

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

December 18, 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

This Sunday, December 18, liturgical artist Greg Lewis will conclude his class on establishing sacred spaces in our homes. Whether you attended earlier sessions or not, please join him for a rich visual and aural experience at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. This week, the focus will be on creating our own sacred spaces.



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.

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.

Holden Evening Prayer for Advent



The theme for meditations during Wednesday Evening Prayer Advent services in 2022 is "Make Ready for Holy Disruption." Our liturgy is Holden Evening Prayer's "Service of Light."

Members of the congregation will be providing contemplative meditations during the midweek series. Upcoming on the fourth week of Advent is:

December 21: Allison Katsufrakis (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.

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.](#)



Thank You, One & All!

The planning committee for last Sunday's Brocker Send-off thanks everyone who attended and participated in the program honoring Pastor Mark & Donna Brocker. It was a special evening that will be remembered, and it was so much fun to see Pastor Mark's face light up like a little child's when he opened that fishing reel.

The team really appreciates everyone's willingness to stay a bit afterwards to help clear tables and get things put away. Thanks to the dishwashers who worked late cleaning up hundreds of dirty dishes, thanks to the Tablecloth Team who took home table linens to launder and iron, thanks to those who brought cards for the Brockers, those who contributed to their farewell gifts, people who traveled some distance to attend, and those who shared memories.

St. Andrew has been blessed to have the Brockers serving in ministry for 17 years! The party reflected the congregation's care and affection for both Mark & Donna and people had fun. We could not have asked for more. We'll have some grieving to work through in the New Year, but the Brockers are leaving St. Andrew well prepared and poised to shape its future.

*Libby Calhoun, Jeannine Douglas, Carol Harker,
Tom & Pam Jelineo, Rick Le Roy, Susan Reiser, Janet Vorvick*

Christmas Week Services

Sunday, December 18

Lessons and Carols, 8:30 and 11:00 am,
Sanctuary (The 8:30 service is livestreamed
and 11:00 am is available via Zoom.)

Wednesday, December 21

Advent Evening Prayer, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
(also available via Zoom)

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

The Roots Children's Gathering, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon & Communion, 7:00 pm,
Sanctuary & livestreamed on YouTube
(Preservice music begins 6:45 pm)
Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon & Communion, 10:00 pm,
Sanctuary & via Zoom (Preservice music begins 9:45 pm)

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

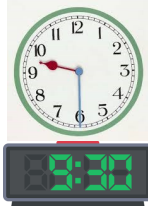
Carol Sing and Communion with Pastor Mark preaching, 11:00 am,
Sanctuary only. No remote worship.



Uniting in Worship in 2023

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

Preparing for Next Sunday

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022
at 11:00 am, in person only

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Pastor Mark will deliver his final sermon at St. Andrew.

A Blue Christmas

The holiday season can be a difficult time of year for those who are grieving or struggling through hardship.

If you are seeking solace and comfort at this time of year, please join Chaplain India Jensen Kerr for a Blue Christmas service in the Chapel at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 4.

Blue Christmas is a gentle service that allows worshipers to express and share sadness. We may find comfort and hope through community. You are not alone.



Thank You for Our Partnership

Dear Friends at St. Andrew,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$522 earlier this month to the SML (St. Matthew Lutheran) Pantry (formerly known as SCAT). We are trying our best to fill our shelves for the Holiday Season programs, so your gift could not have arrived at a better time!

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.

Christmas Blessings to All!

Joanne Dunatchik, Leadership Team, SML Pantry

New Fiction in the Adult Library

Simon the Fiddler, by Paulette Jiles

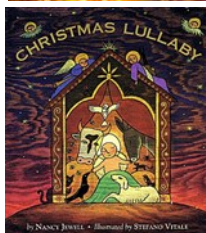
The Polish Girl, by Malka Adler

The Fountains of Silence, Ruta Sepetys

Women of Silk, Gail Tsukiyama

The Samurai's Garden, Gail Tsukiyama

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.

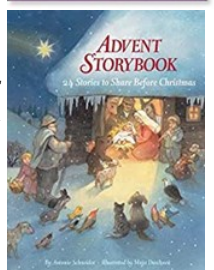
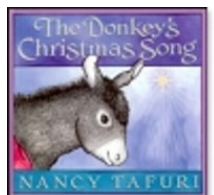
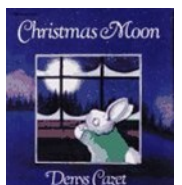
If you would like to start this tradition, our Children's Library has many beautifully illustrated books to get you started. To help you locate our Christmas collection, I have pulled many of these books and arranged them on the tables and the red book cart.

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:

Preventing Food Waste at Home

(Information from the EPA website)



Most people don't realize how much food they throw away every day: uneaten leftovers, spoiled produce, parts of fruits and vegetables that could be eaten or made into some other dish, peelings that can go in yard waste, compost, or garbage disposal. One-third of all food in the US goes uneaten! The EPA estimates that in 2018, about 81% (20.3 tons) of households' wasted food ended up in landfills or combustion facilities. Preventing food from going to waste is one of the easiest and most powerful actions you can take to save money and lower your climate change footprint by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and conserving natural resources.

Save money by buying only what you will eat. The average family of 4 wastes \$1,500 each year on food that is uneaten.

Reduce your environmental and climate change footprint.

When food is wasted, the land, water, energy, and other inputs that are used in producing, processing, transporting, preparing, storing, and disposing the food are also wasted. When food decomposes in a landfill, methane is emitted and food is the single largest category of material placed in municipal landfills. Municipal solid waste landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the US.

Preventing wasted food at home:

- ♦ Make a grocery list and stick to it. Don't get sucked into buying something because it's on sale unless you are certain you will consume it.
- ♦ Shop in your pantry, freezer and refrigerator first to avoid buying more of what you already have.
- ♦ Plan your meals around items in the fridge that are about to go bad.
- ♦ Buying in large quantities at Costco only saves money if you will eat it all.
- ♦ Buying in bulk saves money and reduces food waste because you can buy the right quantity for your needs.

Storage tips:

Most veggies, especially those that could wilt, such as cucumbers, leafy greens, carrots, and broccoli should go in the high humidity drawer of the fridge.

Most fruits as well as veggies that tend to rot, such as mushrooms and peppers, should go in the low humidity drawer of the fridge.

Some fruits, such as bananas, apples, pears, stone fruits, and avocados, release ethylene gas as they ripen, making other nearby produce ripen and potentially spoil faster. Store these away from other produce.

Wait to wash berries, cherries, and grapes until you're ready to eat them to prevent mold.

Some produce like potatoes, eggplant, winter squash, onions, and garlic should be stored in a cool, dry, dark, well-ventilated area.

The refrigerator door is the warmest part of the fridge. Store condiments there, but not milk or eggs.

The lower shelves are the coldest part of the fridge. Store meat, poultry and fish there.

The refrigerator temperature should be set at 40°F or less.

Store grains in airtight containers and label the container with the contents and the date.

Freeze food, such as bread, sliced fruit, meat, or leftovers that you know won't be eaten, before they spoil.

Cooking and preparation tips:

Produce past its prime, as well as odds and ends of ingredients and leftovers, may still be fine for cooking. Repurpose in soups, casseroles, stir fries, frittatas, sauces, baked goods, pancakes, or smoothies.

Make croutons from stale bread. Sauté greens (including lettuce!), make soup stock from vegetable peels.



Making soup stock is simple and a great way to reduce food waste.

Learn the difference between the marketing ploys; "sell by," "use by," "best by," and expiration dates.

Cook and serve the right portions for the number of people you are serving.

Freeze, pickle, dehydrate, can, or make jam/jelly from surplus fruits and veggies.

Liz Hardy

Earth Care Team

Family Service: The Roots! on Christmas Eve

At 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, St. Andrew is hosting a special service for families called **The Roots: Christmas!** The service will be held in Fellowship Hall and is perfect for families with kids and anyone who finds joy in watching our children experience Christmas. The service will include Christmas carols, games, and an opportunity for families to give back together with a special craft.

Plus, were there any Christmas trees in the Bible? If not, why do we use them as part of our celebration? Kyler is excited to teach us! And of course, the one thing you absolutely won't want to miss: on her final Christmas Eve with us at St. Andrew, Donna Brocker will share the Christmas story with the help of some fuzzy friends and another special guest! We hope you will join us!

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 worship-

ing online, the livestream and Zoom rooms will be turned on in plenty of time for you to enjoy the music!

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Stan Sivesind	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Pat Hilliker
Family and friends of Corine (Steve's mother)	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
Amy Marks	Peace and God's comfort	Judy Scholz
Donna Szopko (sister)	Comfort and successful treatment	Tom Mehlhorn
Aaron Miller (son)	Comfort and healing	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
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
Judy Guist	Healing and recovery	Judy Guist
Karen Mallari	Healing and recovery	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
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
	Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele	
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
Atonement Lutheran (Newport, OR) Faith Lutheran (North Bend, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Chabad (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 Tuesday-Friday, 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.

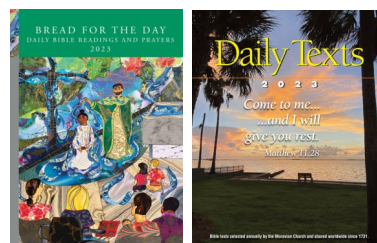
If you have questions, please contact Tammy Piscitelli, a Financial Secretary, at tammychef15@gmail.com.

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Tira Nessel	503-866-5099

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 18

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 & 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
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom

Monday, December 19

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21—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
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer Advent Service with Allison Katsuftrakis	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 22

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	IT Meeting.....	Offsite

Friday, December 23

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm	The Roots Children's Gathering	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon and Communion.....	Sanctuary
10:00 pm	Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon and Communion.....	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25


10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Carol Sing / Worship and Communion	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering.....	Children's Commons




MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you have the gift of faith,
the blessing of hope, and the
joy of family.

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 November 30th, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 12/14/2022

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
 M&M Giving is 93% of FYTD budget and 136% of monthly budget
 Expenses are 82% 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	106	84	20	210		
Monthly Total	425	334	80	839	\$ 73,473	\$ 8,615

To Meet Budget \$ 53,992 \$ 12,732

136%

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	\$ 269,958.30	\$ 249,731	93%	
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 281,425	\$ 230,246	82%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 52,447	\$ 63,660	\$ 64,723	\$ 478,395	\$ 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			\$ 107,030	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 2,277	\$ 5,623	\$ 27,980	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$0			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022

FINANCE TEAM:

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