

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 23, 2022

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

Thanksgiving Is Coming



The Service Committee is once again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families and we need your help. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education.

Our goal is to collect \$2,500, enough to buy fifty \$50 WinCo gift cards for these families. Any donations that exceed our goal will be donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community needing food assistance.

If you wish to give online, select the Thanksgiving Food Drive fund, or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the memo line.

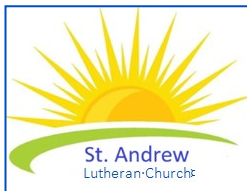
This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving a needy family the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Our donation deadline is November 15 to give us time to purchase gift cards and get them to these families.

If you have questions, please contact:

LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com or 503-314-6321) or
Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com or 503-649-5091).

Reformation: Not Just for 1517

A huge thank you to the 90 people who attended this month's Horizon Discernment Circles. There were thoughtful conversations, as well as sharing of hopes, dreams, prayers, and visions for St. Andrew. You will be hearing several of the prayers that were written during those gatherings during worship on Sunday mornings.



October 30 will be a festive day for St. Andrew. We'll celebrate Reformation Sunday (wear red!) at ONE worship service at 9:30 am. Then, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall (11:00 am-12:30 pm) for an event that will mark the end of the Horizon Team's work and the beginning of the next step in our continuing reformation journey. Come be a part of discerning what the Spirit is revealing to us as we explore ministry opportunities in 2023 and beyond.


Light refreshments will be served and there's no need to sign up in advance. Whether you've been a member since the beginning or are here for the first time, you are a part of this faith community and can be a part of shaping its future. Childcare provided.

October 30 Is a One-Service Sunday

9:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 am: Horizon Discussion—Shaping the Future
in Fellowship Hall

Table Talks: The Language of Worship: Welcoming or Unwelcoming?

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm, in Person, 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 next Table Talk in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, October 27, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Tom Mehlhorn recently sent me an email expressing concern about the emphasis on earth care in worship this summer. Tom supports St. Andrew's core values including earth care. But he wants St. Andrew to be a church that welcomes people of diverse political views. He wrote: "By replacing the Creed by the Words of Lament and Turning, as well as emphasizing Earth Care in the confession, final blessing and throughout the service, I am concerned that St. Andrew is sending the message that only liberal/progressives are welcome in our church. This is antithetical to our status as an RIC (Reconciling in Christ) congregation. If everyone is truly welcome, then those with conservative political opinions should be also welcomed—especially in these times of polarization." Over the years I have also had people raise concerns that our traditional worship language can be unwelcoming to people who are new to our faith tradition.

At the beginning of this Table Talk, we will all have a chance to read Tom's email. To prepare you may want to spend some time thinking about our worship language and how it is welcoming or unwelcoming. We will probably need to spend some time discussing what our priorities are in worship and how our worship language fits with those priorities.

A Big Thank You!

To everyone who purchased notebooks, pencils, erasers, pens, and other school supplies; to those who provided material for school bags or quilts; to those who cut fabric, sewed, strung cord, and finished St. Andrew's contributions to Lutheran World Relief, we owe a big THANK YOU! Putting together school kits and sewing quilts requires a team effort, but the rewards are so great—for the youth and families around the world who are uplifted by the gifts we offer and for the volunteers who feel rewarded for their good work.



It all comes together for Lutheran World Relief next week with packing night and then the Ingathering itself. See the article that follows for ways you can help.

Volunteer for the Ingathering

We are preparing for our next Lutheran World Relief Ingathering and looking for volunteers. We have two opportunities for you to volunteer:

Tuesday, October 25, 5:00-7:00 pm

We'll assemble school kits and pack them, as well as the quilts made by the Nifty Notters, into boxes for shipment. This is a great event for families.

Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29

We also need volunteers to help with Ingathering on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29. Volunteers can sign up for a 2-hour shift between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Friday. On Saturday, 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. The boxes weigh up to 40 pounds.
2. Greet people in vehicles as churches drop off their donations.

The box you help load at the Ingathering could mean the difference for a refugee in Ukraine or other countries in need. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Rochelle McIntire at 503-804-7967 or email pacificnwlrwgroupp@gmail.com.

EMO Voters' Guide on Oregon Ballot Measures

For nearly 50 years, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) has used its voice to advocate for policies and legislation that help create an Oregon that works for everyone, not just those at the top. With the mid-term election less than three weeks away, EMO has released its "Voters' Guide to 2022 Oregon Ballot Measures."



For thoughtful background on why the organization recommends approval of four ballot initiatives—on health care, removing slavery as punishment, government accountability, and reducing gun violence—go to <https://emoregon.org/advocacy-action/>.

In short, EMO advocates voting YES on four ballot initiatives:

- Measure 111: Yes on the Right to Health Care
- Measure 112: Yes to Remove Slavery as Punishment for a Crime
- Measure 113: Yes for Government Accountability
- Measure 114: Yes for Reduction of Gun Violence

Preparing for Reformation Sunday

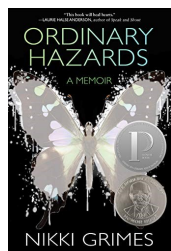
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Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

John 8:31-36

Ordinary Hazards, by Nikki Grimes

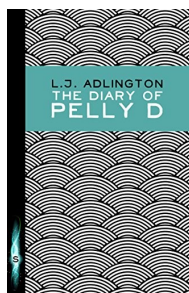


This is an amazing book about a woman's early life as a girl in a very dysfunctional family/foster care/maybe one-parent family and how she managed despite it. How she never let go of God, though she didn't actually get to "see" much of Him. Her anger, her memories, as best she can recall, God somehow was never too far away from her, and with all she went through, this was a constant source of amazement to me.

The book is written in poetry—but don't let that turn you off.

Poetry makes what happens more readable and more clear, though there is much less description than there would be if she wrote it out. The events come at you whole through the very lack of words.

Grimes is a writer of young-adult books, and that's where you will find this one.



The Diary of Pelly D, by L.J. Adlington

This book is also in the young adult section.

I can't say I enjoyed this book. I checked it out partly because it did sound sorta interesting and because it's sat on the shelf a long time and nobody's read it.

Sorta interesting in that a boy is digging and he finds a girl's diary. Only, while he is a boy, he's doing a man's job busting concrete with a jack-hammer, and it's illegal for him to keep this diary—which he does. Also, the concrete, the ground on which he stands is not here, but on another planet, apparently because we've messed this one up so bad it can't be reclaimed.

Even though otherworldly, everything from here on in the book sounds horribly familiar—climate change, violence, racism, housing shortages, politics. The diary's time is rather like what we are going through now, and the boy's time is after. Rather like the frog in the pan on the stove, we, people, Pelly D., the boy, go on, making the necessary adjustments, making "life as usual"—except it's not, and never will be.

And it's not okay.

Reviews by Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

EMO's 2022 Collins Summit: Religious Trauma

In recent years, mental health professionals have underlined the way the religious experience can sometimes create trauma. It's important for people of faith to understand this phenomenon as we walk alongside our friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and even clergy.



This year's Collins Summit will feature keynote speaker Connie A. Baker, who wrote *Traumatized by Religious Abuse: Courage, Hope and Freedom for Survivors*, a comprehensive resource for those who have experienced religious abuse, be it psychological, verbal, sexual, or financial. With authenticity, openness, and careful consideration of many different faith traditions, Baker provides a path to hope and healing.

The Summit will be a hybrid event, allowing people to attend in person at Multnomah University's Main Hall (8435 NE Glisan St, Portland) or online. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 10**, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are free to students and \$20 for the general public. [Make your reservation now.](#)

CLIMATE CORNER: Making Halloween Less Scary

From article by Gemma Alexander, October 17, 2022, published in Earth911

It's fun to dress up as monsters and ghosts and go to haunted houses. But when you think about all the garbage we generate with our one-and-done costumes and bags of individually wrapped candies, it's scary! Every Halloween, about 7 million costumes are worn once and thrown away, their synthetic fibers accounting for the equivalent of 83 million plastic bottles. We buy 300,000 tons of candy and 90 million pounds of chocolate just during Halloween week. Not to mention the unknown amount of plastic used to make skulls, cauldrons, and grave-stone decorations.



Trick or Treat: Refusing to pass out treats is the quickest way to get yourself labeled the Halloween version of the Grinch, but there are some healthier treat options that don't use unsustainable palm oil to help you sidestep the candy

quandary. Of course any food items have to be packaged, usually in a million little plastic wrappers. But you could offer things like coins or pencils. If your kids are collecting candy, give them reusable containers or a pillow case to carry their loot. Try Dorothy's basket carrying candy instead of Toto, or Bob the Builder with a tool case instead of a plastic bag. Plastic Jack-O-Lanterns can be used year after year; don't throw them away.

Costumes: Single-use cheap costumes are the ultimate case of fast fashion, creating tons of plastic waste every year. Avoid disposable props like false teeth and synthetic wigs. Home-sewn costumes will last for years and can be handed down to smaller kids year after year. If you don't sew, look on Etsy and Craig's list for hand-sewn costumes. Use an old sheet to make a ghost costume, then save it for next year or cut it up into reusable rags. Shop thrift stores. A long-sleeved black T-shirt can be tied into a ninja mask. Those vintage bell bottoms are up to date when paired with a contemporary top. A pirate's white shirt converts to office attire with a pencil skirt instead of black jeans.

Decorations: Try to avoid plastic decorations, including those polyester spider webs that pose a hazard to birds and small animals. For durable decorations, the thrift store is once again your Halloween friend where you can find items to make spooky or vintage decorations. Check Instagram and Pinterest for inspiration for repurposing and upcycling your finds. The best upcycling ideas, like converting old Christmas ornaments for Halloween, are durable enough to use for years. Take the natural approach and decorate with biodegradable items like pumpkins, hay bales, and corn stalks. Just make sure you compost those items after the holiday and do not throw them into the garbage. Around 1.3 billion rotting pumpkins heading to the landfill might be the scariest thing you can imagine this Halloween!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



Once a month, people are convening at Spirit of Grace for coffee-house-style gatherings that feature a storyteller sharing how being queer has affected their relationship with faith, the Bible, church, God, and themselves. The storyteller is then joined by a panel of mostly queer conversation partners before opening up to a Q&A session.

This month, on **Sunday, October 23**, 7:00-8:30 pm at Spirit of Grace (7400 SW Scholls Ferry Rd), Pastor Brett, a gay Methodist pastor of a local Lutheran church will share his story.

All are welcome whether you are queer or straight/cis! Refreshments provided. RSVPs are appreciated but not required to:

PastorRobyn@spiritofgracepdx.org.

Next month's gathering is scheduled for **Sunday, November 20**—same time, same place.

Bach Cantata Choir Presents Free Concert

The Bach Cantata Choir will present a concert featuring J.S. Bach's Cantata #80 "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott" ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") on **Sunday October 30**, at 2:00 pm at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, located at NE Sandy Blvd and NE 44th in Portland. The free concert will also include "Cantate Domino" by Claudio Monteverdi and Bach's Cantata #106 "Gottes Zeit is der allerbeste Zeit" ("God's Time Is the Best Time"). Ralph Nelson conducts the 45-voice Bach Cantata Choir, 12-piece orchestra with soloists Vakare Petroluinaite, soprano; Sarah Beaty, alto; Leslie Green, tenor; and Jacob Herbert, bass.

At this Reformation Sunday concert, the Bach Cantata Choir, including St. Andrew's own Kristie Gladhill, will celebrate the Reformation with Bach's great Cantata No. 80, "Ein Feste Burg" which is based on Luther's familiar hymn "A Mighty Fortress." Advance reservations and tickets are not required. For more information go to <http://www.bachcantatachoir.org>.

It's a Party!

Plan now to come and celebrate 20 years of organizing for the common good with other members of MACG institutions. On **Sunday, November 6**, from **3:00-5:00 pm**, we will gather at **St. Andrew's Catholic Church** (yes, there is another St. Andrew's church!) to celebrate what we have accomplished and look ahead to the future.



During these divisive political times, come and see a different way to address issues through building relationships and training leaders. Hear about what is ahead, including a new Lead Organizer and some new member institutions. A registration form will be included in next Weekly News, but for now please mark your calendars and plan to come and represent OUR St. Andrew at this festive, fun event.

Questions? Contact Pat Christiansen or any member of the MACG Core Team: Larry Bliesner, Jan Smith, Scott Taylor, Lynn Santelmann, Victoria Kavalenko, and Gretchen Bancroft.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of George Kerr (Fred's uncle)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Chaplain India Jensen-Kerr
Family and friends of Ron Olshausen	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Linda Olshausen
Suzanne Warnes	Comfort and peace	Chaplain India Jensen Kerr
Peggy Johnson (cousin)	Comfort and effective treatment	Linda Fransen
Amy Marks	Comfort and effective treatment	Bob & Judy Scholz
Liam Lambolely	Comfort and effective treatment	Becky Lambolely
Claudia Parsons	Comfort and healing	Chaplain India Jensen Kerr
Martha Williams (aunt)	Comfort and healing	Carol Hogan
Raya Sidona (great grand-niece)	Thanksgiving for successful heart surgery	Gary & Ginny Link
People impacted by extreme weather events	Safety, protection, and recovery	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Justiniano family, Ian MacDonald, Gary Magnuson, Gerald Jensen, Hugh Mason, Brian McKiernan, Carol Means, Lloyd Meyer, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Peggy Smith, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessing on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Zion Lutheran Church (Redmond, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (Sisters, OR)		
Islamic Center of Portland (Portland & Beaverton)	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.

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm

For a Send-off Dinner & Program
honoring Pastor Mark & Donna Brocker

Look for the invitation arriving in your mailbox soon!

Plan to come early to experience the joyous sounds of the season.
3:30 pm, Brass Concert of Advent & Christmas music in the Sanctuary

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Designated Funds

Now that the worst of the pandemic seems to be behind us, things are getting closer to what we once considered normal. Once again, we are posting monthly updates of Designated Funds balances in the church office.

If you head a ministry, such as Nifty Notters, the Service Committee, RIC, Children's Ministry, or one of the dozens of others that receive designated gifts, you can always check your fund balance. Monthly updates are posted on the angled wall of the cabinet above the large paper cutter.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 23

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:45 am	The Roots	Children's Commons & Classrooms, Children's Library
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Ethics Forum: Grounded in Grace	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Confirmation	Library
10:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth 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

Monday, October 24

Tuesday, October 25

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	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
11:30 am	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Earth Care / Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	Library
3:00 pm	Lutheran World Relief—Bag Packing	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, October 26—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Video-led Yoga	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	The Gift of Years	Library
3:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	Children's Commons
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	High School Pumpkin Carving	Youth Room

Thursday, October 27

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	IT Meeting	offsite
7:00 pm	Table Talk	Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 28

8:00 am	Lutheran World Relief Ingathering	Parking Lot
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Middle Schoolers Meet for Trip to Corn Maze	Front Parking Lot

Saturday, October 29

9:00 am	Horizon Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Lutheran World Relief Ingathering	Parking Lot

Sunday, October 30

9:30 am	Worship with Communion: ONE WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Horizon Discernment Gathering	Fellowship Hall





Volunteer Spotlight

Last week the Outdoor Property Group gathered for one of its last work-days before the rains begin. At left, Ed Fransen trims one of the rosebushes near St. Andrew's main entrance.

Each year this group racks up hundreds of volunteer hours keeping our property well groomed. Thank you, volunteers!

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.