

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 17, 2022

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

Adult Education: The 12 Prophets

With his retirement coming at the end of the calendar year, Pastor Mark is taking every opportunity to teach. And we're the beneficiaries! In July, join him in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am Sunday mornings as he considers the 12 prophets of the Bible. Many of these seers are overlooked and little known today, but they had wisdom shared by few then or now. Come learn about Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah on Sunday, June 17.

LEVO Initiative

LEVO—"Lift Every Voice Oregon" met the deadline and collected more than 150,000 signatures from registered voters in order to put a gun control initiative on Oregon ballots in November. On Friday, July 8, staff and volunteers delivered the final load of signature sheets to the Secretary of State's office in Salem.

Only two initiatives succeeded in qualifying for the ballot—IP 14 and IP 17—and ours is the only one driven by grassroots volunteers with small donations. Thank you to the 1,600 volunteers statewide for their amazing work educating the public and collecting signatures! And thank you to the people of St. Andrew for participating in this initiative.

Michelle Sinn

Midterm Election: Get Out the Vote



Encouraging citizens to vote and actively participate in democracy is a good thing.

MACG at St. Andrew is organizing a Voter Turnout Postcard writing campaign to get out the vote! Many of us participated in Turn Out The Vote postcard writing in 2020. It is a simple and fulfilling civic service.

If you would like to be a part of this activity, contact Jan Smith at iansmith59@earthlink.net.

The midterm elections are coming on November 8, with US Senate and House of Representative seats up for grabs. Many incumbent congresspeople are at risk of losing their seats, both Republican and Democrat.

Voter turnout for midterm elections consistently wanes compared to the Presidential election cycle, with an average of 45% and 60%, respectively. Where does that 15% go?

Masking Recommended

With cases increasing, COVID hospitalizations rising, and most Oregon counties now identified as high-risk for the disease, St. Andrew is once again recommending that everyone wear a mask inside our building. Masks are available at each entry, should you need one.



Horizon Team Report

Listening to What the Spirit Might be Saying to St. Andrew.

The Horizon Team is continuing to share its report to the Council. This report includes feedback we heard from the Day of Listening event, and it includes themes our team members have discerned through a season of reflection and openness to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. We do not believe our work is complete, but we believe that we are being called by God to help guide St. Andrew through a time of change, transition, and renewal.

This is the **FOURTH RECOMMENDATION**:

Continue, enhance, and integrate our social justice ministries into all of our programs.

There's a lot of energy and passion around social justice for our broader community at St. Andrew. We should intentionally seek out opportunities to connect this work—especially as it relates to Earth Care, RIC, and our MACG partnership—into our other ministries. Some of the ideas that came up include:

- Integrating Earth Care concepts into our youth programs;
- Building partnerships with St. Anthony Catholic and Spirit of Grace, two of our friends through MACG work, to better address justice issues in Washington County;
- Strengthening our connections to other interfaith communities, even outside of social justice;
- Participating in the Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization (IAF NW) process to connect more deeply with communities of color and local leaders; and
- Continuing to enhance RIC awareness and expression in our region.



Memorial Service for Zack Stadel

Saturday, July 23, 2022

5:00 pm

St. Andrew Chapel

*Open house to follow at the home of Bob & Cindy Stadel;
kindly RSVP if you plan to come.*

The Perils of Plastic



Just before the pandemic became a predominant concern, a *Sojourners* article shook me up, enlarging my understanding of the perils of plastic—not just for ocean wildlife—but for our own physical and mental health. Author Sasha Adkins begins with the claim that “disposable plastic is toxic not only to the body but also to the soul” and then goes about enumerating the many ways it cheapens our lives.

“The more we normalize short-term utility as the main criterion for evaluating the things around us, the more disconnected we become from...the inherent worth of creation. The more we cultivate this habit of the heart of seeing things as disposable once they no longer serve us, the less able we are to find the beauty and value in our relationships with each other, or even the intrinsic value in ourselves once we are no longer ‘productive.’”

She reveals plastics as environmental hazards responsible for sickening plastics workers with diseases that afflict few other people.

She claims that recycling is a hoax benefiting plastics manufacturers more than anyone else, pointing out that it “does very little to decrease the production of new plastic.” The industry has shifted the onus of recycling onto consumers, not the producers who keep making it.

Finally, she proclaims that “transforming disposable culture is not just a matter of substituting the latest bioplastic, compostable version of a throwaway item. It is about changing our cultural narratives so that our decisions are not based solely on what is convenient for ourselves but on what is life-giving for all of us. It is as much about investing in sustainable relationships...as it is about sustainable packaging.”

When Adkins makes her decision not to use disposables she transforms new habits into a spiritual practice that fosters mindfulness. “Every time I pull out my stainless-steel camping plate, metal straw, bamboo cutlery, or metal water bottle, I remember that I am washed and made clean, too. There are so many ways throughout the day to silently thank God for not giving up on me, and for embodying not only second chances but 70 times 70 reuses.”

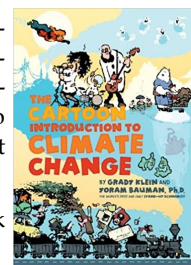
Copies of “Plastic and the State of Our Souls” are available on the Earth Care kiosk.

Carol Harker
Earth Care Team

Book Review: *The Cartoon Introduction to Climate Change*, by Grady Klein

This is one great book. Not cartoons in the sense of funny, although some are. It’s similar to a graphic novel. It’s a very understandable writing of what climate change is and the different things that cause it. It also gives suggestions for ways to stop, fix, or control climate change, and while perhaps it doesn’t go far enough, at least it explains what it has in mind.

At least I learned what cap and trade is! It really is a great book and so much easier to read than the usual textbook style.



Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

Horizon Team Plans Historical Timeline

The Horizon Team seeks to build relationships, leadership, and shared identity.

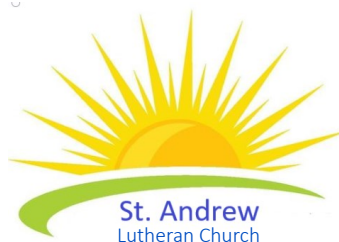
Together we will build a timeline of St. Andrew. Members of the Horizon Team will create a history of this place before it was called “St. Andrew Lutheran Church.” Ecologically, how did the wetlands come to be? Who were the early people who occupied this space? By what process did early congregants secure this land for us? When and how did Earth Care become a common focus? What activities and programs occupied hearts and spirits early on? Who were the founders of St. Andrew, and are some still with us?

As important as these questions are, your personal history is as important. Please think about:

- When did you come to St. Andrew?
- What brought you here?
- What significant events in your life occurred here (baptism, confirmation, marriage, other)?
- What congregational events have been of importance to you?
- Are you or have you been employed here?
- What pictures or images can you share with us?

We plan to create a brief form (possibly a Post It Note) available in the Narthex for you to create your own brief history, your own piece of the puzzle that is St. Andrew. We will collect these and create a physical timeline of all these critical pieces for viewing. Our goal is to begin building this display August 7 and finish by October 30 in time for our Reformation Event.

What is the Holy Spirit prompting us to consider as we live our ministry here at St. Andrew?



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Zack Stadel	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Bob & Cindy Stadel
Family and friends of Lee Gadbois	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Carol Hogan
Rev. Philip Nessel	Thanksgiving for his life and love	Tira Nessel
John Challen	Thanksgiving for a long and creative life	Linda Dodds & Jeannine Douglas
Family and friends of Martin Taylor (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Julie Aageson
Alyssa (co-worker)	Peace and comfort	Sonja Ackman
Amber (co-worker)	Comfort and healing	Sonja Ackman
Schell Smith-Roderick	Comfort and healing	India Jensen Kerr
Bernie Dwigans	Healing and comfort after surgery (July 9)	India Jensen Kerr
Helen Allen (friend)	Comfort and healing following a medical procedure	Laura Geczy-Haskins
Shari Entrikin (daughter-in-law)	Comfort and successful treatment	Jerry Entrikin
Marilyn Ragan (mother)	Comfort and successful treatment	Brad & Martha Ragan
Carl, Laura, and Florence Geczy-Haskins	Healing and recovery from COVID	Laura Geczy-Haskins
Karen Taylor (mother)	Healing and recovery from hip surgery	Scott Taylor
Gretchen Bancroft	Healing and recovery for surgery (July 15)	Gretchen Bancroft
Jeana (friend)	Successful dental surgery and healing	Rebecca Uecker
Dorothy Moore	Protection from COVID	India Jensen Kerr
All those impacted by war and gun violence	Protection, justice, and end of conflict	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
Mareline Barnes, Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele		
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church		
Our Savior Lutheran (Lebanon, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Christ the Good Shepherd (Salem, OR)		
Holy Cross Lutheran (Salem, OR)		
Al-Furqan Islamic Center (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	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 email office@standrewlutheran.com Tuesday-Friday, prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com Saturday-Monday.

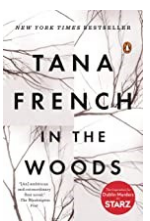
If you know anyone from St. Andrew who needs a Eucharistic minister or would benefit from a monthly visit or phone call,
please contact Chaplain India Jensen Kerr at india@standrewlutheran.com or 503-860-5377.

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New in the Library

In the Midst of Winter,
Isabel Allende
Moonflower Murders,
Anthony Horowitz
In the Woods, Tana French
The Racketeer,
John Grisham
The Rembrandt Affair,
Daniel Silva
Dead or Alive, Tom Clancy
The Brutal Telling, Louise Penny
Bury Your Dead, Louise Penny



Preparing for Next Sunday

July 24, 2022

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 17

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:30 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study	Library
10:00 am	Adult Ed: The Twelve Prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom

Monday, July 18

Tuesday, July 19

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	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	BSA Troop 198 Meeting	Children's Commons

Wednesday, July 20

10:00 am	Yoga	Fellowship Hall
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Thursday, July 21

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Library
5:00 pm	HR Meeting	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Council Picnic	Church Patio
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	St. Andrew Room and via Zoom

Friday, July 22

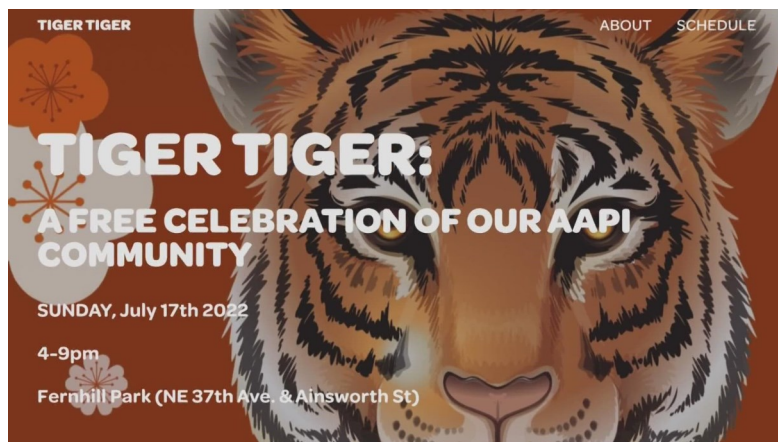
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, July 23

10:00 am	The Immigrant Story Recording Session	Children's Library
11:30 am	Eagle Court of Honor	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Memorial for Zack Stadel	Chapel

Sunday, July 24

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Adult Ed: The Twelve Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi	Fellowship Hall
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Supporting Diversity

Heartbroken by two recent attacks targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Portland, community activists have organized an event featuring art, music, and food from AAPI groups.

"Hatred—if the only thing you do is retreat, it'll always find you," said Joe Kye, a musician and community organizer in Portland. There's "hunger for an event like this—to build solidarity and heal, but also an opportunity to show up and practice some radical joy."

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



YouTube

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.* Use the same link to see a recording of the service anytime after the livestream ends.



zoom

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.*