

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

November 6, 2022, All Saints Sunday

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 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](mailto:ljstaul@gmail.com) or 503-314-6321) or

Linda McDowall ([mcdowall.ml@gmail.com](mailto:mcdowall.ml@gmail.com) or 503-649-5091).

## EMO Voters' Guide on OR 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 deadline just days 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

## 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.

## Horizon Team Thanks

The Horizon Team would like to thank the St. Andrew congregation for their participation, prayers, and support as we led the congregation in discerning what lies on the horizon for 2023 and beyond. From the listening event on May 15<sup>th</sup>, to the development of the St. Andrew Timeline, the Mindful Walks, Discernment Circles, and finally our Reformation Sunday event, you have shared your hopes, dreams, and love for St. Andrew and the world.



Here is our shared vision for 2023 and beyond:

### Welcome a Spirit of Renewal, through:

- Seeking spiritual growth
- Participating in formal and informal education
- Striving for energy, hope, connection
- Working toward financial security

### Act for Social Justice, through:

- Community Outreach
- Earth Care
- MACG
- Reconciling in Christ
- Connection between God and the world

### Praise the Spirit in Vibrant Worship, through:

- Diverse music and liturgy
- Strong Gospel-based fellowship and worship

### Expand Diversity and Inclusion:

- Seek to be welcoming of diversity in all of its dimensions—age, race, gender identity, social and economic status, abilities, family structure, and faith background

### Encourage Strong Social and Spiritual Connections:

- Be a place for all generations to worship, learn, play, and grow
- Ensure that all have a deep connection with one or more people in our community

### Expand and Deepen an Intergenerational Community;

- Support a vigorous youth program
- Provide a place of comfort, growth, safety, and learning for children and youth

It seems good to the Holy Spirit and to us.

*Scott Anderson, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Beth Johnson, Bobbie Larson, Sovathana Li, LuAnn Staul, Scott Taylor, and our guide Pastor Terry Moe*

## Candy Call



In her efforts to greet visitors with a cup of sweets, Donna Brocker 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!



## EMO's 2022 Collins Summit

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.](#)

## Nifty Notters

Join the Nifty Notters **Saturday, November 5 and 19**, and **December 3** from 9:00 am-2:30 pm as we work on quilts for LWR and Beaverton NW Children's Outreach. Bring a lunch and come to Fellowship Hall for all or part of the time. All supplies are provided and no experience is needed. We currently have a great need for people to cut fabric into 5 1/2 and 11-inch squares for quilt tops, a job that can be done either at home or at church. Please let Mary Brown (503-297-1841) or Pam Farr (503-626-6657) know if you can help with this project. Thanks for your support!

## Time for a Change

Be sure to put this on your Saturday night to-do list:



## It's a Party! And an Introduction

It's not too late to plan to come and celebrate 20 years of organizing for the common good with other members of MACG institutions. On **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. Meet our new Lead Organizer, who will bring us into the next 20 years of working to strengthen our institutions, develop leaders, and work for common good. Hear about new member institutions and the upcoming "Wrestling with the Truth about Colonization" trainings.

During these divisive political times, come and see a different way to address issues through building relationships and training leaders. Doors open at 2:30 pm, which is when the cake will be cut. Please RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/SHjezi8MajASYYSw6>.



Come and join OUR St. Andrew delegation at this festive, fun event. Questions? Contact Pat Christiansen or any member of the MACG Core Team: Larry Bli- esner, Jan Smith, Scott Taylor, Lynn Santelmann, Victoria Kavalenko, and Gretchen Bancroft.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

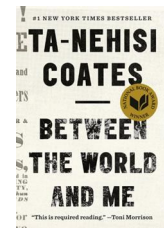
Location: Mary Smith's home

### 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



## Everyone's Invited!

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:

### The Growing Movement to Ban Leaf Blowers

From article by Gemma Alexander in Earth911, October 25, 2022

Few things are as pleasant as spending a quiet autumn morning on the porch with a cup of coffee listening to wind rustle the leaves on the trees and watching as they drift to the ground. Except that the roar of a leaf blower somewhere in the neighborhood nearly always destroys that scenario.



**Worse Than Noise:** Even people who use leaf blowers acknowledge that they are obnoxiously loud. The sound level for the person holding a leaf blower exceeds 100 decibels which exceeds the World Health Organization's outdoor daytime standards of 55 decibels for up to 800 feet, which is about 2 blocks away.

But leaf blowers do more harm than just making noise. Gas-powered landscape equipment has an outsized environmental impact. In California, leaf blowers contribute more to pollution than vehicles do. Most models utilize a 2-stroke engine where only 70% of the fuel completely combusts. As a result, 2-stroke engines produce nearly 300 times the greenhouse gas emissions of a pickup truck!

Blowers blast air up to 280 miles per hour which can erode topsoil and disperse pollen, fertilizers, and herbicides into the air. Insects can be blasted from their habitats and birds are driven away.

**Environmental Justice:** The people using the machines experience the most impact. While the noise is an irritation to neighbors, the user (even with ear protection) is at risk for permanent hearing loss from cumulative exposure to high volume. The machine operator is also at ground zero for exposure to the pollutants (carbon monoxide and unburned fuel) that are released. Landscape workers running a leaf blower inhale 10 times more ultra-fine particles than someone standing next to a busy road. A homeowner may choose that risk for an hour on the weekend, but the people who are most affected are landscape workers. Nationally, 46% of landscape workers are Latino, a group that already suffers disproportional impacts of environmental injustice.

**Better Blowers and Landscapers:** There is already growing momentum across the country to ban gas-powered blowers; more than 100 municipalities already have some restrictions. While electric blowers used to be less effective than gas-powered blowers, today they are just as effective. It's true that landscapers who use electric blowers are more expensive because the batteries are expensive, but what you are paying for is worker safety, less noise pollution, and less environmental damage. If you hire a landscaper, make sure they provide high quality dust masks, safety goggles, and ear protection for their workers.

**The Right Way to Blow:** You frequently see people using blowers to scatter leaves, often into the street which clogs storm drains and might be illegal. Blowers are meant to blow the bulk of the leaves into a pile, ideally onto a tarp that can be lifted and dumped, hopefully into your yard waste container rather than the



Decomposed leaves, aka leaf mold, are black gold for gardeners and others trying to revitalize their soil. Why not leave the leaves and let Nature do that work herself?

garbage bin where it then goes to the landfill. A rake is used to collect the stray leaves which results in less running time of the blower and fewer emissions into the air.

Better yet, blow the leaves (even better is to rake the leaves) into the flower beds to be used as free mulch. Best of all is to let the leaves lie when they fall on the grass and other planting areas to contribute to soil health. Again, it's free mulch!

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## Thanks for Working in Community

**Dear People of St. Andrew:**

Thank you for your membership with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO).



The last two plus years have revealed previously unimagined challenges. Oregonians have faced crisis after crisis; many among us continue in the struggle to keep up. EMO has always focused on serving those who are marginalized and hurting, centering their voices and learning from their grace. This work has never been more important.

Thank you for your gift of \$450, which will be counted toward your membership dues and help advance our efforts for those in need.

With gratitude,  
*Kristi Baack*  
Associate Director of Development

Electric leaf blowers are quieter than gas-powered ones, but they still disturb and kill insects and other small life that find sanctuary among fallen leaves.

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Suzanne Warnes Lloyd Meyer Elaine May Raya Sidoma	Peace and God's comfort at her death Adjustment to life's health challenges & changes Successful shoulder surgery (November 10) Healing and recovering	Staff Staff Mary Smith Gary & Ginny Link
People experiencing homelessness	Adequate shelter and protection	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Hope Lutheran Church (Heppner, OR) Zion Lutheran Church (La Grande, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Bethany Musallah (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.

## Stories of Exclusion and Belonging

# I AM AN AMERICAN *live*



**FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 2022, 7 p.m., Free**

An evening of stories and music from Oregonians about the places they built, the traditions they brought, and what it means to truly belong.



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC**  
1126 SW Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205.

## Welcome Sunday!



St. Andrew will welcome new members during worship services on **Sunday, December 11**. We're delighted to already

have two families who have indicated they would like to be members in our faith community. If you would like to join them or have questions about membership, please contact Pastor Mark Brocker.

## New Fiction

Check out our church libraries to find the treasures they hold. New titles include:

- When the English Fall*, David Williams
- Texas Outlaw*, James Patterson and Andrew Bourelle
- The Mission Song*, John Le Carré
- Those Who Save Us*, Jenna Blum
- Sparring Partners*, John Grisham



## Your St. Andrew Staff

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Tira Nessel .....	503-866-5099

## Preparing for Next Sunday

November 13, 2022

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
Luke 21:5-19

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, November 6

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and Livestreamed</b>
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
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and via Zoom</b>
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time.....	via Zoom

## Tuesday, November 8: ELECTION DAY

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)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee Meeting.....	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons

## Wednesday, November 9—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
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting.....	Library
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir.....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, November 10

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.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting.....	Library

## Friday, November 11—Veterans Day, Office Closed

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3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group.....	via Zoom




### **A Prayer for Our Nation**, by Judy Chicago


And then all that has divided us will merge  
 And then compassion will be wedded to power  
 And then softness will come to a world that is harsh  
 and unkind  
 And then both men and women will be gentle  
 And then both women and men will be strong  
 And then no person will be subject to another's will  
 And then all will be rich and free and varied  
 And then the greed of some will give way to the needs  
 of many  
 And then all will share equally in the Earth's abun-  
 dance

And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the  
 old  
 And then all will nourish the young  
 And then all will cherish life's creatures  
 And then all will live in harmony with each other and  
 the Earth  
 And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

*Judy Chicago's prayer-poem seems particularly relevant with U.S. mid-term elections just days away. TIME Magazine recognized Chicago among its "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2018.*

## Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

 **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.

 **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.