

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

December 11, 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

## Adult Education Class

Join liturgical artist Greg Lewis, who designed the furnishings in St. Andrew's Chapel, this Sunday as he continues to explore possibilities for establishing sacred spaces in our homes. The class begins at 10:00 am on **Sunday, December 4**, in the Sanctuary.



## Brocker Send-off

Fellowship Hall will be filled to the rafters on Sunday, December 11, when we honor Pastor Mark & Donna Brocker as they prepare to begin partial retirement after 17 years of service to St. Andrew!

We are unable to accept additional reservations for dinner, but if you would like to attend the program, we welcome you to arrive about 5:45 pm.

Parents requesting childcare are asked to have their children eat with them in Fellowship Hall before taking them to the Nursery for care during the program.

## Welcome Sunday!

St. Andrew is blessed to welcome several new members during worship services this **Sunday, December 11, 2022**. We look forward to getting to know you! Our new members include:

- Dianna Carlson
- Kirk & Ami Halvorson, Henry and Hilde
- Karen Klingelhafer
- James & Erica Steele, James, Gabriel, and Cora
- Brady & Jessica Waldroff, Jeffrey and Olivia



## Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the memorial reception for Suzanne Warnes so special for her family and many friends. The food was fabulous and everything from setup to cleanup went smoothly, thanks to you!

*Tom & Pam Jelino*

## Sharing the Christ in Christmas



Please remember that gift tags for the Giving Tree need to be returned by **this Sunday, December 11**. Once again, Donna Brocker is coordinating with counselors at Barnes Elementary so that St. Andrew can sponsor about 20 of the school's neediest families during this glorious season of expectation and joy.

This ministry brings cheer to children and parents alike. If you'd still like to participate in spreading God's love during this holy season, please indicate "Giving Tree" on your check or select the "Giving Tree" option on the church website. Questions? Please call Donna at 503-502-6156.

## Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters will NOT meet on Saturday, December 17. We invite you to start the new year right by joining us **Saturday, January 7**, and **Saturday, January 21**, to work on baby and Lutheran World Relief quilts. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Bring a lunch and join us for all or part of the time. No experience is needed and all supplies are provided. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown, 503-797-1841.

## Holden Evening Prayer for Advent



The theme for meditations during Wednesday Evening Prayer Advent services in 2022 is "Make Ready for Holy Disruption." We'll be using Holden Evening Prayer's "Service of Light" as the liturgy.

Members of the congregation will be providing contemplative meditations during the midweek series. Upcoming are:

**December 14:** Karen Klingelhafer (Receiving)

**December 21:** Allison Katsufakis (Rejoicing)

Wednesday Evening Prayer is scheduled at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary, with rehearsals for the Bells of Grace and Sanctuary Choir adjusted for the season of Advent.

## Lydia Circle

Lydia circle will NOT meet in December. All are welcome to join our Bible study again on **Tuesday, January 17**, at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-297-1841.

## New Year's Day Worship

St. Andrew will begin the 2023 New Year with a worship service that will be livestreamed via YouTube beginning at 8:30 am on **Sunday, January 1**. Please note that the church will be locked that day, when all staff and volunteers will enjoy a day of rest. Instead, worshipers are invited to log on to a prerecorded service at 8:30 am or any time thereafter. Be certain to mark your calendars now to be reminded of this change in our worship pattern. [A link to the January 1 worship service will be emailed to you on Friday, December 23.](#)

The following week, January 8, we begin our one-service Sunday trial period. See the article at right for details.

## Stock Transfer Donation Process

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](mailto:tammychef15@gmail.com). You may send a copy to the church office instead, but please mark the envelope "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.

On behalf of the Financial Secretaries,  
**Tammy Piscitelli**, 503-307-8837  
[tammychef15@gmail.com](mailto:tammychef15@gmail.com)

### Preparing for Next Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Isaiah 7:10 – 16

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Matthew 1:18-25

## Uniting in Worship in 2023: A Trial Period

For all except a few of us who help run services every week, there's a whole half of the church we don't get to regularly see. I've been an 11:00 am person at St. Andrew since I started attending 7 years ago, and it feels like every week I'll pass someone walking out as I walk in whom I've never seen before.

Starting in January, that's going to temporarily shift! At last month's meeting, the St. Andrew Council decided to move from two services to a single service at 9:30 am, followed by an education hour at 11:00 am. We did this for a few reasons:

1. We've received a lot of positive feedback from folks about how connected they felt when the Horizon Team led single services. The room felt full, we got to see each other, and we had the opportunity to worship as a collective body.
2. Having one service will help reduce the burden on staff and volunteers who help our Sunday mornings run smoothly. Being able to lighten their load during a time of transition to an Interim Pastor/call process will be a nice respite for those we've spoken to.
3. Having a single service will be a way that we can be and feel more united as a body. It will make it easier to make new connections, strengthen the connections that may have slacked during COVID, and give us opportunities for more post-service experiences that connect us with God and one another.

This temporary change will go into effect on January 8 and run through the end of March, during which time we'll be soliciting feedback from the congregation on how everyone is liking (or disliking) the new arrangement. Council will revisit the decision and collected feedback we've received during that time to see where folks are at and how we'd like to move forward.

Be on the lookout for a feedback email address in January, and feel free to ask me or other Council members if you've got questions about the change!

Your friendly neighborhood Council President,  
**Barton Robison**

## Christmas in the Library



Many families like to spend their evenings in the weeks before Christmas reading a book together each night. A fun way to do this is to wrap up 24 books and let your child select one to unwrap each night in Advent.

If you would like to start this tradition, our Children's Library has many beautifully illustrated books to get you started. To help you locate our Christmas collection, I have pulled many of these books and arranged them on the tables and the red book cart.

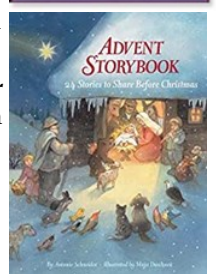
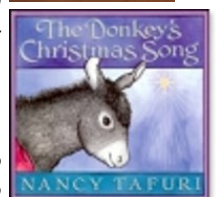
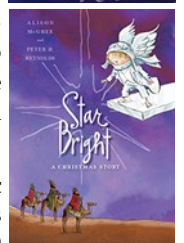
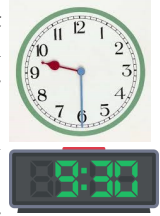
If you want more—or can't find a specific book—doing an online search for Christmas or Advent brings up a list of more than 200 books, both sacred and secular, in our Children's Library. Simply go to

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/standlib/search/text/christmas?ranked=1> to start browsing.

The Children's Library is always open, so please stop by any time. If you need help finding books to match your child's age and interests, let me know.



**Barbara Gutzler**  
Children's Librarian



## CLIMATE CORNER:

### Tips for a Sustainable Holiday Meal

Adapted from an article written by Erin Levine,  
Earth911, November 22, 2022

The gathering of family and friends for holiday meals is a joyous part of this season. You can have fun and consider the environment at the same time. Avoiding waste and being considerate of Mother Nature is simple if you keep it top of mind when planning and during a celebration.



**Decorating:** Consider using natural materials like leaves, fruits, or flower clippings to make your home feel festive. Using nature as inspiration to be the centerpiece at your table, for example, is a wise way to eliminate the need to purchase wasteful, single-use items. Using nature's vibrant color palette can also be stunning and complement your food and drinks. New Seasons has locally-made wreaths that are 100% compostable; they are not held together with a wire frame.

**Meal planning:** Once you know your guest list, make a meal plan and your shopping list. Don't forget to shop your cupboards and refrigerator first so you don't buy more of what you already have. Try to not to fix more than people will eat, unless left-overs are part of the plan.

**Shop locally and seasonally:** Try to buy from local farms and look for food that comes from the Pacific Northwest rather than from Mexico or Peru to reduce the distance your food travels from farm to plate. Buy what is in season such as many greens, carrots, root vegetables, pears and apples. While the Beaverton Farmer's Market is closed for the season, the Portland State Farmer's Market is open all year long.

**Consider less meat and more plant-based menu options:** Meats that come from factory farms, especially beef, are massive contributors to greenhouse gasses. Replacing meat with plants reduces our carbon footprint. Or look for local farms that practice regenerative farming. Check out the Meat Market at 11900 SW Canyon Rd.

**Prevent/reduce food waste:** Set the tone for a no-waste get-together by asking your guests to bring their own reusable containers so you can send them home with leftovers. You want to avoid throwing food into the trash at all costs as it is a huge contributor of methane gas. Get creative with food scraps and leftovers. Try to use all your ingredients. For example, you can make stock out of leftover turkey bones or vegetable stock with vegetable peelings. Try to make new dishes out of your leftovers so you don't get bored with the same meals. Make turkey enchiladas or scrambled eggs with some leftover veggies. Freeze leftovers so you can eat them later.

**Compost the undesirable food scraps:** Again, you want to keep food scraps out of the trash. Food waste is the third largest contributor to methane greenhouse gas. If you don't have a compost pile and if you can't add food waste to your yard waste can (check with your garbage hauling company), you can donate your food scraps to a local farmer. Freeze the leftover peelings and food scraps until you have the time to take it to a farmer.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

### 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](mailto: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.

### Preservice Music on Christmas Eve

The Music Ministry team is eagerly anticipating the opportunity to share Christmas Eve worship with all of you. As usual, we are planning a set of pre-service musical selections to get us all in the mood for worship. This will start 15 minutes before each of the candlelight services on Christmas Eve, so please arrive in plenty of time to find your seat and enjoy the music. For those worshipping online, the livestream and Zoom rooms will be turned on in plenty of time for you to enjoy the music!

### Christmas Week Services

#### **Sunday, December 18**

Lessons and Carols, 8:30 and 11:00 am, Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, December 21**

Advent Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

#### **Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24**

The Roots Children's Gathering, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon and Communion, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

(Preservice music begins 6:45 pm)

Candlelight Service with Communion, 10:00 pm, Sanctuary

(Preservice music begins 9:45 pm)

#### **Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25**

Carol Sing and Communion with Pastor Mark preaching, 11:00 am, Sanctuary



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Corine (Steve's mother)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	LuAnn Staul
Family and friends of Dave Newell	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Anne Newell
Family and friends of Donna (Steve's aunt)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	LuAnn Staul
Imogene Kippenbrock (biological grandmother) and all who mourn the death of her husband David	Peace and God's comfort	Rebecca Uecker
Anne (friend)	Comfort as death nears	Sonja Ackman
Mary Smith	Comfort and healing from pneumonia	Mary Smith
Sherry Myers (daughter)	Comfort and healing after knee surgery (12/6)	Doris Larson
Jacob Blanco	Comfort and recovery	Carol Harker
Carol Duggan (mother)	Healing and recovery	Tim Duggan
Barak Teifel	Healing and recovery from infection	Gordon and Carolyn Teifel
Kim Bach's son	Healing and recovery	Kim Bach
Judy Guist	Successful surgery and recovery (12/14)	Judy Guist
Karen Mallari	Effective treatment (12/15 & 12/16)	Carol Harker
Libby Calhoun	Effective treatment (12/23)	Libby Calhoun
Paul	Safety and assistance	Sonja Ackman
Donald (Paul's father)	Success in securing Paul the help he needs	Sonja Ackman
Victims of gun violence	Comfort and support	Staff
People experiencing homelessness	Adequate shelter and protection	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
New Life Lutheran (Florence, OR) Bethany Lutheran (Gold Beach, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Masjid Omar Farooq (Beaverton, OR)	Blessings on our Interfaith Partners	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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.

## Giving Statements

If you have an email address in the St. Andrew database, you have received an email invitation with a unique password so that you can review your giving at any time. Please look at your giving history for 2022 now so that any issues can be corrected before late January, when you'll want to print out your statement for tax purposes.

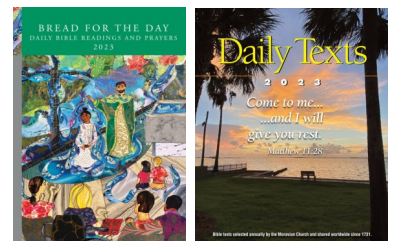
If you have questions, please contact Tammy Piscitelli, a Financial Secretary, at [tammychef15@gmail.com](mailto:tammychef15@gmail.com).

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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## Devotionals for 2023

Both the *Bread for the Day* devotional from Augsburg Fortress and the *Daily Texts* from the Moravian Church/Ground Up Grace are now available in the Narthex. Donation envelopes to defray the cost of these spiritual guides are available in the books themselves.



One way to grow in faith and keep God as the focus of life, despite day-to-day distractions, is to engage in a daily devotional practice.

St. Andrew also makes *Christ in Our Home* booklets available. These are published quarterly.

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, December 11

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and Livestreamed</b>
9:45 am	The Roots.....	Children's Commons & Library
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Sacred Space in the Home.....	Sanctuary
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
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and via Zoom</b>
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time .....	via Zoom
3:30 pm	Brass Christmas Concert .....	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Brocker Send-off Dinner & Program .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, December 12

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

## Tuesday, December 13

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	Facilities Team Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Earth Care Meeting.....	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons

## Wednesday, December 14—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Gentle Yoga with Geetha Kumar.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting .....	Library
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer Advent Service with Karen Klingelhafer .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, December 15

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study.....	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting / Staff Lunch .....	Off Site
6:00 pm	Council Dinner & Meeting .....	Barton Robison's Home

## Friday, December 16


10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, December 17

## Sunday, December 18

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and Livestreamed</b>
9:30 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study.....	Chapel
9:45 am	The Roots.....	Children's Commons & Library
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Sacred Space in the Home.....	Fellowship Hall
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
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary and via Zoom</b>
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.