

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 16, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Worship Service Schedule

Following Easter, it's all for one at St. Andrew. Please remember that we will resume our one worship service pattern this **Sunday, April 16**. In-person worship begins at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom, with the livestream on YouTube available at that time or anytime after the service ends.

Lutheran World Relief:

Ingathering Volunteer Opportunities

Have you signed up yet to volunteer at this spring's Ingathering for Lutheran World Relief? You can do so in the Narthex or by contacting Rochelle McIntire at pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com or 503-804-7967.

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

Assemble Health Kits and Baby Kits and then pack those kits and the quilts made by the Nifty Notters into shipping boxes. This is a great event for families.

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6

During this two-day period, everything comes together in our Garden Parking Lot and we fill the shipping container. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

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

On Friday, teams work in two-hour shifts starting at 8:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to fill a three-hour shift (9:00 am-12:00 pm).

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.

What's Still Needed for the LWR Kits



Baby Kits

2 dark-colored hand towels

Personal Care Kits

196 lightweight dark-colored bath towels

120 bars of soap

131 sturdy combs

163 metal nail clippers



Thank you to everyone who has donated items for Baby and Personal Care Kits! If we get more than required for this year's donation drive, we can start next year with some items already collected. That's a good thing.

New Adult Ed Classes Begin This Week

Adult Education classes resume at 11:00 am this **Sunday, April 16**, with two enticing offerings.

Buddhism & Christianity: Double Belonging



Is it possible to be a Buddhist and a Christian at the same time? This is the question we will explore in the adult education class Buddhism and Christianity: Double Belonging. At the first session, this Sunday, we will consider whether Buddhism and Christianity are the same or different. Join us at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Janet Vorvick is leading.

The History of the Devil

In this class, Steve Christiansen will tackle some age-old troubling questions: "Why is there evil in the world?" "Where does evil come from?" "Does it emanate from a single source?" Many Christians believe in an evil force they call the Devil, but the concept of an "evil one" has changed with the passage of time. Join Steve at 11:00 am in the St. Andrew Room to examine the dark side.



Good news for people worshiping from home or wanting to attend both classes: This term, both class offerings will be recorded and shared on the church website. Please allow our IT volunteers a few days to get each week's classes uploaded.

Earth Care Fair Coming Next Week

Sunday, April 23,—our confirmands will be in charge of worship and members of the Earth Care Team will host our second annual Earth Care Fair in Fellowship Hall, 10:30 am-2:00 pm.

We hope you'll bring extended family, friends, and neighbors to the event, where everyone will have a chance to win a valuable prize box and to learn more about caring for Earth.



This event will have something for people of all ages. In addition to information booths and numerous handouts for adults and teens, Isaac Bocker will be offering a special activity for grade school youth and we'll have things to do for the little ones, too.

Easter Appreciation

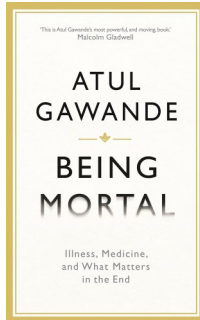
We would like to thank everyone who provided the fabulous food for our Easter get-together. Thanks to Fred Kerr for helping with the room set, Deacon Susan for the centerpieces, Pam Farr for helping with cleanup, and Carol Hogan for always helping wherever she can. No request seems to be too big or too small for her.

Tom & Pam Jelineo
Event Coordinators

Wednesday Book Group

Considers the Journey of Life

Would you like to contemplate the important things of life within a small community? Join Chaplain India and a small group of people on Wednesdays to share and contemplate struggles, joys, and concerns in response to *Being Mortal: Illness, Medicine, and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande.



The group recently concluded discussions around *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister, which focused on the joys and challenges of aging.

In *Being Mortal*, Dr. Gawande discusses the importance of quality of life through disability or near the end of life. Join us on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 pm in the St. Andrew Room for Wednesday Book Group.

Annual Report Materials

Alert to all ministry and group leaders: It's time to create St. Andrew's Annual Report to the congregation. Where has your group put its energies during this past fiscal year? What highlights do you want people to know?

Church is far more than gathering for worship on Sunday mornings. Month after month, the Service Committee helps guide our resources as we support worthy nonprofits in our area. The Facilities Team oversees care and maintenance of our beautiful building. Members of the Earth Care Team continue to educate us on what we can do to protect planet Earth. The Sanctuary Team assists our Afghan refugee family adjust to life in a new country. The Nifty Notters put their hands to work making quilts to show God's love to people in our community and around the world. The Nominating Committee identifies leaders to serve on Council. People gather for Bible study with Ed Fransen and the Seekers of the Heart of God. Book groups. Exercise classes. All tell part of our St. Andrew story.

Reports from committee and ministry leaders for this year's Annual Report are due **Friday, May 5**. Please email your reports to

charker@standrewlutheran.com

and indicate Annual Report Material on the subject line. Thanks!

Preparing for April 23, 2023

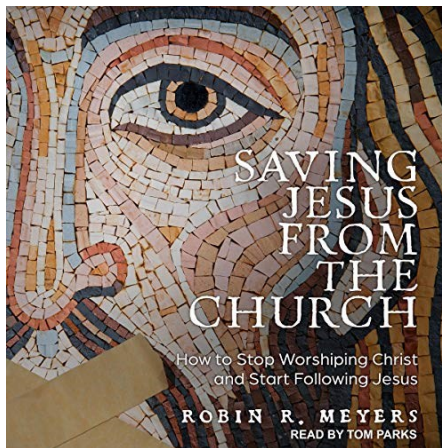
Worship at 9:30 am.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

Spirituality Book Group



The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, April 23**, to discuss *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus*, by Robin Meyers.

"After centuries of being told that 'Jesus saves,' the time has come to save Jesus from the church," writes the author, who has a way with words and is known for creating memorable phrases. Meyers calls for a radical change in churches—putting the emphasis on discipleship rather than doctrine. This should be an interesting discussion.

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

Details:

What: *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus*, by Robin Meyers

When: **Sunday, April 23**, 3:00 pm

Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako

Location: Mary Ann Snider's home

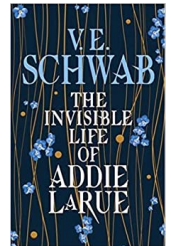
Future Reading:

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

When: **Sunday, May 21**, 3:00 pm

Discussion Leader: Kristin Sacks

Location: Dianne Zupunski's home



MACG Question for the Month

What are your plans to engage with St. Andrew this spring and summer?

There are many opportunities: attend worship or assist in a leadership role; participate in education hour; volunteer for a property work party; bring family and friends to the Earth Care Fair on **Sunday, April 23**; experience a mindful walk on **Saturday, June 10** or **Sunday, June 11**; attend the Annual Meeting (**Tuesday, June 13**); help with Earth Camp (**June 26-30**), and more.



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 generating 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.

CLIMATE CORNER:

Reasons to Fight for the Planet in April (Earth Month) and Every Month—Wildlife Decline

Adapted from Zerowaststore.com and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) information



Wildlife move daily and seasonally to survive, but their habitats are fragmented by many man-made barriers. Constructed wildlife overpasses, such as the one pictured above, can help animals reach the food, water, shelter, and breeding sites necessary for their survival.

Did you know wildlife populations have declined 70% in the last 50 years? Take action for the animals and help us protect the amazing plants and animals of Earth. The world's wildlife is declining and needs our help!

Why is animal loss such a big deal? Since the 1970's when we first began monitoring wildlife populations, there has been a 69% decrease in wild animals. Why is this so important to us? Is it really so bad that there are fewer bears invading campsites and fewer jaguars carrying off babies? (Oh wait, that's the Jungle Book!) The earth and all its living creatures exist in harmony. That harmony makes human life possible!

Salmon provide food to millions of people, bears, birds, seals, otters, whales, eagles, and more. But if the water gets too warm or habitats are compromised, salmon can't spawn. This has a domino effect on 135 other species that benefit directly from salmon in many ways. While you may not enjoy bird droppings on your car, those little deposits carry the seeds of fruit and berries and fuel the growth of new plants, which in turn provide homes to birds, spiders, bees and other insects. Birds eat spiders and spiders eat mosquitos that carry deadly diseases such as Zika and West Nile Virus.

Five main factors contributing to animal and biodiversity loss:

- ♦ Sea and land use. Overfishing, overfarming, overharvesting, mining, and fracking all destroy animal habitats and ecosystems leaving animals with nowhere to go and no food to eat.
- ♦ Animal exploitation. Hunting, poaching, logging, clearing land for crop production, and expanding cities into animal habitats.

- ♦ Climate change. Animals are forced to move to places in which they can't survive due to warmer temperatures or rising sea levels, their food is dying out or disappearing, and/or fires are destroying their habitats.
- ♦ Pollution. Almost every species of marine life has eaten or been tangled in plastic.
- ♦ Invasive species. Native species are dying out due to invasive species that consume their water, sunlight, and other resources.

What can you do to help wildlife survive?

Purchases and habits:

- ♦ Shop products that are certified Fair Trade to ensure their sourcing doesn't harm wildlife.
- ♦ Don't buy products that are illegally poached or traded.
- ♦ Eat local! Shop for meat and vegetables from local farmers.
- ♦ Refuse products that contain palm oil which is contributing to deforestation and the decline of orangutans and other animals that live in forests.
- ♦ Create less waste by using sustainable swaps, mending clothes, and repairing broken things rather than throwing them away.
- ♦ Use less energy overall and use more renewable energy. Switch from gas-powered tools/equipment to electric.

Policies and advocacy:

- ♦ Ask your representatives for policies on illegal logging, fishing, and hunting.
- ♦ Advocate for policies that protect animals and their habitats such as wildlife overpasses.
- ♦ Boycott and call out brands that test on animals.

In your backyard:

- ♦ Start a pollinator garden to keep pollinators such as birds, bats, and bees safe.
- ♦ Start or combine your pollinator garden with a native garden focused on growing plants native to your area.
- ♦ Start or join a community garden (such as St. Andrew's garden!) with native vegetables and plants.
- ♦ Beware of planting or transporting invasive plants, seeds and insects.

Travel and entertainment that benefits wildlife:

- ♦ Plan a visit to a local wildlife refuge. Learn about the animals there and support that conservation organization.
- ♦ Help your local zoo or aquarium by donating your time or money.
- ♦ Pick up after yourself. When camping or spending time outside, collect and properly dispose of all your garbage. Leave the site cleaner than you found it, and leave no trace behind!
- ♦ Donate your time to local organizations preserving wildlife.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Bonhoeffer & The Future of Faith



Why does theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer still excite our imagination? Internationally known scholars working in areas such as climate change, prison reform, and Christian nationalism will explore that and other questions with a pop-up online learning community beginning in May. Find out more about Homebrewed Christianity's five-week class and sign up to participate:

<https://tinyurl.com/ymkec2cy>.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Raya Sidoma Gary Burkhard (cousin) Judy Burkhard (cousin's wife)	Peace and God's comfort at her death Comfort and strength Comfort and healing in the face of a difficult diagnosis	Ginny Link Sonja Ackman Sonja Ackman
Nancy Ferencz (friend) Rebecca Uecker Randy Sinn Schell Smith Roderick Del & Mary Nell Mahler Radonna Moore (friend) India Jensen Kerr	Comfort and healing after cancer diagnosis Comfort and healing Healing and recovery from hip surgery Healing and recovery Accurate diagnosis and healing Accurate diagnosis and healing Thanksgiving for Oregon Synod approval for ordination into the roster of Word and Service	Anne Newell Rebecca Uecker Michelle Sinn Chaplain India Mary Nell Mahler Ed Pacey Staff
All the people of the world	Joy and peace on the planet we share	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
Bethlehem Lutheran (Portland) Central Lutheran (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Al-Furqan Islamic Center (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.



Psalm, by Dorianne Laux

Lord, there are creatures in the understorey,
snails with whorled backs and silver boots,
trails beetles weave in grass, black rivers
of ants, unbound ladybugs opening their wings,

spotted veils and flame, untamed choirs

of banjo-colored crickets and stained glass cicadas.
Lord, how shall we count the snakes and frogs
and moths? How shall we love the hidden
and small? Mushrooms beneath leaves

constructing their death domes in silence.

their silken gills and mycelial threads, cap scales
and patches, their warts and pores. And the buried
bulbs that will bloom in spring, pregnant with flower
and leaf, sing Prepare for My Radiance, Prepare

for the Pageantry of My Inevitable Surprise.

These are the queendoms, the spines and horns,
the clustered hearts beating beneath our feet. Lord
though the earth is locked in irons of ice and snow
there are angels in the undergrowth, praise them.

The poem at right was shared in SALT's email to subscribers this past week, described as "an exquisite poem...on the resurrections all around us" – a poem that seems perfect for the Easter season.

American poet Dorianne Laux was a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in poetry. Born in Maine, Laux worked as a sanatorium cook, a gas station manager, and a maid before earning her degree in English from Mills College. She taught at the University of Oregon and is a professor at North Carolina State University and for the MFA in Writing Program at Pacific University.

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 16

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study	Chapel
10:45 am	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Buddhism and Christianity: Double Belonging	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Adult Ed: The History of the Devil	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Confirmation	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
12:00 pm	Reckoning with Racism Meeting	Library

Tuesday, April 18

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	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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, April 19—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com.

10:00 am	Gentle Yoga	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India)	St. Andrew Room
3:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	Children's Commons
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 20

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	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, April 22

9:00 am	HR Meeting	Library
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Sunday, April 23

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:30 am	Earth Care Fair	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel

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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.