

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 23, 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

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for Baby and Personal Care Kits! We've collected all that's needed for our Baby Care Kits. See below for a list of items to finish out this year's Personal Care Kits.

Personal Care Kits

- 166 lightweight dark-colored bath towels
- 137 bars of soap
- 95 sturdy combs
- 83 metal nail clippers



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.

Wide-Mouth Jars Needed



I am looking for 40 glass wide-mouth jars with lids about 5-8 inches high and big enough to get your hand into for an Earth Camp project in June. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the church office. I am also looking for several magnifying glasses to help in our study of mosses.

Liz Hardy
Earth Camp Teacher

Earth Care Fair This Sunday, April 23!

Fellowship Hall

10:30 am-2:00 pm

Handouts. Prizes. Useful Information.
Activities for children and youth.
Refreshments!



St. Andrew's Earth Care Team is partnering with local experts and organizations to help everyone learn more about the challenges facing planet Earth and what we can do to address them. Explore. Discover. Have fun and empower your family to make a difference!

Everyone who attends will have a chance to win one of several valuable prize packages. We have a bird-themed gift box, a collection of goodies for kids, a Book Box, one highlighting natural cleaners, a "B" Basket—and more.

Bonsai: Observing & Mimicking God's Design



A 50-year-old pomegranate

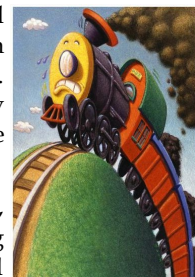
Observe and imitate: that's what bonsai artists do. They observe how trees grow naturally and the ways they solve environmental challenges. Then they try to imitate those forms in miniature.

The Earth Care Team has a special treat for grade school youth at this year's Earth Care Fair on Sunday. Come learn about the ancient Japanese art of bonsai with teacher Isaac Bocker and take home your own baby bonsai to tend.

As Bocker explains, "in the designs of Nature, the Creation that has been given to us by God, are beautiful and wondrous things. Whereas in the Western world, we often craft garden spaces to meet our own needs, planting gardens with orderly geometric shapes, the Japanese attitude towards gardening—and bonsai—is one of working with Nature, not against it."

The Little Engine Delivers!

The Little Engine that Could managed to haul 22 boxes of food during St. Andrew's Lenten Food Drive. The boxes were delivered to the St. Matthew Lutheran Food Pantry on Thursday and totaled 681 pounds of food and hygiene supplies.



In addition, we collected \$4,673 in donations, which has been added to the \$4,727 remaining from the Thanksgiving Food Drive—for a total donation of \$9,400 to the food pantry. This equals almost two months of their total budget for food purchases. Thank you, everyone, for generously supporting those in need in our community!

The Service Committee

A Bridge Invitation



Are you looking for a bridge group to join? For almost two years, St. Andrew has hosted an ecumenical group of avid bridge players on Tuesday afternoons. If sufficient interest exists, that group will add a table or two to accommodate new members. The group gathers at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall and play usually concludes about 4:00 pm.

If you know how to play bridge and are interested, please contact Hilary Hutchinson at 503-526-0650 or hilaryhutch@yahoo.com.

Transition Team

The Transition Team has begun the work needed to ensure that we have a strong and functional infrastructure as we prepare for the calling of a new Lead Pastor.

In the past few weeks, we have begun to:

- Explore how to learn more about how the church can meet the needs of the surrounding community
- Update the Lead Pastor Job Description
- Discussed how we can use the work accomplished by the Horizon Team to develop and affirm our Mission and Vision statements
- Asked the Council to assign a group to review and update the Congregation Constitution
- Reviewed Congregational policies and updated processes related to approval and accessibility

At our next meeting we will develop a plan to solicit Congregational input on key questions included in the Mission Profile.

Please hold the 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

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. Wednesday Book Group meets 1:00-2:30 pm in the St. Andrew Room.

Preparing for April 30, 2023

Worship at 9:30 am.

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

John 10:1-10

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 and the Annual Report tells those stories.

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!

The Potter, the Bakers, the Parament Maker

The Altar Guild has been working over the past year to replace items that have reached the end of usable service. The following highlights projects in progress and thanks one group for its ongoing service –

The Potter: The vessels used for communion changed on Easter Sunday. The chalices (cups), flagon (pitcher), and ciboria (containers for the bread) were showing their age; in some cases they were chipped or cracked. Potter Jan von Bergen was commissioned to create a new set of communion ware for use on the altar. Jan teaches ceramics and printmaking at Multnomah Arts Center. The chalices for grape juice, ciboria, and some of the patens (plates) are now celadon. The chalice and flagon used for the wine are dark red. Acquisition of this new altar ware was made possible by donations. If you wish to donate funds towards this, please speak to Deacon Susan.

The Bakers: Three bakers keep St. Andrew supplied with gluten- and dairy-free communion bread each week. This includes the pastor host (the large wafer broken by the presider during the Eucharistic prayer) and the individual piece of bread used for intinction during communion. Thank you, Carolyn Teifel, Liz Hardy, and Libby Calhoun, for your ministry dedicated to baking the bread.

The Parament Maker: You may ask, "What is an altar parament?" The term refers to the cloth pieces that adorn the front of the ambo, drape the altar, and cover the chalice in the center of the altar. You will note these are in the same fabric. The color is prescribed by the lectionary and is changed as required. Recently the set of white paraments that have been in use since the late 1980s (according to a church historian) were stained and showing signs of wear. An attempt was made to clean and refurbish them, but the result was not satisfactory. A local nationally known parament maker, Brian Paatz, was engaged to design a new set of white paraments to be used during the Easter, Christ the King, and Christmas seasons. His preliminary designs can be seen in the window of the Music Ministry office. We will be meeting with him to discuss some modifications to the initial design. Once the final design is determined, the paraments will be constructed and expected to be completed for Christmas this year. Brian utilizes natural materials in the construction of his handmade paraments. When he came to meet with us for the first time, he exclaimed, "Oh, you have one of Eleanor's tapestries! I am eager to work with you." A donor for this set of paraments has stepped forward.

Deacon Susan

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.

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 in conversation together.

CLIMATE CORNER:

Reasons to Fight for the Planet in April (Earth Month) and Every Month—Plastic Pollution

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



Plastic pollution is a global crisis threatening our environment. Go to any store, scan the shelves, and what do you see? Plastic products in plastic packaging and wrapped in more plastic. Ugh! We often see fruits and vegetables packaged in plastic despite the fact that most of them have their own natural form of protection. Plastic started out as a win for people and a win for animals, replacing the use of ivory and tortoiseshell. But now it has overtaken our lives and the planet. Plastic has powered modern life from medical discoveries, medical safety, cars, and even space travel. But it is quickly building up on our planet with nowhere to go.

In 2015, only 20% of all plastic was recycled into a new product. The remainder was landfilled or incinerated. *8 million tons* of plastic enter our oceans each year. That amount is equivalent to placing 5 garbage bags on every foot of coastline *around the world!*



Plastic doesn't degrade. It just breaks down into smaller pieces known as microplastics and nanoplastics. Plastic particles have been found at the top of Mount Everest and as deep as we can go in the Mariana Trench, and has even been detected in rain!

Solutions to curbing plastic pollution: (Solutions range from small individual actions to large governmental legislation.)

- ♦ Reduce your plastic usage and replace it with reusables. Carry your own bags to avoid using plastic bags when you shop. Or ask for paper bags. Take your own cup to the coffee shop (those "paper" single-use cups are lined with plastic.) Carry your own containers in your car to avoid having to use plastic or Styrofoam take-home containers from restaurants. Carry your own silverware to avoid using plastic-ware when ordering take-out meals.
- ♦ Avoid single-use plastics such as disposable cups, plastic water bottles, baggies, and produce bags. Carry your own

cups, water bottles, and cloth produce bags. Clean and reuse any baggies that you do have.

- ♦ Look for products that do not come packaged in plastic. (Be sure to check out our plastic-free table at the Earth Care Fair on Sunday!)
- ♦ Avoid small plastics that are unlikely to be recycled such as cosmetic containers, and those little bottles of shampoo and little bars of soap at hotels. Again, take your own with you when you travel.
- ♦ Be the change. If you see plastic garbage when you are out and about, pick it up. When I walk, I take gloves and a bag or bucket to collect garbage in. Garbage outside finds its way to waterways and eventually the ocean, and so much of it is plastic.
- ♦ Recycle better. Know what your hauler can recycle and only put those items into your recycle bin. Don't "wish-cycle." There are reasons you can't put certain things into the recycle bin; for instance, plastic bags get caught up in the recycling equipment at recycling centers.
- ♦ **VOTE** and fight for legislation such as bag bans and outlawing Styrofoam and plastic to-go boxes.
- ♦ Pressure local government to enforce plastic bans and create better waste management rules.
- ♦ Rethink your wardrobe, or at least your next purchase. Avoid fast fashion that entices us to keep up with the latest fashion. Cheap clothing is rarely made of natural fibers. Avoid clothes made of polyester which is plastic. Look for clothes made from natural fibers such as cotton, wool, linen, silk, and bamboo. Make your clothing last longer by not washing when only worn once if it's not really dirty. Every time you wash clothes made from polyester or other synthetics, bits of microplastic get washed down the drain. Mend clothes instead of discarding and replacing with something new. Donate old clothes rather than throwing them away.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Guild Announces Summer Classes

If you're ready for a refreshing change of seasons and some creative refreshment of your spirit, you need look no further than the Grunewald Guild. With a focus on learning, creating, and community, classes span the gamut of art forms.



The guild is an arts education nonprofit retreat center in the Cascadian woodland along the Wenatchee River in Washington. From surrounding mountain peaks to the rushing waters of the river, Nature herself creates an inspiring environment where people come to learn, grow, and explore relationships between art, faith, and community.

To learn more about Spring Sacred Arts Week, May 7-13, and 10 weeks of rich summer course offerings, go to:

<https://grunewaldguild.com/spring-sacred-arts-2023/>
<https://grunewaldguild.com/summer-program-2023/>

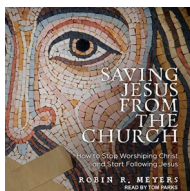
In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Raya Sidoma	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Ginny Link
Henry Stevens (husband)	Accurate diagnosis and course of treatment	Bev Briggs
Nancy Ferencz (friend)	Comfort and healing after cancer diagnosis	Anne Newell
Ginny Link	Comfort and healing	Chaplain India
Anne Newell	Comfort and healing	Deacon Susan
Rebecca Uecker	Comfort and healing	Rebecca Uecker
Virginia Steeves (aunt)	Comfort and healing after a fall	Carol Hogan
Randy Sinn	Healing and recovery from hip surgery	Michelle Sinn
Lilli Soul	Accurate diagnosis, treatment, and healing	Carol Harker
Martha Williams (aunt)	Accurate heart diagnosis	Carol Hogan
Del & Mary Nell Mahler	Accurate diagnosis and healing	Mary Nell Mahler
Radonna Moore (friend)	Accurate diagnosis and healing	Ed Pacey
Confirmands on Beach Retreat	Safe travels and meaningful fellowship	Staff
Planet Earth and all living things	Protection and care	Earth Care Team
All the people of the world	Joy and peace on the planet we share	Staff
Societies infested with guns and violence	Common-sense controls, calm, and safety	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Hal Douglas, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Grace Lutheran Mission (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Peace Lutheran (Portland)		
Havurah Shalom (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.

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 . . . 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

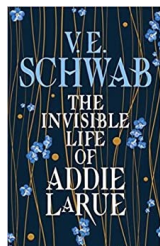
Future Reading:

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



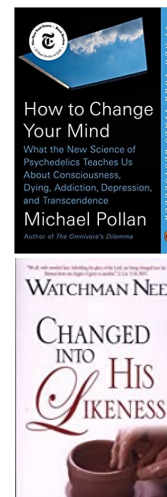
Bonhoeffer & The Future of Faith



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>.

Non-fiction New to the Adult Library

Short Hair Detention, by Channy Chhi Laux
How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us, by Michael Pollan
Finding Home, by Julie Aageson
Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties, by Gleason L. Archer, Jr.
Ethics, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Vol. 6, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The Normal Christian Life, by Watchman Nee
The Normal Christian Worker, by Watchman Nee
Changed into His Likeness, by Watchman Nee
Love Not the World, by Watchman Nee
The Spiritual Man, Vol. 1, by Watchman Nee



Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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	The Roots	Children's Commons
11:00 am	Confirmation	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel

Monday, April 24

Tuesday, April 25

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
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Earth Care/Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	Library
6:00 pm	High School Youth: "Say Yes: A Liturgy of Not Giving Up on Yourself"	meet in Parking Lot
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, April 26—"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
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 27

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	IT Meeting	Offsite

Friday, April 28

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, April 29

9:00 am	Transition Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
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Sunday, April 30

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	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

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

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 March 31st, 2023

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 04/19/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
M&M Giving is 89% of FYTD budget and 82% of monthly budget
Expenses are 84% of FYTD budget

Principal Only Payment for Mortgage \$5,200 was paid this month

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	107	104	25	236		
Monthly Total	428	416	98	942	\$ 44,353	\$ 7,947
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 53,992	\$ 12,732

82%

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	\$ 485,925.00	\$ 433,989	89%	
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 506,565	\$ 427,384	84%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 119,326	\$ 131,032	\$ 65,375	\$ 423,469	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 39,600	Fund for contributions to pay mortgage		

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			\$ 94,244	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 3,356	\$ 12,713	\$ 24,815	

† 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