

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 12, 2023

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

www.standrewlutheran.com ■ Telephone: 503-646-0629

Worship Leader Workshop

Sunday, February 19, 11:00-11:45 am

Please join us in the Sanctuary during the education hour to learn all about what acolytes, lectors, and assisting ministers do during worship. Next Sunday, children who are a part of the Roots should attend their regular class as always, as should high school students. But everyone else is encouraged to come and see what is involved in serving in this important way.

Current worship leaders, please come and share your tips and expertise. Everyone else, please come and see how you can be a part of our team. There are no Adult Education or Confirmation classes next Sunday, so take this opportunity to learn about this part of the Work of the People, which is Lutheran Liturgy. Questions? Talk with Pat Christiansen or Deacon Susan Reiser.

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.

- Pr. Terry Moe will preside this Sunday, **February 12**, and India will preach.
- The Epiphany season wraps up on **Sunday, February 19**, with Pr. Susan Kintner 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 and are excited to welcome Pr. Laurie Newman as our interim pastor on March 6.

Deacon Susan



Interim Pastor to Join Us March 6



Council President Barton Robison announced the good news during worship this past Sunday morning! Pastor Laurie Newman will be joining us March 6 to walk with us through the months of transition ahead. With 32 years of ministry in the Presbyterian Church, Pastor Laurie says she "will bring questions, fresh eyes, and perspective to the transition."

Bible Bowl Sunday!

Teams representing St. Andrew confirmands and members of the Church Council are preparing to face off this **Sunday, February 12**, in Fellowship Hall. Join the fun after worship, when we cheer on the contestants as they try to answer questions testing their Old Testament knowledge.

Confirmation instructor Pat Christiansen knows this stuff backwards and forwards—have the students been paying attention? And have Council members been able to retain the information they learned years ago? We'll see. Grab a beverage at the coffee bar and get ready for the excitement to build. The game begins about 11:00 am.

Single Service Feedback

Believe it or not, we've already experienced five Sundays with our single-service schedule and Council is ready to check the vibes from the congregation. How do you feel about having one service on Sunday mornings?

Please click the link below to share your feedback or talk to a member of Council to share your thoughts.

<https://forms.gle/nC5w61b5YZXQEtLL9>

Thanks for your input!

Ash Wednesday

Our Lenten journey begins **February 22** with Ash Wednesday. We will have two services that day, one at noon and another at 7:00 pm, with the 7:00 pm service also available as a livestream on YouTube. The service will include imposition of ashes, confession and forgiveness, and communion.

For those unable to attend Ash Wednesday worship in person, bags with ashes and a devotional bulletin for Lent will be available to pick up in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 19. The focus of the devotional booklet this year is the Sabbath Poetry of Lent by Wendell Berry as presented by the SALT Team at saltproject.org.



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.

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters 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. Questions? Call Mary Brown at 503-297-1841.

Strength & Stretch Continues

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

Due to the response of the congregation and community, Strength & Stretch with Susanne will continue past January's 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.



Twist and shout.

Well, 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 and build a diversified health portfolio. Learn a few 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.

Table Talk: Sharing Our Stories—Worship Experiences

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00-8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely and openly with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion, the Adult Education Team invites you to gather for a Table Talk in Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew on **Tuesday, February 28, 7:00-8:00 pm.**

This Table Talk will be hosted by the Worship Planning Team. We will begin the evening by sharing the name of a favorite hymn. What is it about that hymn that makes you smile when you hear it or sing it? Then, we will share the answer to this prompt: "Describe a worship experience that was particularly meaningful for you." This doesn't have to be something at St. Andrew. It might be an experience at a campfire or at the bedside of a loved one or at a significant time in your life. Finally, we will look for similarities in our experiences, which may be quite different from person to person.

In preparation, please read "Worship 101," a June 2019 article from *Living Lutheran* that provides a good overview of why we do what we do in a typical worship service. Go to: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/06/worship-101/>. Also, please think about a favorite hymn and a meaningful worship experience.

As always, please come even if you don't have a chance to prepare ahead of time. Copies of the article and hymnals will be available on Tuesday, February 28, 7:00-8:00 pm.

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.

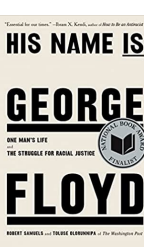
Looking Ahead for Adult Education

It's time to follow up and submit your ideas for adult education classes next year. 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 Education 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 Nessel, Kyler Vogt, and Janet Vorvick. Or you can send comments to Janet Vorvick at janetv1245@outlook.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Men's Book Club



Just a few weeks after the death of Tyre Nichols, another black man brutalized and beaten by police officers, members of the Men's Book Club will meet on **Monday, February 13**, to discuss *His Name Is George Floyd*, by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa of the *Washington Post*. Gary Grafwallner selected the book and will lead the discussion at 7:00 pm in the St. Andrew Library.

CLIMATE CORNER:

How to Shop for Used Clothes—and Why

Adapted from an article by Laura McMullen
published in NerdWallet, March 2018



Buying used clothes at thrift stores is a smart way to slash your spending. You ought to get gold stars and stickers for spending \$10 on jeans instead of \$50. But with their low prices and expansive inventories, thrift stores can tempt even a well-meaning saver to buy not only those jeans, but also tempting things you don't really need. You don't really need those beautiful leather loafers or that hilarious novelty T-shirt for your sister because you're pretty sure she will also find it funny. Now you've blown your budget and have to deal with all this stuff you may or may not use. Gold star revoked.

Why buy Used?

- Buy used clothing to help the environment. "Clothing reuse is very important for our planet," says Margaret Engel, co-author of *ThriftStyle: The Ultimate Bargain Shopper's Guide to Smart Fashion*. Buying used clothes, (and donating your own) keeps them from landfills and conserves the energy needed to manufacture them. So as you thrift, "think of yourself as an environmental warrior" she says.
- You snag deals. Catch the thrifting bug, and you may wonder why you ever paid full price for clothes. Engel, for example, bought a ball gown by the designer Marchesa for \$10 on the sale rack of a consignment store. (Consignment stores resell clothes that are typically more expensive and higher quality than those at huge nonprofit chains such as Goodwill.) Engel points out that most thrift and consignment stores sell all the basic clothes items you could need and have whole sections of office wear. And these clothes are all sold at steep discounts from the original price.
- You can find high-quality clothes. New clothes can be expensive. Even if you opt for the low prices (and low durability) of "fast fashion" stores like H&M, Forever 21, and Zara, you often get what you pay for. Those suit pants may cost only \$40, but they may not fit perfectly or live to see your next interview, when you'll have to buy new suit pants.

At used clothing stores, your money can go further, Engel says. Many consignment stores aim to sell only high-quality garments made to last, at resale prices. You can unearth these gems at thrift stores too, if you're up for digging through their wider-ranging selections. If necessary, you can use the money saved by buying used to get these more valuable items altered. As Engel puts it: "You can buy couture clothing for your budget."

How to thrift the smart way: Buy what you need, not what you want. You may be tempted to overbuy at thrift stores, Engel says, "because you find unexpected items that you weren't looking for." Give into that temptation, and you'll not only spend more than necessary, you may end up with a bunch of stuff you don't need. It turns out 28% of the items in the average person's closet haven't been worn in over a year, according to a recent study by the personal styling service, The Trunk Club.

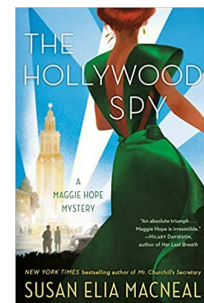
"Shopping takes discipline," Engel says, "If you go into it in a lazy fashion, you're going to be broke and have a stuffed closet," Before thrifting (or doing any shopping) she suggests evaluating

your closet to determine what clothing items you really need, rather than want to buy. Then stick to that list once you're in the store.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

New Fiction in the Library

The Sanctuary Sparrow, by Ellis Peters
Bel Canto, by Ann Patchett
The Art of Hearing Heartbeats,
by Jan-Philipp Sendker
The Hollywood Spy, by Susan Elia MacNeal
Deliver Us from Evil, by David Baldacci
The Rose Code, by Kate Quinn
The Brothers of Auschwitz, by Malka Alder
A Letter of Mary, by Laurie R. King
*One Glorious Ambition: The Compassionate
Crusade of Dorothea Dix*, by Jane Kirkpatrick
Horse, by Geraldine Brooks





Caring Tip from Stephen Ministries:


A Compassionate Approach to Valentine's Day


For some people, Valentine's Day is about celebrating a loving relationship or enjoying lighthearted times with friends and family. But for those grieving the loss of a spouse, dealing with a divorce or break-up, facing a long-term separation, or otherwise feeling alone, this usually sweet holiday can have a bitter taste.

Here are a few tips for reaching out with care to someone who is struggling this Valentine's Day: No matter the person's situation, your care can make a real difference. People may not think about those for whom Valentine's Day isn't a particularly happy time, so your willingness to relate with compassion may be a welcome surprise for someone expecting to suffer silently.

 Listen between the lines. If someone makes a comment about Valentine's Day that hints at feelings of sadness or negativity, gently and nonjudgmentally follow up. A simple "Tell me more about that" lets them know you're willing to listen.

 Treat the person's feelings seriously. People may experience a variety of difficult emotions on Valentine's Day. Treating their feelings as valid gives them permission to share whatever they need and want to share.

 Avoid clichés. There are plenty of clichés about Valentine's Day, so be on guard. Saying something like "God has someone for you" or "You'll find another" will likely only add to their difficult feelings about the holiday.

 Don't pressure someone to "cheer up." Trying to push someone to "get into the spirit of the holiday" often leaves them feeling worse and communicates that they shouldn't feel the way they do. Whether someone is sad or lonely, bitter or angry, a better approach is to be a caring, listening presence.

Giving Statements and Financial Secretary Team Updates

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

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Harold Harmon (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Maxine and Joyce Harmon
Family and friends of Amy Marks	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Bob and Judy Scholz
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Comfort and healing from wrist surgery	Staff
Janet Vorvick	Comfort and healing	India Jensen Kerr
Warren & Donna McAlpine	Comfort and healing	Scott Taylor
Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria	Assistance and strength	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
St. Matthew Lutheran (Beaverton) Emanuel Lutheran (Cornelius)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Beit Haverim (Lake Oswego)	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.

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.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Lenten is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus – and in turn on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful Lutheran understanding of sinner and saint.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition – Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these saints who have gone before us, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This year, our Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations of individuals as a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

Lenten Midweek Services will be held at 7:00 pm, **Wednesday, March 1-29**. Themes and meditations are:

- **March 1:** Inheritance of Faith, Steve Christiansen
- **March 8:** Perseverance with Endurance, Karen Klingelhafer
- **March 15:** Faithful in Prayer, Kyler Vogt
- **March 22:** Striving for Justice, Julie Ageson
- **March 29:** Dying and Rising with Christ, Lloyd Meyer

Deacon Susan

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Preparing for February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Both in person at 9:30 am and
 available on YouTube or via Zoom.

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2
 Matthew 17:1-9

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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

Monday, February 13—Office Closed

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

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:00 am Men’s Gathering and Bible Study Elmer’s Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
 7:00 am Sunrise Women..... Elmer’s Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
 9:00 am Facilities Management Team Meeting..... St. Andrew Room
 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Scout Troop 198..... Children’s Commons

Wednesday, February 15—“Weekly News” deadline. Submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com.

- 10:00 am Gentle Yoga with Geetha Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm The Gift of Years with India Library
 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting..... Children’s Commons
 6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting Library
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, February 16

- 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
 7:00 pm Council Meeting..... St. Andrew Room and via Zoom

Friday, February 17

- 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm High School Youth Axe Throwing BG Cartel

Saturday, February 18



- 9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall
 4:00 pm Memorial Service: Ron Olshausen Sanctuary

Sunday, February 19

- 9:30 am **Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube & via Zoom)** Sanctuary
 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Chapel
 10:45 am Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study..... Chapel
 10:45 am The Roots Children’s Commons & Library
 11:00 am Confirmation: Worship Leader Training..... Sanctuary
 11:00 am High School Youth Group Youth Room
 11:00 am Adult Education: Worship Leader Training Sanctuary



Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

-  **YouTube** **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.*
-  **zoom** 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. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am. Anyone using YouTube for livestream worship may access the service at 9:30 am or any time after the livestream ends.