

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 14, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Adult Education Classes

Two classes are being offered during education hour (beginning at 11:00 am) to end the academic year at St. Andrew. You may choose between Buddhism and the devil! Actually, because these classes are recorded and later posted to the church website, it's possible to follow both classes through a combination of in-person attendance and observing a class online—or even choosing to access both classes at your convenience via computer.

The History of the Devil

During his class in the St. Andrew Room, Steve Christiansen is considering some weighty questions: Why is there evil in the world? Where does it come from? Does it emanate from a single source? Throughout history, imagined depictions of evil have been used to try to answer perplexing questions, but they have also been used to demonize others.

Buddhism and Christianity:

Double Belonging

This Sunday, we will have the fourth session of the adult education class "Buddhism and Christianity: Double Belonging" led by Janet Vorvick. Buddhist practice consists mainly of meditation. How is Buddhist meditation like Christian prayer? We will pursue this question at our meeting at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Backyard Habitat Tours

Did you know that your yard could be an important link in the nationwide effort to provide sanctuary for native plants and animals? National parks are just part of the network needed to support ecosystems from which we all benefit.

On Saturday, May 20, 1:00-4:00 pm, the Earth Care Team and four St. Andrew members are inviting the congregation to tour the church property and their neighborhood yards to learn more about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. Each location is different, but all illustrate the possibilities available when homeowners decide to remove invasive species, manage stormwater, and support wildlife—the birds, bugs, frogs, bats, and butterflies that should be able to thrive in our environment.

Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex, discover some lovely alternatives to all-lawn landscapes, and plan to participate on Saturday, May 20. How we manage our yards can transform urban landscapes and make our cities a healthier place for all living things.



Rob Dieffenbach's fruit trees are both beautiful and a productive part of the urban landscape around his home.

Partnering with Trees

During their children's sermon a couple of weeks ago, St. Andrew confirmands encouraged youngsters and the congregation as a whole to "be a tree" and, over the years, dozens of people in our community have adopted a tree on church property. May is the perfect time to hike out into the woods and get reacquainted with your adopted tree or to identify a tree you'd like to adopt.



Dubbed "Papa" in honor of a much-loved grandfather, this Doug fir in the Sanctuary of the Firs is one of the trees already adopted at St. Andrew.

During the month of May, you can find Don Nearhood at the back of Fellowship Hall between worship and Adult Ed. Seek him out if you'd like to learn more about the role trees play in our environment, want to identify a tree to care for, or are curious about St. Andrew's Adopt-a-Tree program.

Trees are our breathing partners on planet Earth. They provide homes and food for countless creatures, shade our homes, stabilize the soil, sequester carbon dioxide, and much more!

Transition Team Update

The focus of the Transition Team this past week has been on the role of the Lead Pastor and how that relates to St. Andrew's overall staffing plan. We have updated the Lead Pastor job description, with special emphasis on theological teaching, communication, community involvement, and the evolving technical requirements of the role. This will create a foundation for further decisions on the additional staffing needs of the congregation.

With the help of Carol Harker, we have completed a structural and property inventory, assessed our financial situation, and reviewed our stewardship resources as part of our study of the congregation.

Over the next few months, we will be planning opportunities for the congregation to provide input on St. Andrew's vision for the future, changes or trends within the congregation which have occurred in the last three to five years, and ways that the community has been challenged by change and transition.

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



First Steps in Taking Advantage of the IRA

Adapted from <https://www.nrdc.org/> (National Resources Defense Council) and <https://www.energy.gov>

The Inflation Reduction Act directs an unprecedented \$369 billion toward fighting climate change. These financial incentives come in the form of tax credits and rebates for buying emissions-reducing goods and services. But do you know how to access the savings for yourself?

Do some prep work to make the most of these benefits. Start by considering a home energy audit. That means enlisting an expert to help determine your home's energy efficiency pain points so that you can make the best use of these tax credits and rebates. Luckily, the IRA offers a tax credit for this too! To get help with this step, check out [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov). And remember to save your receipts and any other relevant records as you go so that you can either accurately account for the purchase when you file your taxes or apply for the rebates when they go live.

Professional energy assessment. A professional energy assessment can provide you with a roadmap to saving money and improving the comfort of your home or apartment. Home energy assessments are conducted by professionals that have industry accepted credentials. They generally go into great detail to assess your home's energy use. The energy assessor will do a room-by-room examination of the residence, as well as a thorough examination of past utility bills. The assessment should include a blower door test and a thermographic scan. Assessors use equipment such as blower doors, infrared cameras, furnace efficiency meters, and surface thermometers to detect sources of energy loss.

Through the process, the home assessor will gather information and produce a report including characterizations of your home and actions you can take to reduce your home's energy use while increasing comfort of the living space. Common recommendations often include:

- Conduct whole-home air sealing to reduce air leakage and drafts.
- Add insulation to your home's attic, foundation, or walls to prevent heat loss.
- Seal and insulate ducts in unconditioned spaces.
- Remove or repair any parts of the home with internal moisture or mold to improve air quality and reduce deterioration.
- Improve the efficiency of heating, cooling, and hot water equipment.
- Install home ventilation, smart thermostats, LED light bulbs, smart power strips, ENERGY STAR appliances, solar panels, an electric vehicle charger, and other efficient technologies that improve home performance.



The right mix of improvements to your home will depend on the age and quality of current equipment, the local climate, and your home energy goals. The first step to determine the appropriate combination and size of equipment for your home is getting a professional assessment.

DIY assessment or find and select an energy assessor.

To do your own assessment of your home or apartment for free, go to Energy Trust of Oregon, <https://www.energytrust.org>, click on Residential > Analyze > Evaluate your home. Where it says "Interested in improving your home?" click the yellow box that says "Get Started." There you will be asked a series of questions, including household income, square footage of the home or apartment, and more.

I went to the US Department of Energy's Home Energy score and found these assessors (who will charge a fee) within 10 miles of Beaverton:

- Simon Holmes in Portland, 503-694-5322. <https://tigard.wini.com>
- Indika Sugathadasa in Portland, 503567-6426. email info@pdxhive.com
- Brian Ross in Washougal, WA, 360-823-3034. www.detailshomeinspections.com
- <https://www.earthadvantage.org/resources/hes-assessors.html> has a whole list of assessors around the state.

Before contracting with an energy assessment company, you should take the following steps:

- Make sure the energy auditor uses a calibrated blower door test.
- Make sure they do thermographic inspections or contract another company to conduct one.
- Ask what other tools they use in their assessments and whether they offer a US Department of Energy Home Energy Score report as part of their assessment.
- Make certain the energy auditor holds any of the following certifications: The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Engineers Building Energy Assessment Professional Certification, The Association of Energy Engineers Certified Energy Auditor certification, The Building Performance Institute Home Energy Professional Energy Auditor certification, The Residential Energy Services Network Home Energy Rater certification, or any other third-party certification recognized or deemed equivalent by the US Department of Energy.

Liz Hardy

Earth Care Team

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; 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.

St. Andrew's MACG Core Team suggests we use these "Questions of the Month" to engage in deeper conversation with each other.

Annual Meeting Notice/Calling Deacon India

Immediately following the 6:30 pm Annual Meeting of the Congregation on **Tuesday, June 13**, the congregation will enter into another very brief, special Congregational Meeting with the sole purpose of calling India Jensen Kerr to Deacon Ministry at St. Andrew. India will continue the job she currently has, but will now be a rostered Deacon in the ELCA. We hope all members will participate in this important vote.

Mark your calendars for two forums prior to the Annual Meeting:

Sunday, May 20, 10:45 am, Ministry Forum, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 4, 10:45 am, Budget Forum, Fellowship Hall

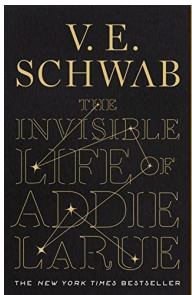
Annual Meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Jim Heiden	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Staff
Family and friends of Dorothy Scholz (aunt)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Bob & Judy Scholz
Ethel Ritchey	Peace and comfort	India Jensen-Kerr
Linda Newby (daughter)	Peace and a positive diagnosis	Joanne Zenger
Nathan Alvis (grandson)	Good medical test results	Ed & Linda Fransen
Carlie (daughter of friend)	Successful back surgery and healing, with prayers for peace for her family and friends	Rebecca Uecker
Bill Richtman (brother-in-law)	Effective treatment and healing	Lynn Santelmann
Megan Morlock (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Jim & Julie Aageson
Lutheran World Relief	Support for their global ministry	Staff
Planet Earth and all living things	Protection and care	Earth Care Team
Societies infested with guns and violence	Common-sense controls, calm, and safety	Staff
St. Andrew Council Executive Committee	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Staff		
Karen Klingelhafer and all seminarians	Encouragement and support	Staff
India Jensen Kerr and all theology students		
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Holy Trinity Lutheran (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Luther Memorial (Portland)		
Masjid Omar Farooq (Beaverton)	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 at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, May 21**, to discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, by V.E. Schwab. Called "the most joyous evocation of unlikely immortality," the novel tells the tale of a woman who makes a deal with the devil allowing her to live forever. The price she'll pay is the curse of being forgotten by everyone! Kristin Sacks will lead the discussion.

The group will meet in person at Dianne Zupunski's home and also via Zoom. A link will be sent to those on the Spirituality Book Group email list who will be attending remotely. If you'd like to receive a link, please contact Mary Smith.

Clothes for Kids

St. Andrew people have volunteered for many years at the Beaverton School District's Clothes Closet, now called Clothes for Kids. The volunteer coordinator of the program is alerting volunteers that the program has already exceeded the number of visits from the year prior, with 2,805 visits already this year.



In addition, there are several upcoming work shifts in May and June without staffing. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Bliesner at 503-830-7001 or email larrybliesner@comcast.net.

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Preparing for Worship

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
John 17:1-11

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 14—Mother's Day

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
11:00 am	Confirmation	Library
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

Monday, May 15

Tuesday, May 16

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	Children's Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, May 17—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com.

10:00 am	Gentle Yoga	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library
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

Thursday, May 18

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	St. Andrew Room

Friday, May 19

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, May 20

All Day	Synod Assembly	via Zoom
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room

Sunday, May 21

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	Confirmation	Library
10:45 am	Congregational Forum: Ministry	Sanctuary
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	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Off Site and via Zoom



**Memorial Service for
Jim Heiden**

Saturday, May 13, 2023
10:00 am in the Sanctuary
(in-person and [livestreamed](#))

Reception to follow off site.

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.