

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

December 5, 2021

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

Welcome Sunday

At the 8:30 am service this **Sunday, December 5**, we welcome Sam Harker, Julie Hoffmaster, Bobbie Larson, and Ginny Vick as they reaffirm their baptisms and join in membership. Welcome to St. Andrew!

Donations Needed



Thank you to everyone who has already donated to making the season more festive for Barnes Elementary School families in need. This year we are collecting donations to put toward gift cards 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 our Giving Tree.

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. In another situation, grandparents are caring for four young children and trying to make ends meet after their son went to prison. They are doing all they can to make life safe and secure for their grandchildren.

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

Organizer Donna Brocker is working to assist these families and many more. If you have questions, call Donna at 503-502-6156.

Adult Ed: "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when Christian tradition tells us that the Bible—containing fantastic tales of miracles, gory acts of violence, and outdated legal text all set in a culture bearing little resemblance to our own—is supposed to be the pinnacle of truth and the ultimate authority for our modern lives.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 Youth Room 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!

An Advent Journey Towards Anti-Racism

Please join St. Andrew's Reckoning With Racism cohort in a six-part exploration of how racism has played a role in the history of Oregon, and how we can all move toward being anti-racist.

Whether or not you are able to attend the class sessions, you are invited to take part in a congregation-wide Racial Equity Challenge. The goal is to do at least one thing each week that brings each of us closer to becoming anti-racist. The website [21-Day Racial Equity Challenge—America & Moore](https://www.21dayracialequitychallenge.com) is filled with suggestions for ways to read, listen, watch, notice, connect, engage, act, reflect, and stay inspired in the journey. Watch this newsletter for a description of each week's class and suggestions for which challenges are related to that topic. A complete schedule can be found on the St. Andrew website.

We are hoping to document our efforts as a community of faith toward the goal of becoming anti-racist. In the narthex, you will find a display board and paper candle cut-outs. Please write what you did in the past week on one of the candles, and add it to the board. Together, we can shine some light in the darkness of racism.



December 5: Janet Vorvick will explore *Asian Americans in Oregon*, from an historic background through modern day issues.

Racial Equity Challenge suggestions: [21-Day Racial Equity Challenge – America & Moore](https://www.21dayracialequitychallenge.com)

Read: [Infographic: What Is Tone Policing And Why Is It Wrong?](#)

Listen: [Do the Work](#)

Watch: [What kind of Asian are you?](#)

Notice: What are the last five books you read? What is the racial mix of the authors?

Connect: [APIAHF – Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum](#)

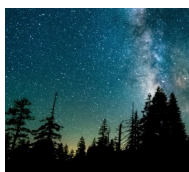
Engage: Find a mentor within your own racial group to support and guide your growth.

Act: Interrupt the pattern of white silence by speaking openly with family, friends, and colleagues about what you're doing and learning in the 21-Day Challenge.

Reflect: Take time everyday to reflect on what you chose to do, what you're learning, and how you are feeling.

Stay inspired: Create a Soundtrack4Justice playlist that fuels you and/or can serve as a conversation starter with people of all ages.

Advent Evening Prayer



Julie Aageson will offer a meditation on the beauty of darkness at Advent Evening Prayer this **Wednesday, December 8**. Join in worship in the Sanctuary or via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Our theme for the season is "Holy Darkness."

Baby Rose



The rose on the altar this Sunday celebrates the birth of Joy Alexandra, granddaughter of Joel & Beth Johnson. Born on Thanksgiving Day to parents Jed & Emily, Joy is aptly named to reflect all the feelings her arrival unleashed. Congratulations to the entire family!

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will meet, **Tuesday, December 14**, at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. Our Bible study is taken from the December *Gather* magazine and is entitled "Women of Advent." We'll be looking at the lives of Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth, and Anna and find inspiration in their stories as our spiritual grandmothers. All are welcome and you need not have read the lesson to take part. If you have questions, contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Nifty Notters

You are invited to join the Nifty Notters on **Saturday, December 18**, for our last meeting of the year. We meet from 9:00 am-2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come for all or part of the time to help work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief and NW Children's Outreach. All materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Home projects are also available. Children's Outreach is a new recipient of our baby quilts and the people there were excited to get their first donation of quilts. They distribute the quilts to local benevolent agencies requesting baby quilts for their clients. If you have questions, contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917. We will NOT meet Saturday, January 1.



Candle Lighting Litanies



If you have an Advent wreath in your home and ceremoniously ignite another candle each week prior to Christmas, you might

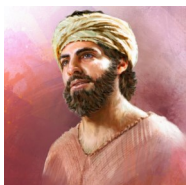
appreciate the Advent litanies we share on the church [website](#). To help proclaim that God's new world is at hand, the people of the Salt Project begin each litany by telling the truth about our broken world and then cry out with all people of faith—past, present, and future—that God is, even now, overwhelming the world!

Preparing for Next Sunday

The Third Sunday in Advent
December 12, 2021

Isaiah 12:2-6

Matthew 1:18-25



Joseph

Finding Liturgy in Life and Life in Liturgy

An Oregon Synod Lay Education Course

How does liturgy shape us? And 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 primary 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](#).

End-of-Year Stock Donations

Greetings from your Financial Secretaries. As the end of the calendar year approaches, we want to remind you of the process for donating stock to the church.

Contributions must actually be paid before the close of the year to be deductible in 2021. Please allow at least 3 weeks for the completion of the stock transfer sale. If you intend to donate stock this tax year, please start the process now!

1. Download the Stock Transfer Form from the church website or contact the church office.
2. Contact your brokerage firm to initiate an electronic transfer of securities.
3. Complete the form, including your intentions for the use of the donation, and email a copy to financial-secretary@standrewlutheran.com. Or you may send a copy to the church office marked "Confidential for Financial Secretaries." This form must be turned in at the beginning of the process. Without it, we cannot complete your request.
4. Upon receipt of the form, one of the financial secretaries will contact you regarding the progress of the electronic stock transfer to Charles Schwab, the church's securities firm.

Thank you for your generosity to the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew.

Tammy Piscitelli

on behalf of the Financial Secretaries and Finance Team

Christmas Week Services

Sunday, December 19

Lessons and Carols, 8:30 and 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 22

Advent Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

The Roots Children's Gathering, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon and Communion, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Candlelight Service with Communion, 10:00 pm, Sanctuary

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

Carol Sing and Communion with Pastor Susan Preaching, 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 26

Worship with Communion, 8:30 and 11:00 am, Sanctuary (Karen Klingelhafer preaching)



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
Sam Harker	Successful surgery (December 8) and a smooth recovery	Carol Harker
Angie Mitlehner	Healing and recovery	Angie Mitlehner
Chris Entrikin	Healing and recovery	Jerry Entrikin
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
Joy Alexandra (granddaughter)	Thanksgiving for her birth	Joel & Beth Johnson
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar & Oregon Synod Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Dawson Dethlefs, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Protection and safety	Staff
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Coos Bay, OR) Faith Lutheran Church (Coquille, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
The Jewish community	Blessings for Hanukkah	Staff
Muslim Educational Trust (Tigard)	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 Used Book Sale Success!

Thank you for a most successful used book sale! Once everyone's paid up, we'll have made \$611. Plus we have a credit at Powell's, where we were able to sell some of our remainders.

A huge thank you to Dan & Sharon Fako, Bob & Mary Brown, Rob Dieffenbach, Don Nearhood, and Barb Gutzler, my trusty sidekick. Also to my poor old worn-out husband and to Pam Meredith, who stood ready to function as backup cashier.

Donna Bocker took several books for the kids at Barnes School and some carefully selected titles for Afghan refugees. All the lovely Bibles are going to Portland Rescue Mission with some children's books for their women's and children's shelter. I have already begun feeding the Little Free Libraries with books Powell's won't buy. This is a real pleasure for me as I have indulged in them quite often.

To all of you who came to the sale, saw, shopped, and bought books, thank you. And to everyone who donated so many lovely books, thank you huge for allowing me to have such a good time!

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

Congratulations!

Dear Mark, Susan, and Saints,
You have made great progress on your loan with the Mission Investment Fund. Congratulations! With gratitude for you and all the good work that you do, may God bless your ministry.

Joel
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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	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	Youth Room
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.....	Youth Room
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	Sanctuary and via Zoom

Monday, December 6

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Meeting	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
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Tuesday, December 7

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
10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Offsite
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, December 8—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Yoga Class	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting.....	Library
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
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 9

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study.....	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
5:30 pm	HR Meeting	via Zoom

Friday, December 10

10:00 am	T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
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11:00 am	Worship with Communion (<i>masks required</i>).....	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.