

St. Andrew Weekly News

February 5, 2023

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Worship on Sundays at 9:30 am

Happy New Year! We have some exciting updates from the Financial Secretary Team:

1. Welcome to both Susan Jacobi and Sue Lee, who have recently joined the team to help keep giving records accurate and up-to-date.
2. Do you have a question about your giving record or need to notify us of an upcoming check with special instructions on how you want the funds allocated? If so, please send your questions to our **new confidential** team email at financial_secretary@standrewlutheran.com and one of us will respond within 7 days.
3. Giving records for 2022 are now ready for you to print following the email instructions sent in November 2022. These instructions included a **new** system-generated username and temporary password for access to your **new** Fellowship One Go giving account.

Once in your account profile, you can review your giving history, print your own giving statement, and even update your personal information.

We hope this personalized access is an easier and faster way to access your own giving record.

Before requesting a new login, please check your spam email folder **first**. If you still need your login credentials, send an email to financial_secretary@standrewlutheran.com. We will have the system send you another access link and login credentials specific to your profile account.

If you do not have a working printer or you still need a hard copy giving statement mailed by January 31, please let us know. **If you have already informed the church office that you need a 2022 statement, we already have that information.**

Blessings,
Brian Cheney, Susan Jacobi, Sue Lee, Tammy Piscitelli

Adult Ed: 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—looks at the inter-relationships among these religions and helps us understand how Christianity and Islam are both similar and different and how we might learn from one another. This weekend Jim Aageson teaches his final class.

Looking Ahead for Adult Education

The Adult Education Team is thinking ahead to next year when we will have Adult Ed offerings in the fall, winter, and spring (2023-2024). Do you have ideas about what kinds of classes you would like to see? Is there some class that was especially good that we should repeat? Would you like to teach or do you know someone who would like to teach?

If you'd like to teach a class, please submit a descriptive proposal to the Adult Ed Team (see Janet's email below) by **February 20** so it can be considered when planning next year's lineup.

Your input would be welcome. You can make your comments in person to any member of the Adult Ed Team: Steve Christiansen, Paul Navarre, Tira Nettet, Kyler Vogt, and Janet Vorvick. Or you can send comments to Janet Vorvick at janetv1245@outlook.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Transition Orientation Retreat

Saturday, February 4, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm

Pastor Melissa Reed, Bishop's Associate for the Oregon Synod, will join our whole congregation on **Saturday, February 4**, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm, to orient us to the process of transition. There will be time to name our grief following Pastor Mark Brocker's retirement and leave-taking, any fears we may have, as well as any joy and excitement this new chapter may bring within our hearts.

Pastor Melissa will also share the phases of the transition process and we will explore together how this in-between time is a holy and creative season for powerful discernment in the Spirit as we are called into God's future.

Worship Matters

The importance of worship is huge because Worship Matters. Worship matters to God. Worship matters to you. During this time of transition, it may be unsettling to not know what's going to happen next. The worship team and staff are working hard to provide meaningful worship with the help of supply pastors and staff members filling in until the interim pastor arrives. And, of course, ultimately, we will call a pastor to lead us into the future at St. Andrew.

Here is what to expect through the end of February:

- On **February 5**, Pr. Melissa Reed will preside and preach.
- Pr. Terry returns on **February 12** to preside and India will preach.
- The Epiphany season wraps up on **Sunday, February 19**, with Pr. Susan Kinter presiding and preaching on Transfiguration Sunday.
- Lent begins **Wednesday, February 22**. We will have two services that day; one at noon and one at 7:00 pm. Pr. John Reuter-Harrah will preside at our Ash Wednesday services and India will preach.
- The final Sunday of February is the 1st Sunday of Lent and Terry Moe will be back to preside with Kyler preaching. Our musician that morning will be Matthew Smith on the organ.

We prayerfully anticipate an interim pastor joining us in March.

Deacon Susan

Save the Date: Earth Camp 2023

We're excited to announce the dates for our third year of Earth Camp. **This year's camp will be the week of June 26-30**. We are planning for Earth Camp to be bigger and better this year, increasing our capacity so more kids can be involved. Registration will be available to our St. Andrew family and past attendees in a few short weeks, so keep your eyes peeled!

It takes a village to make this camp possible, and we could use your help! Please email Kyler at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com to see how you can get involved.

Strength & Stretch to Continue

Thursdays, 10:00 – 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Due to the response of the congregation and community, Strength & Stretch with Susanne will continue past the January trial offering. This is great news for people who have already benefited and will enable even more people to participate going forward. The class meets Thursday mornings, 10:00—10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Many folks are familiar with wealth management; however, when it comes to health management, we might become a bit clouded, less motivated, more erratic. Susanne can help you create a diversified health portfolio and it won't cost you a dime. Join us on Thursdays, 10:00-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall, to invest in your strength and flexibility. Learn a few basic routines; play some games; meet new people.

Improve your long game as we focus on moves that help you with activities of daily living in a safe and supportive environment. For more information, email susanne@missfit.biz.

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters will not meet on Saturday, February 4, but will gather on **Saturday, February 18**, to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief, as well as baby quilts to be distributed in our area.

The Nifty Notters' closets are full of colorful fabric, yards of batting, and crochet thread for tying the layers together. No experience is needed and all supplies are provided.

We meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, so plan to bring a lunch and join in the camaraderie for all or part of the time.

Confirmands vs. Council

St. Andrew's 2023 Bible Bowl is just a couple weeks away, with both confirmands and members of the Council preparing to answer questions about the Old Testament. Save the date—**Sunday, February 12**—and come to Fellowship Hall following worship that day to cheer on your team!

Spirituality Book Group

The Spirituality Book Group will meet at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, February 5**, to discuss *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. Elaine May will lead the discussion.

According to a review from Bestpresidentialbios.com, "McCullough's narrative provides a fascinating perspective on Theodore's childhood and early adulthood. But it also reveals far more than that—it offers a unique and engaging look at the life of a privileged New York family during the late nineteenth century." The book covers the first 28 years of Roosevelt's life.

We will meet in person at Sharon Fako's home and also via Zoom. For those of you attending via Zoom, a link will be sent to those on the Spirituality Book Group email list. If you'd like to receive a link, please contact Mary Smith.

Future Reading:

Sunday, March 5

In the Midst of Winter, by Isabel Allende

Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

Location: Fran Miller's Home

Sunday, April 23

Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and

Start Following Jesus, by Robin R. Meyers

Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako

Location: Mary Ann Snider's Home

Sunday, May 21

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, by V.E. Schwab

Discussion Leader: Kristin Sacks

Location: Dianne Zupunski's Home

MACG Welcomes You Over the Horizon

We at St. Andrew are now making our way over the horizon and into the transition period. Last year we held several events with the Horizon Team and came up with six themes for going forward. We also filled out Intention Cards with ideas and commitments for our future participation in St. Andrew.

While we are in this liminal time between what we are and what we will be at St. Andrew, MACG is offering a space for open relational discussions with the members of the congregation around those themes and intentions. Maybe we can find groups with common interests that can bring our members together like supper groups have in the past. There were some great ideas on those intention cards.

Please join us on **Saturday, February 11**, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm for cookies and treats and table conversations. As we are getting to know each other anew in our singular Sunday morning worship, let's get to know each other some more in conversations around the direction of St. Andrew.

Beginning this week, look for a poster in the Narthex with more information and a sign-up sheet so we make sure we have enough cookies. If you need childcare, there will be a place to sign up for that as well.

We are looking forward to gathering together around our Horizon Team themes and intentions and creating new relationships as we move forward as St. Andrew.

Hope to see you then.

Jan Smith

CDs in the Narthex

Music is foundational to the ministry of St. Andrew. When we reach the limits of what words can communicate, we turn to God's "wondrous work of music" to do the rest. Many people have grown up in our culture of music, including Paul Christiansen (Pat and Steve's son), who recently released his first full-length album of original compositions.

As a small thank you to the congregation, you'll find a basket of CDs in the Narthex; please feel free to take a copy home with you. If you'd prefer to listen online or through your favorite streaming service, you can find links and more information about the album (including its

connection to Ukraine) at paulschristiansen.com.

Paul is adamant that this project wouldn't have been possible without the ongoing support of the congregation. So, in lieu of a traditional "purchase," he invites you to make a donation to St. Andrew, which will help us sustain this important part of our ministry—not only for ourselves but beyond ourselves, in the generation of musicians who come next.

Minister of Music Input

The Call Committee for St. Andrew's new Minister of Music has created a survey and wants to hear your voice! This Sunday, paper copies of the survey will be available in the Narthex, or you can fill out the form electronically by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/B7TmdZKHwpKB7Es7A>

Completed paper surveys can be left in the Narthex at the Call Committee's table.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to fill out the survey. Feel free to pick and choose which questions you feel most comfortable answering; you may choose to include your name or remain anonymous.

Members of the Call Committee greatly appreciate your input.

Preparing for February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Both in person at 9:30 am and available on
YouTube or via Zoom.

Deut 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
Matthew 5:21-37

Your St. Andrew Staff

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In Need of Prayers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Amy Marks	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Bob and Judy Scholz
Erin Tarum	Comfort and peace	Arden Tarum
Debbie Mason	Peace and comfort	Patty Jones
Carol Hogan	Comfort and healing	Carol Hogan
Christine Core	Comfort and healing	Bev Briggs
Carol Means	Comfort and healing	India Jensen Kerr
Lee Anne Knapp	Comfort and healing	Lee Anne Knapp
Sandi Beavers	Healing and pain relief from shingles	Bill Beavers
Kelli Runnels Wallace	Effective treatment and hope	Linda Fransen
Clint Morrison	Strength and support	Kyler Vogt
Victims of gun violence	Compassion, strength, and support	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey, Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Spirit of Grace (Beaverton) Shepherd of the Valley (Beaverton)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Golden Temple of Oregon (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff

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.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 5

9:30 am	Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube & via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship	Chapel
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
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Sharon Fako's Home & via Zoom

Monday, February 6—Office Closed

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com.

10:00 am	Gentle Yoga with Geetha	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	The Gift of Years with India	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 9

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	St. Andrew Room
5:30 pm	HR Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library

Friday, February 10

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, February 11

10:00 am	MACG Congregation Meeting	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting	via Zoom

Sunday, February 12

9:30 am	Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube & via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship	Chapel
10:30 am	Super Bible Bowl: The Confirmands vs. Congregational Council	Fellowship Hall

Celebration of Life for Ron Olshausen

Saturday, February 18, 2023

4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

9:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary, watch the livestream of worship on YouTube, or participate in worship via Zoom. *Links for remote worship will be sent to you via email and the church app.*

People participating in worship via Zoom are invited to join worship at 9:30 am. To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone.

Anyone using YouTube for livestream worship may access the service at 9:30 am or any time after the livestream ends.