

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 31, 2022

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

Opportunity to Sing!

There will be another opportunity to sing in the summer 'pick-up' choir. Whether you sing in the choir regularly or not but like to sing. Please join us Sunday, August 14, 2022. We will rehearse the anthem at 7:45 am for the 8:30 am service and 10:15 am for the 11 am service. You are welcome to sing at either service or both if you like. The anthem this time will also have percussion parts if you'd rather not sing but are willing to play maracas, claves or drums. Please contact Deacon Susan if you are interested, have any questions, and to receive a copy of the music.

Deacon Susan

Undie Sunday

Undie Sunday has returned! Our annual service project for Outside In will begin with donations of NEW ADULT underwear on **July 24-August 28**. Since 1968, Outside In has supported many lives by helping break the cycles of homelessness, poverty, and poor health among the young people of our community. Outside In's health clinic and young adult programs strive to meet people where they are and provide safe spaces so they may receive judgment-free care and support.

You can take part in this positive program by purchasing and bringing to church NEW ADULT underwear. A basket will be located in the Narthex and THANK YOU for showing God's love to our brothers and sisters in need.

Service Committee



Midterm Election: Get Out the Vote

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?

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 jansmith59@earthlink.net.



Flowers on the Chancel

The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Carol Hogan in honor of everyone who has a July birthday.



Masking Optional

With cases flattening, COVID hospitalizations down, and Washington County now identified as medium-risk for the disease, St. Andrew is recommending that masks are once again optional 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 Power of Our History

Psalm 107:43 says, "Those who are wise will take all this to heart; they will see in our history the faithful love of the Lord." We remember the past; we imagine our future.

What is this shared history and how does this history help us, individually and collectively, discern the path that God is now inviting us to follow? We spent some time this week scanning our past. Who has led us? What wonderful events have we celebrated? How have we met our challenges? How have we cared for each other and our neighbor? Who are the Rock Badgers? How have we lived in the spirit of God? The Horizon Team will provide this background to your story. We recognize and appreciate the time and effort that Liz Hardy has spent organizing the boxes of files and memorabilia that exist in storage. We look forward to what we and others can share of the St. Andrew story. It is a story told by many tellers. It is the story of us.

The Team asks you to reflect and share the milestones you have experienced in your life at St. Andrew. How were you called here? Where have you shared your talents as a member of the church and community? What events have been significant for you here? (For your convenience a form has been developed for you. It will be available soon.)

"Throughout Scripture the Lord invites his people to examine their history in order to see examples of his love and power, to encourage them to continue serving him..." (Susan Fletcher, October 30, 2017 in US Navigators). Psalm 107:43 says, "Those who are wise will take all this to heart; they will see in our history the faithful love of the Lord."



Rebuilding Welcoming

Despite the ups and downs of COVID, people are slowly returning to more normal patterns, coming back to in-person church or visiting places of worship in search of a church home. We at St. Andrew want to be ready to welcome everyone!



How does welcome happen? What makes you feel welcome when you go somewhere you've never been before? What does it take to get going with welcoming again at St. Andrew?

Before the pandemic, we had greeters at the doors prior to worship. We wore nametags (or should have). We created an ambience of joy in community before and after worship. We greeted visitors with "welcome mugs" and made connections we hoped would be meaningful to them and would entice people to want to get to know us better. We served coffee and sometimes treats to encourage fellowship. Are these practices we want to continue?

Some of our Welcome Volunteers may have adopted other ministries during the past couple years; but others might want to step into the role. We need to integrate ideas and energy from the Horizon process to look to the future we want to build.

Please plan to join Sharon Fako in the St. Andrew Room on **Sunday, July 31**, at 10:00 am to explore "Welcoming at St. Andrew." Bring your observations, your ideas, and your creativity. If we still have more brainstorming to do, we will meet again, same time, same place, on **Sunday, August 7**.

LEVO Initiative

LEVO—"Lift Every Voice Oregon" final numbers: Initiative petition 17 (The Common Sense Gun Safety Initiative) qualified to be on the November 2022 ballot!

160,498 signatures were accepted for verification, 131,671 were counted as valid. It will now be referred to as Ballot Measure 114. Joining our voices, in the form of these signatures, makes a difference!



Michelle Sinn

Reduce Your Plastic Consumption One Product at a Time

This is the last week of plastic-free July. As we all know by now, plastic is a problem in a lot of ways: The fossil fuel-based material generates greenhouse gas emissions throughout its lifecycle; is rarely recycled; contributes to ocean pollution; and even accumulates in the human body. But plastic is so ubiquitous, you can't just wake up one morning and decide to live plastic-free. Plastic-free living is hard and must be pursued one step at a time. The first step is figuring out where you are by conducting a plastics inventory.



Completely eliminating all plastic is not possible in today's world. So many products from electronics to home appliances to toys to clothes are at least partially made of plastic. But one area that we can control, and make a meaningful impact in, is single-use and disposable plastics. From product packaging to water bottles and toothbrushes, our daily lives are filled with plastic items that are designed to be disposed of after one or only a few uses. Most people working toward plastic-free living try to eliminate single-use plastics one product type at a time. But where do you start?

EarthDay.org has developed a plastic calculator (<https://www.earthday.org/campaign/end-plastic-pollution/>) to help you figure out how much plastic you use and dispose of every year and to set your goals for improvement. This week, take a few minutes to fill out the two charts in the calculator. The first chart examines single-use items like cling wrap and cotton swabs, while the second calculates items that are used less often or last a bit longer, like cleaning containers and period products. The tool will calculate your yearly consumption of each product type.

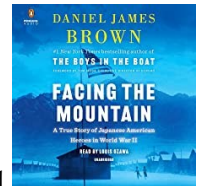
Once you figure out how much plastic you go through, you can identify which of your habits to change to make the most difference in your personal plastic footprint. You might decide to buy a reusable water bottle, keep cloth shopping bags in your car, replace your cling wrap with beeswax wrap, or carry a reusable straw and utensils when you go out.

Or you can choose to "Up Cup". Single use cups are one of the biggest single-use items we use. We think they are paper cups, but they are lined with plastic. As more people realize they can't be recycled, it's getting easier to avoid them. You can up your cup game too; either bring your own reusable cup, borrow or swap a cup from some cafes (there are some coffee cafes starting to do that), or take ten minutes to enjoy your favorite drink at the cafe. Help avoid the billions of single-use cups that end up in the landfill or litter each year. Bring, Borrow, or Stay!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

New in the Library

Facing the Mountain: A True Story Of Japanese American Heroes in World War II
By Daniel James Brown



A New York Times Best Seller. Set in war-time America and the battlefields of Europe, a gripping World War II saga of patriotism and resistance, focusing on four Japanese American men and their families, and the contributions and sacrifices that they made for the sake of the nation. Propulsive and gripping, in part because of Mr. Brown's ability to make us care deeply about the fates of these individual soldiers ... a real page-turner.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Jean Hay (friend)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Mary Smith
Mary Richards (daughter-in-law's mother)	Healing and recovery from a stroke	Anne Williams
Gretchen Bancroft	Thanksgiving for successful surgery	Leo Bancroft
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
People who are traveling	Safety on their journey	Staff
Those experiencing extreme heat	Safe shelter and access to water	Staff
Fir Lawn Lutheran (Sweet Home, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Emmanuel Lutheran (Willamina, OR)		
House of Zion Lutheran (Woodburn, OR)		
Masjid Abu Bakr (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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Preparing for Next Sunday

August 7, 2022

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 31

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Welcome Class	St. Andrew Room
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary of the Firs and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom

Monday, August 1

Tuesday, August 2

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	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Offsite
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee Meeting	Library
6:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	CWFG Board Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, August 3

2:30 pm	Communications Team Meeting.....	via Zoom
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Thursday, August 4

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Executive Council Committee Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Friday, August 5

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, August 6

9:00am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, August 7

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Welcome Class	St. Andrew Room
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
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group.....	Library

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet via Zoom on August 7 to discuss the book, *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace*, by Melissa Florer-Bixler.

In this book, "Melissa Florer-Bixler looks closely at what the Bible says about enemies—who they are, what they do, and how Jesus and his followers responded to them. The result is a theology that allows us to name our enemies as a form of truth-telling about ourselves, our communities, and the histories in which our lives are embedded." (Amazon summary)

The Zoom link will be sent out a few days ahead of schedule to all those on the Spirituality Book Group email list. If you would like to attend, but are not on the list, please contact Mary Smith.


Details:


Time/Place: 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7, via Zoom.

Book: *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace*, by Melissa Florer-Bixler

Discussion Leader: Mary Smith

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

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