

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 21, 2021

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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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.

Super Bible Bowl: FEUD!



Snow postponed our scheduled contest last week, but the Super Bible Bowl will return to St. Andrew on **Sunday, February 21**, 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'll join us to cheer on the contestants!

Adult Education: The History, Art, and Architecture of Churches

Sunday, February 28, 10:00 am (delayed one week due to snow)

From the most humble chapel to the great cathedrals of Europe, churches are places to hear the Word of God and worship together, at least when there isn't a pandemic raging. Beyond the utilitarian function, every church has stories and a history, and most contain art and are places for the performance of the arts. Many church buildings are masterpieces of art and craftsmanship themselves.



In this class we'll look at some of my favorite places of Christian worship and appreciate their history, architecture, and the artwork they contain. I'm a bit of a Europhile, so we'll be paying special attention to churches, chapels, and cathedrals in Europe. In these days of restricted travel, it is the perfect time to pack our virtual bags and set out together to visit some of the most interesting and beautiful places of worship.

Paul Navarre

participate via Zoom

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.

Wednesday Evening Prayer for Lent

Focusing on a psalm of lament, Psalm 13, Randy Schutt will provide the meditation for Wednesday Evening Prayer on **Wednesday, February 24**, at 7:00 pm.

Our Wednesday evening schedule remains as follows:

6:30 pm	Informal Gathering Time
7:00 pm	Prayer Service
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on Zoom to discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer, on February 21. The book is a series of vignettes that combine Nature, Poetic Imagery, and Indigenous Lore.

An Amazon reviewer wrote that "Reading this book has reminded me to cultivate my love for the Earth in ways that my daughters can participate in, and to recognize the relationship between people and nature as a two-way street. We do not simply destroy or protect nature—we evolved in direct relationship with plants, and plants evolved in direct relationship with us."

Details:

Time/Place: **Sunday, February 21, at 3:00 pm** via Zoom

Discussion Leader: Kristin Sacks

The Zoom link will be sent out to all those on the Spirituality Book Group e-mail list a few days before the meeting. All are welcome. If you would like the Zoom link, contact Mary Smith at dbits1@gmail.com

Future Reading:

March 21, *A Long Petal of the Sea*, by Isabel Allende

April 18, *The Moment of Lift*, by Melinda Gates

May 17, *This Tender Land*, by William Kent Krueger

June 13, *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson

July 18, *The Murmur of Bees*, by Sofia Segovia

Happy reading! May 2021 be a better and brighter year, filled with hope and also, of course, filled with good reading!

The First Sunday of Lent

Check the [church website](#) for poetry, prayers, and practices that we can employ in the week following the **First Sunday of Lent**, which is **February 21**. If you haven't yet discovered "The Poetry of Lent," you'll find it under the Education tab.

From wild love to the ancient Celtic image for the Holy Spirit to lighting a candle and powering down, the challenge this week is to listen for how God may be calling us to change.



Lenten Food Drive

We know how to do this! Despite a pandemic that kept us away from the church building, last year's Lenten Food Drive was more successful than ever as members of the congregation generously contributed cash to help feed those people around us living without reliable sources of food.

Our goal in 2021 is to raise the equivalent of six tons, or 12,000 pounds, of food. You'll remember that each dollar given equals three pounds of food. In other words, if we can accrue donations totaling \$4,000, we will meet our goal and take a significant step toward providing the comfort of food security for our neighbors.

It's easy to donate electronically by logging into your *InFellowship* account and selecting "Lenten Food Drive" in the drop-down menu. Go to the church website and click on [Give](#) to begin.



Looking at Israel



Where do you keep the family Uzi? Do you bring it with you to the grocery store? Shopping? Who teaches the Israeli Defense Forces to shoot?

Have you been to the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles? And what a lovely spot that must be....

Well, you'll find answers to these questions and many others you never thought of, in *A Day in the Life of Israel*, library call number 956.94. It's a great book. Lovely pictures. Check it out and find out for yourself what brand of hamburgers are sold in Israel.

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

Preparing for Next Sunday February 28, 2021

Reading: Genesis 17:1-7,
15-16

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



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 the Super Bowl is behind us, and the colder weather continues to prevent 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, or Lynn Santelmann. And thank you for keeping our community together and strong.

MACG Core Team



Table Talk: Are We a Nation of Child Abusers?



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. Though we cannot gather in person, Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the next Table Talk via Zoom on **Thursday, February 25, 7:00-8:00 pm.**

In a February 3, 2021, opinion piece in the *New York Times*, Nicholas Kristoff asserts that "We Are a Nation of Child Abusers." He notes that for a long time the United States has had "one of the highest rates of child poverty in the advanced world." The coronavirus pandemic has aggravated the suffering of children in our nation. He points out that when Jesus says in Matthew 19:14 "suffer the little children" he is absolutely not implying that "the little children shall suffer." In Kristoff's view the elements in the \$1.9 trillion dollar American Rescue Plan addressing child poverty are historic. Child poverty could be cut in half. By the time we gather for this Table Talk, the American Rescue Plan will likely have been enacted in some form. We will have a chance to reflect on Kristoff's provocative editorial and the American Rescue Plan. We will also reflect on how the pandemic has impacted children and youth in our nation.

In preparation for this Table Talk I encourage you to read Kristoff's editorial:

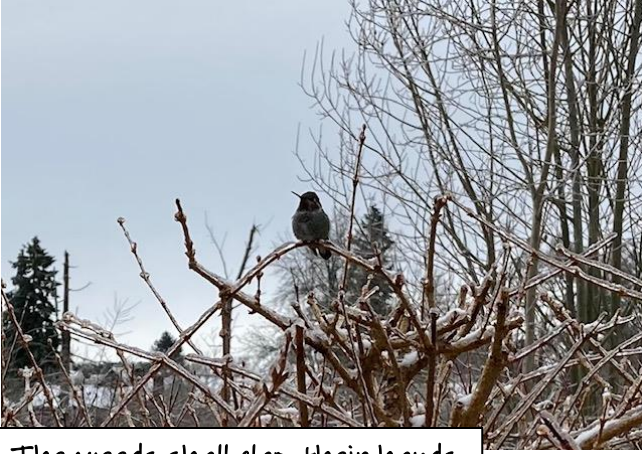
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/03/opinion/biden-child-poverty.html?referringSource=articleShare> or tinyurl.com/er1vek79

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Hope Blooms in a Weary World

When creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn



The promised green
of Eden comes



The weeds shall clap their hands



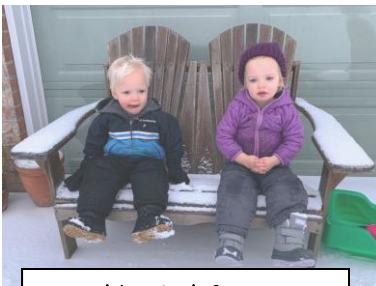
The dry lands gush with springs



The hills and mountains
shall break forth in singing



We shall go out in joy



And be led forth in
peace



As all the world in wonder
echoes shalom



Highlights from the Finance Team as of 1/31/2021

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Report Report Date: 2/10/2021

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew

Giving is at 99% budget YTD; 144% January 2021.

A \$50,000 deposit was split since Key Bank has a maximum daily transfer limit of \$25,000. The second installment was posted at MIF too late to have it included in the last principal-only payment request.

Thank you for your patience waiting for reimbursements during the COVID restrictions.

Video streaming services attended by people via Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom.

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	YouTube	Zoom/ Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total (Regular + Electronic)	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average					
Monthly Total				\$75,428	\$ 75,748
				<i>To meet Budget</i> \$54,000	\$ 12,732

3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M & M) Fund	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	
Giving FY20-21	\$ 377,166	\$ 371,720	The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship supplies, education supplies, synod benevolence, office supplies, staff and utilities.
Expenses FY20-21	\$ 392,380	\$ 344,323	

-1%

-12%

Mortgage Fund	Actual Giving YTD	Actual Expense YTD	Balance on Hand*	Balance Due on Mortgage	Monthly Mortgage
Giving FY20-21	\$ 213,073		\$ 104,023	\$848,791	\$ 12,732
Expense FY 20-21		\$ 89,124	Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to pay mortgage and payments to Capital Campaign (A Hope for All)		
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 104,600			

*\$91,357.30 as of 2/2/21

Designated Funds	Actual Giving YTD	Actual Expense YTD	Balance on Hand	
Total Designated Funds FY20-21			\$ 87,331	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, disaster relief, etc.
PIPE Fund †	\$ 4,290	\$ 329	\$ 25,583	
COVID Hunger Relief	\$ 1,255	\$ 4,295	\$ 3,185	
Family Promise	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,905	\$ 895	
Lenten Food Drive	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$16,272			

†Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2020

Finance Team: Johanna Au; Gretchen Bancroft; Bill Beavers; Brian Cheney; Joel Johnson;
Anne Newell; Ted Miller; Tammy Piscitelli; Tracie Brooks-Semenchalam

In Need of Prayer...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Mildred Leppert (sister-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Heidinger
Junin (friend)	Peace and comfort as death nears	Lloyd Meyer
Bennett and Tucker (6-month-old cousins)	Healing and recovery from a rare metabolic disorder	Laura Geczy-Haskins
Ian McAlpine (son)	Healing and recovery from COVID-19	Warren & Donna McAlpine
Garrett (friend's 11-year-old son)	Complete healing and discharge from hospital	Rebecca Uecker
Frannie Gladhill (daughter-in-law)	Healthy pregnancy and safe delivery	Kristie Gladhill
Everyone affected by COVID-19	Strength and support	Staff
Health care workers	Strength, courage, protection, and support	Staff
All those affected by winter weather	Safety and warmth	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
Mareline Barnes, Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Douglas Hooke, Betty Horst, Dorothy Moore, Phyllis Morris, Ed Pacey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele		
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church		
Joyful Servant Lutheran Church (Newberg, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Christ the King Lutheran Church (Tigard, OR)		
Congregation P'nai Or (Portland, OR)	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	Everyone
<p>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.</p>		

Reckoning with Racism at St. Andrew

A group of us from St. Andrew have been participating in a program called Reckoning With Racism, sponsored by Common Table. Common Table is a gathering of interfaith leaders and practitioners who have committed to learning more about one another, trusting one another, and standing together to highlight the public work of faith communities in Oregon, deepening relationships between faith leaders and elected officials in Salem, stepping into the public sphere as peacemakers, and being active in public advocacy and witness.

(<https://www.commontableoregon.org/overview>)

We have been meeting since September along with teams from faith communities throughout Oregon. We are discussing our involvement, both voluntary and involuntary, in systemic racism in Oregon, and how this leads to the oppression of certain groups. It can be disconcerting to take a close look at real racism – there is an impulse in me to deny that racism is a reality. But this group, referred to as the “Reckoning With Racism Learning Cohort,” is blessed with leaders and planners who want love to be the guiding force.

We have been encouraged to love ourselves and each other as we ask questions such as, “Has our faith community displaced any oppressed persons in order to have a building, in order to own land?” “Does my personal history, my family, owe its economic status to the oppression of others, directly or indirectly?” “Who

has lived on the land I now occupy (or even own), and who has benefitted from what the land produces?”

The plan for the Learning Cohort is to spend 9 months together learning, reflecting and thinking about appropriate action. Resisting the impulse to move to action too quickly, we hope to really internalize nonracist thinking. It is not easy and sometimes not fun, but it is a worthwhile endeavor.

If you are interested in joining, there's still time. Contact Mary Smith at dbits1@gmail.com with your questions.

Janet Vorvick

February Movie Night

Since February is Black History Month, we will discuss *Loving*, a dramatization of the U.S. Supreme Court decision: *Loving v Virginia*. This was a 1967 landmark civil rights case in which the Supreme Court struck down state laws which prohibited interracial marriages. It is also a love story of Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple whose only "crime" was that they wanted to get married.

You can stream *Loving* on Netflix, then meet with us via Zoom on **Friday, February 26, at 7:00 pm**. Plan to 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, February 26. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith.

Pastoral Care

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Pastor Susan Kintner

This **Sunday, February 21**, Pastor Susan will be providing pulpit supply for St. Andrew. We're happy to share that she will begin her work as Pastor of Caring Ministries with us on March 1.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am	Livestream Worship	listen/watch via telephone or online
9:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
10:00 am	Super Bible Bowl "Family Feud" (postponed from last week)	via Zoom
11:00 am	Online Worship.....	via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Tuesday, February 23

10:00 am	T'ai Chi	former Bales Thriftway on Cornell Rd.
12:15 pm	Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	via Zoom

Wednesday, February 24—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

6:30 pm	Informal Gathering Time.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	High School Youth Game Night	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer	via Zoom

Thursday, February 25

12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	IT Meeting.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Table Talk: Are We a Nation of Child Abusers?.....	via Zoom

Friday, February 26

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

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

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.....	via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group	via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Education: The History, Art, and Architecture of Churches.....	via Zoom
11:00 am	Online Worship.....	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.

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.

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" 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.

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 same-day help for church-related purposes.