

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 13, 2022

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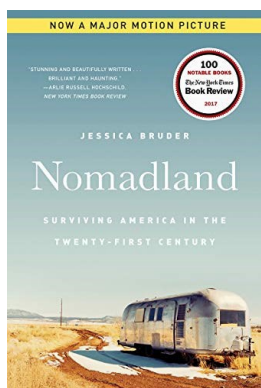
Worship Services:
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

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 have to live 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



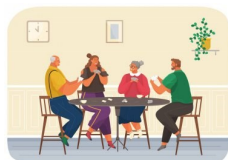
The Spirituality Book Group will discuss *Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21st Century*, by Jessica Bruder, on **Sunday, February 20**. Carol Horton will be the discussion leader.

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.

Anyone for Bridge?

A social bridge group from St. Pius has begun meeting weekly in Fellowship Hall and is looking for some substitutes from St. Andrew who can fill in when needed. This is a senior group that plays on Tuesdays from 12:30-4:00 pm. No partner is needed. If you'd like to play, please call Hilary at 503-526-0650 in advance and she'll let you know when the opportunity to sub arises. Here's an opportunity to "bridge" congregations!



Super Bible Bowl

2022's Battle of the Buzzers

Sunday, February 13

10:00 am

Fellowship Hall and via Zoom

The Super Bible Bowl is back live and in-person in 2022! Please join us in Fellowship Hall or over Zoom as this year's confirmation students take on the church council in a demonstration of knowledge and buzzer skills. Come and play along in this Jeopardy-style game with questions about Lutheran history and catechism. Who will leave with the trophy this year? Contact Pastor Mark or Pat Christiansen if you have any questions. Play along with the enclosed scorecard.



Plastics Reduction at St. Andrew

I am happy to report that we are reducing the amount of plastic that we use at St. Andrew! Judy Montague pointed out to me that we have been using oversized black plastic trash liners throughout the church, which means that we are using an unnecessary amount of plastic that ends up going to the landfill.

Carol Hogan was kind enough to walk through the church with me, pointing out all the different sizes of trash cans and waste baskets that we have. We identified a few baskets that can easily be lined with paper bags instead of plastic, such as in the Sanctuary and at the little desk in the Narthex. Thanks, Judy and Carol!

I contacted our representative from the janitorial services company that we use and she came and walked through the church with me to re-evaluate our needs. As a result, not only will we have more appropriate-sized trash can liners and send less plastic to the landfill, but we will also save some money.

I learned that the cost of the bags is based on weight. The thicker black plastic bags weigh much more than the thin clear plastic bags.

In the future, we will only use the black plastic bags in the kitchens and they will be a smaller size. The rest of the building will have the thinner clear plastic bags in offices, libraries, classrooms, and bathrooms. Please be sure to look for the trash cans lined with the sturdier black plastic bags if you have liquid, food, or anything "yucky" to throw away!

Liz Hardy

Member, Earth Care Team

EDITOR'S NOTE: Oftentimes, we continue doing something because we've "always done it that way," but alternatives that are better for the planet often exist. The Earth Care team will host an Earth Care Fair at St. Andrew on **Sunday, April 24**, with information and activities for both adults and children. Mark your calendars now and don't miss the opportunity to become a better citizen of planet Earth.

Youth Gathering Cancelled

ELCA churches around the country were notified last week that the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering planned for Minneapolis this coming summer has been cancelled. The announcement follows:

“After much prayer, conversation and tears, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Gathering, MYLE and the tAble due to the ongoing pandemic, the recent COVID-19 surge and public health considerations.

“We know there are thousands of young people who will not get to experience the Gathering, and our hearts break for them. This was not an easy decision, and we ask for your prayers and your grace. We understand the impact this decision will have on our youth, volunteers and planning teams, and we hope to return to Minneapolis for a future Gathering.

“With God’s power at work in and through us, we can do far more than we dare ask or imagine! The ELCA is fully committed to supporting the young people of our church and to seeing that the ministry of the Gathering, MYLE and the tAble continue for years to come. With that assurance, we are turning our attention toward 2024 for the next Gathering. Stay tuned to Gathering communications for a location announcement this summer.”

Horizon Team Established



What do members of our faith community envision for the future of St. Andrew? How might we evolve to support our core values? Should we be thinking about possible changes to our traditional worship patterns, norms that have already been altered by the pandemic? What possibilities might we consider to ensure our community remains vibrant and engaged in our neighborhood and the world beyond? How can we live into God’s plan for all of creation?

The Congregational Council has established a Horizon Team to be guided by Terry Moe, long-time pastor, community organizer, and author of *The Bush Still Burns: How Spirituality and Organizing Transformed a Pastor and Congregation*. From the congregation, Scott Anderson, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Bobbie Larson, Barton Robison, and LuAnn Staul will form the initial corps of the Horizon Team. Next month, they will begin outlining a plan to gather information from a wide variety of individuals and groups that are invested in St. Andrew’s future.

What do you hope to see down the road, maybe in three to five years? Start envisioning what could be. Over the next several months, the Horizon Team will be listening to many, many people as they gather ideas for a report and recommendations to the Congregational Council. Stay tuned for emerging details.

OR Peace Builders: *Standing on My Sisters’ Shoulders*

Celebrate **Black History Month** by watching *Standing on My Sisters’ Shoulders*, a civil rights documentary that will introduce some heroes most of us don’t know: Fannie Lou Hamer, Annie Devine, Unita Blackwell, Mae Bertha Carter, and Victoria Gray Adams. The documentary shares their story of commitment, bravery, and leadership in the face of hostility and violence.

Oregon Peace Builders is presenting a virtual video presentation and discussion on **Wednesday, February 16**, 6:00-8:00 pm. Through the viewpoint of the courageous women who lived it, *Standing on My Sisters’ Shoulders* reveals how the Civil Rights Movement was playing out in Mississippi in the 1950s and 60s. Register for the free online event at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/238635634607>

The event is being presented by the City of Beaverton and Oregon Peace Builders, formerly known as Westside Ultraviolet, a group of women hoping to build unity in our community by providing opportunities to learn about peace through the lens of justice, equality, nonviolence, and the common good. For more information, contact Peacebuilding_21@yahoo.com.

Table Talk: Reparations in the Bible

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



Table Talk

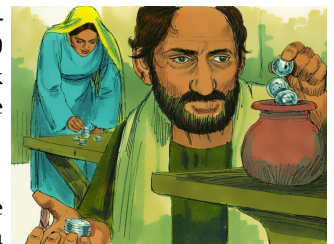
Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely and openly with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion, we have a tradition at St. Andrew of gathering for Table Talks. 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

A Month for Love and “God Bless You”



While February is the month that people buy some 60 million pounds of chocolate to present to loved ones on Valentine’s Day, it’s also the month that—so the story goes—a long-ago Pope responded to a pandemic by recommending some faithful intervention.

The plague was at its height in Europe in the year 600, when Pope Gregory I recommended “God bless you” as the appropriate response to a sneeze. The idea was that the blessing would help protect the sneezing person from sickness and death. As the plague spread, so did the custom. And it has lasted more than 1,400 years!

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family and friends of Marion Herfindahl (friend) Family of Phyllis Morris	Peace and God's comfort at her death Help and comfort as they seek new housing for Phyllis	Larry & Phyllis Vachal India Jensen Kerr
Jack & Mary Scholz Raya (six-month-old great-grandniece) and family Suzanne Warnes Sandi Beavers Rasmus Näsström Larry Arni (grandfather)	Peace and comfort Strength and patience awaiting surgery Effective treatment, pain relief, and healing Continued recovery from shoulder surgery Healing and recovery from COVID Healing and recovery from COVID	Bob & Judy Scholz Ginny Link Suzanne Warnes Bill Beavers Allison Katsuftrakis Kyler Vogt
Students, teachers, and school staffs Ryan and Tasha and all houseless people	Strength and support Comfort, direction, and support	Staff Staff
St. Andrew Council, Executive Committee, Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Karen Klingelhafer, Kyler Vogt, and all seminarians India Jensen Kerr and all theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Emanuel Lutheran Church (Cornelius, OR) Calvary Lutheran Church (Hillsboro, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Beth Israel (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.

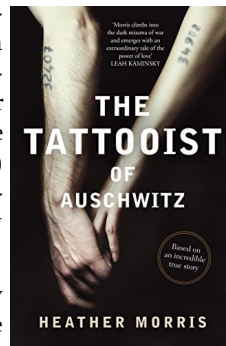
If you know anyone from St. Andrew who needs a Eucharistic minister or would benefit from a monthly visit or phone call, please contact India Jensen Kerr at india@standrewlutheran.com or 503-860-5377.

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club has changed their meeting night this month to bypass Valentine's Day and will meet in the St. Andrew Library at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 15**. Ted Miller is the host and the book to be discussed is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, by New Zealand novelist Heather Morris. Based on years of interviews the author conducted with real-life Holocaust survivor and Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov, this incredible story is heart-wrenching, illuminating, and unforgettable. It is a story of struggle, suffering, resilience, and ultimately love as the tattooist tries to use his position for good.

Upcoming books on the group's reading list include *Don't Look Back*, by Karin Fossum in March and *Nomadland*, by Jessica Bruder in May. The book for April hasn't been selected yet.

If you'd like to learn more about the Men's Book Club or join, contact Gary Grafwallner.



Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild is in great need of a few new volunteers to help prepare the altar for worship each week. Those fulfilling this crucial worship leadership role do all their work behind the scenes, so if you're not a fan of the spotlight, this might be a great fit for you. If enough people step forward, volunteers will only need to serve once a month or even less.

Altar Guild members set out the bread and wine for communion, as well as making a few other preparations for worship services. All training is provided.

Speak to Pastor Brocker, Susan Reiser, or Allison Katsuftrakis if you are interested in volunteering.

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	Children's Ministry Host, Donna Brocker	503-502-6156
	Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner.....	503-201-4222
Tira Nasset	503-866-5099	

Preparing for Next Sunday
 Seventh Sunday of Epiphany
 February 20, 2022
Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 13

8:30 am	Worship with Communion (masks required).....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Super Bible Bowl.....	Fellowship Hall and via Zoom
10:00 am	Children's Ministry.....	attend Super Bible Bowl
10:00 am	Confirmation.....	attend Super Bible Bowl
10:00 am	High School Youth Group.....	attend Super Bible Bowl
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 14

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
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Tuesday, February 15

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
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting.....	Library
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club.....	Library

Wednesday, February 16—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Yoga Class.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Committee Meeting.....	Children's Library
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 17

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study.....	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting.....	Chapel / Library
6:00 pm	Horizon Team Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Training Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Council Meeting.....	via Zoom

Friday, February 18

10:00 am	T'ai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, February 19

9:00 am	Nifty Notters.....	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, February 20

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.....	In person and via Zoom
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

It's Cookie Time!

The congregation's Girl Scouts will be at church this Sunday to deliver cookie orders to everyone who submitted requests in advance. While Gloria will be focused on competing in the Super Bible Bowl, Josie will have additional boxes of cookies to sell to those who missed the pre-order deadline. Here's an opportunity to support our youth and satisfy your sweet tooth, too.



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.*

SUPER BIBLE BOWL MMXXII



Play Along! Circle Your Answer.

The Only Constant Is Change

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\$400 A B C D

\$500 A B C D

We Believe

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Yes, and I'd Do It Again

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Hey, I Don't Make the Rules

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Lutheran Stuff

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Final Question

My Answer _____