

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

January 16, 2022

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005  
[www.standrewlutheran.com](http://www.standrewlutheran.com); 503-646-0629

Worship Services:  
Sunday, 8:30 am  
Sunday, 11:00 am

## Adult Education Classes During Epiphany

With the New Year, we get new Adult Education classes. St. Andrew's six-week Epiphany term began Sunday, January 9.

### "My Journey: What I've Learned Along the Way"

Join Jim Aageson in Fellowship Hall for a class about our life stories as he shares some reflective vignettes from his own experiences that are intended to prompt others to think about their lives. As Jim points out in his description of the class, our life stories "may...enrich the lives of the generations who come after us. They can give life, color, and texture to the family tree. They will be part of our legacies."

### Mental Illness in Our Midst: How Does It Look & How Can We Respond?



Depression is the common cold of mental illness. Every normal life includes some times of mild depression. What makes a normal depressive episode different from depression that is mental illness? Can we pull ourselves out of depression? Janet Vorvick will investigate these topics in the Adult Education class on Sunday at 10:00 am in the St. Andrew room. Janet will discuss concrete ideas for responding to

the mental health needs of people already in our congregation and people who may come as visitors. This class should be of interest to those challenged by mental illness as well as those who have friends or family members who suffer. Also, anyone who has an interest in mental illness and what we, in the church, can do will be interested, too. In the upcoming weeks, Janet will address autism, borderline personality disorder and schizophrenia. Questions about how our worship and programs can help those with mental health challenges will also be considered.

All classes begin at 10:00 am and are offered in person. Details about any online offerings are yet to be worked out.

## Omicron Delays Launching "The Roots"

COVID has once again thrown society a curve ball with its Omicron variant and that necessitates another change in plans for St. Andrew's children's program, The Roots. Although the program was scheduled to launch on Sunday, January 23, Pastor Mark noted in his "Grace Note" earlier this week that "we will launch 'The Roots' when the time is right. In the meantime, we will continue to offer a simpler alternative for our children who come" to Sunday morning's education hour.

Children & Youth Minister Kyler Vogt is excited to begin The Roots when he can be confident that both children and volunteer teachers are healthy and able to participate. With so many individuals testing positive for COVID and entering into periods of quarantine, several area school districts are returning to remote learning—providing more validation to the decision to delay The Roots at St. Andrew.

Stay tuned, and please contact [kvogt@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:kvogt@standrewlutheran.com) if you have questions.

## Table Talk: Teaching Anti-Racism:



### Table Talk

### Shaming or Empowering Our Children?

**Thursday, January 27, 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom**

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. Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the next Table Talk via Zoom on **Thursday, January 27, 7:00-8:00 pm**.

You may have seen photos of protestors at school board meetings holding signs that say "Stop Teaching Critical Racist Theory to Our Kids" or "Creating Racial Tension." These protestors are opposed to teaching children about the United States' racial history. Many white parents fear that reckoning with our nation's past racial sins and injustices will make their children feel ashamed. Adam Russell Taylor of *Sojourners* believes that "cultivating a greater commitment to anti-racism within the next generation will *empower* our kids, not instill shame."

In this Table Talk we will discuss the case Taylor makes. Do we have any reservations about teaching anti-racism? At what age should we begin such anti-racism instruction? How might we engage in dialogue with those who want to stop the teaching of Critical Race Theory and other similar theories? To prepare for this Table Talk, please read Taylor's essay "Teaching Anti-Racism Won't Shame Kids. It Will Empower Them":

<https://sojo.net/articles/teaching-anti-racism-won-t-shame-kids-it-will-empower-them>.

## St. Andrew Job Posting: Bookkeeper

St. Andrew Lutheran Church is looking for a part-time or contract bookkeeper. Flexible hours, 10-20 hours per week, Wednesday-Friday. Primary responsibilities include recording deposits, disbursements, payroll, and transfers and running reports in QuickBooks Online; reconciling month-end statements; filing; and entering payroll data in ADP. Assist with budget planning and annual report process.

### Minimum Qualifications:

- 5 years' bookkeeping experience with nonprofit, multi-fund organizations; church fund accounting experience preferred.
- 3 years of experience using QuickBooks Online accounting software, including budgeting, reporting, and account reconciliation features.
- Demonstrated proficiency using Microsoft Office software.
- High degree of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Proven ability to calculate, post, and manage accounting figures and financial records.

To apply, please submit cover letter and resume to Parish Manager Carol Harker at [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).

## A Huge Thank You

The Christmas decorations and greens are put away now for the season entitled "Time after Epiphany."

A big thanks to everyone who helped to take the decorations and greens down on Saturday, January 8: Susan Werner Reiser, Judy Montague, Dan & Sharon Fako, Allison Katsufarakis, Tim Holte, Don Nearhood, the Harker family, Bob Brown, and Larry Vachal.

*Tammy Piscitelli*

## 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](#).

### Preparing for Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Epiphany  
January 23, 2022

Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

## Pandemic Protocols at St. Andrew



**Vaccinations:** In concert with St. Andrew's commitment to Neighbor and Community Care, we expect all worship participants and all individuals coming into the building for a meeting or activity to be vaccinated if they are eligible to receive a COVID vaccine. Online worship options (on YouTube and via Zoom) continue to be available for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. Some meetings also continue to be held via Zoom.

**Masks:** In Oregon, masks are required for everyone age 5 and older when inside public spaces.

**Food & Drink:** St. Andrew is not yet serving food or drink. Individuals are welcome to bring beverages with them, but to remove their masks only momentarily while drinking. Communal beverage service is not permitted during meetings and food is not served. A pilot project allowing food in the Youth Room is strictly limited to that space and those individuals.

**Worship:** Masks can be lifted briefly to receive communion, but otherwise are to be worn at all times. Worship leaders may remove their masks as appropriate and when physical distancing is possible. We ask worshipers to stay in their pews and greet others outside their family group with a wave, praying hands, or a peace sign when we "share the peace." People are encouraged to share in communion at their individual comfort level, partaking of wine and bread, bread only, or asking for a blessing by folding their arms instead.

## Girl Scout Cookie Sales

It's cookie sale season for Girl Scouts and time to preorder boxes if you'd like to satisfy your sweet tooth. Here's how it works. Preorders via the girls' individual websites end on [Sunday, January 23](#), so if you want to ensure you're able to munch on your favorite cookies, order now. The Girl Scouts receive their cookies on February 12 and deliver preorders shortly thereafter.



As in past years, most Girl Scouts order extra boxes that can be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The plan is for those extra boxes to be available for purchase February 12 - March 9. But, if you wait, you may find that your favorite varieties are not available.

Two girls in the St. Andrew community are selling Girl Scout cookies this year. Click on the link to their online sales pages to order:

Josie: <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/josie829920>

Gloria: <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/gloria35963>

And thank you for supporting our St. Andrew youth.

## Remembering Susan Palo Cherwien

Susan Palo Cherwien, acclaimed Lutheran hymnwriter and poet, passed away on December 28, 2021 after a battle with brain cancer. On top of her talents in poetry and prose, she was also a beloved friend of several members of the St. Andrew community. She was the author of 16 hymns in the Lutheran hymnals we use, one of which is this one, "Signs and Wonders" (ELW 672):

Signs and wonders lead the dancing  
From the heart God frees from fear;  
Wings of angels greet the maiden,  
And God finds a dwelling here;  
Boldly may we lift our hands,  
Bow the head, and voice Amen;  
Thus does glory shine at midnight:  
Open hearts invite the starlight.

Hope and freedom join the circle:  
Mary to the garden came,  
Saw the radiance of the marvel,  
Heard the Risen call her name;  
Boldly may we heed Christ's call,  
Step beyond the garden wall:  
Beautiful the feet proceeding  
With good news of death's defeating.

## 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 Nan Thompson	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Nan's family & Staff
Family and friends of Linda Heidinger (sister-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Heidinger
Family and friends of Susan Palo Cherwien	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Allison Katsuftrakis
Lindsay Danahay (relative)	Comfort and healing	Jean Fredrickson
Barton Robison	Healing and recovery	Kyler Vogt
Glenda Claborne	Healing and a swift recovery	Steve Claborne
Secelia Holte (sister)	Healing and recovery from elbow surgery	Tim Holte
Leif Cahlander (nephew)	Healing and recovery from COVID	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
Lynn Valenter (daughter)	Healing and recovery from COVID	Hal & Jeannine Douglas
Aimee (granddaughter) and her family	Healing and recovery from COVID	Rick & Becky LeRoy
Paul Blouin	Healing and recovery from health issues	Sonja Ackman
Donna Faught	Strength and recovery after surgery	Gretchen Bancroft
Warren McAlpine	Healing and recovery	Donna McAlpine
Ethel Ritchey	Healing and recovery from hip surgery	Staff
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Thanksgiving for successful surgery, as well as healing and recovery	Judy Scholz
Dan Bianucci	Strength and support	Judy Scholz
Erica (niece)	Strength and recovery	Kelly Wise
Dr. Cara Steinkeler	Strength as she supports dying COVID patients and their families	Gary & Gail Grafwallner
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
Mareline Barnes, Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Betty Horst, Dorothy Moore, Phyllis Morris, Ed Pacey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele		
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church		
St. Peter Lutheran Church (Tillamook, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Hoodland Lutheran Church (Brightwood, OR)		
Congregation Neveh Shalom (Portland)	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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.**

**If you know anyone from St. Andrew who needs a Eucharistic minister or would benefit from a monthly visit or phone call, please contact India Jensen Kerr at [india@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:india@standrewlutheran.com) or 503-860-5377.**

Cast aside all fear and hiding;  
Hand in hand we dance the round.  
God is with us, Christ, abiding,  
And the Spirit's gifts abound.  
Called by God to holiness,  
Let us boldly serve and bless,  
And to hearts that sigh and hunger  
May our lives dance signs and wonders.

Susan Palo Cherwien is survived by her husband David, their children and grandchildren, and many beloved friends and collaborators.

*Allison Katsuftrakis*  
Minister of Music & Media



John 2:1-11

### Sunday's Sermon

Children & Youth Minister Kyler Vogt is preaching this Sunday and will use the gospel story of Jesus turning water into wine as a starting point for his remarks. Expect his sermon to reveal a fresh perspective on a familiar reading.

## Your St. Andrew Staff

Lead Pastor, Mark Brocker .....	brockerms@standrewlutheran.com
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Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner.....	503-201-4222
Tira Nasset .....	503-866-5099

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, January 16

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion (masks required)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and Livestreamed</b>
10:00 am	Children's Ministry with Donna Brocker .....	Children's Library
10:00 am	Confirmation (for grades 6-8) .....	Library and via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group .....	Youth Room
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Mental Illness in Our Midst: How Does It Look and How Can We Respond? .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Adult Ed: My Journey: What I've Learned Along the Way, and What Difference Does It Make .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time .....	via Zoom
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion (masks required)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and via Zoom</b>
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time .....	participate via Zoom

## Monday, January 17

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
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## Tuesday, January 18

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study .....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women.....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting .....	Library

## Wednesday, January 19—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

1:00 pm	Caring Ministry Meeting .....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Committee Meeting .....	Children's Library

## Thursday, January 20

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting .....	Chapel / Library
7:00 pm	Council Meeting (also via Zoom).....	St. Andrew Room

## Friday, January 21

10:00 am	T'ai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, January 22

1:00 pm	Nan Thompson Memorial Service.....	Sanctuary
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**Memorial Service for  
Keith Poppert**

**Saturday, January 15, 2022**  
**10:30 am in the Sanctuary**

*in-person only*



**Memorial Service for  
Nan Thompson**

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**  
**1:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

*in-person and livestreamed on YouTube*

## 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.*

## Snug, Multi-Layered Masks Work

The best protection we have against COVID-19 continues to be vaccines **plus** booster shots. Early data from South Africa and the United Kingdom indicates a booster shot provides 75% effectiveness against infection with the Omicron variant.

But we can't relax our behavior when it comes to masking. COVID-19 spreads when an infected person breathes out droplets and tiny particles that contain the virus. Other people can then inhale these droplets and particles. Because the Omicron variant spreads more easily than the Delta Variant, wearing a well-fitting mask is more important than ever to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone should wear a mask indoors and in crowded outdoor settings to protect themselves and those around them. Wearing two masks, in fact, is even better. Start with a disposable surgical mask next to the face, followed by a cloth mask on top that fits snugly so that less breath (and particles) escapes. Do not wear two disposable masks. You can also consider a single high-filtration efficiency mask designed for a tight fit to the face. These include N95, KN95, and KF94 respirators from trusted sources.

Dr. Ali Hamade, senior health advisor at the Oregon Health Authority, said, "To maximize mask efficiency, you need effective filtering material *and* a tight fit to the face. The better the combination of these two qualities, the fewer particles you release or inhale. Fewer virus particles in the air can result in a lower risk of transmission from an infected person."

Hamade also noted the importance of good ventilation indoors to refresh the air. An air purifier (HEPA, preferred) can also help reduce the number of any virus-containing particles in indoor air when ventilation is not adequate.

## Summary of Masking Tips

- Masks must be worn over the mouth *and* nose, which are both potential habitats for viruses.
- A cloth mask may be worn over a disposable mask. This adds a layer and improves the poor fit of disposable masks. **Do not** layer two disposable masks.
- A high-filtration efficiency mask with a tight fit to the face is another option. These include N95, KN95, and KF94 respirators. Be careful of counterfeit items among these products that might not have the desired filtration efficiency.
- Do not wear masks with ventilation valves. These ventilation valves allow particles and droplets to escape into the air.
- Choose a mask that [fits snugly](#) against your face and is secure under your chin. A mask that has gaps around your nose or along your cheeks allows air to freely leave or enter. Masks with nose wires can improve the fit and ensure most air and breath is being filtered through the mask.
- A cloth mask with **multiple layers** of washable, breathable, tightly woven fabric blocks more droplets than a cloth mask with only one layer of fabric. [A study](#) by the University of Illinois found the first layer reduces the speed of the droplets that escape, thereby allowing the second layer to trap and block most of the remaining droplets, as much as 94 percent total. Some masks have space for an additional layer of fabric to be inserted.

The logo for the Oregon Health Authority. The word "Oregon" is in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Health" is in a large, blue, serif font. Underneath "Health", the word "Authority" is in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. A thin blue horizontal line is positioned between "Health" and "Authority".

## Highlights from the Finance Team as of December 31, 2021

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Report Date 1/10/2022

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

M&M Giving is 95% of FYTD budget and 98% of monthly budget

Expenses are 91% of FYTD budget

We paid an additional \$19,630 towards the mortgage principal in December

### Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person*	YouTube*	Zoom / Call In**	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total (Regular + Electronic)	Mortgage Fund Offering
<b>Sunday Average</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>449</b>		
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>898</b>	\$ <b>54,216</b>	\$ <b>34,122</b>
*3 weeks only; ** 4 weeks				To Meet Budget	\$ 55,342	\$ 12,732

### 3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2021-2022	\$ 332,050	\$ 313,888	95%	
Expenses FY 2021-2022	\$ 339,609	\$ 308,673	91%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2021-2022	\$ 128,588	\$ 76,392	\$ 76,426	\$ 646,879	\$ 12,732
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 43,940	The Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to pay mortgage.		

Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 113,356	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 2,624	\$ -	\$ 31,774	
COVID Hunger Relief	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,193	
Thanksgiving Food Drive <sup>2</sup>	\$ 4,050	\$ 6,759	\$ 306	
Christmas Giving Tree	\$ 9,350	\$ 6,888	\$ 2,981	
<b>ECE loan balance from Designated</b>	<b>\$5,272</b>			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

<sup>2</sup> The \$3,015 starting balance from 2020 was donated to St. Matthew Food Bank

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2021

#### FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Gretchen Bancroft (Finance Team Chair), Joel Johnson, Linda Sah Olshausen

Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney, Tammy Piscatelli, Tracie Semenchalam

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho

Scout Troop 618 Treasurer: Johanna Au

Note on Attendance Numbers: In Person and YouTube numbers are for 3 Sundays only.  
Zoom numbers are for 4 Sundays. (December 26 services were offered via Zoom  
only due to weather.)

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Children's Service--30 in person  
7:00 pm Candlelight Service--84 in person; 194 YouTube  
10:00 pm Candlelight Service--57 in person; 38 Zoom  
Christmas Day: 11:00 am Worship--13 in person