

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

November 20, 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

Thanksgiving Thanks



With the generous giving by the people of St. Andrew, we will be able to provide 50 families with \$50 gift cards for Thanksgiving and more than \$2,250 to the St. Matthew food bank.

Earlier this month, Jamie Lyons from the Washington County Community Action Healthy Families program visited the Service Committee to talk about her organization's work in the community. This program supports more than 50 families across Washington County with trained Family Visitors. The Family Visitors meet families with infants from birth to 3 years to help with goal planning, housing, mental health issues, health screening, and parenting skills. The program has demonstrated long-term outcomes which have resulted in improved physical and mental health, stable employment, and housing for the participants.

Jamie relayed a story about a mom who received a Thanksgiving Gift Card last year. This mom had a blended family of 4 children under 8 years old, one being a baby. Although the dad worked full-time, the family was on the cusp financially. They had experienced multiple episodes of COVID, with the children missing school and therefore missing free meals. This family was very grateful for the gift card, without which a Thanksgiving meal would not have been possible.

Thank you all for making Thanksgiving possible for so many in need.

The Sanctuary Committee

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.



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.

Thank You for Welcoming Refugees

Thank you, St. Andrew people, for your quick response in helping to meet the needs of the family we have been assisting through Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW). The only items remaining on their list of needs are blankets and linens. The family has one queen bed, three twins for their little girls, and a crib for their two-year-old son.

Nasir & Amina Malik Zada and their four young children—are under the age of 7—are from Afghanistan, where Nasir (age 31) worked at Bagram Air Base and Amina (age 28) was a geography teacher. Their native language is Dari and their English is limited, but they're both learning.

The family has now resided in the US for more than 90 days and so is being transferred to another program within LCSNW, the Afghan Response Program. As a result, the rent subsidy they have been receiving will be decreasing. 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.

Please contact either Bonnie Bliesner (larrybliesner@comcast.net, 503-830-7001) or Cindy Stadel (cstadel@hevanet.com, 503-888-7043) with any questions. And thank you again for sharing God's love with the Malik Zadas. They are immensely grateful.

The Sanctuary Committee

Table Talk: People of Faith in the Wake of Mid-Term Elections



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.

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.

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. (Good news! The tablecloths require very little ironing, if any.)

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

Cars for Success at St. Matthew

Do you have a vehicle you no longer need? Our neighbor congregation, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, has a Cars for Success program that provides used cars in good condition to low-income people who are employed and would benefit from having a car to travel to work and attend to the needs of their children.



To donate a car to Cars for Success or to request more information, please call Bob Brown, a member of the St. Matthew committee overseeing the program, at 503-459-1001 or email him at carbob8225@gmail.com.

A car can be donated whether it's running or not and will then be evaluated at a car shop. Donated vehicles go to one of three places: after any needed repairs, they're donated to an eligible family; they're sold by Cars for Success to support the repair of other cars; or, if they are too expensive to repair, they're sold at an insurance auction. A car recipient never knows who has donated the vehicle.



Memorial Service for Suzanne Warnes

Friday, December 2, 2022
2:00 pm
Sanctuary

Reception to follow
in Fellowship Hall.

Stock Transfer Donation Process for Tax Year 2022

Greetings from the Financial Secretaries of St. Andrew. As the end of the calendar year approaches, we want to inform you of the process for donating stock to the church.

Contributions must actually be paid before the close of the year to be deductible in 2022. Therefore, please allow at least 3 weeks or more for the completion of the transfer. **Please start the process as soon as possible.**

We ask you to take the necessary steps if you intend to donate stock to St. Andrew this tax year:

1. Download the Stock Transfer Form found on our church website or contact the church office.
2. Contact your brokerage firm to initiate an electronic transfer of securities (see form for instructions/details). **PLEASE NOTE: We cannot do this for you.**
3. Complete the form including your intentions for the use of the donation and email a copy to tammychef15@gmail.com. You may instead send a copy to the church office marked *confidential for Financial Secretaries*. **This form must be turned in at the beginning of the process. Without this form, we cannot complete your request.**
4. Upon receipt of the form, Tammy Piscitelli will be in contact with you regarding the progress of the electronic stock transfer to the church's securities firm, Charles Schwab.

Thank you for your generosity to the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew.

Tammy Piscitelli, 503-307-8837, tammychef15@gmail.com
On behalf of the Financial Secretaries and the Finance Team

LWR Fall Ingathering Results

We had a successful Fall Ingathering for Lutheran World Relief! Thank you, all, for your generous contributions of time and donations. St. Andrew donated 52 quilts, 250 School Kits, and 5 Baby Kits.

The total collections from churches in Oregon, Idaho, SW Washington, and Northern California include:

Quilts	2,729	Personal Care Kits....	642	Total Pounds Collected:
School Kits	2,231	Baby Care Kits.....	385	18,499

These gifts will make a large impact on the lives of those in need around the world. Thank you!

Our next LWR Ingathering will be held **May 5 & 6, 2023**. Mark your calendars!

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.

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.

CLIMATE CORNER: Buy Nothing Day

Originating in Vancouver, Canada in the early 90's, National Buy Nothing Day occurs on the day after Thanksgiving each year in the US. In an effort to combat the unethical mob shopping behaviors of Black Friday, artist Ted Dave established this anti-consumerism holiday. The idea is to counteract the madness of holiday shopping by encouraging a mindful and environmental-friendly attitude toward post-feast purchasing.

History of Buy Nothing Day: This day is sort of an anti-holiday in that it found its legs in response to a preexisting celebration: Black Friday. Black Friday earned its name from retailers who, after spending the year "in the red," operating at a loss or breaking even, would skyrocket sales into the "black," or a state of positive income after Thanksgiving. This shopping rush traditionally occurs on the day after Thanksgiving as many stores advertise unmissable sales to draw early Christmas-gift shoppers to the market.

As Black Friday became embedded in American culture, Ted Dave found the drastic shift from a day meant for gratitude to a day meant for chaos and greed to be quite off-putting. As a result, he established National Buy Nothing Day in 1992 to counteract the madness of the nation's materialistic behavior.

Today Americans practice National Buy Nothing Day in an effort to mediate the exorbitant amounts of waste and auxiliary spending that can often occur in the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas. The idea is that after spending on food, décor, travel and lodging for Thanksgiving, the nation should go on a spending detox by enjoying the day at home with family or in nature.

How to Celebrate National Buy Nothing Day:

Indulge in a Christmas movie marathon. Sleep in, stay in your jammies, and gather together in the living room to watch Christmas movies on Hallmark and eat leftovers. Enjoy each other's company!

- ♦ Make a donation. Instead of purchasing something for your own use, sift through your belongings to find something you could donate to Goodwill or the Salvation Army. In a season of generosity, so many go without.
- ♦ Make home-made gifts to give. Use your cooking/baking, carpentry, or sewing skills to make Christmas gifts or Christmas ornaments.
- ♦ Bake Christmas cookies.
- ♦ Go outside. Go for a hike. Go watch waterfalls. Go for a bike ride. Plant a tree.
- ♦ Cozy up with a good book in your jammies. Read to the kids.
- ♦ Work a puzzle as a family, play games.



Reasons to Love National Buy Nothing Day:

- ♦ Save money. Not only will we refrain from purchasing unneeded items simply because they are on sale, but we'll also save on gas and eating out, especially when you already have all those yummy left-overs at home to eat. It's a win-win!
- ♦ Pausing before purchasing strengthens our mindfulness.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to have auxiliary funds can sometimes fall into the trap of keeping up with the Joneses by making purchases without much forethought. On this day each year we have the opportunity to pause and condense our holiday shopping lists to only the items that will truly be appreciated and make an impact.

- ♦ It relieves the pressure. Sometimes the mere fact that an item is on sale can feel like an obligation to purchase. That's the whole idea behind Black Friday: To entice us into spending.

Have a happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

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.



Now on the Shelves in the Library

Nonfiction

- Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism: A Bishop Rethinks the Meaning of Scripture*, by John Shelby Spong
- Peace Be Upon You: Fourteen Centuries of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Coexistence in the Middle East*, by Zachary Karabell
- Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court ...and Changed the World*, by Linda Hirshman
- Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology*, by Gordon W. Lathrop
- Zondervan Handbook to the Bible*, by David and Pat Alexander
- The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, by Elizabeth Kolbert
- The Terrible Hours: The Greatest Submarine Rescue in History*, by Peter Maas
- Earthspirit: A Handbook for Nurturing an Ecological Christianity*, by Michael Dowd
- God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours*, by Regina Brett
- How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*, by Susan Beaumont
- Brother Earth: Nature, God, and Ecology in a Time of Crisis*, by Paul H. Santmire

Fiction

- A Common Life: The Wedding Story*, by Jan Karon
- The Girl Who Played with Fire*, by Stieg Larsson
- Gods of Jade and Shadow*, by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
- The Last Passenger*, by Joanna Goodman
- Scarlet Feather*, by Maeve Binchy



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Amy Marks and Family Gary Link	Peace and comfort Reduced swelling and successful surgery on a badly broken ankle	Judy Scholz Ginny Link
Brenna Vogt Raya Sidoma Del Mahler Al (friend) Henry Stevens (husband) Sheila (LeAnn Michaels' mother) Carol Hogan Elaine May	Healing and recovery after a car accident Healing and recovery Healing and recovery Healing and recovery from COVID Continued healing and recovery from a stroke Comfort and healing Comfort and healing Thanksgiving for successful shoulder surgery and continued healing and recovery	Staff Gary & Ginny Link Mary Nell Mahler Joanne Zenger Bev Briggs Sonja Ackman Staff Mary Smith
India Jensen Kerr	Help and discernment regarding health issues	India Jensen Kerr
People experiencing homelessness All those traveling for the holidays	Adequate shelter and protection Safe journeys	Staff Staff
Those confined to their homes Mareline Barnes, Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
St. Paul Lutheran Church (Ontario, OR) Peace Lutheran Church (Pendleton, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	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.

Help Meet the Match for Climate and Racial Justice



EcoFaith Recovery develops leaders who organize their communities to advance climate justice and racial justice. Leaders from the St. Andrew faith community have participated in and directly benefited from EcoFaith initiatives. Now EcoFaith invites us to further advance climate justice by helping EcoFaith meet a \$3,000 matching grant on new and increased donations.

Your contribution will help EcoFaith advance leadership development with initiatives such as the [Just Vote](#) campaign, an internship program that has hosted 37 young adult and seminary interns to date, and EcoFaith's [Eloheh Indigenous Earth Justice](#) partnership. Learn more by visiting ecofaithrecovery.org or [donate now!](#)

Earth and all of creation thank you for helping EcoFaith meet the match and advance climate justice!

A New Church Season

This is Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday in the long season of Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time.

Next week, we light the hope candle to begin Advent, the season when God invites us to be still and practice patience. Miracles await!



Preparing for Next Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Matthew 24:36-44

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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
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

Monday, November 21

Tuesday, November 22—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

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
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons

Wednesday, November 23

10:00 am	Video-led Yoga.....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Brocker Farewell Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room


Thursday, November 24—Church closed for Thanksgiving


Friday, November 25—Church closed

Sunday, November 27

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:30 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study.....	Chapel
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
12:30 pm	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering.....	Children's Commons

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.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of October 31, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 11/16/2022

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
M&M Giving is 82% of FYTD budget and 91% of monthly budget
Expenses are 83% of FYTD budget

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	125	88	16	229		
Monthly Total	624	440	78	1142	\$ 48,995	\$ 8,113

* October was a 5-Sunday month To Meet Budget \$ 53,992 \$ 12,732

91%

3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2022-2023	\$ 215,966.64	\$ 176,258	82%	
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 225,140	\$ 186,800	83%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 43,832	\$ 50,928	\$ 68,865	\$ 489,514	\$ 12,732
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ -	Fund for contributions to pay mortgage		

Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 85,253	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 1,922	\$ 5,623	\$ 30,617	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$0			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements
YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurer: Tim Duggan (Finance Team Chair)
Transitional Treasurer: Joel Johnson
Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari
Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney, Tammy Piscatelli, Sue Jacobi
St. Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho