

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 4, 2022

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005  
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Worship Services:  
Sunday, 8:30 am  
Sunday, 11:00 am

## Acolytes and an Acolyte Coordinator Needed

With fall around the corner, it is time to start thinking about the patterns that a new school year brings. Are you aware that St. Andrew has a shortage of acolytes at this time? If you are a kid or a kid at heart and would like to light the candles for worship, join us! We'll provide training so you're comfortable in your role as one of the worship leaders. Acolytes are scheduled according to their availability and serve during either the 8:30 am or 11:00 am service, not both, so the time commitment is limited.

We also need an Acolyte Coordinator to recruit, train, and schedule acolytes. If you have never done something like this before and know nothing about acolyting, no worries! We will make sure you are prepared to train and schedule acolytes. The time commitment should not be that hefty. It will probably only be five to ten hours a month!

If you are interested in being an acolyte or being an acolyte coordinator, contact Chaplain India at [india@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:india@standrewlutheran.com) or call 503-646-0629, ext 211.

## Ringers and Singers

Rehearsals of the Bells of Grace and the Sanctuary choir resume on **Wednesday, September 7**, with bell rehearsals beginning at 6:00 pm and choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm. (This week only, rehearsals will be held in the Chapel.) We are always looking for new ringers and singers and no experience is required! Please let Susan Reiser know if you wish to join either of the choirs. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Susan.

## Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle is changing its meeting date. We will now meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. This will ensure that our *Gather* magazine arrives before we meet. Any and all are welcome to join our small group Bible study on **Tuesday, September 20**. Questions? Contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

## Work Party for Children's Space!

For the past several months, the ChAMP Team has been hard at work creating a vision for the downstairs children's ministry space. We are so excited to share with the congregation the finished product, but first, we need to put it together!

We are hosting a work party on **Saturday, September 10, beginning at 10:00 am**. Together, we will be assembling furniture, putting up decorations, and cleaning/organizing the space. The more help we get, the better! This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for families as well, because the kids will be able to help!

We will be provided food and snacks, including coffee and donuts, to begin the morning. If you can attend, please contact [kvogt@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:kvogt@standrewlutheran.com)

## Horizon Discernment Circles

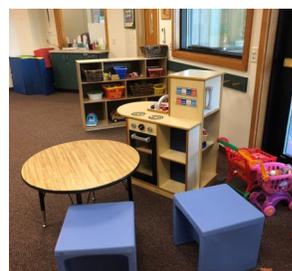
So, what exactly are Horizon Discernment Circles? Excellent question! They are small group meetings scheduled from September 25-October 7 to share stories, dream dreams, and consider what kind of leadership St. Andrew should look for in 2023 and beyond. Some gatherings will be in homes, some at church, and some on Zoom. Each meeting will be led by a Horizon Team leader or other qualified person. Wonderful themes emerged at the May 15 listening event. But what is the Spirit's vision for St. Andrew? Come and help discern what our future at St. Andrew looks like! Signups will be coming soon.



*Beth Johnson*  
Horizon Team Member

## Volunteers Needed for Nursery and Pre-K

As we have returned to in-person activities over the past year or so, many of you have likely noticed that we have lots of little ones running around these days! We love seeing so many babies and toddlers at St. Andrew, and we want to make sure we are showing them the love! As we prepare to begin the new program year on September 11, we are in need of volunteers to staff the nursery and the pre-K classroom for our children's ministry. As always, the more people we have sign up to help, the smaller everyone's individual commitment. If you are willing to take your turn with our little ones, here is what we are looking for:



**For the Nursery:** We are currently reviewing applications for a Sunday Nursery Attendant, and hope to have someone hired and ready to start with the new program year. Yet, our safe child policy (and the number of babies we have in our congregation) requires two adults to be present with our kids. We need adults to take their turn assisting the

Nursery Attendant during each worship service and during the education hour.

**For Pre-K:** Our Pre-K class is our education-hour class for kids from 3 years old until they are entering Kindergarten. The class will be mostly free-play, with an emphasis on building relationships between the kids and the teachers. We want them to know that church is safe and fun! There will also be a very short story time, reading the week's Bible story from a children's Bible. Again, we need two adults for this class each Sunday, so the more helpers we get, the better!

If you can volunteer, please contact me at [kvogt@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:kvogt@standrewlutheran.com). Thank you for supporting our children's ministry!

## Weekend Prayers

Sue Cahlander, weekend prayer volunteer, will be traveling until September 21. During this time, please do not call her directly with prayer requests. Instead, send all prayer requests to the office. If your request is urgent, please contact Chaplain India at 503-860-5377 or email her at [india@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:india@standrewlutheran.com).

## Thank You

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

We are so fortunate to have supporters like St. Andrew Lutheran Church. In addition to the physical work that your team has done on our National Rebuilding Day events for the benefit of our homeowners in need, your continued monetary support is very important. Thank you!

Our "Fix-It Squad" volunteers have been helping our homeowner applicants with varied repairs and safety needs. Because of your church and our other supporters, we are making a dent in the homeowners waiting for our assistance. This is especially important as some homeowners are threatened with eviction if they are unable to maintain their homes to the standards set by manufactured home parks.

Sincerely,  
*Joan Goldhammer*  
Interim Executive Director

Dear St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran World Relief. I'd like to share a story with you about how your support makes a real difference.

Rajendra Kushwaha and his wife Nikky Devi used to have a hard time sleeping, as they feared they'd be woken in the night by rising floodwaters that would wash away their home, gardens, and livestock. It had happened several times before—the river near their home in India would swell without warning and sweep everything away, leaving their family vulnerable to hunger.

But your kindness reached them on the banks of the river. For them, your love sounds like an announcement made through a tinny megaphone, letting them know a flood is coming. This early warning system urges their entire village to take their livestock and valuables to higher ground well before the floodwaters arrive. Your love is also teaching them new farming techniques—like growing food on rooftops or in hanging baskets—so their vital crops don't wash away. Now Rajendra and his family can rest easier at night, knowing their crops and futures are more secure.

Thank you for your generosity! We are proud to carry your love—and God's love—to the places it's needed most...until your love reaches every neighbor.

Warm regards,  
Ambassador *Daniel V. Speckhard*  
President and CEO

## Time to Collect School Supplies for LWR

With many retailers currently offering back-to-school sales, now is the time to help us stock up on supplies for LWR (Lutheran World Relief) School Kits. These kits help break the cycle of poverty for families worldwide. Our goal is to collect enough supplies to fill 250 school kits by mid-October.

To make 250 kits, we need the following supplies:

ITEM	NUMBER STILL NEEDED
70-sheet spiral bound notebooks (4 per kit)	371
Crayons (16- or 24-count box)	93
Pencil sharpeners	71
30-centimeter rulers	11
Blunt scissors	10
Black or blue ink pens (5 per kit)	623
2 1/2 inch eraser	88

This is a big goal, but we already have all the pencils we need and we know the generous hearts of St. Andrew people can achieve this goal! Please bring your donations and place them in the barrel in the Narthex labeled LWR School kits. Thank you for your generous donations.

## Faith and Democracy in Crisis:

### Resisting Authoritarianism, Protecting Human Dignity

Wednesdays, September 14-October 26, 2022; 7:00-8:15 pm (PDT) on Zoom

All are invited to join this seven-week series hosted by Spirit of Grace for the wider ecumenical community. Learn about the theological dimensions of the anti-democratic insurgency attempting to take over our federal government. With foundational Christian teachings on church and society from Catholic, Lutheran, and United Church of Christ traditions, we'll talk about this authoritarian insurgency and formulate visions for Christian resistance that protect human dignity as created in the image of God. We'll conclude with opportunities to carry that vision into action through ecclesial and civic networks.

Each session will include time for presentation, small- and full-group discussion, and a spiritual practice to sustain us through challenging times. Many sessions will have advance readings of 6-12 pages. More information can be found at [SpiritofGracePDX.org](http://SpiritofGracePDX.org). Registration is required by September 12. Additional questions can be directed to [PastorRobyn@spiritofgrace.org](mailto:PastorRobyn@spiritofgrace.org), series coordinator.

[Click Here to Register](#)

#### Primary Presenters:

**Brian Brandt**, PhD, is a retired ELCA pastor with a doctorate in Christian Ethics (Dissertation on MLK, Jr.'s doctrine of redemptive suffering), who considers himself a theologian of the cross.

**Janet Parker**, PhD, is a United Church of Christ pastor, Christian Ecofeminist, and Social Ethicist currently serving as Interim Pastor at Smyrna UCC in Canby, OR.

#### Guest Presenter on Catholic Social Teaching:

**Anna Floerke Scheid**, PhD, is an associate professor of theology at Duquesne University focusing on ethics at the intersection of politics and religion.

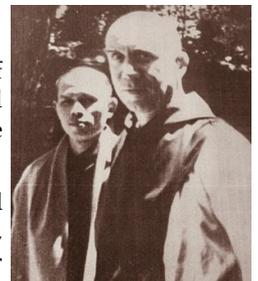
## Retreat on Engaged Spirituality

### Meditating with Thich Nhat Hanh and Thomas Merton, September 24

Join Pastor Terry Moe and Peggy Lindquist, Order of Interbeing, for a daylong retreat exploring the spiritual practices of two monks from separate corners of the world.

To register, call Benedictine Sisters, 503-845-2446, or send a check to Benedictine Sisters, 840 S. Main St, Mt. Angel, OR 97362, Attn: Sr. Dorothy Jean, at least three days prior to the retreat.

More information is available online at: <https://www.benedictine-srs.org/events>.



September 24, 9 am-4 pm, Benedictine Sisters Chapter Room, Mt. Angel, \$65 (includes lunch), scholarships available

## Table Talk: Resisting Christian Nationalism

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



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 first Table

Talk of the new program year in Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, September 27, 7:00-8:00 pm.**

The rise of Christian Nationalism has been a cause for concern for many in our faith tradition. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, recently joined numerous other church leaders in signing a statement entitled "Christians against Christian Nationalism." Part of the challenge for us is to discern what are the most faithful and effective ways to resist Christian Nationalism. We need to be very aware of the context in which we are resisting. To prepare for this Table Talk, you are encouraged to read the statement Bishop Eaton signed:

<https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/>.

We will also have copies available at the Table Talk.

If there is enough interest, it may be possible to schedule an additional Zoom session to discuss this topic. Let Pastor Brocker know if you're interested.

## Climate Corner: Home Heating & Cooling

Adopted from Earth911, by Gemma Alexander, July 21, 2022

Americans are above average in terms of the carbon footprint we leave, with each of us generating 18.55 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year, or 3.5 times the global average. Our homes are exceptional too, but not in a way that's good for the planet.

The average American single-family home built in 2019 was 2,584 square feet. Second only to Australia, the U.S. has the largest houses in the world. You could fit more than 11 Chinese homes into the average American house! That comes with a high environmental price, increases transportation emissions through long commutes, and encourages the accumulation of lots of stuff. And it takes a lot of energy to heat and cool those big homes. Home heating and cooling comprise 17% of Americans' carbon footprint. For most Americans, home heating and cooling is the third largest source of their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Here are some tips to improve your heating and cooling footprint.

**Good:** A good place to start is by looking at your habits. Do you set your air conditioner (AC) to a lower temperature in summer than you set your heater in winter? Do you turn on the heater on the first chilly day? Or do you wait until you actually feel cold? Try dressing for the season and setting your thermostat as close to the outside temperature as is comfortable. Put on a sweater and turn down the heat 5 degrees while you are home. Or put on shorts in the summer and turn up the AC 5 degrees. Turn the heat down or the AC up 10 degrees while you are away from home to reduce your heating or cooling load by up to 10%. Put the heat/AC on vacation mode or adjust by 20 to 30 degrees when leaving for days. Installing a smart thermostat can help you save energy too.

Tap into energy efficiency programs through PGE. Keeping on top of home maintenance tasks like duct cleaning, servicing your

furnace and AC, and sealing windows and doors will improve home energy efficiency. Even your choice of window treatments can make a difference in both cold weather and to combat the heat island effect in hot weather. (More about heat islands next week.)

**Better:** Sealing air leaks will make your home perform better, saving 15% to 25% of the heat your furnace generates in winter and blocking the same amount of unwanted heat gain in summer. For most homes insulating floors, walls, and ceilings can cut this leakage by about a third. Doors and windows are popular upgrades, which at a combined one-fifth of leakage are not insignificant. But ducts and fireplaces are still bigger leakage culprits.

Reduce your heating and cooling energy consumption by sealing leaks in your home. When upgrading your older furnace, choose a highly efficient model and consider the source of your electricity when you decide between gas and electric. Consider just using fans which use a fraction of the energy of AC. They also do not require chemical coolants, which are greenhouse gases. If you really need air conditioning, ask yourself whether you can get by with a window unit, which uses a third as much energy as central air conditioning. Whatever AC you end up buying, choose the most efficient model. Consider installing a heat pump which emits about 1/4 the amount of carbon as AC and furnaces.

**Best:** The smaller your square footage, the less energy will be needed for heating and cooling. If you plan to move, look for a smaller home. Or consider dividing your home into a duplex. Or take in a renter so the heating/cooling energy is shared with more folks. Whatever your square footage, if you're building a home, use passive design and other green building strategies like earth-sheltered construction to achieve net-zero energy use.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## Switch, by A.S. King



This is one weird book. I didn't really understand any of it. It's written for teenagers; maybe that's my problem.

As I understand it, the main character, a girl, lives in a house where there is a switch on the wall like a light switch, except it's maybe not. Her dad keeps building bigger and bigger boxes around it so people can't touch it, which narrows the hallways and eventually has altered the entire inside of the house. The house has also started to roll over slowly, one side at a time, pulling out the plumbing, causing leaks and evil smells, and making electricity challenging.

Meanwhile the girl is living her ordinary life at school and coming home to climb through the window to get in her bedroom. Oh, and did I tell you time has stopped?

*Pam Farr*  
Adult Librarian

Where Air Escapes from Your Home

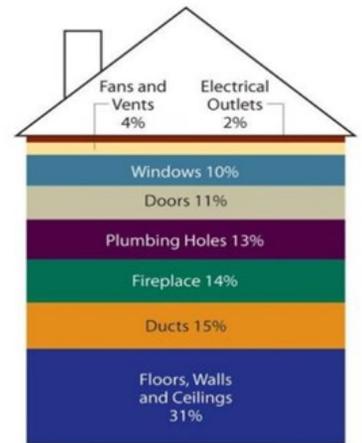


Image Source: Union of Concerned Scientists

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Kitty Ozment (Joe's sister)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Joe & Libby Calhoun
Family and friends of Russ Leone	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Mary Nell Mahler
Lisa Staul	Comfort and a positive surgery outcome (Sept. 14)	LuAnn Staul
Barb Floyd	Healing and good health	Lynn Santelmann
Lindsay (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Linda Swan
Teri Brosh	Healing and recovery	Teri Brosh
Linda Sah Olshausen	Healing and recovery	Linda Sah Olshausen
Teachers and students	Blessings at the beginning of the school year	Staff
All those impacted by war and gun violence	Protection, justice, and end of conflict	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
All those providing care for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and support	Staff
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Cave Junction, OR) Calvary Lutheran Church (Grants Pass, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation P'nai Or (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.**

## Christian Education Open House

After a couple of years of interruption and uncertainty regarding scheduling of in-person events, we're excited to be able to once again host a Christian Education Open House to start the program year. Between services next **Sunday, September 11**, the congregation is invited to come and see all the education events going on at St. Andrew. Specifically,

- stop by the Nursery to see where our youngest children receive care;
- visit the Children's Commons and classrooms on the lower level for a glimpse into the much-

anticipated Roots program for pre-school and elementary students;

- check out the Library on the upper level to learn more about Confirmation for middle schoolers;
- visit the Youth Room (lower level) to see what's on the agenda for high school students; and
- stop by Fellowship Hall, the location for many Adult Education classes.

Adult Education booklets outlining the coming year's classes will be available for pickup next Sunday, too.

**Registration is online-only. See links below the calendar on the next page of the newsletter to enroll.**

**Preparing for Next Sunday**  
September 11, 2022

Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

### Your St. Andrew Staff

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# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, September 4

8:30 am	Worship with Communion .....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
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, September 5—Labor Day

7:00 pm	Fantasy Football Draft.....	St. Andrew Room
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## Tuesday, September 6

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)
10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes .....	Offsite
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Patio
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting .....	Library
6:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild .....	Lower Level
6:00 pm	CWFG Board Meeting .....	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room

## Wednesday, September 7

10:00 am	Yoga .....	Lower Level
12:30 pm	Bonhoeffer Seminar.....	via Zoom
2:30 pm	Communications Team Meeting.....	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal .....	Chapel
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Chapel

## Thursday, September 8

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	Adult Education Meeting .....	Library

## Friday, September 9

10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Patio
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## Saturday, September 10

9:00 am	Horizon Team Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	The Roots Work Party .....	Children's Commons

## Sunday, September 11

8:30 am	Worship with Communion .....	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:45 am	Christian Education Open House .....	Children's Commons, Library, 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.....	Library

## Registration Links for Youth Christian Education

[Nursery/Pre-K](#)

[The Roots](#)

[Middle School / Confirmation](#)

[High School Youth](#)

Please see the article on the previous page for more information about these programs.

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