

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 10, 2022

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

## Flowers on the Chancel



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Susan Reiser in loving memory of her mother Martha Werner.

## 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 Micah and Obadiah on Sunday, June 10.

## Men's Book Club

Men's Book Club is meeting Monday, July 11 to talk about the classic *Zorba the Greek* by Nikos Kazantzakis, wherein a Greek peasant on the island of Crete teaches a young intellectual/businessman about life under the Mediterranean sun. It's at my place at 7:00 pm:

12675 SW Bowmont St  
Portland 97225.

PAX,  
Larry Bliesner



## Lydia Circle

Join Lydia circle for Bible study and dessert Tuesday, July 12 at 1:00 pm in the St Andrew Room. This month's study, taken from *Gather* magazine is entitled "Crafted in Christ, cutting and piecing." We'll be examining the ways that cutting and piecing apply to not only quilts, but our lives and worshiping communities, too. Sometimes our faith calls us to cut some things so we can do others. The focus verse for the lesson is 2 Corinthians 5:17. As always, you need not have read the study to take part. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

## Midterm Election: Get Out the Vote

The midterm elections are coming November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jansmith59@earthlink.net).

## 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 **THIRD RECOMMENDATION**:

### **Reconsider organizational staffing, pastoral, and volunteer structures to fulfill ministry needs and support existing staff.**

St. Andrew has had lots of staff turnover in key roles over the last two years, and Pastor Mark's retirement will see us lose another key staff leader in January. Rather than fill the same positions we had two years ago, we recommend exploring new organizational structures that can help us fill our ministry needs while taking full advantage of the gifts our current staff bring to St. Andrew.

The staff members who remain at St. Andrew have gone through extreme change in their workplace, with many absorbing new responsibilities as other staff have left. We recommend the Council and Ministry Team engage staff to understand how we can be supportive of their work and professional development. What responsibilities do they joyfully hold, and where are opportunities for volunteers to step in to take on some of the challenges that come with a smaller staff carrying on the work of a larger staff? For our pastoral staff, we should understand their visions for their ministry at St. Andrew and consider how a new pastoral staffing model could support their growth, leadership, and ministry.

St. Andrew has also lost many volunteers over the course of the pandemic. Many of these volunteers had been doing the same job for years (or even decades). We heard from dozens of people at our Day of Listening that they are interested in finding new ways to plug in to St. Andrew, but there seem to be barriers that are keeping them from knowing how, when, and where to get involved. We should consider how to remove these barriers to volunteering. For example, can we offer shorter commitments or less stringent volunteer schedules for some positions? Do we need a team of coordinators to educate others about which positions are available and how to get connected?

## 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.



## Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will discuss *Beneath A Scarlet Sky*, by Mark Sullivan, on **Sunday, July 10**. Lynn Santelmann will lead the discussion.

"Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, the *USA Today* and #1 Amazon Charts bestseller *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours." (Amazon review)

We will meet both in person and via Zoom. We will meet in the St. Andrew Room at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 10. The Zoom meeting will also begin at 3:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out to those who are on the Spirituality Book Group email list a few days before the meeting. If you are not on the members' email list and would like to attend via Zoom, please contact Mary Smith at [dbits1@gmail.com](mailto:dbits1@gmail.com).

### Future Reading:

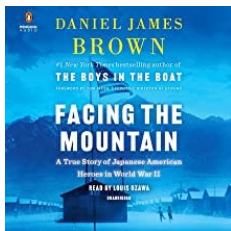
#### August 7

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

#### September 11

*The Water Dancer*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

## Book Review: Facing the Mountain



This is a beautiful, sad, amazing book that makes me ashamed to be an American while glad of some things we did do right. WWII and the internment of the Japanese people, some of whom were citizens and 99% of all of them acting like they were. And when we needed more cannon

fodder, then we decided maybe they could be useful - but only in a group by themselves. And that group outfought most everyone else, precisely, I think, because of their nationality and how they were raised.

The men in the book were/are real people, and the author makes you feel the pain and joy of each one of them. Who they were before the war and what they were doing. You meet their parents, loved ones, and feel their conflicts. The book helped me understand the dynamics of a Japanese family I went to school with.

I wish that we "Americans" (white folks) didn't have to always play at "king of the mountain." Can't we all just be equal, okay, and valued for our differences as well as our sameness? Why do some people always have to be better? I guess that's what sin and Jesus are all about. Gonna take more prayer.....

Pam Farr  
Adult Librarian

## Plastic-Free July Is Here!

Plastic-Free July is a global movement that was created in 2011 by the Plastic Free Foundation in Australia, and encourages everyone to decrease the amount of single use plastic they use as part of the solution to world-wide plastic pollution. The plastic-free movement has helped people around the world reduce their plastic consumption by 1.8 billion pounds. By 2021, approximately 140 million people globally have joined in; this is a movement with momentum! It's probably not possible to eliminate all plastic from your life, but you can certainly greatly reduce it. Join the world-wide challenge at:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge/>.

Plastic bags come with a cost. About 1 billion plastic bags are thrown away each year in the US. Plastic bags, as well as plastic film and cling wrap, jam recycling machines causing the whole plant to shut down. These bags don't degrade in the landfill and they pollute our environment and waterways.

Recycling plastics is really not much better than sending it to the landfill. In the US, only 9% of the plastic we discard actually gets recycled and used to make other products. The rest goes to the landfill or into the ocean and waterways, and stays on the planet for hundreds of years.

Today, roughly 40% of the ocean's surface is covered with plastic, and plastic is expected to outweigh marine life by 2050, a mere 28 years from now.

Remember the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. And you can add Refuse! Refusing, reducing, and reusing not only help the planet, but will also save you money!

Refuse: Politely refuse plastic bags in stores and at the Farmers Market and bring your own reusable bags. Refuse plastic bottles, straws and utensils when ordering takeout. Bring along your own reusable water bottle, coffee mug, commuter mug, or container for takeout food. If you need to use a straw, get some reusable ones made from metal or bamboo. Carry a set of your own silverware in the car. Store leftovers in silicone reusable bags instead of buying plastic baggies. Buy in bulk when possible, and take your own container or paper bags to put it in. Look for produce that does not come in plastic. Replace plastic cling-wrap with Beeswax wrap. Use laundry sheets instead of liquid laundry soap, shampoo and conditioner bars instead of liquid shampoo and conditioner, and bar soap that comes wrapped in paper instead of liquid hand soap that comes in plastic bottles. Before buying, ask yourself these questions: Do I really need this item? Do I already own something that can functionally replace it? How often can I imagine myself really using it? Have I asked my friends and family if they have a spare?

Reduce: Do you really need a new xyz? Or can you repurpose something else you already have instead? Can you borrow an xyz from someone instead of buying one? Don't get sucked into buying 2fer's; just because you can get 2 for the price of 1 doesn't mean you need 2.



Reuse: Reuse is the new recycle! And it's free! Many items we are used to using once can be washed and reused again. Pasta/salsa jars can be washed and used for food storage in place of plastic ware. If you do end up with a plastic bag, reuse it until it falls apart. Store leftovers in bread bags instead of buying baggies. Wash and reuse baggies. Instead of tossing out your shower curtain, use it as a table cloth for outdoor gatherings. Consider shopping at second-hand stores. Before you throw anything into the trash, ask yourself if you can repurpose it for something else.

Recycle is more than just tossing stuff into the bin that gets picked up every week. Recycled items are things that companies buy from the recycler and use to make other products. Paper can be made into new paper, or pencils, or cardboard. Plastic water bottles are used to make Trex decking. Glass can be melted down and made into new glass products. When we "wish-cycle," meaning we put something into the recycle bin because we feel like it should be recyclable, we contaminate the things that could otherwise be used for making new stuff so that it can't be used and ends up in the landfill.

These are just a few easy tips to reduce the amount of plastic that pollutes our Earth.

Liz Hardy  
Earth Care Team

# Horizon Team Work Continues

The first Horizon recommendation to the Council is **That the Council extend the Horizon Team through October 31**. We deeply appreciate their approval of this recommendation. For additional perspectives, we have added Beth Johnson, Scott Taylor, and Sovathana Ly to our Team. As we enter this second phase, we continue to grow in our discernment process.

**What is the Holy Spirit prompting us to consider as we live our ministry? How do we hold fast to our faith and values as we navigate uncertainty? How do we appreciate and make use of the opportunity that this uncertainty brings us?**

We are grateful to the Council as it considers our **SECOND RECOMMENDATION: Begin the hiring process for a new Minister of Music who can help guide the congregation through a variety of worship experiences**. The rationale for this recommendation was set forth in last week's newsletter. It is still available.

For Phase II, the Horizon Team seeks to build relationships, leadership, and shared identity through two key projects:

- A Historical Timeline of St. Andrew developed by our community. **(August 7 through October 30)**
- Mindful Walking in St. Andrew's wetlands (choose **August 27, 28, or October 1**), with an alternate activity provided for those unable to walk.
- Reformation Event. **(October 30)**

It is our hope that these activities will prompt shared memories of individual and group events and reflections on the values of our engagement in the ministries of St. Andrew. Please **save the dates** for these events. More details will be provided in the next weeks so be sure to check the weekly newsletters.



## In Need of Prayers...

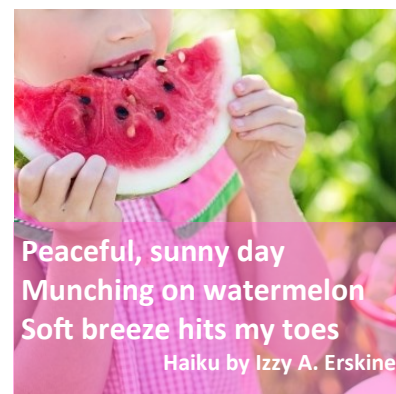
<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Lee Gadbois	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Carol Hogan
Rev. Philip Nessel	Thanksgiving for his life and love	Tira Nessel
John Challen	Thanksgiving for a long and creative life	Linda Dodds & Jeannine Douglas
Family and friends of Tom Hubbard	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Camille Jackson
Family and friends of Martin Taylor (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Julie Ageson
Schell Smith-Roderick	Comfort and healing	India Jensen Kerr
Sabrina Garrison	Comfort and healing	LeeAnn Knapp
Warren McAlpine	Comfort and healing	Chaplain India Jensen Kerr
Marilyn Ragan (mother)	Comfort and successful treatment	Brad & Martha Ragan
Taylor (stepdaughter)	Successful treatment and healing	LeeAnn Knapp
Carl, Laura, and Florence Geczy-Haskins	Healing and recovery from COVID	Laura Geczy-Haskins
Karen Taylor (mother)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Scott Taylor
Gretchen Bancroft	Thanksgiving for her July 15 surgery	Gretchen Bancroft
Jeana (friend)	Successful dental surgery and healing	Rebecca Uecker
Dorothy Moore	Protection from COVID	India Jensen Kerr
Del Mahler	Blessings on his 99th birthday (July 7)	Mary Nell Mahler
All those impacted by war and gun violence	Protection, justice, and end of conflict	Staff
St. Andrew Council Executive Committee Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Karen Klingelhafer and all seminarians India Jensen Kerr and all theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Luther House (Corvallis, OR) Trinity Lutheran (Dallas, OR) Faith Lutheran (Keizer, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Beth Israel (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](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 Chaplain India Jensen Kerr at [india@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:india@standrewlutheran.com) or 503-860-5377.

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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Peaceful, sunny day  
Munching on watermelon  
Soft breeze hits my toes  
Haiku by Izzy A. Erskine

### Preparing for Next Sunday

July 17, 2022

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, July 10

8:30 am	Worship with Communion .....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:00 am	Adult Ed: The Twelve Prophets: Obadiah and Micah.....	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
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group.....	St. Andrew Room

## Monday, July 11

7:00 pm	Men's Book Club .....	12675 SW Bowmont St
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## Tuesday, July 12

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
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Lydia Circle.....	St. Andrew Room
1:30 pm	Service Committee.....	Library
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Leadership Team .....	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	BSA Troop 198 Meeting .....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting .....	via Zoom

## Wednesday, July 13

10:00 am	Yoga .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting .....	Library

## Thursday, July 14

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting .....	Library
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting .....	Library

## Friday, July 15

10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, July 16

9:00 am	Nifty Notters .....	Fellowship Hall
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## 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

## 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.*