to donate stock to St. Andrew this tax year:

1. Download the Stock Transfer Form found on our church website or contact the church office.
2. Contact your brokerage firm to initiate an electronic transfer of securities (see form for instructions/details).
3. Complete the form including your intentions for the use of the donation and e-mail a copy to our confidential e-mail address at [financial-secretary@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:financial-secretary@standrewlutheran.com). You may instead send a copy to the church office marked *confidential for Financial Secretaries*. **This form must be turned in at the beginning of the process. Without this form, we cannot complete your request.**
4. Upon receipt of the form, one of the financial secretaries will be in contact with you regarding the progress of the electronic stock transfer to the church's securities firm, Charles Schwab.

Thank you for your generosity to the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew.

*Tammy Piscitelli, 503-307-8837*  
on behalf of the Financial Secretaries

## Spirituality Book Group News

Fran Miller will lead the discussion when the Spirituality Book Group meets on **Sunday, December 13**, at 3:00 pm to discuss *The Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead. The book won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2020.

"Based on the real story of a reform school in Florida that operated for 111 years and warped the lives of thousands of children, *The Nickel Boys* is a devastating, driven narrative that showcases a great American novelist writing at the height of his powers," says one review on Amazon.

A Zoom link will be sent out to all who are on the Spirituality Book Group e-mail list a few days before the meeting. If you are not on the list, but would like to attend, please contact Mary Smith.

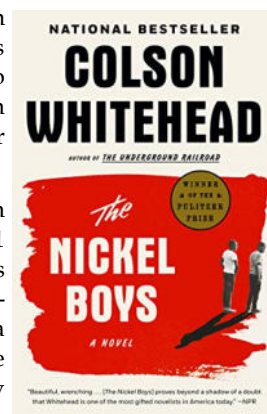
### Future Reading

#### January (Date TBA)

Book: *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders*, by Jennifer Boylan  
Discussion Leader: TBA

#### February (Date TBA)

Book: *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
Discussion Leader: TBA





## In Need of Prayer...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Larry Mostaert (cousin)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Robyn Hartwig
Family and friends of Jim Smith (Gerald's twin)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Mary Smith
Eunice Harrum	Peace and comfort in hospice care	Francine Cach
Dan (brother-in-law)	Proper diagnosis and effective treatment	Judy Scholz
Joyce (sister) and husband Dan	Safety while Dan is in a hospital plagued by COVID	Judy Scholz
Bob Brown	Successful treatment for diabetic retinopathy	Mary Brown
Carol Hogan	Effective treatment and improved test results	Carol Hogan
Joyce Larsen (grandmother)	Healing and recovery from COVID-19	Cole Petersburg
All those struggling with mental health challenges	Healing and calm	Staff
Suzanne Warnes	Thanksgiving for the end of her radiation treatment	Staff
Health care workers	Strength, courage, protection, and support	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and 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	Courage and protection	Staff
New Life Lutheran Church (Florence, OR) Bethany Lutheran Church (Gold Beach, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Bethany Musallah (Portland, OR)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.**

## Birthday Party for Jesus!



This Advent, our annual family-focused Christmas Eve service will look a little different than usual. At 4:00 pm on **Thursday, December 24**, join us via Zoom for a special Birthday Party for Jesus, featuring carols, games, and a visit from our favorite furry friends! We would love it if you would join us to celebrate the holiday. Families are encouraged to dress for the occasion, whether that be with ugly Christmas sweaters or with party hats and balloons! Plus, we'll be giving a special birthday gift to Jesus during the event by doing something nice for others. If you'd like to contribute to this gift, you can do so online at the church

website or by mailing a check to the church; just make sure to mark it for the Birthday Party for Jesus. Keep an eye out for the Zoom link for this event in the "Worship Links" e-mail the week of Christmas Eve. We hope to see you there!

## Thank You

Again, I say thank you to my caring and loving friends at St. Andrew for the prayers, cards, calls, and encouraging words that you shared as I underwent an additional procedure on my right knee. I am progressing well in my rehab and anticipate returning to long walks and golf all in good time. I am truly blessed. Your ongoing kindness, caring, and support are much appreciated.

Gratefully,  
*Bob Cornie*

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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## Preparing for Next Sunday

**December 13, 2020**

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4,  
8-11

Gospel: John 1:6-8,  
19-28



# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Livestream Worship.....	listen/watch via telephone or online
9:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time .....	participate via Zoom
10:00 am	Sunday School.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	Confirmation Class.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Education: The Book of Job .....	via Zoom
11:00 am	Online Worship.....	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time.....	participate via Zoom

## Tuesday, December 8

9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting .....	via Zoom
10:00 am	T'ai Chi .....	former Bales Thriftway on Cornell Rd.
1:30 pm	Service Committee .....	via Zoom
6:00 pm	HR Meeting.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting .....	via Zoom

## Wednesday, December 9—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

6:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Informal Gathering Time .....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer.....	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer & Other Breakout Room Opportunities .....	via Zoom

## Thursday, December 10

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting .....	via Zoom
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## Friday, December 11

10:00 am	T'ai Chi .....	former Bales Thriftway on Cornell Rd.
7:00 pm	St. Andrew Movie Night Discussion: <i>The Christmas Carol</i> .....	via Zoom

## Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Livestream Worship.....	listen/watch via telephone or online
9:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time .....	participate via Zoom
10:00 am	Sunday School.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	Confirmation Class.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Education: The Book of Job .....	via Zoom
11:00 am	Online Worship.....	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time.....	participate via Zoom

## Connecting to Worship at St. Andrew

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 service to watch anytime after the livestream ends.
- If you have a Facebook account and are a member of the “St. Andrew Lutheran Church Beaverton” Facebook Group, please note that a link to the YouTube livestream will be posted on Sunday mornings.
- An audio recording of the 8:30 am service will be available Sunday afternoon by simply dialing **503-643-9416**.



11:00 am: 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, smart phone, tablet, or a telephone.

[office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com): Not getting church e-mails? Contact the office to receive the livestreaming worship link and Zoom invitations.

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

As we maintain social distancing for physical health, it is important to support the fiscal health of St. Andrew. We thank you for your support of the ministries of St. Andrew. 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](mailto: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.

### 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.



### Online at [www.standrewlutheran.com](http://www.standrewlutheran.com)

Click on “Give Now” on the church website. You can also view your giving and print your Contribution Statements here.

### 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. See article on page 3 for more information.

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

## Need Help?

If you discover that you need help connecting to St. Andrew's online worship services and meetings, please e-mail Rebecca Fako Uecker at [RLS.HOPE@yahoo.com](mailto:RLS.HOPE@yahoo.com). She will be available by 9:30 am on Sunday mornings and 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings to provide same-day help for church-related purposes.