

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

December 25, 2022—January 1, 2023

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
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Worship Services:  
Sunday, 8:30 am  
Sunday, 11:00 am

## 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.

Pastor Mark & Donna will lead the children in preparing a special Christmas basket for one of our Giving Tree families. 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!

## 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.

## Happy Hearts & Grateful Families



Project organizer Donna Brocker and all the Barnes Elementary families who received Giving Tree gifts and gift cards thank all the special elves at St. Andrew who participated in extending love and generosity to them this Christmas season. You lifted cares from the shoulders of worried parents unable to meet all the needs and wants of their families. You blessed children with the glory of a loving God wrapped in Christmas packages. Thank you!

## 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.

## One-Service Sundays Coming Soon

A new era will begin at St. Andrew on **Sunday, January 8**, when we change our Sunday morning worship pattern for a trial period to run through Palm Sunday (April 2, 2023).

As Council President Barton Robison has noted, the adjustment to our worship schedule will bring the congregation together physically as we adjust to a time of transition. Both early-morning and late-morning church-goers will need to change their schedules and we'll meet in the middle, at 9:30 am.



Education Hour will follow, with The Roots gathering at 10:45 am and classes for confirmation students, high school youth, and adults to start at 11:00 am.

The New Year will find us in good hands, with Pastor Terry Moe presiding through the month of January while the Synod works to identify an interim pastor for St. Andrew.

## Thank You, Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark has served as an *ex officio* (non-voting) member of the St. Andrew Foundation Board of Directors for many years. In that role, he has been an invaluable connection point with his finger on the pulse of the congregation, a source of wisdom and vision for the Foundation, and our greatest cheerleader. Thank you, Pastor Mark, for your many contributions to the Foundation! Our shared vision for a vibrant future for St. Andrew is stronger because of you. (See inside for 2022 Foundation Highlights.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** This newsletter is meant to serve for two weeks. We'll be back on a weekly schedule with the next edition, which will be emailed on **Friday, January 6, 2023**. Print copies will also be available at church for our ONE service at 9:30 am on **Sunday, January 8**.

## Nifty Notters

Start the new year right by joining the Nifty Notters on 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.

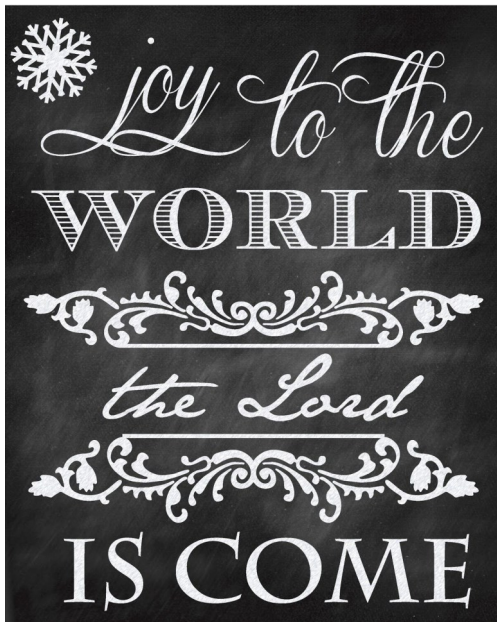
## Adult Education:

### A Christian Thinks about Islam



Three monotheistic religions emerged out of the Middle East: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. In this class, Jim Aageson—a respectful outsider—will look at the contributions our Muslim neighbors make to us and the world at large.

His comparative approach will help us understand how Christianity and Islam are both similar and different and how we might learn from one another.



#### Preparing for New Year's Day

January 1, 2023

Livestreamed on YouTube and available at 8:30 am and thereafter. No in-person worship.

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8

Luke 2:15-21

#### Preparing for January 8, 2023

Baptism of Our Lord

Both in person at 9:30 am and available on YouTube.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Matthew 3:13-17

## Community Warehouse Donation Drive: January 2023

You've heard of a food bank? The Community Warehouse is similar, but instead focuses on providing household goods and furnishings for people. The Warehouse is seeking quality, gently used, and new items. The organization connects these donated household items to neighbors in need, creating stronger homes and brighter futures for all.

The familiar purple bins will be available in the Narthex beginning January 4 for the collection of kitchen wares and linens. Please follow the guidelines below.

KITCHEN WARES	
<i>All kitchen items must be clean and functional.</i>	
<b>Yes, Please</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pots &amp; Pans (most needed item)</li> <li>■ Baking Dishes</li> <li>■ Can Openers</li> <li>■ Cooking Utensils</li> <li>■ Cutting Boards</li> <li>■ Dish Racks</li> <li>■ Dish Towels</li> <li>■ Dish Sets &amp; Glasses</li> <li>■ Kitchen Knives</li> <li>■ Mixing Bowls</li> <li>■ Potholders</li> <li>■ Silverware</li> <li>■ Drinking Glasses &amp; Mugs</li> </ul>	<b>No, Thank You</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cracked or Chipped Dishes</li> <li>■ Dishware with ANY Alcohol-Related Branding</li> <li>■ Plastic Dinnerware and Dishware</li> <li>■ Wine Glasses</li> <li>■ Metal-Rimmed Dishes</li> </ul>

LINENS	
<i>Linens must be clean and free of stains, tears, or pilling.</i>	
<b>Yes, Please</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Blankets, Quilts, &amp; Comforters</li> <li>■ Bath Towels &amp; Hand Towels</li> <li>■ Washcloths</li> <li>■ Bedsheets (not king size)</li> <li>■ Bathmats</li> <li>■ Shower Curtains</li> <li>■ Bed Pillows (stain-free only)</li> </ul>	<b>No, Thank You</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Linens with Stains or Tears</li> <li>■ King-Size Bedsheets</li> <li>■ Tablecloths</li> <li>■ Bed Skirts</li> <li>■ Draperies or Window Treatments</li> <li>■ Electric Blankets</li> <li>■ Curtains (of any kind)</li> <li>■ Mattress Toppers</li> </ul>

To learn more about the good work being done by the Community Warehouse, check out their website: <https://www.communitywarehouse.org/>.

## Better Safe than Sorry



As of now, forecasters predict that the ice and snow expected in our area will have melted away by Christmas Eve, but there's no guarantee. Please be thoughtful, flexible, and cautious in deciding whether to take to the roads for any of our worship services this weekend.

While The Roots Christmas at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve is in-person only for children and their families, remember that both Candlelight Services on Saturday, December 24, are available online:

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon

7:00 pm

Livestream: <https://youtu.be/cVhKKMKG9Yk>

#### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Sermon

10:00 pm

Available via [Zoom](#)

The 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, Christmas Day, is in-person only.

First and foremost, check road conditions before you venture out and stay safe! Wherever you worship, God knows what's in your heart!

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Margie Schindele (mother)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sue Shade
Family and friends of Stan Sivesind	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Pat Hilliker
Amy Marks and family	Peace and God's comfort as her death nears	Judy Scholz
Kyle Robertson (son-in-law)	Effective treatment, healing & recovery	Liz Andersen
Becky, Kennzie, and Hyde Robertson (daughter and grandchildren)	Comfort and strength	Liz Andersen
Donna Szopko (sister)	Comfort and successful treatment	Tom Mehlhorn
Aaron Miller (son)	Comfort and healing	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
Sherry Myers (daughter)	Comfort and healing after knee surgery	Doris Larson
Kyler & Becky Vogt	Healing and recovery from COVID	Staff
Judy Guist	Healing and recovery	Judy Guist
Libby Calhoun	Healing and recovery	Libby Calhoun
Lee Ann Knapp	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment	Lee Ann Knapp
All those traveling over the holidays	Safe journeys	Staff
Healthcare workers under stress	Support and comfort	Lee Ann Knapp
People experiencing homelessness	Adequate shelter and protection	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Hal Douglas, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Ian MacDonald, Gary Magnuson, Gerald Jensen, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Peggy Smith, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Zion Lutheran (Port Orford, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Zion Lutheran (The Dalles, OR)		
Bilal Masjid (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.

*Farewell, Godspeed, au revoir, & thank you,  
Pastor Mark & Donna. We'll miss you, but  
hold you always in our hearts and prayers.*

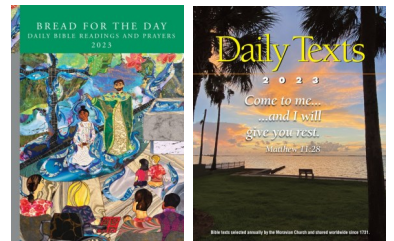
*The People of St. Andrew*

## 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 Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, December 25

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

## Monday, December 26—Holiday, Church Closed

## Tuesday, December 27

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)
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group .....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons

## Friday, December 30

10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
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## Sunday, January 1—Church Closed

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Livestream Worship with Communion (also via Zoom) .....</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship—Online Only .....	Chapel

## Monday, January 2—Holiday, Church Closed

## Tuesday, January 3

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)
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting .....	Library
10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes .....	Off Site
12:00 pm	Bridge Group .....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	CWFG Board Meeting .....	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room

## Wednesday, January 4

10:00 am	Yoga with Geetha .....	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop Meeting .....	Children's Commons
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Blue Christmas Service .....</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, January 5

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength & Stretch with Susanne.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting .....	Chapel / Library
7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting .....	via Zoom

## Friday, January 6

10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	The Immigrant Story Recording Session .....	Children's Library


## Saturday, January 7


9:00 am	Nifty Notters .....	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am	Removal of the Greens .....	Sanctuary / Narthex

## Sunday, January 8

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube &amp; via Zoom) .....</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
10:45 am	The Roots.....	Children's Commons & Library
11:00 am	Confirmation.....	Adult Library
11:00 am	High School Youth.....	Youth Room
11:00 am	Adult Education: A Christian Thinks about Islam and the Qur'an.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Worship .....	Chapel
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group.....	Member's Home

## 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.