

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 7, 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 third session of the adult education class "Buddhism and Christianity: Double Belonging," led by Janet Vorvick. How was Jesus like the Buddha? How were they different? Join us to pursue these questions at 11 o'clock in Fellowship Hall.

## Annual Report Materials Due!

Thank you to everyone who's already submitted their ministry's annual report to the congregation. If you haven't done so, please act now to ensure that your group's story is included in this important chronicle of St. Andrew.

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 and the Annual Report tells those stories of the many ways we live out our ministry.

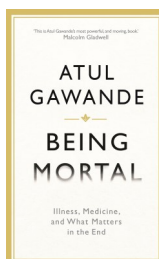
Last call! Please email your report to

[charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com)

and indicate Annual Report Material on the subject line. Do this before Mother's Day to ensure that your team's story is shared. Thank you!

## Wednesday Book Group

Would you like to contemplate the important things of life within a small community? Join Chaplain India and a 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.



## 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.



Michelle Sinn adds some plants along a walkway.

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 May 20. How we manage our yards can transform urban landscapes and make our cities a healthier place for all living things.

## Transition Team Update

The focus of the Transition Team this last 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

## Wide-Mouth Jars Needed



Thank you for bringing in wide-mouth jars for this year's moss terrarium project at Earth Camp. I still need about ten glass wide-mouth jars with lids. The jars must be about 5-8 inches high and big enough to get your hand into. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the church office.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Camp Teacher

## 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.

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!

## Community Recognition



The Girl Scouts of North Beaverton Service Unit 8 recently recognized St. Andrew with the Outstanding Community Supporter Award in response to the ways the church has assisted local Girl Scout troops over the years.

When possible, St. Andrew provides meeting rooms for local nonprofits whose missions align with our own. From hosting a group of Rwandan survivors to providing space for several exercise classes each week to welcoming Boy Scouts and more, St. Andrew is not intended to be an event center, but rather serve as a resource for the community when we have the staffing and facilities available to share.

### Preparing for Worship

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

## Recycle+—What Is It?

Thanks to all who attended the Earth Care Fair on April 23! One thing that I became aware of is that most people do not seem to know about Washington County's Recycle+ option for recycling difficult to recycle items, which is what prompted me to write this article.

Recycle+ is an optional and convenient service available to residential customers living in urban unincorporated Washington County. It is available to single family homes through four-plexes in Washington County, as well as in the cities of King City, Durham, Beaverton, Sherwood, and North Plains. Recycle+ became available in Tigard on May 1, 2023, and will be available to apartment dwellers this summer! This optional service is available from your garbage and recycling company. Contact your garbage hauler to see if Recycle+ is available for your address.



### Materials accepted in the Recycle+ collection service:

- Stretchy plastic film and bags such as plastic bags, produce bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic padded envelopes (no padded manila or paper envelopes), and plastic over wrap for paper towels, paper plates, napkins, etc.
- Clear plastic #1 clamshell containers such as egg cartons, fruit containers, bakery containers, and take-out containers. No colored clamshells, just the clear ones.
- Textiles such as bed linens, clothing, towels, clean rags, and sewing scraps.
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs. The long fluorescent tubes used in commercial lighting are **not** accepted. Bulbs must be contained in a zip-sealed bag.

**Get started!** Recycle+ is an on-call service. You will pay a monthly base fee of \$2.50 and a \$9.25 pickup fee per collection. Tip: You can share service and split the cost of pickups with family, friends, or neighbors.

- Contact your garbage and recycling company to sign up. Contact info is listed below.
- Sort and bag material by type. You will receive a purple bin and bags prior to your first collection day.
- Schedule a pickup. Contact your garbage and recycling company at least 2 business days before your collection day.
- Set your bin at the curb. Have your bin out by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. All bagged materials must fit inside the bin with the lid on.

**How to find your garbage and recycling company:** Use the "Garbage and Recycling Day" tool on the Washington Co. website to find your hauler if you don't know who it is.

- Evergreen Disposal & Recycling, Inc: 503-357-3510
- Garbarino Disposal and Recycling Service: 503-647-2335
- Hillsboro Garbage Disposal, Inc: 503-648-4219
- Pride Disposal: 503-625-6177
- Republic Services: 503-981-1278
- Swatco Sanitary Service, Inc: 503-324-0230
- Walker Garbage and Recycling Service: 503-531-6330
- WM (formerly Waste Management): 800-808-5901

### Where does it go?



- Stretchy plastic bags and film are shipped to a company that uses the material to manufacture outdoor products such as composite decking like TREX, playground equipment, and benches.
- Clear plastic #1 clamshells are delivered to a recycling processing facility and are recycled into new PET plastic packaging.
- Textiles are sent to Pioneer Wiping Cloth, a local company that recycles textiles into wiping cloths and rags.
- Compact fluorescent lightbulbs are sent to processors who are vetted and have received third party certification through RIOS (Recycling Industry Operating Standard) and/or other e-stewards.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## 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
Nathan Alvis (grandson)	Good medical test results	Ed & Linda Fransen
Bill Richtman (brother-in-law)	Effective treatment and healing	Lynn Santelmann
Henry Stevens (husband)	Effective treatment and healing	Bev Briggs
Del & Mary Nell Mahler	Accurate diagnosis and healing	Mary Nell Mahler
David Bumgardner	Comfort and wisdom	Chaplain India
Rebecca Uecker	Comfort and healing from health issues	AJ Uecker
Megan Morlock (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Jim & Julie Aageson
Anne Newell	Healing and continued recovery	Susan Werner Reiser
Rebecca, AJ, and Logan Uecker	Healing from COVID	Rebecca Uecker
Francine Cach	Comfort and healing from surgery	Francine Cach
Larry Vachal	Comfort and healing from surgery	Rochelle McIntire
Laurie Freiberg (sister)	Comfort and healing from surgery	Mary Smith
Family of Larry Vachal	Comfort and peace during Larry's healing	Rochelle McIntire
Nancy Ferencz (friend)	Comfort and healing after cancer diagnosis	Anne Newell
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
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 Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Bethany Lutheran (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Heavenly Peace Lutheran (Portland)		
Congregation Ahavath Achim (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff

## Blue Bottle-Drop Bags Are Back!

If you've looked for a blue Bottle-Drop bag and found the bin empty, you're now in luck! You're encouraged to take one home from the bin in Fellowship Hall to collect your redeemable bottles and cans and then take them to a Bottle-Drop site. The proceeds help fund St. Andrew children and youth projects, the biggest of which is the National Youth Gathering coming up in the summer of 2024.

I find it difficult to get the label scanner on the door of the drop box to work, but I learned that if a kind soul comes along and offers to open it with their card, they might get the credit instead of St. Andrew. Instead, try angling the label up to get the red scanning light at the top of the little box in the door to read the label.

*Liz Hardy*

## 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.

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# Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, May 7

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	Questions and Answers on Lutheran World Relief	Sanctuary
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

## Monday, May 8

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

## Tuesday, May 9

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
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Children's Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

## Wednesday, May 10—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto: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
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Thursday, May 11

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/Call Committee Meeting	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
5:30 pm	HR Team Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library

## Friday, May 12

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, May 13

10:00 am	Memorial for Jim Heiden	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting	via Zoom

## 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
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**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.