St. Andrew Weekly News

January 24, 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

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.

Giving Statements for 2020

St. Andrew's financial secretaries will continue to update 2020 giving records through January 19. Your 2020 giving statements should be available after January 20, 2020. At that time you'll be able to download and print your statement from your InFellowship account on the Give page of the church website.

Please note that statements will be mailed out only upon special request after January 20. If you need a statement mailed to you, please contact the Financial Secretaries or the church office (503-646-0629).

The St. Andrew Finance Team

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Zoom gatherings continue every Wednesday evening for fellowship, worship, and prayer. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the following:

> Informal Gathering Time 6:30 pm

7:00 pm Praver Service 7:30 pm Centering Prayer

Watch for the Zoom link to arrive in your inbox mid-day on Wednesdays.

Bread for the Day and Daily Texts Available

The 2021 edition of Daily Texts, Bible texts selected annually by the Moravian Church and shared worldwide since 1731, are now available, as are copies of Bread for the Day, a book of Bible readings and prayers published by Augsburg Fortress. A donation of \$9.00 is suggested to defray the cost of each book.

If you'd like one or more copies, please contact the church office at office@standrewlutheran.com or call 503-646-0629.

Pastor Robyn's "Outside Hours"

Pastor Robyn is offering weekly opportunities for anyone wanting to meet with her outdoors under the front door overhang at St. Andrew until her final Sunday with St. Andrew on February 7. Feel free to stop by anytime during these "outside hours" for some conversation or to share a prayer. This week's opportunities include Sunday, January 24 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Thurssday, January 28 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm, and Sunday, January 31 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

A brief communion service will be offered at ten minutes before the end of each hour for anybody who desires to participate. Pastor Robyn will provide pre-filled personalized sealed communion cups and wafers.

You can also set up a different time to meet with Pastor Robyn outside at the church or outside at your own home. To schedule a different time, please contact her at 503-646-0629, ext. 211, or at PastorRobyn@standrewlutheran.com.

Table Talk: Misunderstanding Minorities

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 Table Talk



of gathering for Table Talks. Though we cannot gather in person, Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the next Table Talk via Zoom on Thursday, January 28, 7:00-8:00 pm.

In the early hours of Thursday, January 7, having weathered an assault on the Capitol, Congress in a joint session finally certified the election of Joe Biden as President and Kamala Harris as Vice President of the United States. They were inaugurated on Wednesday, January 20. In this Table Talk we will ponder Fareed Zakaria's striking post-election claim that even though Democrats won the presidential election they "misunderstand minorities." He observes that, amazingly, President Trump "appears to have won the second-largest share of the minority vote than any Republican since 1976, according to exit polls. He won the largest percentage of the Black vote since 1996 (though he still got only about 12 percent of the Black vote). One poll indicates he won 35 percent of the Muslim vote." Democrats may be wondering what happened. Zakaria asserts that the Democratic Party's view of multiculturalism "lumps a wide variety of ethnic, racial, and religious groups into one 'minority' monolith and approaches them from a perspective that does not fit us all" (https://tinyurl.com/misunderstanding-minorities). Zakaria himself was born on January 20, 1964, in Mumbai, India. In this Table Talk we will also consider how well Evangelical Lutherans understand minorities. Evangelical Lutherans are known for being the whitest denomination in the country.

Treasurer Needed



St. Andrew's Financial Committee is searching for a Treasurer. At the end of June 2021, Anne Newell will be stepping down from that role to pursue new activities. We're looking for someone to step into her shoes and we're hoping someone

in the congregation will be "willing and able."

Whether one person or a team step forward, we'll train and assist you in taking over this important function for our church. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Call Anne Newell at 503-781-9076 for more information.

Adult Education: The Gospel of Mark

Sunday, January 24, 10:00 am

Mark shares a vision of God's kingdom, where the first are last and those closest to Jesus are filled with fear rather than faith. Things are upside down.

participate via Zoom

Community Warehouse

Each January, St. Andrew has donated barrel loads of household goods to the nonprofit agency Community Warehouse, which furnishes needed furniture and appliances, etc. to families just moving into stable housing. The organization provides almost everything needed to start housekeeping to families graduating from Family Promise, whose families St. Andrew has hosted.

Due to the pandemic, we cannot accept items in our building and the agency is not picking up donations as it did earlier.

If you would like to donate money to this worthwhile agency, you can write a check to St. Andrew Lutheran and indicate "Service Committee—Warehouse" on the memo line. \$40 provides a desk and chair to a child, while \$400 provides the comforts of home for one family.

Thanks for your consideration.

Fran Miller for the Service Committee

P.S. If you wish to personally deliver donated items, the Community Warehouse located at 8380 NW Nyberg St in Tualatin continues to accept donations on Monday-Saturday, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. If you have questions, call them at 503-447-2147. The Community Warehouse at 3969 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd in Portland is also accepting drop-off donations, Monday-Friday. You may call their office at 503-235-8786.

Donations should be gently used or new, safe, clean, functional, and in ready-to-use condition with all parts assembled. Mattresses must be free of stains, tears, and pet hair/odors. Items must be from non-smoking households.

Generally these offerings are accepted: small appliances, kitchenware, furniture that is not too heavy, and linens. Staff may decline to accept some furnishings.



Preparing for Next Sunday January 31, 2020

Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



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 ended, and the colder weather prevents outdoor gatherings, it's time to check in once again. Who are you wondering about? Who would you like to check in with?



We encourage you to make contacts by phone, e-mail, or by writing a note or sending a card. And then, please let us know what you found out.

To sign up to contact someone, please click on this link: https://tinyurl.com/calling-signup-sheet

To give feedback about your contact, please click on this link: https://forms.gle/BdfWYoZVLjytUKB9A

Questions? Please contact Pat Christiansen, Larry Bliesner, Scott Taylor, Bob Stadel, Victoria Kovalenko, Lynn Santelmann, or Pastor Robyn. And thank you for keeping our community together and strong.

MACG Core Team

January Movie Night

Our Netflix movie for January is Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution.

Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution is a 2020 American documentary film directed, written, and co-produced by Nicole Newnham and James LeBrecht. Barack and Michelle Obama serve as executive producers under their Higher Ground Productions banner.



"This feel-good documentary recounts the ties of a Catskills summer camp to American disability rights activism in the 1970s," says a NY Times review, while Common Sense Media called the film "a moving tribute to the triumph of the human spirit."

You can stream the documentary on Netflix and then meet with us on Zoom on <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 29</u>, at 7:00 p.m. Bring out the popcorn and gather around your computer screens as we talk about what we liked (and didn't like) about this month's movie.

You'll find the Zoom link for this Movie Night in Carol's "Weekly News" e-mail on Friday, January 29. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith.

Super Bible Bowl: FEUD!

The Super Bible Bowl returns to St. Andrew on <u>Sunday</u>, February 14, at 10:00 am! This year, the Bowl will be fully digital, hosted via Zoom during the normal Christian Education hour. But, the virtual nature of the event isn't all that is new this year: instead of the usual "Jeopardy" format, this year the battle between council and confirmands will take the shape of the popular game show "Family Feud." We hope you will join us to cheer on



Your St. Andrew Staff

In Need of Prayer...

NAME PRAYERS FOR... CONTACT Peace and God's comfort at her death Family and friends of Joyce Larson (grandmother) Cole & Kristin Petersburg Family and friends of Dr. Don Scholz (father-in-law) Peace and God's comfort at his death Judy Scholz Suzanne Davison (son's fiancé) Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment Bob & Carolyn Cornie Carol Hogan Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment for low Carol Hogan platelets Good diagnosis, effective treatment, and comfort Pastor Robyn Nan Thompson Tayvin Krieger (daughter Sherry Myers' student) Healing and recovery in body and mind Doris Larson Gary Grafwallner Healing and recovery Gary Grafwallner Katherine (friend) Healing and recovery Mary Smith Dr. Paul Wilson Healing and recovery Patty Jones LuAnn, Lisa, and Henry Staul Healing and recovery from COVID-19 LuAnn Staul Dorothy Moore Healing and recovery from COVID-19 Pastor Robyn Everyone affected by COVID-19 Strength and support Staff Health care workers Strength, courage, protection, and support Staff Francesca Gladhill (daughter-in-law) Healthy pregnancy Richard & Kristie Gladhill

Those facing ongoing illness or distress Healing and assurance of God's presence Staff

Tandy Brooks, David Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Marvel Lund, Ian MacDonald, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason, Brian McKiernan, Ed Pacey, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, 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 Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church (Beaverton, OR) Serving with us in the Oregon Synod Staff Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (Beaverton, OR) Congregation Ahavath Achim (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 Tuesday-Friday, prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com Saturday-Monday.

Creation Justice Summit

Saturday, January 30, 2021 1:00-4:15 pm

Our Kinship with Oregon's Sacred Waters

The 8th annual Creation Justice Summit (formerly the Earth Care Summit) will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Columbia River Watershed Pastoral Letter. The virtual event will include a keynote panel, breakout workshops, and a closing address from U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley.



Register now.

\$20 general, \$10 students, scholarships available

Presented by EMO's Creation Justice and Oregon Interfaith Power & Light.

Epiphany Carols on Our Website

Many of us miss the voices of the congregation raised in song, but—thanks to individuals from the Sanctuary Choir—you can hear some Epiphany Carols on our website. Click on the "Worship" link and then scroll down to "Special Events." Thank you, Deacon Susan Reiser, for making this happen!

Job Openings in Online Worship Production

St. Andrew is looking to hire a part-time audio tech and part-time video tech to distribute online worship using YouTube livestream and Zoom. These two individuals will ensure everything is ready to go prior to each service, manage mics and audio or manage cameras and graphics, and ensure the congregation is receiving the feed. Experience in sound boards and videography is required. Worship production involves more than hitting play and walking away. These two people will stay on-site throughout services and troubleshoot when needed. To learn more about specific qualifications needed and compensation offered, please go to:

https://portland.craigslist.org/wsc/npo/d/portland-livestream-audio-video-tech/7263783074.html

Positions will be open until filled. Application review begins in early February.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Mark Brocker (on call Fridays & Saturdays) office: 503-646-0629 (extension 201)

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Pastor Robyn Hartwig (on call Sundays and Mondays) office: 503-646-0629 (extension 211)

<u>PastorRobyn@standrewlutheran.com</u>

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



Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, Jan	uary 24: Third Sunday of Epiphany	
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 Online	via Zoom
10:00 am	Confirmation	via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group	via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Education: The Gospel of Mark	via Zoom
11:00 am	Online Worship	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
Tuesday, Ja	nuary 26	
10:00 am	T'ai Chi	former Bales Thriftway on Cornell Rd.
12:15 pm	Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	via Zoom
Wednesday	, January 27— <u>Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm</u>	
6:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Informal Gathering Time	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer	via Zoom
7:00 pm	High School Youth Hangout	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer & Other Breakout Room Opportunities	via Zoom
Thursday, Ja	anuary 28	
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	via Zoom
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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.

ZOOM To participate via "Zoom" you can use a computer, smart phone, tablet, or a telephone.

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.

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

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 <u>church office</u> 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 <u>beginning</u> of the process. See article on page 3 for more information.

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. She will be available by 9:30 am on Sunday mornings and 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings to provide sameday help for church-related purposes.