

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Holy Saturday Labyrinth Walk

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.

## Pre-Service Music for Easter

Whether you plan to come to the 9:00 am or 11:00 am worship service on Easter Sunday, find your place in the pews earlier than usual. Pre-service music sets the tone for this festival Sunday and begins at 8:45 am and 10:45 am respectively.

## 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 Katsufrakis	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*

## Easter Sunday Schedule

**9:00 am Worship**  
in person and livestreamed on YouTube

**10:15 am Fellowship**  
in person in Fellowship Hall

**11:00 am Worship**  
in person and via Zoom



## Rooted and Grounded in Love

Dear St. Andrew friends,

I'm so enjoying getting to know you. I see that this is a congregation with vision and that gets things done. As I go past first impressions, I realize that all that I first noticed is confirmed. Especially, I see that the passion to love and care for the earth is deeply rooted. I keep thinking of the passage from Ephesians 3:17: "...we are being rooted and grounded in love."

This is a message of hope that the world needs. St. Andrew has an important, authentic voice for the kind of vision and commitment our world is so hungry for. During this portion of our spiritual journey together, how do we make that voice heard more clearly? How do we broaden our impact and include others? How do we do that at the same time that we are dealing with changes brought on by the pandemic?

St. Andrew, like many other churches, noticed patterns that changed after COVID shut-downs. Some long-time church volunteers moved away, some discovered new things to do, some people died, leaving gaps in our community. Specifically, at St. Andrew here are some ways you are invited to serve.

■ Are you good at knowing how things work physically? Do you understand some of the components of what is required to keep buildings and their systems functioning? The Facilities Team needs you! ■ Do you enjoy children and their playful energy? The Roots can use volunteers for hosting, teaching, working with the team. ■ Are you a digital native? Our IT team can use volunteers.

And keep alert to the monthly ways our Service Committee helps us to give to the world. We are completing the Lenten Food Drive and just wrote letters for Bread for the World. Soon our focus will be Lutheran World Relief. The more, the merrier—that's how it works best!

The other way you can help St. Andrew's work for the world is to consider pledging (making a donation or ongoing donation) as we put together a budget for next year. Inflation affects the church's expenses, too, and we're looking to hire a minister of music and a new office assistant. The smallest gift that is given with love is important! The beauty of the faith community is that we are in this together, and God's spirit multiplies our joined resources.

Let's continue to get to know each other!

Blessings and joy,  
*Pr. Laurie*

## Worship Service Schedule

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*

## 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, with no class scheduled for April 12. Please note that yoga class will resume on **Wednesday, April 19**, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

## 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](mailto:pjelineo@hotmail.com).

### Preparing for April 16, 2023

Worship at 9:30 am.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

John 20:19-31

## 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 [pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com](mailto:pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com).

Baby Care Kits	Need
Lightweight cotton T-shirts	1
Long- or short-sleeve gowns/sleepers (without feet); can substitute pajama sets	27
Receiving blankets	19
Jacket or hooded sweatshirt	13
Hand towel (dark color)	2
Bars of soap (gentle variety)	2

Personal Care Kits	Need
Lightweight bath towel (dark color)	196
Bars of soap	167
Adult toothbrush	1
Sturdy comb	155
Metal nail clipper	165



## Lenten Food Train Journey



Our food train will be departing the station shortly after Easter, so be sure to submit any donations you want to make ASAP.

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 of non-perishable food items and hygiene products will make a big difference!

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!

## Earth Care Fair Coming Soon

It's not too early to mark your calendars for another special St. Andrew Sunday. Two weeks after Easter—**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. 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. We'll share more information about the event as we get closer to it. Stay tuned!



## 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
Gary Burkhard (cousin)	Comfort and strength	Sonja Ackman
Judy Burkhard (cousin's wife)	Comfort and healing in the face of a difficult diagnosis	Sonja Ackman
Rebecca Uecker	Comfort and healing	Rebecca Uecker
Schell Smith Roderick	Healing and recovery	Chaplain India
Bob Brown	Healing and recovery	Mary Brown
Randy Gay (Linda's brother)	Correct diagnosis and treatment	Ed & Linda Fransen
India Jensen Kerr	Approval for ordination by the Oregon Synod	Chaplain India
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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.

## New Adult Ed Classes Begin Next Week

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

Janet Vorvick will be leading "Buddhism and Christianity: Double Belonging" in Fellowship Hall. What do Buddhists believe? Explore the beliefs and practices of Buddhism by looking for connection to our Christian beliefs and practices. Are these two religions fundamentally alike or different? Since Buddhism has no God, we will ask what experiences of the divine for Christians are similar to experiences of a person pursuing Buddhist spirituality. Is it possible to belong to both faith traditions? One person, author of *Without the Buddha, I Could Not Be a Christian*, thinks so. The class will compare and contrast:

- Nirvana and Heaven
- Jesus and Buddha
- Buddhist Meditation and Centering Prayer

and even more.



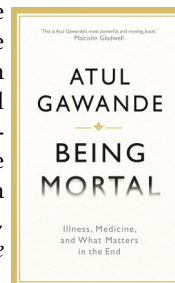
At the same time, in his class called "The History of the Devil," Steve Christiansen will be tackling the age-old troubling question: "Why is there evil in the world?" Great minds have wrestled with the notion of evil for millennia. Where does evil come from? Does it emanate from a single source? Many Christians believe in an evil force they call the Devil, but the concept of an "evil one" has changed with the passage of time. In the Old Testament alone there is a breadth of imagination. Consider the Serpent (Genesis 3:1), the Lord of the Flies (Baal-zabub, 2 Kings 1:2-3), the Heavenly Prosecutor (the Satan, Job 1:6-7). These imagined symbols of evil have been used to try to answer perplexing questions, but they have also been used to demonize others.

Plans are not yet final on how or if these classes will be shared online. Check "Weekly News" next week for details.

## 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.

## Reminder for Kids



Easter is more than bunnies and eggs and baskets filled with candy. Come to Pastor Laurie's children's sermon during worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am this Sunday for the finding of the butterflies—and the joyous return of alleluias to the Sanctuary.

## CLIMATE CORNER:

### Reasons to Fight for the Planet in April (Earth Month) and Every Month—Deforestation

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

Did you know — ?

- Deforestation contributes to 4.8 billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions every year.
- Plastic has been found as deep as the Mariana Trench (an unincorporated territory and commonwealth of the US in the NW Pacific Ocean) and as high as the peaks of Mt. Everest.
- Wildlife populations have declined 70% in the last 50 years.
- 33% of all food grown and harvested worldwide is wasted.

**Deforestation.** During April, we'll address one topic a week, beginning this week with deforestation. Here are some astonishing facts about deforestation and some ways to branch out (pun intended!) and take action.

Since the beginning of humankind, we have needed forests to survive. Humans used and still use forests for shelter, fuel, medicine, food, and more.

But our forests are facing a crisis: deforestation. In just the past 100 years, we have lost the same amount of forests as in the previous 9,000 years! Yikes! Deforestation occurs when forests and rainforests are completely cleared to be used for another purpose, with the majority of deforestation occurring in tropical rainforests.

When forests are cleared, not only do we lose the plants, animals, and people who rely on the forest, we lose one of Earth's natural resources for absorbing carbon dioxide. Forests are natural carbon sinks, meaning they hold more carbon dioxide than they produce. When forests are cleared, the effects are twofold. The carbon stored in the forests is released, and that area is now no longer able to absorb carbon dioxide released in the future.



#### **Five main causes of deforestation:**

- Agriculture, mining, and energy, including cattle farms, palm-oil plantations, soy farming, and more.
- Logging to produce not only wood products for construction, but also wood pulp and paper products.
- Urbanization when forests are cleared to make room for housing and cities.
- Wildfires, including natural, planned, and illegal clearing and burning. Note that forest management with controlled burns and proper thinning is different from clear cutting.

**Solutions to deforestation:** It's not always easy to tell if your tissues or your sugar came from a forest in Brazil, but there are a variety of solutions that can help curb and reduce rapidly increasing deforestation.

- Support elected officials who are committed to preventing deforestation. Vote!
- Support legislation that invests in local forest agriculture to help farmers achieve better yields. Think seed varieties, fertilization products, and regenerative farming practices.



- Donate your time and money to organizations committed to the conservation and restoration of forests around the world. Two local organizations are Washington County Tree Keepers and Friends of Trees. I've signed

up to help them plant trees and you can, too.

- Invest your time and money with organizations, such as the FSC Indigenous Foundation, that are putting forest management back in the hands of Indigenous communities.
- Consider the miles that your food and products travel to get to you and the greenhouse gas emissions created in the process. Try to find alternatives from producers closer to home. For example, I look for citrus fruit from California instead of Peru.
- Prioritize locally grown and seasonal vegetables and meat to reduce your food miles. Shop at local farms and farmers' markets. In my opinion, we have the best farmers' market in Oregon right here in Beaverton.
- Look for labels on packaging indicating certified products for responsible forest management such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).
- Choose tree-free and palm-oil-free products.
- Prioritize products made from recycled materials that can continue to be recycled.



*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

### Spring Song

the green of Jesus  
is breaking the ground  
and the sweet  
smell of delicious Jesus  
is opening the house and  
the dance of Jesus music  
has hold of the air and  
the world is turning  
in the body of Jesus and  
the future is possible

*By Louise Clifton*



*In her short classic poem, American poet Lucille Clifton, 1936-2010, celebrates the heavenly miracle of the season and the earthly miracle of Jesus.*

### 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>.

# Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## 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

## Monday, April 10

7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	Library

## Tuesday, April 11

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)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

## Wednesday, April 12—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India)	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library

## Thursday, April 13

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Transition Team Meeting	Library
5:30 pm	HR Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Executive Council Committee Meeting	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library

## Friday, April 14

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, April 15

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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## Sunday, April 16

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube)	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

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## 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.

**YouTube** 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.

**zoom** Anyone using YouTube for livestream worship may access the service at 9:30 am or any time after the livestream ends.