

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 6, 2022

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

## A Congregational Conversation:

### Moving Beyond 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?

### Adult Education Classes During Epiphany

Both classes begin at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings.

#### "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."

Recordings of this class are available on the [church website](#).

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



Some mentally ill persons are clearly disabled while others are very high-functioning. When a person struggles with mental wellness, are they broken, defective, sick, or just different? Various ways of understanding mental illness will be discussed in the Adult Education class on Sunday at 10:00 am in the St. Andrew Room. 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 an upcoming session, Janet will discuss what other denominations are doing for the mentally ill.

### Nifty Notters

Please join the Nifty Notters on Saturday, February 5, and Saturday, February 19, beginning at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall to help create quilts for Lutheran World Relief and NW Children's Outreach. We normally work until 2:30 pm, but feel free to participate for all of part of the day—whatever works for you.



All supplies are provided and there are projects for beginners and skilled alike. We have a special need for people to cut fabric into squares, and this can also be done as a home project. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

### Lydia Circle

You are invited to join Lydia Circle for Bible study on Tuesday, February 8, at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. This month's lesson from *Gather* magazine is entitled "Mysteries of the Kingdom: Parables, Banquets, and Children." As we go through the study, we'll be asking: For whom is the rule of God good news? We'll also discover who the tax collectors and sinners that Jesus ate with really were. All are welcome and you don't need to have read the study to take part. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

### Super Bible Bowl

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.



### 2022 National Youth Gathering Cancelled



ELCA churches around the country were notified earlier this 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."

## All Creation Sings

Last summer, we introduced a new hymnal supplement from Augsburg, *All Creation Sings*. The hymnal focuses on our relationship with the rest of God's creation, both our fellow human beings and the plants and animals with whom we share the planet. With two new liturgy settings and more than 200 new hymns, *All Creation Sings* has been a wonderful resource and the congregation has really enjoyed exploring its offerings.

Until now, St. Andrew only had a handful of copies of the hymnal that were used by worship planners and the choir, but we are hoping to soon secure enough copies to have one in every pew in the Sanctuary!

If you'd like to have your own copy for home use, it's a bargain at only \$14.50. You can also purchase versions with keyboard accompaniment or guitar chords, or even an e-book version for use with your tablet or laptop. Go to

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286070/Hymnals-and-Songbooks>

to order a copy if you're interested.

*Allison Katsufraakis*  
Minister of Music & Media

## 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](mailto:Peacebuilding_21@yahoo.com).

## 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.

## 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 ...

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Rob Shenk (cousin)	Peace and God's comfort at his death (COVID)	Francine Cach
Family and friends of DC Williams	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Allison Katsuftrakis
Jack & Mary Scholz (uncle and aunt)	Peace and comfort	Bob & Judy Scholz
Pam Renick (Phyllis Morris's daughter)	Comfort and support	India Jensen Kerr
Raya (six-month-old great-grandniece) and family	Strength and patience awaiting surgery	Ginny Link
Suzanne Warnes	Effective treatment, pain relief, and healing	Suzanne Warnes
Larry Arni (grandfather)	Healing and recovery from COVID	Kyler Vogt
Julie Hoffmaster	Healing and recovery	Julie Hoffmaster
The Horizon Team	Blessings on their work	Staff
Students, teachers, and school staffs	Strength and support	Staff
Ryan and Tasha and all houseless people	Comfort, direction, and support	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod and Staff		
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope	Courage and protection	Staff
Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Dawson Dethlefs, Neil		
Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna		
St. Matthew Lutheran Church (Beaverton, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church (Beaverton, OR)		
Masjid An-Noor (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.**

## Community Warehouse Annual Donation Drive Cancelled

The Service Committee is disappointed to report that the Community Warehouse will not be able to support our annual donation drive. The Community Warehouse collected quality, gently used and new household goods and furniture for neighbors in need. Although the organization doesn't currently have sufficient staff to pick up donations, it is still accepting donations at its Tualatin site at 8380 SW Nyberg Rd, Tualatin, OR 97062, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm Monday through Friday.



The Community Warehouse needs kitchen wares, pots and pans, small appliances, linens, and small furniture items. To learn more about the good work being done by the Community Warehouse, check out their website: <https://www.communitywarehouse.org/>.

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## 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.

### Preparing for Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany  
February 13, 2022

Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Gospel: Luke 6:17-26



# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, February 6

8:30 am	<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
11:00 am	<b>Worship with Communion (masks required)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and via Zoom</b>
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time .....	participate via Zoom

## Monday, February 7

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
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## Tuesday, February 8

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)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting .....	Library
1:00 pm	Lydia Circle.....	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting .....	via Zoom

## Wednesday, February 9—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting .....	Library
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, February 10

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
6:00 pm	Horizon Team Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room

## Friday, February 11

10:00 am	T’ai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, February 12

## Sunday, February 13

8:30 am	<b>Worship with Communion (masks required)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and Livestreamed</b>
10:00 am	Super Bible Bowl .....	Fellowship Hall and via Zoom
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time .....	via Zoom
11:00 am	<b>Worship with Communion (masks required)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and via Zoom</b>
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time .....	participate via Zoom



**D**id you know that Dietrich Bonhoeffer had a twin? He and his sister Sabine were born on [February 4, 1906](#) in the German city of Breslau, which is now part of Poland. Dietrich and Sabine were #6 & 7 in a family of 8 children. Their father Karl was a psychiatrist and neurologist noted for his criticism of Sigmund Freud, while his mother Paula (née von Hase) was a teacher. Both Dietrich and his older brother Klaus were executed by the Nazis in 1945 for their involvement in the July 20 plot to assassinate Adolph Hitler.

## 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.*