

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 9, 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

Stewardship Sunday: The Countdown Begins

This Sunday, October 9, the congregation will hear from three members of the Stewardship Committee—Jeff Smith and Andy and Rachel Roberts—about motivations that compel us to give to the church.

Then, between services, the Stewardship Committee, which also includes Tom Mehlhorn, will lead a forum in Fellowship Hall on the theme of “Countdown to Burning the Mortgage.” With a mortgage balance of about \$490,000, plus a reserve of \$61,500 that can eventually help retire the loan, people are dreaming about the day we burn the mortgage. Could we do that in conjunction with the congregation’s 70th anniversary next fall? Thanks to your faithful giving, St. Andrew is making progress toward that goal!

The forum will give the Stewardship Committee an opportunity to say more about their plans for a Countdown to Burning the Mortgage, answer questions, and respond to any comments or concerns.

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 on-line, 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 (lstaul@gmail.com or 503-314-6321) or
Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com or 503-649-5091).

Pastor Brocker Leading Bonhoeffer Weekend

This weekend, Pastor Brocker is at Zoar Lutheran Church in Perysburg, Ohio, to lead a Bonhoeffer weekend. He’s presenting a seminar on the theme of “The Polyphony of Life: Embracing Life’s Fullness,” leading an adult forum that asks, “What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth?” and preaching for three services on Sunday. His sermon title is: “A Miracle of Divine Mercy.”

Horizon Team Roundup

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, October 30

The Horizon Team’s efforts and St. Andrew’s future will be the focus on Reformation Sunday, October 30. This will be a ONE-SERVICE Sunday, with worship at 9:30 am, followed by a churchwide discernment event (11:00 am-12:30 pm) in Fellowship Hall. Preaching that Sunday will be Horizon Team Guide, Pastor Terry Moe. We will be hearing the hopes, dreams, wishes, and visions that were shared in Horizon Circle gatherings and discerning together where the Spirit is calling St. Andrew.



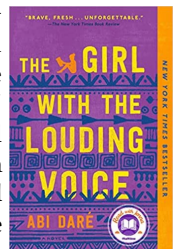
Reminder: It is traditional to wear red, the liturgical color which represents the Holy Spirit, on Reformation Sunday. The color also reminds us of those martyred for their faith in Jesus.

On behalf of the Horizon Team
Blessings,
Scott Taylor

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet in the Adult Library (upper level of St. Andrew) and via Zoom on Sunday, October 9, at 3:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent a few days in advance to those on the book group email list.

We’ll be discussing *The Girl with the Louding Voice*, the debut coming-of-age novel by Nigerian writer Abi Daré. Author Imbolo Mbue calls the book “a celebration of girls who dare to dream.” It’s the story of Adunni, a teenage girl in a rural Nigerian village, who longs to get an education so that she can find her “louding voice” and speak up for herself as she struggles to create the future of her dreams.



Book group participants will also be choosing books for November and future meetings. If you have questions, please contact Mary Smith.

Western Farm Workers (WFWA) Collection

The Western Farm Workers Association fall drive was a success with more than 188 food and clothing items collected. We collected 168 articles of clothing, including coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, work pants, rain jackets, work boots, and other miscellaneous clothing items, as well as 20 food items—tuna, pinto beans, navy beans, split peas, rice, peanut butter, jam, and cooking oil. Everything has been delivered to WFWA’s office in Hillsboro. Peter Berger, WFWA operations manager, thanks the people of St. Andrew for their generosity.

Service Committee
Deacon Susan



Flowers on the Chancel

The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are dedicated to the glory of God by Barb Lane in loving memory of her mother.

LWR: Just One Item Needed

The Lutheran World Relief team has been busy counting your donations toward the goal of 250 school kits and has great news: We are down to one item on the shopping list!

ITEM	NUMBER STILL NEEDED
70-sheet spiral bound notebooks	39

That's right! With contributions of just more than three dozen notebooks, we'll have reached our goal. Thank you for supporting Lutheran World Relief and the young people around the world who will be able to go to school because of your generosity. Your gifts change lives.



Volunteer Opportunities for LWR's Fall Ingathering

We are preparing for our next LWR Ingathering and looking for volunteers. We have 2 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 have a 2-hour shift starting at 8:00 am -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. Greeting 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. There is a sign up in the Narthex or you can contact Rochelle McIntire at 503-804-7967 or pacificnlwrgroup@gmail.com.

Preparing for Next Sunday

October 16, 2022

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

Luke 18:1-8

Ringling a Joyful Song

One ringer, 2 ringer, 3 bell ringers, 4 ringers, 5 ringers, 6 bell ringers, 7 ringers, 8 ringers, 9 bell ringers, 10 ringers in the bell choir! (sung to the tune of "Little Indians") Yes, we have 10 bell ringers in the Bells of Grace handbell choir. With 3 octaves of handbells and 10 ringers, every bell position in the choir is occupied. Having that many ringers meant we needed to add another bell table in order to keep the ringers healthy! So you will notice a fifth bell table in the back row of ringers. That table also has deeper foam to accommodate the largest bells.



If you are an experienced ringer and can not commit to rehearsal each week, the choir can use substitutes. Let Deacon Susan know if you are willing to be a substitute to take the place of a ringer on vacation.

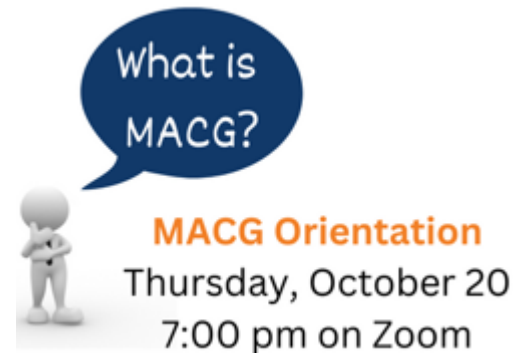
The ringers are ringing this **Sunday, October 9!** Bell techniques being used include "Singing Bell," where a large wooden stick is moved around the edge of the bell to make it sing, very similar to running your finger over the edge of a water glass. The ringers will also be using mallets to strike bells, thus creating another unusual timbre, and thumb damps where they have a finger on the bell when it is rung to cause a stopped bell sound.

Deacon Susan

What Is MACG?

Our society seems to run on acronyms, separating those in the know from others who don't have a clue what those pesky initials mean. Here at St. Andrew, we know what ELCA and LWR stand for, but not everyone is familiar with MACG. Have you ever wondered what MACG is and how it works?

If so, this orientation is for you!



Everyone is welcome to come to our free two-hour orientation, where you'll learn the answers to these questions:

- What is MACG?
- What is institutional organizing?
- How does it strengthen my institution?
- How does it reduce isolation and build connection?
- How does it lessen polarization and strengthen the center?
- How does being part of the MACG alliance lead to real positive changes in the public arena?

[Register here](#)

Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC), I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$450! Since 1975, DVRC has been providing life-saving services to survivors of domestic violence. We thank you for continuing to believe in our mission after so many years.

Sincerely,
Rosemary "Rowie" Taylor
Executive Director



Climate Corner: What to Do with Leaves

Adapted from an Earth911 article by Gemma Alexander, 9/29/2022

Ah, fall. Back to school, sweater weather, and warm drinks. Those brightly colored leaves are beautiful on the trees, but they lose their appeal when they start falling to the ground. Here is a don't and 4 do's for what to do with all those leaves.

The "Don't":

Don't blow it off. Don't use a leaf blower. Simply blowing the leaves off your property into someone else's is just rude. Blowing them into the street will clog storm drains and cause flooding when it rains. But even if you blow your leaves into neat piles, you're still creating a lot of unneighborly noise and pollution. If your leafblower is gas powered, it spews a surprising amount of carbon into the atmosphere, contributing to harmful greenhouse gases.

The Do's:

#1: Curbside yard waste. Leaves are not garbage. If your hauler offers yard waste collection service, use it. Leaves thrown in the garbage usually go to a landfill, where organic matter contributes to landfill gas, the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the U.S. On the other hand, yard waste collection programs send fallen leaves into large-scale composting facilities, where they and other organic waste are recycled into a nutrient-rich soil supplement. And if you don't have a bin but collect your leaves in bags, use those large paper bags meant for leaves instead of plastic bags.

#2: Home compost. If your community doesn't have municipal composting—or you just don't want to pay for the compost made from leaves you paid to have hauled off last autumn—you can compost leaves yourself. This is the most labor-intensive option, but also the most satisfying. Compost bins can be built in a weekend and the basics of composting are simple to learn. By next spring, you'll have a bin full of compost to feed your flowers, vegetables, bushes, and trees.

#3: Mulch your flower beds. You can skip the bins and bags and go straight to the beds. Unlike animal manures and woody debris, leaf litter doesn't have to be composted before it can contribute to soil health. Leaves make an excellent free mulch for flower and vegetable beds. Just rake leaves onto your planting beds, leaving space around the stems of growing plants to avoid crown rot. You can pile the leaves up to four inches deep to make a

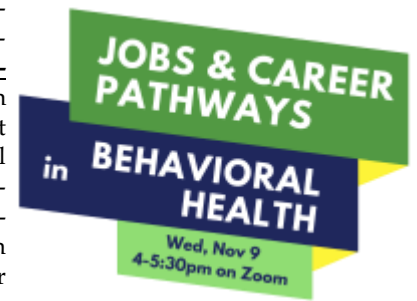
cozy winter blanket for your plants' roots. To keep dried-out leaves from blowing around, you can run over them with a lawn mower before spreading them. Alternatively, keep your planting beds moist through the winter and the leaves will simply decay.

#4: Mulch your lawn. Mulching, the easiest option, is also green and good for your yard. Don't rake up the leaves on your lawn, rather continue mowing your lawn as usual until both leaf fall and grass growth have ended for the year. Your lawnmower will chop the leaves into pieces not much bigger than the lawn clippings that you already grasscycle. And don't bag the grass clippings. Leaf and lawn clippings will both break down quickly in the lawn, feeding the soil for next year. Think of it as free lawn fertilizer!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Jobs & Career Pathways in Behavioral Health

Everyone's invited to participate in a FREE VIRTUAL EVENT on **Wednesday, November 9**, from 4:00-5:30 pm. You'll meet three of the largest mental health and addiction services employers in Washington County, along with the presenting sponsor Worksystems, Inc.



ENTER TO WIN PRIZES!
MEET EMPLOYERS!
APPLY FOR JOBS!
ASK QUESTIONS & GET ADVICE!

The event will include sessions on:

- Entry level jobs in behavioral health
 - ♦ Great full-time and part-time jobs
 - ♦ Flexible schedules, lots of perks
 - ♦ Get paid to help people
 - ♦ Opportunity to apply immediately
- Career pathways in behavioral health
 - ♦ Paths to earning certifications or degrees
 - ♦ Student loan repayment options
 - ♦ Gaining experience in the field
 - ♦ Types of jobs and career potential
 - ♦ Ask questions and get advice from the experts

[Register now](#) to save your spot! Attendees will be registered into a prize drawing.

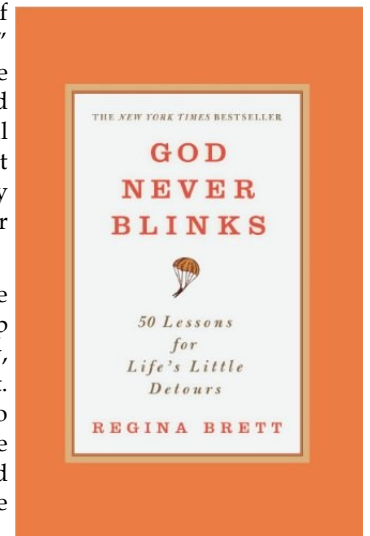
God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons....

OK, so this is another one of those "how to fix yourself" books—but that doesn't make it bad. In fact, it's quite a good little book. I found that several of the lessons were written just for me, some I have already learned, and some I may never be ready for.

It's also true that there are probably several other self-help books like this in the library, but I haven't read them yet. Maybe you haven't either, so you could start with this one like I did and then maybe read some of the others and let me know what you think.

Maybe I'll agree with you or maybe I'll remove a book or two from the library—or maybe—maybe we'll all learn a few lessons and become better people. Wouldn't that be something!

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Ron Olshausen	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Linda Olshausen
Family and friends of Gordon Carlson (cousin)	Peace and God's comfort at the death of his wife	Carol Hogan
Family and friends of Barbara Kratz (sister)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Ed Pacey
Laura Geczy-Haskins	Healing and recovery from a broken foot	Laura Geczy-Haskins
Claudia Parsons	Healing and recovery from surgery (Sept. 28)	Staff
Edwina (niece)	Continued healing after heart transplant	Don & Mickey Nearhood
Aaron Cahlander	Healing and recovery	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
Bob Brown	Comfort and healing	Mary Brown
Carol Hogan	Proper treatment and healing	Carol Hogan
Barak Teifel	A quick return to activities	Gordon Teifel
Hank Scholz and Karen Schleper	Blessings on their wedding	Bob & Judy Scholz
People impacted by extreme weather events	Safety, protection, and recovery	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
Church of Living Waters (Burns, OR) Peace Lutheran Church (Burns, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Beit Haverim (Lake Oswego)	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 *Sendoff 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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Tira Nesset	503-866-5099

New Nonfiction

Check out St. Andrew's libraries to discover many riches on the shelves. You'll find these new titles in the Adult Library:

The Gifts of Imperfection,
Brené Brown

The Prayers of Kierkegaard,
Perry D. LeFevre

In It for the Long Haul: Building Effective Long-term Pastorates,
Glenn E. Ludwig

Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope, Joan Chittister

The Spirit-led Leader: Nine Leadership Practices and Soul Principles,
Timothy Geoffrion

Why Christian? For Those on the Edge of Faith, Douglas John Hall

The Eucharist in the Reformation,
Lee Palmer Wandel

Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives,
Wayne Muller

The New Penguin Atlas of Medieval History, Colin McEvedy

The Genesis Enigma,
Andrew Parker

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 9

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: Special Topic: Countdown to Burning the Mortgage	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
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Library

Monday, October 10

7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	Library

Tuesday, October 11

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)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, October 12 — Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Video-led Yoga	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	LWR School Bags Work Party	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
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 13

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel / Library
5:30 pm	HR Meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library

Friday, October 14

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, October 15


9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, October 16

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:30 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study	Chapel
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

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.