

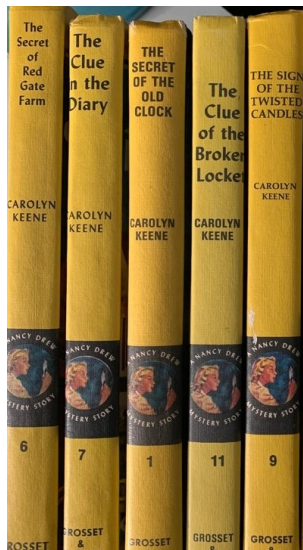
ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

November 28, 2021

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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Worship Services:
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

Book Fair Sunday



The magical day is here and you're going to be amazed by the rich diversity of used books on our sale tables! Thank you for all the great books you've brought in to make this fundraiser for our St. Andrew libraries happen.

Go to Fellowship Hall between services (9:30-11:00 am) or after the second service (12:00-2:00 pm) this **Sunday, November 28**, to shop. Cash and checks accepted. Book tables will be arranged by topic.

We have a complete set of yellow spine Nancy Drew mysteries for \$1 each, but you must purchase the entire 56-book set. (Note: This set is available on ebay for \$175.) Also for sale are two complete sets of the Narnia books by C.S. Lewis, each with some damaged books that are priced accordingly.

And the prices for everything are really good!

- \$2: Hardcover adult and young adult books
- \$1: Soft cover and mass market (smaller, old-style paperbacks)
- \$2: Newer, nicer children's hardcover books
- \$1: Older children's hardcovers
- \$1: Children's paperbacks with spine
- 3/\$1 or 50 cents each: Children's paperbacks without a spine
- 4/\$1: Magazines

Plus, we have a huge box of free books. While damaged, all except two of these books are complete, with no pages missing. The free box also includes magazines. Please note that the quilt magazines available may not have all their pages, so be sure to check that the quilt pattern you want is all there.

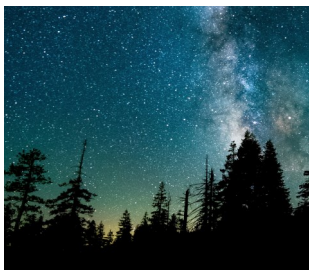
So, do come! And, if you don't like the prices, we'll be glad to negotiate – or you can always pay more!

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

Advent Evening Prayer

Beginning this week, Advent Evening Prayer will be offered on Wednesday evenings with worship offered in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. Our theme for the season is "Holy Darkness."

At 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, December 1**, Randy Sinn will offer a reflection on "Darkness Is Holy," drawn from the creation story in Genesis 1:1-19.



Donations Needed

As the Christmas season approaches, we look forward to once again sharing our love and care with Barnes Elementary School families in need. This year we will collect donations to put toward gift cards to make the season more festive for these families. Please make your gift no later than **Sunday, December 12**. For each donation that is received, we'll add an ornament to the Giving Tree in the Narthex.



One of the families St. Andrew is assisting suffered an apartment fire a few months ago, where they lost everything. That family is currently living in a shelter, but receiving help that they did not expect to receive. The family is overcome with gratitude.

In another situation, grandparents are caring for four young children and trying to make ends meet after their son went to prison. They thought their child-rearing days were done, but are now doing all they can to make life safe and secure for their grandchildren.

In addition, our area is welcoming refugees from Afghanistan who are navigating a new culture after having to leave so much and so many behind.

Along with the Barnes Elementary counselors, project organizer Donna Bocker is working to assist these families and many more. If you have questions, contact Donna at 503-502-6156.

Flooring Feedback

The Facilities Management Team is seeking input on Sanctuary flooring. Should the carpet be replaced or should we investigate hard-surface options and costs? A pending gift to St. Andrew would cover 90-100 percent of the cost of new carpet and its installation. Moneys in the PIPE (Property Improvement) Fund itself are not sufficient to cover either the carpet option or a hard-surface alternative. Please submit your feedback via this [Google form](#) or call Pam Meredith at 503-475-3568. Responses will be accepted through **Friday, November 26**. Thank you!

Hanging of the Greens

Please join us **Saturday, December 4**, at 9:30 am for the "Hanging of the Greens." We'll set up the Christmas tree and decorate the church for all to enjoy as we celebrate Advent and the birth of Christ. Boy Scout Troop 618 is generously donating the wreaths and greens to deck our church again this Christmas season. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Piscitelli.



Welcome Sunday

We will celebrate Welcome Sunday on **December 5**. If you would like to affirm your baptism and become a member of St. Andrew, please contact Pastor Mark Bocker, 503-646-0629, ext. 201, or email brockerm@standrewlutheran.com.

Advent Classes

Following this week's Used Book Fair, another pairing of Adult Education classes will be offered at St. Andrew during Advent. All classes begin at 10:00 am.

St. Andrew's Reckoning with Racism cohort will continue their focus on "A Journey towards Anti-Racism," which will again be offered in-person in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom.

In a second course during the Advent season, Children & Youth Minister Kyler Vogt will share the approach to reading the Bible that he's been using with high school youth. This class will meet in-person only in the Chapel. See the article below for details:

"The Kairos Hermeneutic" with Kyler and the HS Youth!

It's hard to read the Bible. Modern biblical readers have massive separations in history, culture, and language to overcome in the process. Yet, reading the Bible gets even tougher when Christian tradition tells us that the Bible—containing fantastic tales of miracles, gory acts of violence, and outdated legal text all set in a culture bearing little resemblance to our own—is supposed to be the pinnacle of truth and the ultimate authority for our modern lives. To many modern people, this has become a deal-breaker in their faith. In this class, I will show you a way I have learned over the last several years that allows me to read the Bible as truthful, authoritative, and deeply meaningful . . . even if it isn't always right.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! My vision for this class is to give our congregation a glimpse into a typical Sunday morning with our high school youth. You'll get to see how we check-in about our weeks, what kind of conversations we have, and witness how deeply we can dive into difficult and complex issues together. So you can get the full experience, this class will be held in-person at 10:00 am in the Chapel on **December 5, 12, and 19**. If you have any questions, or if you just want to let me know you'll be there, contact me at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com. I hope you will join us!

Preparing for Next Sunday

The Second Sunday in Advent
December 5, 2021

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:1-14



John the Baptist

Table Talk: Back from the Climate Brink



Table Talk

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. To cultivate this kind of spirited discussion we have a tradition at St. Andrew of gathering for Table Talks. Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the next Table Talk via Zoom on **Tuesday, November 30**, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Seminarian Karen Klingelhafer is currently working on a course paper focused on how the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King, Jr. can help us address the climate crisis and move us toward a safer planet. She has offered to lead our November Table Talk, starting with a brief presentation of her paper. In preparing us for this Table Talk she writes: "Are we at a crisis situation with climate change? Is there a consensus throughout the world? With so many concerns, what do we focus on? How can we (as a church, as individuals) make an impact?" This is an especially timely topic given the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) recently held in Glasgow, Scotland.

To prepare for this Table Talk, you are encouraged to read the following:

<https://www.koin.com/news/international/good-cop-bad-cop-takeaways-from-the-new-un-climate-deal/>.

Finding Liturgy in Life and Life in Liturgy

An Oregon Synod Lay Education Course

How does liturgy shape us? How might we shape it? Gather with people from across the Oregon Synod this January and February to explore liturgy in daily life, communal worship, and public witness. We'll pay particular attention to the seasons of the church year, the flow of worship, the invitation of sacraments, and daily practices that help us cultivate a life of depth and meaning. We'll create space for the integration of blessing, celebration, lamentation, prayer, song, symbols, and ritual crafting. You're encouraged to bring your whole self as we seek to live in holy rhythm. [Pr. Matta Ghaly](#) will be the main instructor. The course is designed with a Lutheran lens and inclusive heart; all are welcome.



This on-line course is offered through the Oregon Synod's [SALM and Lay Education Program](#). We'll meet the following eight Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 6:30-8:00 pm (Pacific Time): **January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, and March 1**. Authentic participation and relationship-building are the priority. Course participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to donate, as they are able, on a sliding scale between \$20-\$160, but donations are not required to register. If you'd like to sign up for the course, please do so through the [registration form](#).

New Books on the Shelves

Adult Librarian Pam Farr has added several new titles to the bookshelves in recent months.

Fiction

A Land of Sheltered Promise,

by Jane Kirkpatrick

At Home in Mitford,

by Jan Karon

The Mitford Snow

men: A Christmas

Story, by Jan Karon

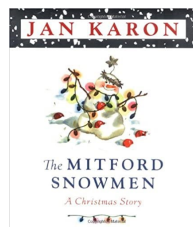
Fast Girls: A Novel of

the 1936 Women's

Olympic Team, by

Elise Hooper

(see review on following page)



Non-Fiction

The Wright Brothers, by David McCullough

The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age, by Douglas John Hall

Apprenticeship: Embracing Life and Practicing Humanity in the Way of Jesus, by Terry B. Kylo

She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders, by Jennifer Finney Boylan

Oregon Geographic Names, by Lewis A. McArthur

Madam Secretary, by Madeleine Albright

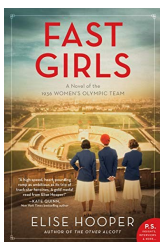
After the Locusts: Letters from a Landscape of Faith, by Denise Ackermann and Desmond Tutu

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Keith Poppert	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Claris & Corky Poppert
Family and friends of Jack Warnes (brother-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Suzanne Warnes
Joe Baker and all who mourn the deaths of his parents Bill & Marna	Peace and God's comfort	Pastor Mark
John Fritz	Comfort and wisdom in a time of transition	Staff
Angie Mitlehner	Successful surgery (December 4)	Angie Mitlehner
Lynn Santelmann	Healing and recovery	Paul Navarre
John Trom	Healing and recovery	Pastor Susan
Dr. Cara Steinkeler	Strength as she supports dying COVID patients and their families	Gary & Gail Grafwallner
Victims of parade violence in Waukesha, WI	Healing in body and soul	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Gary Grafwallner, Ian MacDonald, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason, Brian McKiernan, Carol Means, Ed Pacey, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Nan Thompson, 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
Grace Lutheran Church (Vale, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation P'nai Or (Portland)	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.

Fast Girls: Another Time, Another Context



This is a book I picked out my own self, and it's not a bad read. It is written as fiction, but based on many facts. I learned some things I didn't know—like treadmills for horses. Plus some things I'd rather not have learned, but, well, you be the judge and read it yourself.

Fast Girls, by Elise Hooper, is historical fiction. It's about the 1936 Olympics and three young women who worked through individual challenges to make the Olympic track team. I learned things about Hitler that make me wonder if they were true and things about racial unfairness that I'm sure were true.

This book is a fast read—no pun intended—and I hope enough of you read it to justify my spending the money.

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Most of us express gratitude for the meal *before* we consume it, but poet Wendell Berry—renowned American novelist, poet, essayist, environmental activist, cultural critic, and farmer—a man known to be an ardent champion of a good, simple life, wrote his prayer for *after* the feast is finished.



Prayer After Eating

I have taken in the light that quickened eye and leaf. May my brain be bright with praise of what I eat, in the brief blaze of motion and of thought. May I be worthy of my meat.

Wendell Berry

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 28, First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:30 am	Used Book Sale to Benefit St. Andrew Libraries.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Used Book Sale to Benefit St. Andrew Libraries.....	Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 29

10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Off Site
6:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Meeting	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room

Tuesday, November 30

7:00 am	Sunrise Women.....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Men's Gathering & Bible Study.....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Table Talk.....	Zoom

Wednesday, December 1—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Yoga Class	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Bonhoeffer Seminar.....	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Informal Gathering Time.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Advent Evening Prayer.....	Sanctuary or via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wednesday Night Youth Hangout	Youth Room
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 2

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study.....	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Executive (Council) Committee Meeting	St. Andrew Room and via Zoom

Friday, December 3

10:00 am	T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, December 4

8:00 am	Scouting for Food.....	East Parking Lot
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Adult Ed: A Journey Towards Anti-Racism, Part 2.....	Fellowship Hall or via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Ed: The Kairos Hermeneutic	Chapel
10:00 am	Children's Ministry	Children's Library
10:00 am	Confirmation.....	Library and via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group with Adult Ed: The Kairos Hermeneutic	Chapel
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom



Happy New Year! The Christian year begins with the season of Advent, and this way of beginning is itself significant. You might think the year would begin with the trumpets of Easter, or the softness of Christmas Eve, or the fires of Pentecost – but on the contrary, we begin in the shadows of despair, war, sorrow, and hate. For it's precisely there that the God of grace will arrive, and accordingly, it's precisely there that God's church is called to light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. It's worth remembering this deep poetry: as the Christian new year begins, we join hands and enter the darkness, actively waiting, singing, and praying anew for God's light to overwhelm the world.

from SALT Project

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

8:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or watch the livestream of worship on YouTube. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*



- The same link will bring you to the recording of the service to watch anytime after the livestream ends.
- An audio recording of the 8:30 am service will be available Sunday afternoon by simply dialing **503-643-9416**.



11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or participate in worship via Zoom. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*

To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone.