

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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The Transition Team Begins Its Work

Last Saturday, the newly created Transition Team had its first meeting. The Transition Team will build on the discernment work of the Horizon Team to prepare the congregation for the ministry of a new Lead Pastor. In the coming months, the team will work with Pastor Laurie, the Council, and the Congregation to research, analyze, document, and study.

Major tasks include:

- Study the congregation and the surrounding community
- Update the Lead Pastor job description
- Affirm our core values
- Develop and affirm our Mission and Vision statements
- Review and update the Congregation Constitution
- Review and update congregational policies
- Assess the congregation's financial reality
- Assess the congregation's stewardship resources
- Assess the congregation's structural and property issues

This work will lead to the development of a Mission Profile, which will be used by the Bishop to identify candidates that provide the best fit for St. Andrew. At that point, the team will begin the official Call Process, with interviews of the candidates.

Members of the Transition Team include:

Steve Christiansen	Tom Mehlhorn
Allison Katsufraakis	Jan Smith
Mike McDowall	Mary Smith
Amy McQueen	LuAnn Staul, Chair

Please hold members of the Transition Team in your prayers and plan to help us as we seek your input and support in this process.

LuAnn Staul

Worship Service Schedule

One In Worship

Dear church family,

When our Council voted to shift to the single-service model for Sunday mornings all the way back in November last year, it was with the understanding that we'd run January through March as a trial period and collect feedback from the congregation. We solicited feedback both in-person on a Sunday morning in February, as well as through an online feedback form. In both mediums, there was overwhelming support for continuing the single-service model. As such, Council voted at our March meeting to continue meeting at 9:30 am indefinitely.

For me, it's been lovely getting to gather together as a unified body each Sunday. It's also made things a lot easier on our staff and volunteers who help run services and the education hour. And while I know some of you would prefer we start earlier or later (like me!), there's a general consensus that the benefits of our current model outweigh the inconveniences. Thanks to everyone who provided feedback, and I'll keep seeing you at 9:30 am on Sunday!

Your friendly neighborhood Council President,
Barton

Nifty Notters



Join the Nifty Notters on **Saturday, April 1**, and on **Saturday, April 15**, to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for children in local Beaverton families. We have tasks for people with no sewing skills, as well as those with experience. Bring a lunch and meet in Fellowship Hall anytime between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm. All are welcome and all supplies are provided. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-297-1841.

MACG Question for the Month

What actions are you taking to help St. Andrew meet its goals from the Horizon Process?

- ◆ Welcome a Spirit of Renewal
- ◆ Act for Social Justice
- ◆ Praise the Spirit in Vibrant Worship
- ◆ Expand Diversity and Inclusion
- ◆ Encourage Strong Social and Spiritual Connections
- ◆ Expand and Deepen an Intergenerational Community

The Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) is a regional group in the Pacific Northwest that works with partner groups (faith-based and secular) to organize and take action for the common good in our region. One of MACG's goals is to strengthen its individual member organizations because strong members lead to a stronger community. By nurturing strong relationships at St. Andrew, we can strengthen our community and have resources to work for good inside and outside our congregation. The Horizon Team began the work of gathering our community together toward our future. To continue that work, St. Andrew's Core MACG Team is starting up a "Question of the Month" that we can use to begin meaningful conversations with others in our community. We encourage you to ask one another this question as you chat before/after church or at other St. Andrew events.

Earth Camp 2023 Registration

It's time to register your kids for Earth Camp!

This year's camp is **Monday-Friday, June 26-30**, and the theme is "The Earth Is in Our Hands." Although we've expanded Earth Camp to accommodate more campers this year, spaces are filling quickly. Grab your spot before no openings remain and feel free to share the link with other parents who may be interested! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/6k3dazua>.



A Yoga Break

Wednesday morning yoga is on break for a couple of weeks, with no class scheduled for April 5 or 12. Please note that classes will resume on **Wednesday, April 19**, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

CLIMATE CORNER:

Grass Lawn Obsession

From *The Magical World of Moss Gardening*,
By Annie Martin (page 24)



An estimated 80% of American households have grass lawns. In terms of land use, turf grass covers almost 28 million acres in the United States. Of this staggering number, 21 million acres are private lawns. North Americans spend more than \$40 billion dollars each year to keep grass lawns looking good. It takes a lot of work, more than 150 hours per year (that's three entire work weeks) for homeowners to maintain grass lawns. Yet, this obsession with turf grass, with never-ending chores and lots of money from our pockets, comes at a significant cost to our environment.

Lawnmowers are responsible for 5% of the air pollution generated in the United States. Gasoline-powered lawn mowers emit 10 to 12 times more hydrocarbons than automobiles and trucks. Weed eaters emit 21 times more. But leaf blowers take the pollution prize; they emit 34 times more hydrocarbons than cars and trucks! It's an alarming amount. Depending on the size of your lawn and the gas efficiency of your car, one hour of lawn mowing can equal as much as 43 hours of driving around in a vehicle.

Lawns and golf courses deplete precious water resources too. Keeping grass green takes 1 to 2 inches of supplemental watering each week. An estimate from the US Environmental Protection Agency suggests 30% to 60% of urban fresh water is used for grass lawns. Significant groundwater contamination comes from the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides used by American gardeners with expansive grass lawns.

You can be part of the solution to environmental issues if you choose moss landscapes over grass lawns. You can reduce air pollution by putting away gas-powered mowers, weed eaters, and blowers. You can reduce your groundwater contamination since mosses do not require any chemicals. You can conserve water resources with mosses (even if you do provide supplemental watering sessions). So, what do you think? Are you ready to say good-bye to grass lawns and hello to mosses?

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Preparing for April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday
Worship Services at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
John 20:1-18

Lutheran World Relief: Ingathering Volunteer Opportunities

We are preparing for our next LWR Ingathering and looking for volunteers. We have two opportunities available:

1. Tuesday, May 2, 5:00-7:00 pm

We will be assembling Health Kits and Baby Kits and then packing those kits and the quilts made by the Nifty Notters to get them ready to ship to LWR. This is a great event for families. Please see below for outstanding needs for the kits we hope to send.

2. Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6

We also need volunteers to help with the Ingathering itself. On Friday, volunteers can sign up for two-hour shifts starting at 8:00 am. We close up for the day at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to fill a three-hour shift (9:00 am-12:00 pm).

The Ingathering takes place in our Garden Parking Lot. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

- Load the shipping container. Boxes weigh up to 40 pounds.
- Greet drivers dropping off donations from churches around Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

The box you help load at the Ingathering could mean the difference for refugees around the world. Due to the war in Ukraine and recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, the need is especially great.

Sign up in the Narthex to volunteer or contact Rochelle McIntire at 503-804-7967 or pacificnwlrgrgroup@gmail.com.

Baby Care Kits	Need
Lightweight cotton T-shirts	4
Long- or short-sleeve gowns/sleepers (without feet); can substitute pajama sets	35
Receiving blankets	19
Cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)	11
Jacket or hooded sweatshirt	17
Pairs of socks	34
Hand towel (dark color)	2
Bars of soap (gentle variety)	50
Diaper pins or large safety pins	0

Personal Care Kits	Need
Lightweight bath towel (dark color)	196
Bars of soap	224
Adult toothbrush	18
Sturdy comb	165
Metal nail clipper	200



Serger Help Needed

The unusable tablecloths St. Andrew has been storing have been cut into napkins. We now need help serging edges. If you're willing to help, please contact Pam Jelineo by texting 971-221-2600 or emailing pjelineo@hotmail.com.

Holy Saturday Labyrinth Walk



With thanks to Westminster Presbyterian for the loan of their labyrinth.

In preparation for Easter, all are invited to Fellowship Hall on **Holy Saturday, April 8**, 1:00-4:00 pm, to walk a facsimile of the famous labyrinth at the Cathedral of Chartres in France.

To walk a labyrinth allows us to venture on a pilgrimage of sorts, with time to reflect and to welcome the Holy Spirit to accompany us. The labyrinth invites us to let go of the mundane details of daily life, to open ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit, to pause for prayer and listening, to rediscover the power of hope, and to find peace.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Jean Hagestedt	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Staff
Rebecca Uecker	Comfort and healing	Rebecca Uecker
Bob Brown	Healing and recovery	Mary Brown
Doris Larson	Comfort and healing from COVID	Chaplain India
Alice Baker (mother)	Healing and recovery following a fall	Karen Mallari
Lee Anne Knapp	Successful medical procedure	Lee Anne Knapp
Nathan Alvis (grandson)	Encouraging test results	Ed & Linda Fransen
Randy Gay (Linda's brother)	Correct diagnosis and treatment	Ed & Linda Fransen
People experiencing extreme weather	Endurance, protection, and support	Staff
All those impacted by gun violence	Strength and comfort	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod and Staff		
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Augustana Lutheran (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Bethel Lutheran (Portland)		
Congregation Beth Israel (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.

Our Journey Together During Holy Week

Dear St. Andrew friends,



How glad I am to be with you during this important season of congregational life! More than any other time of year, Holy Week and Easter bring opportunities for us to contemplate our spiritual needs and ways to deepen our faith and trust in God. We are invited in this time to be

present, together, to listen for God in our lives in the midst of the most profound losses, and to trust that God's love is with us, bringing resurrected life. In my experience, the bright joy of Easter is deepened by participating in all the Holy Week services.

Holy Week begins this Sunday, with our 9:30 am Palm Sunday service. For those able, we meet in Fellowship Hall to gather palms and process into worship, singing.

On Maundy Thursday we worship at 7:00 pm, remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the command for us to love one another. Following the service, there will be a ceremony of foot-washing in the Chapel, for any who wish to participate.

The most somber service of the year is Good Friday, at 8:00 pm.

On Holy Saturday, from 1:00-4:00 pm, we are hosting a Labyrinth walk in Fellowship Hall. The Labyrinth design is based on an ancient pattern from Chartres Cathedral in France. When you walk the labyrinth, you embark upon an embodied meditation. Unlike a maze, which has multiple paths, the Labyrinth has only one way in and one way out, with a pause at the center. Invite the Spirit to walk as you enter. You may be surprised by what you experience on the labyrinth journey.

On Easter Sunday we have two worship services, at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. We will enjoy fellowship time together between services and need more volunteers to help provide an Easter snack between 10:15 and 10:45. Please find the signup sheet for Easter at the Coffee Bar and indicate if you're willing to contribute.

Thanks be to God for this season. May we prioritize this time and open our hearts and minds to what God is bringing forth.

Blessings, and joy,
Pr. Laurie

Lenten Food Train Journey

With just a couple weeks to go in this year's Lenten Food Drive, our food train is wending its way around the Narthex.



This is a very critical time for those in need in our community, with inflation and the end of pandemic emergency food benefits making it harder for families to achieve food security. Your donations will make a big difference!

Please continue bringing non-perishable food items (e.g., spaghetti sauce, canned corn, sugar, rice, beans) and 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 join the train with every \$250 added to the fund.

Thank you!

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 2

9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube & via Zoom)	Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:30 am	Bread for the World Offering of Letters	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Confirmation	Library

Tuesday, April 4

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	CWFG Board Meeting	Library
6:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters Guild	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, April 5—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com.

3:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	Children's Commons
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel / Library
7:00 pm	Maunder Thursday Worship Service	Sanctuary and via Zoom

Friday, April 7

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary, livestreamed, and via Zoom

Saturday, April 8

11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting	via Zoom
1:00 pm	Labyrinth Meditation	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 9

9:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:15 am	Coffee & Treat Time	Narthex
11:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship with Communion (also via Zoom)	Sanctuary

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CALENDAR NOTE:

While middle school students who are available are encouraged to help plan an upcoming worship service during Confirmation this **Sunday, April 2**, The Roots and High School Youth Group will not meet so families are able to



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. 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.

2023 Palm Sunday Bread for the World Letters to Congress

On Palm Sunday join St. Andrew members and people of faith throughout the U.S. in bearing witness to our concern for those who suffer from hunger by participating in the Bread for the World annual letter writing campaign. These letters inspire our leaders in Washington D.C. to enact policies and pass legislation that will reduce hunger and poverty in the U.S. and the world.

If you would like to get a head start, use the template on the reverse to get started.

Tips to make your request be the most successful:

- Ask for a specific action, using your own words or this sentence [I urge you to support a farm bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems].
- Give reasons for your request and make it personal; share a personal reason or story that motivated you to write.
- Show how St. Andrew is working to impact hunger: “My church, St. Andrew Lutheran in Beaverton Oregon, supports the St. Matthew Food Pantry with food and financial donations. I also urge you to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from cuts.”
- Write your name and address at the end of your letter and on the envelope, so your Congress members know you are one of their constituents.

It is even easier to send an email. You can find the email template on the [Bread for the World website](#). File your information and click on the text box to customize your email; the email letters will automatically be sent to your representative and senators.

Once you have submitted letters, please let me know who you sent letters/emails to (email ljstaul@gmail.com) so I may track this advocacy on the part of St Andrew.

Yours in Christ,
LuAnn Staul
St Andrew Service Committee

Offering of Letters Sample

[Date]

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici
2231 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Merkley
313 Hart Senate Office
Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office
Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator _____, / Dear Representative _____,

The farm bill is our nation's most important national food system legislation. It is critical to the work of ending hunger at home and abroad. Indeed, the farm bill impacts each one of us.

As Congress works to renew our food and farm programs through the farm bill, I urge you to support legislation that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables by increasing support for produce-specific Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP). This provides resources on top of monthly SNAP benefits for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables, primarily at farmers' markets, for a limited number of households.
- Eliminate barriers to SNAP for marginalized populations, including ending the ban on former drug offenders, eliminating work requirements for college students, and permitting indigenous communities to administer SNAP and other federal nutrition programs on reservations.
- Keep food out of landfills by increasing support for post-harvest food recovery efforts and addressing the threat to food security posed by extreme weather.
- Support funding for international food aid programs such as Food for Peace.

As a person of faith, I am moved to help and advocate for people experiencing hunger and poverty – no matter where they live. This is why I urge you to support a farm bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your address]