

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 20, 2022

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

Guest Preacher

Pastor Susan returns to preside at worship this **Sunday, February 20**, and will welcome Laura Gifford, Candidacy and Leadership Manager for Regions 1 & 2 at the ELCA. A historian by training and worldview, Gifford is a published author, experienced educator, and currently called to serve as an ELCA deacon. Her goal is to build bridges among people, within communities, and between the church and the world. Her education informs her work. As she says in her LinkedIn profile, "I seek meaning and understanding by exploring how our past informs our present and our future. I believe that grace, curiosity, openness, and abundance offer opportunities for us to move beyond zero-sum thinking and craft solutions that offer life and hope for the world."



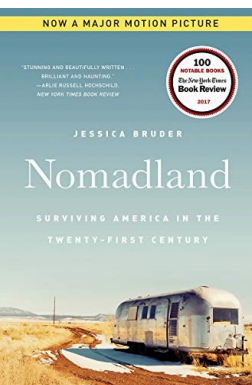
A Congregational Conversation:

Living with COVID-19

Save the date now for an important conversation exploring how the church moves beyond COVID. The special topic between worship services planned for **Sunday, February 27**, will enable people to ask questions, share their concerns, and offer suggestions on how St. Andrew can rise up from these pandemic times and look forward as a faith community.

Please save the date on your calendars now and begin thinking ahead. It appears that COVID-19 is not going to disappear. We're not going to wake up one day and thank God that it's over. We will likely be living with COVID-19 at some level, just as we are accustomed to living with the flu. How do we do that?

Spirituality Book Group News



The Spirituality Book Group will discuss *Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21st Century*, by Jessica Bruder, on **Sunday, February 20**. Carol Horton will be the discussion leader.

The author follows the lives of many formerly middle class Americans, now elderly, who cannot afford rent on their Social Security incomes, and have resorted to living in vans and cars as they travel the country looking for mostly menial jobs that keep them fed. The statistics are informative, and the personal stories are heartbreaking.

We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, February 20**. The Zoom link will be sent to those on the Spirituality Book Group email list a few days before the meeting. If you would like to participate, please contact Mary Smith at dbits1@gmail.com to get the link.

Congratulations, Confirmands

2022's Battle of the Buzzers

Well, football is over for the season, as those of us who love watching the game know, and so is St. Andrew's annual Super Bible Bowl.

The *Jeopardy*-themed contest returned to Fellowship Hall this year. Four brave members of the Council faced off against our confirmands in a contest that not only requires knowledge, but also quick reflexes. The battle of the buzzers tends to favor our young people who have grown up with technology and know better how to make it work.

Nonetheless, the Council was able to squeak in first to nab the right to answer on a few occasions and they did themselves proud. Both teams answered their questions correctly 100 percent of the time. That's amazing! Our confirmands are well-schooled by Pastor Mark and Pat Christiansen.

While the event was held in-person, it was also broadcast via Zoom to enable those worshipping from home to see the action. One incentive to attend in person, though, was revealed when those who were in the room were invited to take home a little bag of homemade shortbread cookies that master chef Steve Christiansen contributed.

This year's Super Bible Bowl represents one little step toward normal. Although St. Andrew is committed to continue offering hybrid services for people at home, let's hope we see many more opportunities for "normal" interactions in the coming year!

Adult Education Classes

Many thanks to Janet Vorvick and Jim Aageson, who will be teaching their final classes for the Epiphany term this **Sunday, February 20**. A new term begins **Sunday, March 6**, when Paul Navarre and Pastor Mark begin their courses for Lent.

Paul Navarre will look at Christian shifts in beliefs that have caused division within Christianity in a class called "From Abraham to the ELCA." Join him in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am the first Sunday in March as he looks at the many divisions believers in God have adopted—Christians and Jews, Protestants and Catholics, Lutherans and Calvinists, and even the different types of Lutherans.

At the same time, Pastor Mark will teach his class, "Preparing to Die," in the St. Andrew Room. Pastor Mark promises to offer "practical advice and spiritual insight grounded in our faith tradition." As uncomfortable as most of us are in considering our own deaths, we will all make that journey into the unknown. Preparing for it by planning a memorial service, deciding where and how to be buried, and anticipating resurrected life may make the process easier.



Tech Team Welcomes

New Members

St. Andrew's tech team has gotten some much-needed assistance in recent weeks as more volunteers have stepped forward to help cover all the needs on Sunday morning. With worship offered both in-person and online, things get complicated; add in recording at least one Adult Education course to be shared online and the workload was getting out of hand.

So, many thanks to Joe Calhoun, Tim Duggan, and Jim McGarvey for offering to learn how it all works and to step in to cover for our long-time volunteers: IT Chair Paul Navarre, Rick LeRoy, and Scott Taylor. Pooling their talents and perhaps adding some equipment will improve hybrid worship for everyone!

Plus, the team has hired new Video Technician Chase Isaacson to fill the position Jonathan Potter held prior to returning to school. Chase grew up at St. Andrew and has provided video services for the church before, particularly in recording some of the work of the Community Carbon/Earth Care Team. Welcome, Chase! We're delighted to have you on the team.

St. Luke Seeks Minister of Music

St. Luke Lutheran Church in southwest Portland, our sister congregation in the Oregon Synod, is looking for a new Director of Music.

The person hired for the full-time, salaried position will direct a traditional choir and other music groups, lead music for modern worship, show creativity in bringing different kinds of music to people of all ages where they are, work with other musicians, and encourage cross-generational participation within different programs, plus more.

If you know anyone who might be interested in the position, direct them to

<https://www.stlukechurch.com/director-of-music.html>

for a detailed description of the position and instructions on how to apply.

Preparing for Next Sunday

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 27, 2022



Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Table Talk: Reparations in the Bible

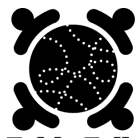


Table Talk

Thursday, February 24, 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom

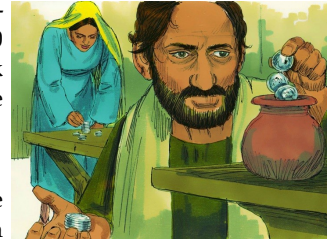
Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely and openly with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion, we have a tradition at St. Andrew of gathering for Table Talks. Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the next Table Talk via Zoom on **Thursday, February 24**, at 7:00 pm.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones has asserted that 250 years of slavery and 100 years of legalized segregation have robbed Black Americans of the ability to accumulate wealth. She claims that cash payments—that is, reparations—would help repair the damage.

In this Table Talk, we will discuss how we as people of faith are to respond to this call for reparations. In his article "Saving the Egyptians" in *The Christian Century* (January 12, 2022), Matthew Schlimm makes the case that Exodus 12 tells a story of reparations for slavery. He explains that White Americans tend to view themselves as God's chosen people, but "in actuality, White Americans more closely resemble the Egyptians than the Israelites. Unlike the Egyptians, however, White people have failed to pay reparations for the legacy of slavery."

To prepare for our discussion please read Schlimm's article:

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/book-exodus-includes-story-about-reparations-slavery>.



WHO PAYS FOR SLAVERY?
A CASE FOR REPARATIONS

Community Warehouse Puts Used Goods to Good Use



If our longer hours of daylight are prompting you to do some spring cleaning, remember that the Community Warehouse provides wonderful support in our community by giving used goods new use in a home where they're needed. While the organization doesn't have the staff necessary to support remote drives this year, it continues to accept donations at its Tualatin site at 8380 SW Nyberg Rd, Tualatin, OR 97062, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Driven by its mission to transform empty domiciles into comfortable homes, the Community Warehouse collects quality, gently used and new household goods and furniture for neighbors in need. It is looking for kitchen wares, pots and pans, small appliances, linens, and small furniture items. If you have items you're not using, take them to the Community Warehouse! To learn more about the good work being done by this organization, check out their website:

<https://www.communitywarehouse.org/>.

Ash Wednesday & Lent

The church is nearing the holy season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, falling on March 2 this year. As we prepare to journey through these 40 days commemorating the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert, St. Andrew's Communications Team will be sharing another outstanding resource from SALT.



Watch for the short video that will be posted at www.standrewlutheran.com on **Tuesday, February 28** and check out the weekly practices suggested for the season, too. Everything will be posted on the website and mailed to the list that receives "Weekly News" via postal mail. If you would like to be added to that list, contact the church office at 503-646-0629.

Given that some in our faith community prefer worshiping at home, St. Andrew will again provide "ashes to go" this year. Check the newsletter next week for instructions on where and when these will be available for pickup.

In Need of Prayers...

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>PRAYERS FOR...</u> | <u>CONTACT</u> |
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| Family and friends of Kay Larson | Peace and God's comfort at her death | Susan Kintner |
| Family and friends of Marion Herfindahl (friend) | Peace and God's comfort at her death | Larry & Phyllis Vachal |
| Family of Phyllis Morris | Help and comfort as they seek new housing for Phyllis | India Jensen Kerr |
| Ethel Ritchey | Healing of her arm and successful transition as she returns to her home | Carol Harker |
| Madeleine (granddaughter) | Healing and health | Mary Smith |
| Ken Acquin (friend) | Healing and recovery | Kyler Vogt |
| Sandi Beavers | Continued recovery from shoulder surgery | Bill Beavers |
| Rasmus Näsström | Healing and recovery from COVID | Allison Katsufrakis |
| Those confined to their homes Mareline Barnes, Dave Baumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, John Fritz, Tara Harper, Betty Horst, Dorothy Moore, Phyllis Morris, Ed Pacey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele | Assurance of God's presence | Staff |
| All who are imprisoned | Peace and strength | Staff |
| Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church | Blessings on their work | Staff |
| St. Andrew Foundation | Blessings on their ministry | Staff |
| Community of Christ Lutheran Church (Hillsboro, OR) Trinity Lutheran Church (McMinnville, OR) | Serving with us in the Oregon Synod | Staff |
| Al-Furqan Islamic Center (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 Tuesday-Friday, 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 or 503-860-5377.

Recycling Tidbits

I contacted the recycling department for Beaverton about whether yogurt containers can go into the mixed recycle curbside bin. The rules say that containers less than 6 ounces can't go in the bin. This is the response I got:

"The 5.3 ounce yogurt containers hold six fluid ounces, so they are a "yes" and can go into the mixed recycling. They are large enough not to get lost in between the pieces of paper at the sorting facility and end up at the paper mill."



I also learned this about caps and lids:

"Plastic caps and lids of any size cannot go into the mixed recycling. At the sorting facility they behave like paper and end up baled with the paper and sent to the paper mill where they are contaminants and thus garbage."



"That said, large thick metal lids like those from a jar of spaghetti sauce can go into mixed recycling, just bend them slightly so they're easier for the magnet to pick up. Metal caps and smaller pieces of scrap metal must be contained within a metal can and crimped shut, as the smaller metal pieces get lost in the paper."

I know there have been some questions, I hope this helps!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Your St. Andrew Staff

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| Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner..... | 503-201-4222 |
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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 20

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| 8:30 am | Worship with Communion (masks required) | Sanctuary and Livestreamed |
| 10:00 am | Adult Ed: Mental Illness in our Midst: How Does It Look and How Do 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 |
| 10:00 am | Children's Ministry | Children's Library |
| 10:00 am | Confirmation | joining High School Youth Group in Youth Room |
| 10:00 am | High School Youth Group | Youth Room |
| 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 |

Monday, February 21

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| 6:00 pm | Scout Troop 618 Meeting | Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room |
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Tuesday, February 22

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| 7:00 am | Men's Gathering and Bible Study | Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave) |
| 7:00 am | Sunrise Women | Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave) |
| 10:00 am | Tai Chi | Fellowship Hall |
| 12:15 pm | Community Carbon Leadership Meeting | Library |
| 6:30 pm | Girl Scout Leadership Team | St. Andrew Room |
| 7:00 pm | Earth Camp Leadership Team | via Zoom |

Wednesday, February 23—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

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| 10:00 am | Yoga Class | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 pm | Bells of Grace Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Thursday, February 24

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| 9:30 am | Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study | St. Andrew Room |
| 7:00 pm | IT Meeting | offsite |
| 7:00 pm | Table Talk | via Zoom |

Friday, February 25

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| 10:00 am | T'ai Chi | Fellowship Hall |
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Saturday, February 26

Sunday, February 27

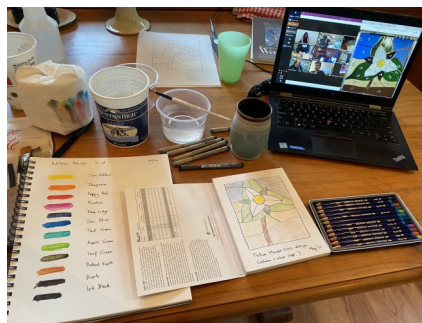
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| 8:30 am | Worship with Communion (masks required) | Sanctuary and Livestreamed |
| 10:00 am | Special Topic: Living with COVID-19..... | Fellowship Hall and via Zoom |
| 10:00 am | Children's Ministry | Children's Library |
| 10:30 am | Virtual Coffee Time | via Zoom |
| 11:00 am | Worship with Communion (masks required) | Sanctuary and via Zoom |
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Open Studio at the Grünwald Guild

Cyber studio resumes at the Grünwald Guild on **Wednesday, March 2**. Would you like to dedicate time each week to your art making in the company of friends? This month-long online program will meet Wednesday mornings on Zoom, hosted by Adele Caemmerer, and Wednesday evenings, also on Zoom, hosted by Mary McLeod. Register at:

<https://grunewaldguild.com/programs/open-studios/>

The Grünwald Guild welcomes and inspires all who seek to explore relationships between art, faith, & community.



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.*

Highlights from the Finance Team as of January 31, 2022

Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Report Date 2/10/2022

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

M&M Giving is 95% of FYTD budget and 80% of monthly budget

Expenses are 88% of FYTD budget

We paid an additional \$5,700 towards the mortgage principal in January

Monthly Attendance & Giving

| Date | In Person* | YouTube* | Zoom / Call In ** | Total Service Attendance | M&M Fund Monthly Total (Regular + Electronic) | Mortgage Fund Offering |
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| Sunday Average | 28 | 143 | 47 | 218 | | |
| Monthly Total | 276 | 718 | 236 | 1230 | \$ 44,549 | \$ 46,648 |
| <i>To Meet Budget</i> | | | | | \$ 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. |
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| | | FYTD \$ | % of FYTD Budget | |
| Giving FY 2021-2022 | \$ 387,392 | \$ 366,237 | 95% | |
| Expenses FY 2021-2022 | \$ 396,211 | \$ 350,636 | 88% | |

| Mortgage Fund | FYTD Actual Giving | FYTD Actual Expense | Balance on Hand | Mortgage Principal Balance | Monthly Mortgage Payment |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FY 2021-2022 | \$ 175,236 | \$ 89,124 | \$ 77,147 | \$ 630,622 | \$ 12,732 |
| FYTD Principal Only Payments | | \$ 49,640 | 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. |
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| Total Designated Funds | | | \$ 113,356 | |
| PIPE Fund † | \$ 3,173 | \$ - | \$ 32,473 | |
| COVID Hunger Relief | \$ 1,920 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 993 | |
| Refugee Fund/Sanctuary | \$ 1,473 | \$ - | \$ 1,473 | |
| ECE loan balance from Designated | \$4,272 | | | |

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

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