

# St. Andrew Weekly News

February 26, 2023

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
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## Worship on Sundays at 9:30 am

### Supper Groups Are Happening!

Supper groups have been an enjoyable way to celebrate life with fellow St. Andrew friends. While some groups were able to keep going through the last three years, most of us took a long break.

Let's get started again! Supper Groups are open to couples, old and young, families of every size, singles, and maybe even some special furry friends. How do you find a group?

If you're in the Narthex, go to the signup sheet on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Or join by emailing Sharon Fako at [sfako24@comcast.net](mailto:sfako24@comcast.net).

We have two kinds of groups. Many families enjoy gathering in people's homes for meals. Each family hosts as many times as the group decides, with the host preparing the main course. Others bring side dishes, including dessert. Groups might gather for breakfast, lunch, picnics, etc., as well as supper or maybe a deluxe dinner.

Others prefer going out to dine. Groups might choose food carts, casual spots, or special restaurants and gather for brunch, lunch, or dinner.

The main thing to remember is to **sign up soon!** We want to send out the lists of the families in your group by March 15 so the fun can begin! If this timeline is too short for you, but you're still interested in Supper Groups, please email Sharon that you'd like to join a group, but "just not yet." We can start other groups as the year moves ahead.

### Adult Education Class: "Pilgrimage"

Paul Navarre will explore the concept of Christian pilgrimage in his class of the same name, which begins **Sunday, February 26**. While Christian pilgrimages can be traced back as far as the third century, people made pilgrimages well before the birth of Christ. What makes a journey a pilgrimage? What are some of the great pilgrimages of other faith traditions? What might it be like to undertake a pilgrimage today, and what pilgrimage destinations are popular now?

### Nifty Notters

Join the Nifty Notters Saturday March 4th and 18th to help create quilts for LWR and baby quilts for local families in need. We meet from 9am to 2:30pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a lunch and stay for all or part of the time. All supplies are provided and you can take part by sewing, tying knots, or cutting fabric into squares.

There might even be some ironing to do. We'd love to see new faces. If you have questions please contact Mary Brown at 503-297-1841.

## **Earth Camp 2023 Registration**

It's time to register your kids for Earth Camp! This year's camp is **June 26-30** and the theme is "The Earth Is in Our Hands." We are expanding Earth Camp to be open to more than 30% more campers this year, but we still expect it to fill up quickly!

St. Andrew families and families who have attended Earth Camp in past years have until **Friday, February 24**, to take advantage of advanced registration before we open it up to the public. Make sure to grab your spot! Register at:

<https://standrewlutheran.fellowshiponego.com/external/form/d1bd5307-6552-4a4e-a8fb-1210704a4cad>

## **Horizon Theme and Commitment Event Debrief**

Thank you to all who came to the Horizon Theme/Commitment event on Saturday, February 11, and for bringing your spirit and your commitment to the future of St. Andrew. We broke into relational discussions on topics of engagement such as Youth, Worship, Transition, Social Justice, and New Activities. The 157 intentions that people wrote on commitment cards in October 2022 were grouped into 28 categories.

At our tables, we either re-committed to projects and ministries or we committed to revive past activities or begin new ones in this period of beginning again post-pandemic and post-Brocker retirement.

As a start, Sharon Fako resurrected Supper Group signups as seen in the article at left. There are intentions to hold Game Nights this spring, a Lefse Cooking Lesson, Labyrinth Meditation, and other informal fellowship events to continue the reconnection that we are feeling at the single service. People discussed the Music Ministry survey we are completing. We heard that the Cedar Hills 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is back on this year. There are so many ways to join together again in caring relationship to build our community and to enhance our faith community.

If you included your name on a commitment card several months ago and have not heard back from anyone, contact Jan Smith or a Council member with your idea or commitment. We would like to hear from you and we welcome your collaboration.

St. Andrew is in an exciting time. Coming out of the pandemic, calling a new pastor, and calling a new music minister are all hopeful and powerful catalysts. The energy is high as we move into spring. In the words of Hymn #266 in the cranberry hymnal, "All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task: this, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set everybody free."

## **Table Talk: Sharing Our Stories—Worship Experiences**

Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. To cultivate this kind of spirited discussion, the Adult Education Team invites you to gather for a Table Talk in Fellowship Hall 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.

## 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 Pastor Laurie Newman arrives on March 6. And, of course, ultimately, we will call a pastor to lead us into the future at St. Andrew.

Here is what to expect:

- 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.
- **Sunday, February 26** is the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Chaplain India will preach on **Sunday, March 5**, with Pastor Terry Moe presiding.

*Deacon Susan*

## Spirituality Book Group

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on Sunday, March 5 to discuss *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende. The New York Times described the book as "A novel of three immigrants and a Brooklyn Misadventure." We will meet in person at Fran Miller's home, and also via Zoom.

For those of you who will be attending via Zoom, a link will be sent to those on the Spirituality Book Group email list. If you would like to receive a link, please contact Mary Smith.

### Details:

Time/Place: 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 2023

Book: *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende

Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

Location: Fran Miller's home, and via Zoom. (For directions to Fran's home, please call Fran or Mary Smith).

### Future Reading:

April 23: Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus by Robin Meyers  
Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako  
Location: Mary Ann Snider's home

May 21: The Invisible Life of Addie Larue by V.E. Schwab  
Discussion Leader: Kristin Sacks  
Location: Dianne Zupunski's home

## **Lenten Food Train Begins Its Journey**

The engine is revved up and ready to begin hauling boxcars of food and hygiene products destined for the St. Matthew food bank. Beginning **Sunday, February 19**, and continuing through Lent, we hope to fill multiple boxes of food to feed the hungry and help the needy in our community.

The train will begin in the Sanctuary and as we add boxcars, it will wind its way around the church. Please bring your non-perishable food items (e.g., spaghetti sauce, canned corn, sugar, rice, beans), as well as hygiene products (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant) to fill the boxcars.

If you prefer to donate money instead, you may write a check payable to St. Andrew with Lenten Food Drive on the memo line. Or go [online](#) and select Lenten Food Drive to donate. A new boxcar will be added with every \$250 added to the fund.

This is a very critical time for those in need in our community. Not only has inflation impacted the ability for people to purchase food, but February is the last month that the federal government will allow Oregon to issue pandemic emergency food benefits. Your donations will make a big difference!

Let's see where this train will take us!

*For those that want to learn more about the St. Matthew Food Bank or are considering becoming a volunteer, they are hosting an Open House at the Pantry Building 10390 SW Canyon Rd., Beaverton, OR 97005 on **Sunday March 12th, noon to 1pm.***

## **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/nC5w61b5YZZQEtLL9>

Thanks for your input!

## **Sing with All the Saints**

Lent 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 own 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.**

**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 Aageson

**March 29:** Dying and Rising with Christ, Lloyd Meyer

*Deacon Susan*

### **Preparing for March 5, 2023**

Second Sunday in Lent

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

Gen 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

John 3:1-17

## **St. Andrew Job Opening**

Johanna Land will be leaving her position as office assistant and is looking forward to starting a new phase in her career. We've so enjoyed working with Johanna and we're delighted that she will be available to provide training for a new office assistant. While it will remain a part-time position, the job has been expanded to 28 hours per week, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm.

The office assistant acts as a first point of contact with members of our faith community and the general public. The person manages the church's calendars, scheduling both in-person and Zoom meetings; performs routine data entry, report creation, and updating of databases; creates and produces print materials, including "Weekly News" and worship folders; orders supplies; assembles mailings; and oversees building keys, offering envelopes, and attendance numbers, as well as other duties.

Applicants must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications, including Publisher; display a positive attitude, excellent interpersonal skills, good judgment; and be willing to coordinate multiple projects while responding to changing priorities.

Applications, including a cover letter and resume, should be submitted to the church office ([office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com)). A complete job description is posted [online](#).

## **Your St. Andrew Staff**

Council President, Barton Robison .....317-695-9722  
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Deacon Susan Reiser, Parish Musician and  
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Evening Facility Manager, Scott Taylor..... 503-646-0629  
Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner.....503-201-4222  
Tira Nasset.....503-866-5099

## **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.

## In Need of Prayers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Pastor Mark	Healing and recovery	Donna Brocker
Paul	Comfort and healing	Gretchen Bancroft
Sandi	Pain relief and healing	Bill Beavers
Ethel	Comfort and healing	India Jensen Kerr
Sister Megan and Sister Donna	Comfort and healing	India Jensen Kerr
Bob	Continued recovery	Mary Brown
Judah	Blessings on his birth	Andy & Rachel Roberts
Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria	Assistance and strength	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
<i>Tandy Brooks, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Hal Douglas, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, James Heiden, Ian MacDonald, Gary Magnuson, Gerald Jensen, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, Corky Poppert, Joie Reyna, Peggy Smith, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber</i>		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	
Trinity Lutheran (McMinnville)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Christ the King (Tigard)		
Islamic Center of Portland (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	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.**

## Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

### Sunday, February 26

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube &amp; via Zoom)</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
10:45 am	The Roots	Children's Commons & Library
11:00 am	Confirmation	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	Adult Education: Pilgrimage	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, February 27—Office Closed

### Tuesday, February 28

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
12:15 pm	Earth Care/Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Table Talk: What Should Worship Look Like?	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 1—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@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
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Mid-week Lent Services</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 2

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	Executive Council Committee Meeting	St. Andrew Room

### Friday, March 3

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, March 4

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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