

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 7, 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.

Godspeed, Pastor Robyn

This Sunday, February 7, we gratefully acknowledge the many ways that Pastor Robyn Hartwig has served our community in her 12 years of ministry as our associate pastor. It will be a bittersweet day when she steps behind the pulpit to deliver her last sermon at St. Andrew and, because of ongoing pandemic protocols, we will have to experience that from our homes.

Ironically, a snowstorm prevented Pastor Robyn from preaching to a full sanctuary when she joined St. Andrew. Rick LeRoy jerry-rigged the electronics so that her first sermon was shared with the congregation electronically, too.

St. Andrew has come a long way since 2009, and much of that is due to Robyn's ministry. Her leadership with caring ministries, the spiritual care she has extended to so many suffering souls, and her advocacy for Earth Care and Racial Justice are noteworthy. And her efforts to present accessible opportunities for special groups, such as young adults and families with young children, led to ministries such as Spirituality on Tap and Oh, Baby!

Although Pastor Robyn is moving on to a new stage in her ministry, her impact will be felt here at St. Andrew for a long time.

Dear People of St. Andrew,

I look forward to the opportunity to preach this Sunday, February 7, as I join you in worship for my final Sunday at St. Andrew. Following the 11:00 am Zoom worship service, I will hang out in a Zoom breakout room where Rebecca Uecker can usher people in and out who may want to say a personal five-minute goodbye.

I will then have two days dedicated to finishing up administrative tasks for St. Andrew and meeting with key leaders like Pastor Mark, Pastor Susan, and the personnel committee. My very last act of ministry will be to lead Wednesday Evening Prayer by Zoom on February 10 at 7:00 pm and join the Centering Prayer group led by Ginny Link and Mary Smith that follows immediately afterwards from 7:30 to 8:00 pm.

In this Sunday's Gospel lesson from Mark 1:29-39, Jesus heads out to a deserted place to pray before he moves from one village to another. In doing so, he gives all of us a wonderful model of the importance of making time to pray on our own. How appropriate that my final act of ministry will be to sit with many of you in 20 minutes of silent prayer. Feel free to join us for these Wednesday evening face-to-face opportunities on Zoom and you might find you enjoy them so much that you want to come back the following week too!

With a heart full of gratitude,
Pastor Robyn

Super Bible Bowl: FEUD!

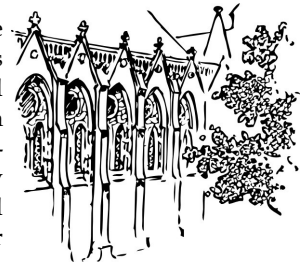


The Super Bible Bowl returns to St. Andrew on Sunday, February 14, at 10:00 am! This year, the Bowl will be fully digital, hosted via Zoom during the normal Christian Education hour. But, the virtual nature of the event isn't all that is new this year: instead of the usual "Jeopardy" format, this year 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 the contestants!

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

Sunday, February 21, 10:00 am

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

Taking America Back for God

Our own ELCA presiding bishop, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, participated with Episcopal Bishop Michael Curry and others in an online forum, *Democracy and Faith Under Siege: Responding to Christian Nationalism*, on January 27. Dr. Andrew Whitehead offered a clear summary of Christian Nationalism from his new book, *Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States*. The recording of the presentation and other compelling resources for confronting Christian Nationalism are at the following links:

<https://bjconline.org> and
<https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/> and
www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmgWHBoGBi8

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 required 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 is beginning now.

2020 Giving Statements

Your 2020 giving statements are available. Go to the [Give](#) page of the church website to download and print your statement from your [InFellowship account](#).

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

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:

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

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

Preparing for Next Sunday February 14, 2021

Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9



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



Preparing for Lent



The church season of Lent leads us from a cross of ashes that reminds us of our bodily mortality to a cross of crucifixion that carries God's promise of resurrection.

In the intervening 40 days, we wait, pondering our own imperfect lives and yearning to create a new vision for living. What is the Holy One calling us to do? Just as Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, we are tested to relinquish something and regain self-control. Many people ask, "What are you giving up for Lent?"

At St. Andrew, we traditionally display a wooden cross, where we each can insert a nail to acknowledge our own sin. Because Lent is a time for providing for the needs of others and for self-denial, we launch an ambitious food drive.

But Lent is just as much a time for renewal. As we anticipate the crucifixion and Christ's resurrection, we are invited to renew our relationship with God. We pray, longing for guidance. We seek to know better what God wants us to do in the world.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on February 17.

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.*

Psalm 130:5-6

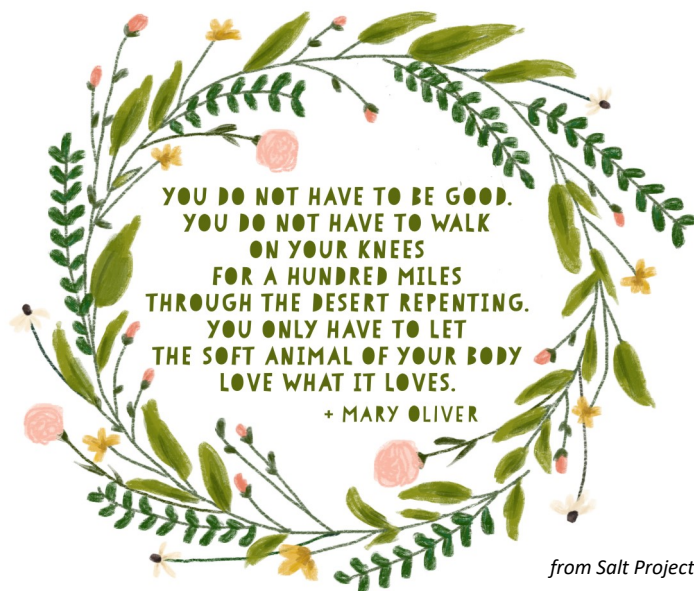
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In Need of Prayer...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Nan Thompson	Continued good spirit on her journey through cancer	Nan Thompson
Mary Brown	Successful treatment and recovery	Bob & Mary Brown
Amy	Effective treatment; comfort for her husband Chris	Bob & Judy Scholz
Carol Adkison (Mary's sister)	Correct diagnosis and treatment	Bob & Mary Brown
Kim Oyen (sister-in-law)	Comfort and healing	Chris Bekemeier
Linda Wick (sister)	Pain relief and healing	Donna McAlpine
Fran Miller	Healing and recovery from knee replacement	Fran Miller
Mildred Leppert (sister-in-law)	Healing and recovery from a severe heart attack	Judy Heidinger
Gary Grafwallner	Healing and recovery	Gary Grafwallner
Scott Staul	Healing and recovery from COVID-19	Lisa Staul
LuAnn Staul	Complete recovery from COVID-19	LuAnn Staul
Everyone affected by COVID-19	Strength and support	Staff
Health care workers	Strength, courage, protection, and support	Staff
Pastor Robyn Hartwig	Thanksgiving for her ministry and blessings for her and the people of Spirit of Grace	Everyone!
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
The homeless in our communities and country	Comfort, hope, and shelter	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brockner, Evan Dahlquist, Dawson Dethlefs, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Emanuel Lutheran Church (Cornelius, OR) Calvary Lutheran Church (Hillsboro, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Chabad (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

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.



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.

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the prayers of concern and for healing and wellness for the Staul family. Scott, Lisa, and Henry are recovered and I am doing much better.

LuAnn Staul



Pastoral Care

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 7, Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

8:30 am	Livestream Worship	listen/watch via telephone or online
9:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
9:45 am	Pastor Robyn's Final Sunday	via Zoom
11:00 am	Online Worship.....	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Monday, February 8

7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	via Zoom
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Tuesday, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 10—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Reopening Committee Meeting.....	via Zoom
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 Game Night	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer	via Zoom

Thursday, February 11

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting.....	via Zoom
2:30 pm	Website Review Meeting	via Zoom

Friday, February 12

10:00 am	T'ai Chi	former Bales Thriftway on Cornell Rd.
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Sunday, February 14, Transfiguration of Our Lord

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"	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.

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 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.

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.