

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 2, 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!

Women in the Gospels

Join seminarian Karen Klingelhafer via Zoom at 10:00 am Sunday, May 2, when she will consider the story of the woman accused of adultery (John 7:53-8:11) in her "Women in the Gospels" class.

Opening the Door to Small Groups

Thanks to volunteer Narthex Greeters, St. Andrew's Narthex doors are now unlocked during regular church office hours, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Tuesday-Friday. Masks continue to be required in the building for everyone, but if you happen to forget yours, we do have disposable masks available.

Step by step, we progress toward the goal of offering in-person worship again. We hope to do so beginning in July – depending greatly on the status of coronavirus activity and the public's willingness to continue to follow safety protocols. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, we are inviting small-group ministries (10 people or fewer) to resume meeting in the building if they would like. Each group will reclaim its regular meeting time and location. Lydia Circle, for instance, meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room.

If you would like to get your recurring meetings back on the church calendar and if your attendance is 10 people or fewer, please call the church office at 503-646-0629.

Wednesday Evening Prayer



Midweek Prayer Services continue into the Easter season this Wednesday, May 5, with a service that emphasizes creation's song of praise to God. Drawing on elements from *All Creation Sings*, our service combines prayer, song, and meditations from the writings of well-known lovers of creation. Look for links to this worship service at mid-day on Wednesdays in Allison's e-mail.

St. Andrew's COVID Fund

Thanks to donations from the church community, St. Andrew has been able to continue helping families in dire straits as the COVID pandemic persists in challenging people. Many thanks to Donna Bocker and Diane Reiner for overseeing those resources and sharing them with people in need.

Although all of us are tired and ready to move on, needs continue to mount for many in our area who have lost jobs or housing or loved ones. If you would like to offer your help, St. Andrew welcomes your ongoing support of the COVID Fund. Click on the "Choose a Fund" box online and select COVID-19 DONATION in the drop-down menu if you'd like to give electronically or note COVID FUND on your check. Your gifts are being put to good use.

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters will begin meeting in the Fellowship hall again on Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 am-Noon. We'll be following COVID protocols, which means masks, social distancing, and no food, but we'll be together again to work on quilts and share conversation. Hooray! You are encouraged to bring a drink for yourself.



Despite not meeting in person for a year, the Notters accomplished a great deal at home. Pam Farr was at church every Tuesday working on quilts herself or putting projects together for volunteers to pick up and do at home. Because of this, we were able to give 32 LWR quilts to Portland Rescue Mission's Shepherd's Door for women and The Harbor for men. They also received four baby quilts. Four LWR quilts were given to St. Andrew members affected by last summer's fires and several baby quilts to local families in need. We'll be sending around 50 quilts to this May's LWR in-gathering. Forty-four baby quilts were given to Virginia Garcia Clinic and six to Saving Grace shelter for pregnant homeless unwed teens. In late summer Virginia Garcia Clinic and Saving Grace quit accepting donations because of COVID, so we now have more than 100 baby quilts in our closet waiting for homes.

Those working from home to make all this possible included Pam Farr, Doris Larson, Mary Brown, Ethel Ritchey, Phyllis Vachal, Debi Gustafson, Anne Williams, and Pam and Tom Jelineo, with Nan Thompson sewing more baby and LWR quilts than everyone else combined. I'm sure there are others whose names have been left out, but as you can see, for not meeting once, it's been a very productive year. If you have any questions about meeting or home projects, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Bookkeeper Position Open



St. Andrew is currently looking for a part-time bookkeeper to work 10-20 hours a week. Essential functions of the position will include preparing weekly deposit reports, entering disbursements, transferring funds to various accounts, processing payroll, reconciling bank accounts, filing evidence of

deposits and disbursements, and preparing financial reports. Five years of bookkeeping experience is required, as well as experience with QuickBooks, working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, and a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail.

To learn more about the position and to apply, please go to:

<https://portland.craigslist.org/wsc/acc/d/portland-bookkeeper/7296865006.html>

Audio Technician Needed

Are you a master of audio technology? Do you have experience with sound/mixing boards and microphone placement? Do you understand broadcasting, audio encoding equipment, and live audio delivery systems?

St. Andrew is seeking to employ a part-time Livestream Audio Technician to work four-five hours on Sunday mornings, one-three times per month, and possibly at other times.

This Livestream Audio Tech will work closely with a Video Tech to distribute online worship currently using YouTube livestream and Zoom, as well as amplify sound in the Sanctuary when we are able to worship in-person there.

To learn more about the position and to apply, please go to [Craigslist](#).

Earth Camp 2021: Registration Is Open for the St. Andrew Community

Earth Camp

July 12 – 16, 2021



We are offering Earth Camp this summer! Camp will be held outdoors with COVID guidelines in place as required by the CDC and Oregon Health Authority. Earth Camp is for children entering 1st through 6th grade this fall (September 2021) and the purpose is to cultivate a deep love of our Earth home and all its inhabitants. Campers will:

- Discover how interconnected we are with all our fellow creatures;
- Learn practical ways we can care for our Earth home; and,
- Have a lot of fun in the process!

Read all about it on the church website under Education > [Earth Camp 2021](#).

Since enrollment will be limited to ensure the best experience for all campers, it may be important for people in the St. Andrew Community to take advantage of Early Registration. Please use the link e-mailed to you on Sunday, April 18, to register now.

Registration will open to the public on May 1. At that time the registration link will be available on the Earth Camp 2021 page on the church website.

Calling All Hands to Get in Touch

St. Andrew's MACG Core Team and Caring Ministries Team invite you to be a part of our continuing effort to make contact with as many members of our faith community as we can over the course of a few weeks.



Several volunteers met recently and either made contact or promised to make contact with almost 130 households. That's terrific! There are more contacts to be made, though. Can you help? You are invited to make a phone call, write a note, or send an e-mail to as many people as you can. Help us reach our goal of spreading a message of connection to the majority of people on our roster.

The primary purpose is to check in, so a good place to start is, "How are you doing?" From there, your conversations may take different paths. You may want to talk about how you are both feeling about returning to in-person gatherings, or about the social connections that have been difficult this past year, or about what has changed in the past year. The direction your conversation takes is up to you. Pretend that you are chatting with someone in the narthex.

Jan Smith is coordinating the assignment of names. You can contact her via e-mail at jansmith59@earthlink.net. Once you have completed your calls, please get in touch with one of the pastors if there is something they should know. Also please send an e-mail to Pat Christiansen patchristiansen@comcast.net if anything emerges that seems to be a common question, experience, or concern.

Thanks for being a part of this important ministry. We are a stronger community when we stay in touch.

St. Andrew's MACG Core Team and Caring Ministries Team

St. Andrew to Host Guest Preacher May 9

We at St. Andrew are looking forward to welcoming Pastor Brian Johnson to the pulpit on Sunday, May 9, when he will also offer an Adult Education session on "Transforming Vision, Appreciating Art."

Pastor Johnson brings 25 years' experience in Lutheran higher education and fine arts to the Grunewald Guild, where he serves as executive director. A 40-year-old retreat center nestled beside the Wenatchee River near Leavenworth, Washington, the Grunewald Guild is dedicated to the relationship between Art, Faith, and Community. Founded by Rich and Liz Caemmerer in 1980, the center offers summer week-long classes in fabric art, pottery, collage, photography, calligraphy, song writing, poetry, sculpture, and many other media.

"Something as earthbound as fabric and clay and paint
can speak our most wordless longings,
express our delight and grief.
Beauty can connect our hearts to the divine heart."
Guild Founder Richard Caemmerer

Pastor Susan is a member of the Grunewald Guild's board, beginning a three-year term this past September. She is the first board member from the state of Oregon. Visit www.GrunewaldGuild.com for more information.



Pastoral Care

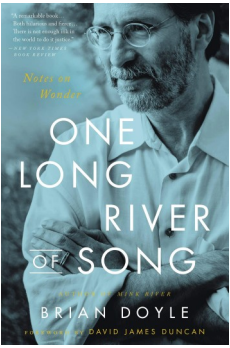
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Pastor Susan is on call Sunday & Monday.



Both pastors are on call Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

One Long River of Song



Portland lost beloved author Brian Doyle to brain cancer a few years ago, but his voice continues to resonate in *One Long River of Song*, a collection of essays published posthumously in 2019. Pastor Susan says that it's the best book she's read this year and she's ordered many copies from local bookstore Annie Bloom's to send to friends. Both funny and fierce, Brian Doyle was by Pastor Susan's description "a mature Christian." In *One Long River of Song*, he exhorts us to pay attention and to recognize the wonder that surrounds us in everyday life.

May Movie Night: *After the Raid*

On **Friday, May 21**, we will meet to discuss *After the Raid*, a 2019 documentary that explores the devastating effects that an immigration raid on a meat packing plant in Tennessee has on the community. The film asks more questions than it answers, as it explores the ways that faith-based organizations might address these issues.

You can stream *After the Raid* on Netflix and then bring out the popcorn and gather around your computer screens at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 21, as we talk about what we liked and didn't like about the movie.



What happens to a community after ICE raids a meat packing plant in Tennessee?

The timing of this particular movie night is fortuitous. Two days following our discussion, on **Sunday, May 23**, the St. Andrew congregation will meet between services to consider and vote on becoming a sanctuary congregation. Seeing this documentary beforehand may help inform your vote.

You'll find the Zoom link for this movie night in Carol Harker's "Weekly News" e-mail on Friday, May 21.

Lydia Circle

After more than a year apart, Lydia Circle will begin meeting in person again at church beginning **Tuesday May 11**, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. It will be so good to see each other again and share in the Bible study from May's *Gather* magazine. We will follow COVID protocols by wearing masks, social distancing and not sharing food. You may bring a beverage for yourself to drink.



This month's study is entitled "the journey of generations-waiting to be unwrapped." We'll be looking at the shared blessings that intergenerational relationships might bring. We'll be guided by scripture passages from Luke 1: 46-49, 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6, Ephesians 2:19, and Acts: 2: 4-6. You need not have read the study to take part. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Heartfelt Thanks!

For more than a year now, you have been donating to the COVID-19 Relief Fund. And for more than a year, those donations have kept people in their homes, paid PGE bills, and kept hungry people fed. Several school counselors and local principals have been overjoyed when receiving this help for their families. Many individual families have been overcome with tears of thanksgiving as they ponder the idea of people they don't even know helping them out. Some have called you angels.

As followers of Jesus, we know that when we serve others, we are serving Christ. It brings us joy to meet Jesus in these people in need. So thank you, thank you for your generosity, love, and care over this past year! You have made a difference.

In Christ,
Donna Brocker

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Roald Kindem (grandfather)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Megan Webber
Family and friends of Mary Bucher	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sue Cahlander
Family and friends of Ben, especially his mother Christy	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Rebecca Fako Uecker
Family and friends of Deborah Townsend (mother)	Peace and comfort as death nears	Holly Bishop-Perdue
Marvel Lund	Peace and comfort in hospice care	Christine Murray (daughter)
Nancy Kayani (friend)	Emotional support and financial assistance	Sue Jacobi
Warren McAlpine	Healing and recovery	Donna McAlpine
Ginny Link	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment for skin issues	Ginny Link
Corine Shelley Walker (mother-in-law)	Smooth transition and excellent care	LuAnn Staul
Madeleine (granddaughter)	Thanksgiving for her release from the hospital	Mary Smith
Carol Werner	Success in finding an affordable home	Carol Werner
Everyone affected by COVID-19	Strength and support	Staff
Availability of vaccines for COVID-19	Thanksgiving for the people and systems making vaccinations more and more available	Staff
People of India	Aid and support as COVID ravages the country	Staff
Our nation's police	Courage, judgment, compassion for those they serve	Staff
Families affected by racial violence	Commitment to justice and hope for the future	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod and Staff		
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance and safety	Staff
The homeless in our country	Comfort, hope, and shelter	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Dawson Dethlefs, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Heavenly Peace Lutheran Church (Portland, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Portland, OR)		
Congregation Neveh Shalom (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	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.

A Reminder for Ministry Leaders

May 9 is fast approaching. Why is that date important? May 9 is the deadline for St. Andrew's various ministries to submit their annual reports to Parish Manager Jennifer Trom. Here's your opportunity to share the story of your ministry with the congregation. Despite the pandemic, we know that much important work is being done. Tell your story and share the good news!

Your St. Andrew Staff	Lead Pastor, Mark Brocker.....brockerms@standrewlutheran.com
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Tira Nessel503-866-5099	

A Prayer for the Week

Creator God,
thank you for the many gifts
you bestow on this world!
Lead me to protect all that
you have made—
the ecosystems,
the watersheds,
the plants and animals,
and even the still gray rocks
waiting to become soil.

Amen.

Preparing for Next Sunday May 9, 2021

Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Gospel: John 15:9-17



Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 2

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 (age 3 rd -5 th grade)	via Zoom
10:00 am	Confirmation for 6 th -8 th Grade	via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group	via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Education: Women in the Gospels	via Zoom
11:00 am	Online Worship	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom

Tuesday, May 4

10:00 am	T'ai Chi	former Bales Thriftway on Cornell Rd.
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	via Zoom

Wednesday, May 5—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

12:30 pm	Bonhoeffer Seminar	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Informal Gathering Time	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm	High School Youth Game Night	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer	participate via Zoom
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer	participate via Zoom

Thursday, May 6

12:00 pm	Virtual Staff Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Executive (Council) Committee Meeting	via Zoom

Friday, May 7

7:00 am	Lutheran World Relief Ingathering	Community Garden Parking Lot, Garden Shed
10:00 am	T'ai Chi	former Bales Thriftway on Cornell Rd.

Saturday, May 8

9:00 am	Lutheran World Relief Ingathering	Community Garden Parking Lot, Garden Shed
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Sunday, May 9—Mother's Day

8:30 am	Livestream Worship	listen/watch via telephone or online
9:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
10:00 am	NO Sunday School (age 3 rd -5 th grade)	
10:00 am	NO Confirmation for 6 th -8 th Grade	
10:00 am	NO High School Youth Group	
10:00 am	Education Forum: Transforming Vision, Appreciating Art with Pastor Brian Johnson	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.

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.

Online at www.standrewlutheran.com

Click on "Give Now" on the church website. You can also view your giving.

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.



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. The documentary is narrated by Woody Harrelson and features a rich cast of people (including Tom Brady) who are committed to the health of the Earth.