

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

November 13, 2022

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005
www.standrewlutheran.com; 503-646-0629

Worship Services:
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

Thanksgiving Is Coming



The Service Committee is 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).

Lydia Circle

All are welcome to join Lydia circle for Bible study and fellowship on **Tuesday, November 15**, at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. This month's study from *Gather* magazine is entitled "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith." We will explore Jesus's teachings and interactions with creatures. As we celebrate our kinship with other animals we are reminded of our responsibility to care for them and each other. If you have questions, contact Mary Brown at 503-297-1841.

Candy Call

In her efforts to greet visitors with a cup of sweets, Donna Bocker is putting out a call for donations of individually wrapped candies—chocolates especially—and some attractive coffee mugs to contain the goodies. Donna is infamous for her welcoming Mug Ministry and she's been distributing many mugs lately. Let's help her fill them!



The Bells Are Ringing

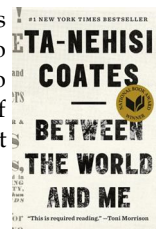
The Bells of Grace are ringing for the prelude this coming Sunday. This time around, the bell techniques to look for are thumb damps (the thumb is placed on the bell to stop the sound), ring touch (the bells lightly touch the foam on the tables), shake (the bell is rung rapidly so the clappers strike the front and back of the bell), and swings (the ringers extend their arms to swing the bells behind them).

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, November 13**, to discuss *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

This award-winning book is written as a letter from the author to his teenage son about the feelings, symbolism, and realities of being a Black person in the United States in the 21st century.

We will meet in person at Deacon Susan Reiser's home, and also via Zoom. For those of you who will be attending via Zoom, a link will be sent to those on the Spirituality Book Group email list. If you would like to receive a link, please contact Mary Smith.



Details:

Time/Place: 3:00 p.m., **Sunday, November 13**

Book: *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Discussion Leader: Peggy Thompson

Location: Deacon Susan Reiser's house, and via Zoom.

Future Reading:

No meeting in December.

January 8, 2023

The Seed Keeper, by Diane Wilson

Discussion Leader: Susan Reiser

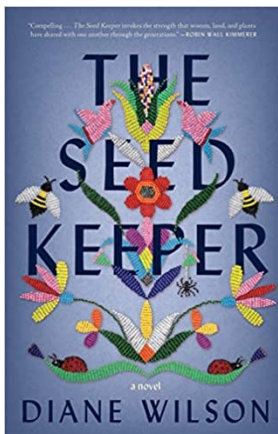
Location: Mary Smith's home

February 5, 2023

Mornings on Horseback: The Story of an Extraordinary Family, a Vanished Way of Life, and the Unique Child Who Became Theodore Roosevelt, by David McCullough

Discussion Leader: Elaine May

Location: Sharon Fako's home



Thanksgiving Devotional

We have many things to be thankful for at St. Andrew. In years past we expressed our gratitude at a Thanksgiving Eve service, but when the pandemic forced changes in so many of our rituals, the worship planners turned to preparing a devotional for people to use during Thanksgiving celebrations at home. This year Pr. Mark has prepared a devotional based on a Thanksgiving worship service in 2014. Digital copies can be downloaded and printed from our [website](#), or you're welcome to take a printed copy from the communications counter across from the coffee bar. May you have a blessed and thankful holiday.



CLIMATE CORNER:

Easy DIY Projects to Weatherize Your Home

From article by Sarah Lozanova in Earth911, October 26, 2022

Heating and cooling account for nearly half of the all US energy use. One of the best ways to save energy and reduce utility bills is to do a few simple weatherization projects. Here are some relatively simple weekend projects that require just a few basic supplies and skills.

Air seal gaps and cracks. Place your hand around windows, doors, vents, and fans. You can also use a candle to find smaller leaks around outlets, light fixtures, phone jacks, and baseboards. If the flame dances around, it indicates a nearby air leak.



Sealing your home helps reduce drafts, promotes even temperatures, and even increases home durability. Caulk is commonly applied to seal stationary places such as around door frames and window frames. Weatherstripping is often used where building elements move, such as doors and the moving parts on windows. Caulk around plumbing, ducting, or where the wiring comes through walls, ceilings, soffits, and floors. Apply caulk and weatherstripping to leaky doors and windows.



Use window treatments. In the winter insulating blinds and curtains help keep the heat in. This is especially helpful with older, single-pane windows. Keep south-facing window treatments open during the day to take advantage of the heating power of the sun.

Close the curtains or blinds at night to keep the heat in.

In the summer window treatments can help keep out the hot sun for a cooler home. Keep west- and east-facing window treatments closed during the day to block out the sun.

Insulated cellular shades, window quilts, roman shades, blinds, curtains, or drapes can all help reduce home heating and cooling loads, especially in homes with less efficient windows or in extreme climates.

Place bubble wrap over windows. This is a cost-effective way to prevent air leaks through inefficient windows. Bubble wrap still allows light to pass through the window but helps stop the transfer of heat. This is an easy weatherization trick for basement or attic window in rooms that are rarely used.

Turn your water heater down to 120°. Some homeowners have their water heaters turned up to 140°, which wastes energy and puts you at risk for burns. Water heaters have a tank with heated water in it so the hotter the water, the more energy is required to keep that hot water ready for use. Most households don't need the water to be warmer than 120° except possibly for the dishwasher. (I actually have mine set at 110° which is plenty warm. My dishwasher has its own little water heater.)

Install a programmable thermostat. We often heat or cool our homes more than is necessary. Programmable thermostats help keep the home at the right temperature, saving energy. They basically make it easier to turn the heat down at night and when we are out for long periods during the day, saving energy.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Making a Mark

Members of the Grünewald Guild invite everyone to join their Digital Fall Fundraiser beginning at 4:00 pm on **Saturday, November 19.** [Registration](#) is required and open now.

Participants will consider the question: "How has the Guild made a mark in your life through story, art, and community?"

Three wonderful artists will give brief talks and all who register will get to meet the Guild's new interim directors.



More New Books in the Library

Nonfiction

1776, by David McCullough

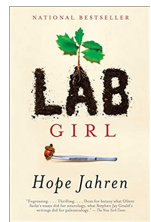
Mornings on Horseback: The Story of an Extraordinary Family, a Vanished Way of Life, and the Unique Child Who Became Theodore Roosevelt, by David McCullough

Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything about the World, by Tim Marshall

Lab Girl, by Hope Jahren

Crying in H Mart: A Memoir, by Michelle Zauner

One Long River of Song: Notes on Wonder, by Brian Doyle



Fiction

Yes, I'm Hot in This: The Hilarious Truth about Life in a Hijab, by Huda Fahmy

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue,

by V.E. Schwab

So Long, See You Tomorrow,

by William Maxwell

The Forgotten Daughter,

by Joanna Goodman

Yes, I'm Hot in This, by Huda Fahmy

This is a book of cartoons—I love cartoons. But I bought it in the hope that many of you would read it (being cartoons) and maybe get a better understanding of Muslims. I really enjoyed the book, and Huda. Trouble is, not everybody is like everybody, so I don't know that I'm comfortable yet about going up to talk to a Muslim, even though I got the book hoping it would help us all with that. In any case, it's an enjoyable book and can help give us an idea of how Muslim women feel about their attire, and what they don't necessarily want said to them.

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

Thank You (dated, but relevant given the time of year)

Thank you for your generous gift of \$3,000 to the St. Matthew Pantry ministry. You helped us provide gifts or gift cards to nearly 500 children and teens, as well as Christmas dinner baskets for over 200 families. I'm sure they all felt the results of your loving generosity.

We truly value our partnership with the people of St. Andrew — your generous food donations, your community garden produce, your financial support, and especially all the volunteers who staff the food pantry on alternate Mondays throughout the year.

Blessings to All!
Joanne Dunatchik

Welcoming Immigrants

Members of the Sanctuary Committee have been volunteering to assist an Afghan family recently resettled in our community. Although the family currently has financial support from Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), rent is high. Please consider whether you might be able to donate any of the following items the family needs:

- Comfort chair recliner
- 2 floor lamps and 1 table lamp
- Kitchen supplies: pots, pans, dishes, silverware, spatulas, etc.
- Bedding for queen, 3 twin beds, and crib
- Towels: bath- and hand-size, as well as wash-cloths
- Shoe rack
- Iron

If you can provide any of these gently used or new items, the family would be so grateful.



Please contact either Bonnie Bliesner (larrybliesner@comcast.net, phone 503-830-7001), or Cindy Stadel (cstadel@hevanet.com, phone 503-888-7043) with any questions. If you wish to make a financial donation to the family, please make your check payable to St. Andrew and indicate Sanctuary/Refugee Family on the memo line. Thank you for your support and for showing God's love to all his children!

The Sanctuary Committee

Tablecloth Ministry

It has literally been years since St. Andrew has hosted a sit-down dinner, but we're getting ready to do that in a special send-off for Pastor Mark and Donna on **Sunday, December 11**. We'll be getting out our lovely tablecloths for the event and are looking for a team of people willing to take three or four home afterwards for laundering and ironing.

This used to be a one-person ministry, but that's too much for anyone to take on. Instead, we're looking to create a group of volunteers to get the job done. Event managers Tom and Pam Jeleneo are coordinating the tablecloth effort. Talk to them for more information or simply sign up in the Narthex.

Hanging of the Greens

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 3**, from 9:00-11:00 am, for decorating the sanctuary, narthex, and exterior of the church for Christ.

We'll have garlands and wreaths to hang and the Christmas tree to assemble and decorate! Please contact Deacon Susan if you have any questions.



Coffee Bar Signups

Carol Hogan has been doing more than her share of making coffee lately for worshipers to enjoy after services on Sunday mornings. If you like to drink the aromatic brew, please consider signing up to make it once in a while! You'll find signup sheets on the Coffee Bar and everyone who appreciates a shot of caffeine on these cooler mornings will thank you.

If you've never made coffee with our equipment, don't worry. Carol will happily train you.



Table Talk:

People of Faith in the Wake of Mid-Term Elections



Table Talk

Tuesday, November 29, 7:00-8:00 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 Pastor Brocker invites you to gather for a Table Talk in Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew on **Tuesday, November 29, 7:00-8:00 pm**.

On November 29, 2016, almost 30 people gathered at St. Andrew for a conversation in the wake of the election of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States. The 2022 Mid-Term election may not seem quite so monumental, but as people of faith it is important to reflect on where we are six years later. How are people of faith being called to respond to the results of this 2022 election? How are we as responsible citizens to engage in the public sphere in 2023 and beyond? What is encouraging? What is concerning?



To prepare for this Table Talk, it would be helpful if each of us identified a couple of questions or issues we would like to address in our conversation. This will be the final Table Talk that Pastor Brocker leads.

All Are Invited!

Whether you've been involved for decades or are just getting to know the St. Andrew community, you are invited to come to the party in honor of Pastor Mark & Donna Brocker. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 11**, now and join in wishing the Brockers godspeed as Mark prepares to leave his 17-year ministry with us.

And, if you enjoyed the sounds of brass in the Sanctuary on Reformation Sunday, be sure to attend the concert earlier that afternoon. The Brass Syndicate is a gang of 10-15 talented brass musicians who perform beautiful music for all audiences. The instruments include trumpets, trombones, French horns, euphoniums, and tubas. Let the rafters ring as we prepare for a joyous Christmas!

Send-off Dinner & Program Honoring Pastor Mark & Donna Brocker

Sunday, December 11
5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Childcare provided. Vegan option available. Freewill offering.
RSVPs will be requested after Thanksgiving.



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

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Gary Link	Reduced swelling and successful surgery on a badly broken ankle/leg	Ginny Link
Elaine May	Healing and recovery from shoulder surgery	Mary Smith
Raya Sidoma	Healing and recovery	Gary & Ginny Link
Del Mahler	Healing and recovery	Mary Nell Mahler
Al (friend)	Healing and recovery from COVID	Joanne Zenger
Henry Stevens (husband)	Continued healing and recovery from a stroke	Bev Briggs
Sheila (LeAnn Michaels' mother)	Comfort and healing	Sonja Ackman
People experiencing homelessness	Adequate shelter and protection	Staff
Military Veterans	Thanksgiving for your service and sacrifice	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
Christ the King (Milton-Freewater, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Kesser 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 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.

Flowers on the Chancel

The greenery and flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by members of the Earth Care Team in appreciation for all those who have worked to create a welcoming habitat on our developed property along Butner Rd. for the diversity of life that God created .



This Sunday, Pastor Mark will offer a blessing of our habitat in recognition of St. Andrew being awarded Platinum Certification by Backyard Habitat in 2022. This is the highest level of achievement available. Thank you to everyone who has ever pulled out invasive blackberry and ivy, spread mulch, trimmed foliage, planned and managed precious water resources, gardened in our community plots, planted native species, welcomed pollinators, wrestled with weeds, or sat in silence until a deer felt welcome in our presence. Your devotion has helped create an ecological corridor in our region.

Welcome Sunday!



St. Andrew will welcome new members during worship services on **Sunday, December 11, 2022.**

We're delighted to already have several people indicating they would like to officially become members in our faith community. If you would like to join them or have questions about membership, please contact Pastor Mark Brocker.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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 Tira Nessel 503-866-5099

Preparing for Next Sunday

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Luke 23:33-43

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 13

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: The Apostles' Creed: Do We Have to Swallow It Whole?.....	Youth Room
10:00 am	Confirmation.....	Library
10:00 am	High School Youth: The Apostles' Creed: Do We Have to Swallow It Whole?.....	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.....	Deacon Reiser's Home and via Zoom

Monday, November 14

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

Tuesday, November 15

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	Worship Planners Meeting.....	Library
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Lydia Circle.....	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, November 16—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Video-led Yoga.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	The Gift of Years.....	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 17

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	Council Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall and via Zoom

Friday, November 18

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, November 19

9:00 am	Nifty Notters.....	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, November 20

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: The Apostles' Creed: Do We Have to Swallow It Whole?.....	Youth Room
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Environmental Forum: "Rumble on the River"


St. Luke Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 4595 SW California St, Portland


Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 pm

The Environmental Stewardship Committee at St. Luke Lutheran invites anyone concerned about the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) HUB and Zenith Energy's oil by rail operations along the Willamette River in Northwest Portland to attend next week's Rumble on the River forum. About 90 percent of the liquid fuel for the entire state of Oregon and 100 percent of the jet fuel for Portland's airport comes through the hub—a six-mile stretch of old tank farms constructed on seismically vulnerable soils. The City of Portland recently gave Zenith a green light for five more years of oil trains. What can the public do to protect public health, safety, and the environment going forward?



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.