St. Andrew Weekly News

May 1, 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

All-Congregation Listening Event

Hindsight is 20/20, but what about foresight? The Horizon Team at St. Andrew is excited to invite the congregation to help us discern what the future of our community will look like as we transition out of a pandemic and reconvene as a body.

During a special listening session on <u>Sunday, May 15</u>, we'll gather together in-person (or via Zoom) at 11:00 am to share thoughts about our connections to one another, our hopes for the future, and ideas about where God may be calling us.

We're hoping to get 100 people to participate, so make sure your voice is one of them! Sign up online at this link, or stop by our table in the Narthex between services and add your name to the paperlist. We'll see you on May 15th!

Barton Robison for the Horizon Team

Celebrating Allison!

Please come to the Sanctuary at 10:00 am on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 1</u>, as we pay tribute to Minister of Music & Media Allison Katsufrakis 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.

Family Movie Night at St. Andrew

Bring the whole family to Family Movie Night on <u>Friday</u>, <u>May</u> <u>13!</u> We'll watch the Pixar movie, *Encanto*, we'll eat popcorn, and we'll just enjoy being with family and friends.

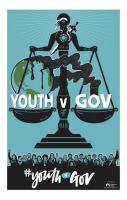


Teaser: "The Madrigals are an extraordinary family who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a charmed place called the Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift—every child except Mirabel. However, she soon may be the Madrigal's last hope when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is now in danger."

The movie starts at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, but plan to come early to grab your popcorn and get a good seat. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Kyler Vogt or Mary Smith.

Youth v. Gov



Who do those kids think they are? Suing the government isn't something we expect youth to do! But several of them, including young people from Oregon, did just that a few years ago and they're making waves across the country.

The film *Youth v. Gov* comes to Netflix this Friday, April 29, but you don't have to have seen it to participate when Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Oregon Interfaith Power & Light host a Zoom discussion on <u>Sunday, May 1</u>, at 2:00 pm. Get the Zoom link when you <u>register here</u>.

David Schwartz, a staff attorney from Our Children's Trust, which is based in Eugene and leading the lawsuits suing the government for restricting youth's constitutional rights to a stable climate, will be part of the conversation—as will two youth plaintiffs: Levi, who appears in the film, and Valholly, a young indigenous plaintiff from Florida.

Join the conversation—or simply listen in—to learn how 21 young Americans have sued the most powerful government in the world to protect their rights to life, liberty, and property.

Critter Cam Wrangler Needed

St. Andrew's Earth Care Team is looking for a volunteer to monitor a critter camera or two in our wetland and woodland. The job is not time-intensive, but will require attention every week or so to check the cameras, download data, and share the images and



video with Eric Luttrell and the church office.

St. Andrew is unique among area churches in having about seven acres of undeveloped land in the midst of suburban Portland. We know that coyotes, deer, beaver, owls, nutria, possums, and countless other small birds, reptiles, insects, and mammals make their homes here.

Monitoring the wildlife around us is instructive for both adults and children, whose fascination with other creatures can bloom into a commitment to care for and protect God's creation. Since Earth Care is one of St. Andrew's five core values, knowing more about our own plot of land makes good sense.

If you enjoy being outside tramping through the woods, jumping over little creeks, and swatting aside brambles, please contact Don Nearhood or Eric Luttrell and volunteer. This job is suited for anyone 15 years of age or older.

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 threeyear 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 Robert(rachelmaythomas@gmail.com)
Jan Smith (jansmith59@earthlink.net)
Cindy Stadel (cstadel@havanet.com)

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</u>, <u>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.

Nifty Notters



You're invited to join the Nifty Notters on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 7</u>, and <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 21</u>, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm to help work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief, NW Children's Outreach, and new St. Andrew babies. Bring a lunch to Fellowship Hall and stay for all or part of the time. All supplies are provided and no experience is needed. There are also projects that can be done at home. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917 or 503-297-1841.

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:
 - →Obtain referrals from Care Gift Leader.
 - →Call referral and find out if they would like a gift basket from the hospitality team.
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 - →Find out preferences for their bag.
 - →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

- →Transportation for shopping and delivery of care gifts.
- →Creativity with putting care gifts together.

BSA Scouts—New Charter Organization

On May 1st, the BSA charters for longtime BSA (Boy Scouts of America) scouting units Troop 618, Troop 5618, and Venturing Crew 618 will officially transfer to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Cornell Road at NW 143rd Ave. These scouting units offer young people excellent opportunities for growth and leadership. They have always been exceptional units with topnotch leadership. We wish these BSA scouting units continued success in their new location.





<u>Saturday, April 30</u>, 1:00 pm Both in person and online.

Livestream link: https://youtu.be/vN_X2StE2x4

Reception to follow.



CLIMATE CORNER: Air Conditioning

The Downside of Air Conditioning and One Way to Use Less

Air conditioning has been a wonderful, even lifesaving modern invention, but refrigerant gas leaks are harmful to humans and they're 🥼 one of the contributors to global warming. Plus, air conditioners consume a lot of electricity. The electricity that is needed to run air conditioners is generated to a large degree by burning fossil fuels, such as coal and natural A traditional AC unit gas, which produce a large volume of carbon isn't the only way to dioxide, also bad for the environment. Not to cool our homes.



mention that the high electricity consumption of air conditioners is expensive. For more details on this topic, visit:

https://aircondlounge.com/do-air-conditioners-emit-harmful-gasesand-toxic-fumes/

Before air conditioning was invented, one way that homes were cooled was by installing a whole house fan. These fans are installed in the ceiling to your attic. They pull cool evening air through your windows and draw the hot air inside your home into your attic and out your roof vents. However, original whole house fans were loud and not energy efficient. Once air conditioning was invented their use declined dramatically.

Greater awareness of air conditioners' contribution to global warming and its high electricity cost have led to a resurgence in whole house fan use. The whole house fans of today are quiet and extremely efficient, some costing as little as 8 cents per hour to run. They're easy to install and have the added benefit of helping prolong the life of your roof shingles by lowering the heat in your attic, which speeds degradation of asphalt shingles.

Years ago, in the 1970's, my husband Chris installed a whole house fan in his parent's home in Oklahoma City, where it gets hot during the day but cools significantly in the evening. As we've considered ways to reduce our impact on the environment, Chris recalled how well his parents' whole house fan worked and he started looking into them. While there are many of these on the market today, he ultimately chose to purchase and install one from Centric Air:

www.centricair.com/how-does-a-whole-house-fan-work-video/.

Anyone interested in more details concerning our experience with whole house fans is welcome to contact Chris at chrish@orthomedinc.com.

> Liz Hardy Earth Care Team



The Secret Garden, by Francis Hodgson Burnett **Illustrated by Inga Moore**

Longing for spring? Read or reread this gorgeous book. The artist has done all things right. She has read the book and made the characters come alive in the same way as the text does. The girl and the boy, both grouchy and a bit sick, both look that way, but as the story moves along and they get better, so does their appearance in the pictures. Moore also has got the family resemblance down, and it's wonderful to see them all come together.



Also, if you are a gardener, or know that the book is about the restoring of a garden, some children, and a family, you can just feel the excitement in the garden. When first seen, like the child, there is not much necessarily to recommend it, but you know how being in a garden, working in a garden improves your mental outlook and physical well-being? You can feel all that in the book from the pictures. See it in the children, and how the bulbs, just coming up, drawn so well you know what kind they are, and how they get bigger, proving you right. How spring steals over this garden just the way it creeps over your own, that excitement, that "oh"!

It's a wonderful copy of a great old story, and you owe it to yourself to check it out (available in St. Andrew's Children's Library on the lower level) and savor it.:)

> Pam Farr Adult Librarian

A Day with Dietrich Bonhoeffer—

Evangelical Pastor, Nazi Resister, Faithful Witness On Saturday, June 11, 2022, Pastor Terry Moe will be leading a daylong retreat for Shalom at the Monastery, the Benedictine Sisters' retreat center in Mt. Angel.

The retreat will offer an overview of Bonhoeffer's life and thought through short passages from some of his key writings at various turning points in his life.



Outline for the Day

Session One: Bonhoeffer's Life and Times, 1906-1945 Session Two: America: Union Seminary/Abyssinian Baptist, 1930 Session Three: Finkenwald Seminary/Life Together, 1935-1937 Session Four: Conspiracy and Imprisonment, 1940-1945 Session Five: Bonhoeffer for Our Times, 2022 ff.

Goals:

- 1. To dwell on a few of Bonhoeffer's writings at various points in
- 2. To deepen appreciation for his thought and action in extraordinary times
- 3. To consider his spirituality for ourselves in our times

The \$65 fee for the seminar, which runs 9:00 am-4:00 pm, includes lunch. Scholarships are also available. To register, call the Benedictine Sisters at 503-845-2556 or send a check payable to the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel, Attn: Sr. Dorothy Jean Beyer, and mail to 840 S Main St, Mt. Angel, OR 97362.

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 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's May Leadership Institute



Sign up for our IN PERSON Leadership Institute for Public Life!

Two-session training: May 10 and 12

9:30 am-3:30 pm Bethel Lutheran Church

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.

Register here or visit www.macg.org/events 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 https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits.

We are preparing for our Spring LWR Ingathering and looking for volunteers to help for a 2-hour shift on <u>Friday</u>, <u>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</u>, <u>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 (pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com or 503-804-7967) to sign up for a shift or if you have questions.

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

We are coming down to the wire and still need some items to complete our kits for the Spring Ingathering. Please be sure any contributions you can make get to church before we begin packing the kits at 5:00 pm on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 3</u>. Thank you!

Baby Care Kits	<u>Goal</u>	Need	Personal Care Kits	<u>Goal</u>	Need
Long/short-sleeved gown or sleeper	100	69	Lightweight bath towel (dark-colored)	150	35
without feet Hand towel, dark color	50	7			

Adult Education Easter Season Offering—

The Minor Prophets: Voices of Truth in Troubled Times

In periods of conflict, how do we discern who's telling us the truth? Pastor Mark will look to the minor prophets, including Hosea and Joel, to reveal how they were able to amplify their voices to share important truths relevant to their time. Do their prophetic words hold meaning for us today? The class begins at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Earth Care Fair 2022 Highlights

Thank you to Pastor Robyn Hartwig, who preached on Earth Sunday, and to all who presented at or attended St. Andrew's Earth Care Fair! Next year will be even better.



- More than 150 people attended
- 13 trees were adopted
- 8 lucky people won Earth-friendly prizes
- 4 guides, 1 snack manager, and 1 crafts coordinator volunteered for Earth Camp

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR	CONTACT
Family and friends of Zack Stadel (son)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Bob and Cindy Stadel
Family and friends of Jack Scholz (uncle)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Bob and Judy Scholz
Family and friends of Jacob Brown (grandson)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Bob & Mary Brown
Madeleine (granddaughter)	Strength and healing	Mary Smith
Ron Means	Healing and relief from pain	Carol Means
Bobby Falcone	Rest and rehabilitation	Carol Harker
Mother of Genevieve (friend)	Comfort and healing	Gretchen Bancroft
Allison Katsufrakis	Blessings as she begins a new chapter in her life	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
People of Ukraine and all those impacted by war	Protection, justice, and ultimately peace	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	Courage and protection	Staff
Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Dawson Dethlefs, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna		
Bethany Lutheran Church (Portland, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Heavenly Peace Lutheran Church (Portland, OR)		
Masjed As-Saber (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.

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Your St. Andrew Staff

Last Fall, feedback was gathered on support of scouting programs at St. Andrew. While the congregation generally supported scouting programs - both GSA (Girl Scouts of America) and BSA-and their use of St. Andrew facilities, serious concerns were again raised regarding the BSA charter model of sponsorship (ownership of scouting unit assets and liabilities), especially with the unresolved

BSA bankruptcy resulting from sexual abuse claims. In November, the church council decided that St. Andrew would no longer sign annual BSA charter agreements, but instead offered continued support of the scouting units with a standard facilities use agreement.

Although St. Andrew would be available as a meeting location, the BSA still requires all units to be chartered by another organization. Therefore, in December the St. Andrew church council approved four-month charters (thru April 30th) to afford the three St. Andrew BSA units time to gain new charter agreements. Of three viable options, the units decided to partner with

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Prince of Peace as their new charter organization. They also chose to make Prince of Peace, which has a gymnasium, large parking lot, and nearby schools to attract future BSA scouters, their regular meeting location. The St. Andrew BSA scouting units' assets, trailer, and equipment have been released and transferred to Prince of Peace.

St. Andrew will continue to serve scouting youth as a meeting location for Girl Scouts of America units and BSA Troop 198; which is chartered by its own parent group. St. Andrew will continue to support BSA scouting units 618/5618 as an occasional meeting place, a site for Eagle Scout project opportunities, and as the location of their annual Christmas tree recycling fundraiser.

Preparing for Next Sunday

May 8, 2022

Reading: Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Gospel: John 10:22-30

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, May	1	
8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Celebrating Allison	Sanctuary
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	
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Coffee Time	Narthex
Monday, Ma	y 2	
Tuesday, Ma	y 3	
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	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Offsite
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
5:00 pm	LWR Packing Event	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room
Wednesday,	May 4—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm	
10:00 am	Yoga	Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Bonhoeffer Seminar	via Zoom
2:30 pm	Communications Team Meeting	via Zoom
Thursday, Ma	ay 5	
9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel / Library
7:00 pm	Executive Council Committee Meeting	St. Andrew Room and via Zoom
Friday, May	i i	
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Ma	y 7	
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May	8	
8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Adult Ed: The Minor Prophets: Voices of Truth in Troubled Times	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Children's Ministry	
10:00 am	Confirmation	In person and via Zoom
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Worship	
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Coffee Time	Narthex

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**.



<u>11:00 am</u>: Worship in the Sanctuary or participate in worship via Zoom. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*

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