ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS Earth Sunday, April 24, 2022

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All-Congregation Listening Event

On <u>Sunday, May 15, 2022</u>, St. Andrew will have one worship service at 9:30 am followed by a congregational conversation from 11:00 am-12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Snacks and coffee will be available after the 9:30 service.

We need your thoughts about the present and future challenges facing St. Andrew. We will gather around tables in Fellowship Hall with no more than 7 per table to be certain we hear every voice.

What brought you to St. Andrew? What keeps you at St. Andrew? How will St. Andrew continue to meet spiritual needs for the uncertain future?

Please make this a special day to celebrate St. Andrew and to discuss St. Andrew's future. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Pax, *Larry Bliesner* for the Horizon Team

Status of Our Lenten Food Drive

2022 Goal: Raised to Date:

12,000 pounds 15,215 pounds



Thank you, good Christian people, for your generosity again this year during St. Andrew's Lenten Food Drive. No doubt your gifts have brought comfort to many area folks uncertain about where their next meal will be found.

Although our Lenten Food Drive is complete for 2022, please remember that the threat of hunger continues. St. Andrew collects food and funds designated for the Food Bank at St. Matthew all year long. Your gifts make a difference.

Flower Chart

The time has come for flowers to return to the Sanctuary. A signup sheet is posted on the Narthex bulletin board nearest to Fellowship Hall. Unlike past years when we've posted an entire calendar year at once, we're currently scheduling flowers a few months at a time.

If you'd like to remember a loved one, celebrate an anniversary or birthday, congratulate a graduate, or simply share the glory of your garden, sign up!

Flowers are just one reminder of the beautiful abundance of the world we live in – when we protect and care for others and our precious Earth home.



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



In celebration of Earth Day, the St. Andrew Earth Care Team will host an Earth Care Fair on <u>April 24, 2022</u>. This multigenerational program features strategies that you can implement to combat climate change and protect Earth for future generations.

Please welcome Pastor Robyn Hartwig, St. Andrew's long-time associate pastor, back to the Sanctuary. She will preach at both worship services. (8:30-9:30 am or 11:00 am-12:00 pm).

Attend our **Information Expo** (9:30-11:00am & 12:00- 2:30pm in Fellowship Hall), where you can browse information tables, talk to consultants and people passionate about climate change, pick up handouts, and receive a ticket for a chance to win one of our earth care-focused participation prizes. Drawings will occur every ten minutes from 10:00-10:50 am. You must be present to win, but people of all ages qualify.

Expo topics include: Backyard Habitat certification, Native and Invasive Plants, Pot Gardening for Kids, Horticultural Therapy, Reducing Plastic Use and Food Waste, Reducing Your Carbon Footprint, Mason Bees, Earth Camp, and more.

We have activity tables for children and adults and so many experts in attendance that you're certain to learn something new. We also invite you to share your knowledge and best practices for caring for Earth. It's going to take effort from each and every one of us to slow global warming so that the Earth remains livable for all.

Seminars on wildfire management (complete with an attentiongetting fire demonstration by Isaac Brocker), how to improve your soil, Backyard Habitat certification, and how trees talk to each other will be offered from 12:20-2:10 pm.

At 1:40 pm, Don Nearhood will lead a guided tour of our wetland and forest habitat. People should meet under the portico at the front doors to the church. You'll see St. Andrew's Little Spring-tooth Creek, the Sanctuary of the Firs, a beaver dam under construction, beaver cuttings, adopted trees, and thousands of native species in our woods and wetlands.

Learn more about this event at

https://standrewlutheran.com/earth-care-fair-april-24-2022/

Lay Leader Annual Reports Due

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 14. In preparation for the meeting, lay leaders and staff should email their activity reports to Parish Manager Carol Harker no later than <u>Thursday, May 5</u>. Because last year's report reached the limits of our printer's booklet-making capacity, lay leaders are asked to limit their reports to 400 words or fewer. Thanks.

Table Talk: Why Do Autocrats Fail?

Thursday, April 28, 7:00 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 <u>**Thursday, April 28**</u>, 7:00-8:00 pm.

In a March 17, 2022, New York Times editorial, David Brooks addresses the question: Which system, democracy or autocracy, performs better under stress? In his view, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, led by Vladimir Putin, has exposed serious flaws in an autocratic form of government. According to Brooks, one of the primary reasons that democracies tend to perform better than autocracies is that "the wisdom of many is better than the wisdom of megalomaniacs." In the case of the Ukrainian invasion Putin does not even seem to be paying attention to his small inner circle. The consequences for Ukrainians and Russians have been horrific. In preparation for this Table Talk you are encouraged to read Brook's brief editorial:

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/17/opinion/why-autocracies-fail.html

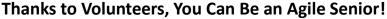
In addition to assessing the case Brooks makes, we will also consider whether our faith perspective favors any one form of government. Or does our faith critique aspects of any form of government?



Memorial Service for John Fritz



<u>Saturday, April 30</u>, 1:00 pm Reception to follow.





Volunteers bless the St. Andrew community every day with their service.

Several years ago, St. Andrew's parish nurses launched tai chi classes to help improve balance and flexibility for aging parishioners And, though that program eventually ended, volunteer **Keith Ehrensing** (and occasionally others) quickly stepped in to keep the classes going. Classes grew to include several members of the larger community and, even when the pandemic forced St. Andrew to close its building a couple of years ago, tai chi practitioners kept meeting regularly at covered outside venues. Our tai chi classes at 10:00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays have been running for a decade! The group is now back at its home base in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday morning yoga class is in session, too. **Geetha Kumar** and **Gloria Vandehey**, trained yoga instructors, have been teaching the class most recently as a free service for anyone who is interested. Join Geetha in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 10:00 am for Chair Yoga and Gentle Floor Yoga. The only thing people need to bring is a yoga mat for floor exercises if they decide to move beyond the chair routines. No experience is necessary, the class is free, and participants leave feeling marvelously relaxed.

These programs exist only because volunteers generously share their talents and time week after week. <u>THANK YOU!</u> St. Andrew has become the envy of other churches wanting to begin exercise programs of their own for seniors.

Join Our Hospitality Care Team

St. Andrew owes a hearty thank you to Judy Montague, who has shepherded St. Andrew's Hospitality Care Boxes for some time. Now that she is returning to the Midwest to be closer to grandchildren, opportunities have opened up for others to carry on the work she began. Check the job descriptions below and contact Chaplain India Jensen Kerr to learn more and to volunteer.

Job Title: Hospitality Care Gift Leader

Location: St. Andrew Lutheran Church or individual's home for planning, organizing, and making phone calls.

Time: 5 to 10 hours per month.

About the role: The Hospitality Care Gift Leader provides leadership for those taking care gifts to those who are sick, elderly, and bereaved and would enjoy a meal or an expression of care. Ultimately, the Care Gift Leader supports and delegates to the people creating care gifts and delivering them.

Responsibilities:

- Recruit people for the team
- Meet once a month or however often the team decides to check in for support
- Monitor email and telephone calls to get referrals from Staff about people who may need a food
 or hospitality care gift
- Delegate who follows up with the referral
- Train new people on the role of providing hospitality care gifts
- Create and organize a team

Job Title: Hospitality Care Gift Member

Location: Travel within Beaverton and with a home base of St. Andrew Lutheran Church Time: 3 hours per referral plus team meeting once or twice a month.

- Responsibilities:
 - \rightarrow Obtain referrals from Care Gift Leader
 - →Call referral and find out if they would like a gift basket from the hospitality team
 - If yes:
 - \rightarrow Find out preferences for their bag.
 - \rightarrow Set a date to bring the food or care gift by.
- Plan the meal and purchase the food items
- Cook the food and assemble items in the bag
- Take the food to the person's house and visit or just leave it at the door
 Submit receipts to the St. Andrew office or the team lead for reimbursement.
- Volunteer requirements
 - \rightarrow Transportation for shopping and delivery of care gifts.
 - \rightarrow Creativity with putting care gifts together



CLIMATE CORNER: Plastic-Free Living

The following is from an Earth911 article :

Plastic-free lifestyles are something of a fringe trend in the environmental movement. Few people have the dedication and resources to reorder their lives around eliminating plastic. But those few people, like Beth Terry, inspire the rest of us to reduce our plastic waste as much as possible. Beth Terry is the author of *Plastic Free: How I Kicked the Plastic Habit and You Can Too.* Plastic Free July is a month-long challenge encouraging people to reduce their plastic use. (More on that coming in July.) And <u>Earth-Day.org</u> has a year-round campaign to end plastic pollution.



"We eat the equivalent of a plastic credit card probably once a month. It's everywhere in our bodies," says Kathleen Rogers, president and CEO of <u>EarthDay.org</u>. "Finally, two relatively small countries, Rwanda and Peru, got together and now have 53 countries signed onto the beginnings of what I hope will be a global plastics treaty which we are really focused on." (Since this interview, the trea-

ty was adopted by the U.N. with the ambition of completing a global legally binding draft agreement by the end of 2024.)

"The other thing we're focused on – and this is part of plastics because there's so much of it in our clothes – is the incredible impact of fast fashion," says Rogers. Fast fashion is an expression used to refer to the growing popularity of rapidly produced, rapidly consumed (and rapidly discarded) clothing created to meet fast-changing trends.

Individuals can do their part by supporting sustainable brands and avoiding fast fashion. Consumers can choose repurposed furniture and other upcycled items, from ornaments to light fixtures. We can get better at eliminating our own plastic waste – especially single-use plastics like grocery bags, water bottles, and plastic cutlery. To be more hands-on, you can also join in the Great Global Cleanup to help remove waste plastic from the environment. Let your elected representatives know that you support them in pushing for a strong final draft of the plastics treaty and you support the Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act.

Post-Plastic Products

But for now, even construction materials and furniture contain plastics. Most people will not be able to go plastic-free until there are convenient alternatives to plastic in all of the products we need. If you are a scientist, engineer, or inventor, you can turn your attention to developing some of those options. But the rest of us can do our part by supporting innovation when we find it. Keep an eye out for emergent technologies that provide the same benefits as plastic without the ecological drawbacks. There are a lot of promising developments in bioplastics, which are starting to replace some beverage bottles. Some mushroom and plant-based leathers are beginning to replace vinyl in clothing. Mushrooms are also being used to make packaging and even insulation. The options for a post-plastic world are growing every day.

> *Liz Hardy* Earth Care Team

Council Nominating Committee: Dwight Jerde

Dear Members of St. Andrew,

At our upcoming annual meeting in June, the congregational council will put forward a list of candidates to replace council members whose terms are expiring. The 2022 nominating committee, (Liz Hardy, Dwight Jerde, Rachel Roberts, Jan Smith, & Cindy Stadel) are currently recruiting members of the congregation for these positions. Each year the terms of four council members expire. This year, the nominating committee must also recruit someone to fill the remaining two years for a member of the council who unfortunately needed to resign for personal and family reasons.

I have served on council now for five years. I am finishing the second year of my second three-year term. I was asked many times to consider serving prior to agreeing to be nominated in 2018. I would like to share that these past 5 years have been full of spiritual growth and personal satisfaction. As Christians we are called to share our time, talents, and possessions. What greater way to share your time and talents than to help guide the overall mission of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. As a council member, you come to a greater understanding of not only what we do to fulfill our calling as a Christian organization, you also learn the underpinnings, and connections to the greater community through our calling as a congregation.

My service on the St. Andrew congregational council has strengthened my spiritual practice in ways I could have never imagined. I ask that any member of St. Andrew who has not served on the council to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider giving of their time and talents in this manner.

If you would like more information about what the position description of "Council Member" is, don't hesitate to contact a member of the 2022 nominating committee.

> Liz Hardy (lizchrishardy@comcast.net) Dwight Jerde (ddjerde@gmail.com) Rachel Roberts (rachelmaythomas@gmail.com) Jan Smith (jansmith59@earthlink.net) Cindy Stadel (cstadel@havanet.com)

Crime on Campus: Vehicle Rams Railing



Staff members coming to work this past Tuesday morning were met by several law enforcement personnel who had been on site since about 6:30 am – after neighbors alerted them to suspicious activity in the garden parking lot. A couple of young men had stolen a car and a pickup and were attempting to cut out the catalytic

converters from the vehicles. When the police arrived, they rammed one of the sheriff's vehicles and then tried to get away. Somehow in the melee, one of the culprits tried to drive off in the stolen blue sedan—which he managed to crash through a railing near the Reformation Earth Garden.

Officers quickly apprehended the perpetrators when they tried to run from the scene. Both have since been charged with multiple crimes. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt in the incident and St. Andrew's insurance will cover replacement of the railing; however, a loaded firearm was found in the sedan.

If you should ever see wrong-doing in the area, do not approach. Instead call law enforcement immediately at 503-629-0111 (the office non-emergency number) or call 911 in cases of emergency.

How Many Hands Pack LWR Items?



What do you think? 20 wrinkled hands of people who have done this for many years? Or is it 40 hands? How about big and little hands? In the past, we rejoiced to have many generations working together to make the job of packing Lutheran World Relief items a game that's fun as well as a service that is vital to refugees around the world.

We invite people of all ages to pack personal care kits and baby care kits. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm on <u>Tuesday, May</u> <u>3</u>. We will have drinks of cold water and snacks to keep the energy going. While the many tables seem to be overflowing with items, a good team can get boxes filled in a little over an hour.

MACG Virtual Leadership Institute



Sign up for our virtual Leadership Institute for Public Life! Five-session training: May 2, 4, 9, 11, & 16 6:30-8:30 pm ON ZOOM

Learn our organizing model and how to be part of our work for the common good! The institute provides content based on the philosophy and practices developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) in over 70 years of organizing experience. The topics include:

- Why organize?—Examine the history, traditions, and values of our labor, faith, community, and educational organizations.
- Fundamental organizing skills Learn tools to conduct individual relational meetings, listening sessions, research, negotiations, and action to help obtain a concrete, winnable outcome.
- **Strengthening our institutions** Engage people systematically in a culture that is relational, action-oriented, and reflective.
- **Problems vs. issues**—Focus from general problems to concrete, winnable issues by using relational power in the public arena to negotiate for the common good.

COST: FREE for participants from MACG member institutions like St. Andrew.

<u>Register here</u> or visit <u>www.macg.org/events</u> to find the registration form.

Questions? Talk to Pat Christiansen or any ,member of St. Andrew's MACG Core Team.

Lutheran World Relief Spring Ingathering

Twice a year, St. Andrew coordinates the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering for Lutheran churches in Oregon, SW Washington, and Idaho. We collect Health Kits, School Kits, Baby Kits, and Quilts that then make their way to countries in need around the world. Your donation of time and materials is making a difference in Ukraine right now. LWR recently donated 8,000 care kits and 4,700 quilts to displaced people in Ukraine. To learn more about Lutheran World Relief and the kits and quilts program, go to <u>https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits</u>.

We are preparing for our Spring LWR Ingathering and looking for volunteers to help for a 2-hour shift on <u>Friday, May 6</u> (8:00-10:00 am, 10:00 am-Noon, Noon-2:00 pm, or 2:00-4:00 pm). On <u>Saturday, May 7</u>, we need volunteers to fill a 3-hour shift (9:00 am-Noon).

The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

1. Load the shipping container. This assignment includes unloading boxes from cars or packing boxes in the shipping container. The boxes weigh up to 45 pounds.

2. Greet vehicles as churches drop off their donations. This assignment includes directing traffic in the parking lot, handing out LWR brochures, and collecting a tally sheet from each driver. This assignment requires standing and walking.

Please contact Rochelle McIntire (<u>pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com</u> or 503-804-7967) to sign up for a shift or if you have questions.

...and speaking of Lutheran World Relief...

We need your help to help others in need. To prepare for the Spring Ingathering, we collect items for personal care kits and baby care kits. The drive continues until May 1. Below you will see a list of items that are still needed. Please join us by purchasing the needed items and putting them in the LWR collection box at church. Any questions, please call Rochelle McIntire at 503-574-2668.

| <u>Baby Care Kits</u> | <u>Goal</u> | Need | Personal Care Kits | <u>Goal</u> | Need |
|---|-------------|------|---|--------------|----------|
| Long/short-sleeved gown or sleeper | 100 | 75 | Lightweight bath towel (dark-colored) | 150 | 41 |
| Hooded sweatshirt or jacket with cap | 50 | 2 | Bars of soap (in original wrap- ping) | 550 | 53 |
| Hand towel, dark color | 50 | 40 | F0/ | DAILY BAR SO | AP AP |

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| Family and friends of Jacob Brown (grandson) | Peace and God's comfort at his death | Bob & Mary Brown |
| Family and friends of John Fritz | Peace and God's comfort at his death | Staff |
| Family and friends of Betty Horst | Peace and God's comfort at her death | Beth Johnson |
| Kendell (family friend) | Comfort and guidance at the death of his mother | Mary Brown |
| Ron Means | Successful surgery (April 26) and healing | Carol Means |
| Terry Moe | Healing and recovery from knee surgery | Terry Moe |
| Mother of Genevieve (friend) | Comfort and healing | Gretchen Bancroft |
| Pastor Robyn & EcoFaith Recovery | Blessings on their ministry | Staff |
| People of Ukraine and all those impacted by war | Protection, justice, and ultimately peace | Staff |
| Those facing ongoing illness or distress | healing and assurance of God's presence | Staff |
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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 <u>india@standrewlutheran.com</u> or 503-860-5377.

Habitat for Humanity

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Habit for Humanity Portland Region (the newly merged affiliation of the former Portland Metro and Willamette West Habitat organizations) has reactivated the use of volunteer teams at Habitat build sites.

Are you interested and willing to participate in upcoming opportunities for St. Andrew to once again take part in this important community outreach? Right now, volunteer teams are being scheduled to work on Saturdays only. If you'd like to be included in this opportunity to make an enormous difference in families' lives, please contact Dan Fako at 503-626-3414 or dan43theman@comcast.net.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn have been Habitat volunteers for decades – further evidence that volunteering is good for helping people live longer and happier lives.

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| Children's Ministry Host, Donna Brocker503-502-6156 |
| Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner503-201-4222 |
| Tira Nesset |

Celebrating Allison!

Please come to the Sanctuary at 10:00 am on **Sunday, May 1**, as we pay tribute to Minister of Music & Media Allison Katfrakis on her



final Sunday of employment at St. Andrew. We'll gather to enjoy some music, reminisce, and salute Allison for her creativity, energy, and devotion over her years leading our music program.

Although Allison will be taking some time to recuperate from an increasingly hectic schedule, we are blessed that she will return to her home church as an active member once she's rested.

All the best, Allison! We will miss your leadership and wish you happy trails ahead.

Preparing for Next Sunday May 1, 2022 Reading: Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Gospel: John 21:1-19

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

| Sanctuary and Livestream | | Sunday, April 8:30 am |
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| St. Andrew Ro | Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study | 9:30 am |
| Fellowship H | WA CO Long Term Care Ombudsman Meeting | .0:00 am |
| Chapel / Libr | Team Ministry Meeting | 2:00 pm |
| St. Andrew Ro | Horizon Team Meeting | 7:00 pm |
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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. 🕨 YouTube

• 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

To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone.