

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 19, 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 this Sunday to learn all about what acolytes, lectors, and assisting ministers do during worship. 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 this 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 in the weeks ahead:

- 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 on **Sunday, February 26**. Our musician will be Matthew Smith on the organ.
- Chaplain India will preach on **Sunday, March 5**, with Pastor Terry Moe presiding.

We prayerfully anticipate welcoming 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 two weeks ago! 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."



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 devotional booklet focus this year is the Sabbath Poetry of Lent by Wendell Berry as presented by the SALT Team at salt-project.org.

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/nC5w61b5YZXQeLL9>

Thanks for your input!

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!

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.

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?

Preparing for February 26, 2023

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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Matthew 4:1-11

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>



The earth is in our hands

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-Brockert 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 4th 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



Table Talk

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.

CLIMATE CORNER:

Are You Squeamish about Buying Used Items? Get Over It

Adapted from an article by Liz Weston, CFP
published in NerdWallet, September 2017

Bedbugs. Weird smells. The possibility of imminent breakdowns. People have all sorts of excuses for not buying used stuff. Those who deliberately buy used items say such fears are not just overblown; they are also expensive.

Katy Wolk-Stanley, a Portland labor and delivery nurse, has a short list of things she will buy new, including personal care items/toiletries, socks, underwear, and bras. Otherwise, she looks for secondhand options, which she has done for more than 10 years since she first heard of The Compact, a group of people who pledge to avoid buying new stuff. The idea is to reduce waste, clutter, and the negative effects of consumerism. The original pledge was for one year, but Wolk-Stanley and other members of the group kept going. "You save money. You make a decision that you feel good about. There's no reason to stop," says Wolk-Stanley.

Saving money, helping the planet: Wolk-Stanley and others use thrift stores, Craigslist, garage sales, and local Buy Nothing or Freecycle groups that connect people who have stuff to give away with those who want it. "I'm not buying used things that are worn out. I'm buying used things that look brand new," Wolk-Stanley says. She's using the saved money to help put two sons through college without loans.

People who buy used often value the idea of keeping stuff out of landfills and reducing their environmental impact as much as they do saving money. Angela Barton, a writer and editor in Los Angeles, likes cutting her carbon footprint as well as traveling more using the money she saves. Julia Park Tracey, an author and journalist in Forestville, CA, refurbished her home using materials that otherwise might have been discarded. She bought new energy-efficient appliances but gathered most supplies from The Freecycle Network, Craigslist, and the nonprofit Habitat for Humanity ReStores, which sell donated paint, flooring, appliances, furniture, and building materials. "I just think we should use what we have instead of creating the demand for new things," Tracy says.

New can mean expensive. The decision to buy new can be costly. Household goods prices often are inflated. Furniture, appliances and electronics tend to have big markups, and there's an \$8 billion rent-to-own industry devoted to making them even more expensive. The weekly or monthly payments often add up to twice or more what the item would cost if purchased new. Diana VanDusen of Lakewood, WA, initially believed her poor credit meant she had little choice but to sign up for a rent-to-own store's weekly payments to buy furniture and appliances for her home. She thought "used" meant shoddy goods, but discovered the high cost of rent-to-own didn't guarantee high quality. "I paid off the front-loading washer-dryer that's in my house now. Within a month, it broke down" says VanDusen, who cleans apartments. "I could have owned ten washers and dryers for what they charged me for one."

Getting started: Some things are better if purchased new. Safety experts recommend avoiding used bicycle helmets and car seats, in case they were damaged in previous accidents. People leery of buying used appliances and furniture can consider refurbished versions, floor models, or the "scratch and dent" section of home



improvement stores, where imperfect merchandise can be bought at deep discounts. Some people who buy most things used avoid mattresses and upholstered furniture for fear of bedbugs. Wolk-Stanley hasn't found any yet. The blogger washes clothes and linens before using them. Anything upholstered gets thoroughly inspected before it enters her home.

Hunting down good used items can take more time than snapping up something new, but Wolk-Stanley believes she ultimately saves time as well as money. "I'm looking for a high-quality item that would not necessarily have been in my budget originally," Wolk-Stanley says. "That item will last longer and not need to be replaced, and therefore, I'm buying things once."

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

St. Andrew Job Opening

Johanna Land has resigned 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, and 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). A complete job description is posted [online](#).

Baby Rose



The rose on the altar this Sunday commemorates the birth of Judah Roberts. Congratulations to parents Andy & Rachel Roberts, as well as to big sister Lucy, on this precious addition to their family. Welcome to the world, Judah! We look forward to meeting you and supporting you as you grow.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Harold Harmon (brother) Pastor Mark Brocker Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Sandi Beavers Ethel Ritchey Sister Megan and Sister Donna Janet Vorvick Warren & Donna McAlpine Bob Brown Judah Roberts	Peace and God's comfort at his death Healing and recovery Pain relief and healing from wrist surgery Pain relief and healing from shingles Comfort and healing from a small stroke Comfort and healing Comfort and healing Continued recovery Blessings on his birth	Maxine and Joyce Harmon Donna Brocker Gary Grafwallner Bill Beavers India Jensen Kerr India Jensen Kerr India Jensen Kerr Scott Taylor Mary Brown Andy & Rachel Roberts
Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria	Assistance and strength	Staff
Those confined to their homes Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
Calvary Lutheran (Hillsboro) Community of Christ Lutheran (Hillsboro)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Shaarie Torah (Portland)	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.

Minister of Music Input

Last call! The Call Committee for St. Andrew's new Minister of Music has heard from people already participating in St. Andrew's music program, as well as from people with passionate likes and dislikes, but they need to hear from more of us in the congregation—whatever our feelings about church music. Please fill out the survey at:

<https://forms.gle/B7TmdZKHwpKB7Es7A>

or grab a paper survey in the Narthex.

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. Please return completed paper surveys to the basket in the Narthex.

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**. On **March 1**, Steve Christiansen will share a meditation on Inheritance of Faith.

Deacon Susan

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Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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 Workshop	Sanctuary
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	Adult Education Special Topic: Worship Leader Workshop	Sanctuary

Monday, February 20—Office Closed, Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 21—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com.

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
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Adult Education Team Meeting	Library

Wednesday, February 22

10:00 am	Gentle Yoga with Geetha	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	The Gift of Years with India.....	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship	Sanctuary and livestreamed on YouTube
8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 23

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	IT Meeting.....	Offsite

Friday, February 24

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, February 25

11:30 am	Mason Bee House Pickup Event.....	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, February 26


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 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



**Celebration of Life
for
Ron Olshausen**
Saturday, February 18,
2023
 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
*Reception to follow in
Fellowship Hall*

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.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of January 31st, 2023

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 02/15/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
M&M Giving is 91% of FYTD budget and 76% of monthly budget
Expenses are 85% 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	116	108	16	240		
Monthly Total	465	430	62	957	\$ 41,067	\$ 9,231
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 53,992	\$ 12,732

76%

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	\$ 377,941.66	\$ 345,554	91%		
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 393,995	\$ 334,902	85%		
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Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 102,401	\$ 111,405	\$ 67,648	\$ 434,256	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments			Fund for contributions to pay mortgage		
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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			\$ 91,577		
PIPE Fund †	\$ 2,781	\$ 12,713	\$ 24,377		
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$0				

† Includes \$8,400 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Joel Johnson, Tim Duggan
Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari
Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney, Tammy Piscatelli, Susan Jacobi, Sue Lee
St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho
Parish Manager: Carol Harker