

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 16, 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

## Installation of Council Officers

During worship this Sunday, elected Council officers and the duly appointed treasurer of St. Andrew will be installed. They include:

President Sue Lee  
Vice President Liz Hardy  
Secretary Lee Anne Knapp  
Treasurer Tim Duggan



According to St. Andrew's Constitution, the Council:

- Shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
- Shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

### Council Roster for 2023-2024

Tim Duggan	Noelle Mehlhorn
Pam Farr	Rachel Roberts
Liz Hardy	Barton Robison
Laura Geczy-Haskins	Cindy Stadel
Lee Anne Knapp	Janet Vorvick
Sue Lee	

## Welcome Brunch



St. Andrew is hosting a Welcome Brunch in Fellowship Hall this **Sunday, July 16**, following worship. If you feel new to our community and would like to meet some folks and learn more about St. Andrew,

please come. People who have been around for some time are welcome to join the fellowship, too.

## July's MACG Question of the Month

*Is St. Andrew inspiring you to engage in Earth care practices?*

Earth care has long been one of St. Andrew's core care values. Our church building has solar panels on its roof and the congregation has long embraced the practice of reducing, reusing, repurposing, and recycling to reduce consumption and waste.



This year already, our Earth Care Team has sponsored an Earth Care Fair, Backyard Habitat Tours, and Mindful Walks. Earth Camp brought 44 campers and their families to our campus this past week and we continue to advocate for bee-friendly habitats and ecosystems that allow all of God's creation to flourish.

Has awareness or involvement with St. Andrew's Earth-friendly focus changed your behaviors? Let's share with one another.

## Help a Friend Smile

Ever since the Malik Zada family arrived in the Portland area as refugees from Afghanistan in August 2022, members of St. Andrew's Sanctuary Team have been assisting the family as they navigate many of the idiosyncrasies of a new culture, new systems, and unfamiliar challenges. It has been an honor helping them adjust to their new life in the U.S. and getting to know more about the wonderful food and hospitality they are so eager to share.

Nasir Malik Zada, husband of Amina and father of four young children, is working hard to support his family, but money is tight and opportunities to earn more are limited. And now Amina needs extensive (and expensive) dental procedures that her insurance will not cover.

The Sanctuary Team would like to help the family pay for Amina's dental work and we would appreciate any contribution you would like to make for that purpose. If you'd like to assist, please make your check payable to St. Andrew Lutheran Church and indicate Refugee/Sanctuary Fund in the memo line. Thank you!

If you have questions or would like to join the Sanctuary Team, please contact Cindy Stadel (503-888-7043) or Bonnie Bliesner (503-830-7001).

## Senior Quilt Sunday



*A day to remember!  
July 11, 2021, when Linda Fransen wrapped Logan Isaacson in his senior quilt.*

Seniors graduating from high school receive special recognition from St. Andrew on their academic achievement. Next **Sunday, July 23**, we'll recognize Miriam Au, Amy Peahl, and Logan Uecker during worship. Not only will they be wrapped in special quilts made by Nifty Notter seamstresses that they will take with them on their future adventures, but the St. Andrew Foundation will present them with a scholarship check to put toward their future studies. This is a beautiful tradition marking a milestone in the lives of our youth. Don't miss this joyful Sunday celebration!

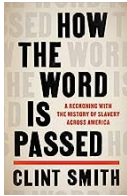
## Earth Camp Lost & Found

Campers left a few things behind at St. Andrew following a hectic week of Earth Camp. Nathan and Chief Henry, we have your camp bags in the church office. An unidentified navy blue sweatshirt was also turned in.



Please stop by the church office during open hours, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Tuesday-Thursday, or 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Friday to pick up these items. Or get them on a Sunday morning. Thank you.

## Spirituality Book Group

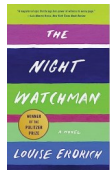


The Spirituality Book Group will meet at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 23, to discuss *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, by Clint Smith. In this debut work of nonfiction, the author leads readers on a tour of landmarks and monuments to reveal some of America's stories hidden in plain sight. Consider Monticello, the Virginia plantation owned by Thomas Jefferson. It was here that Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty—at the same time he enslaved more than 400 people. This well known history is augmented by other stories much less familiar, but all combining to illustrate slavery's role in shaping American history.

The group will meet in person at Dianne Zupunski's home and also via Zoom, with Lynn Santelmann leading the discussion. 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.

### Future Reading

**August 20:** *The Night Watchman*,  
by Louise Erdrich  
Location: Mary Ann Snider's home  
Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako



**September**  
**(date TBA):** *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks  
Location: Fran Miller's home  
Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

## Children's Ministry This Fall

Earth Camp was such a wonderful event to witness, when we saw a vibrant, intergenerational community of staff and volunteers devoting themselves to the next generation. Thanks to all of you who have been supporting Earth Camp in the summers and The Roots program during the school year.

Our vision for this fall is that Children's Ministry will thrive with congregational and pastoral support. I will regularly attend The Roots program after worship on Sunday mornings to get to know and nurture the children and their parents.

I'm also looking for two volunteers who can regularly show up to greet kids on Sunday morning in a friendly, consistently nurturing role. Might you be one of those volunteers? If so, please let me know of your interest.

*Pr. Laurie*

## You're Invited!

### to an Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, August 26 @ 1:30 pm**

in front of

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Rd  
Beaverton**

Come for new friends, community,  
music, dancing, games, AND  
**FREE ice cream!**

*Parking will be available in the lot on the east side of the church.*

## Labyrinth Walk on Saturday, July 22

On Saturday morning, July 22, labyrinth walkers, or those new to experiencing or learning about the labyrinth, are invited to gather by a beautifully landscaped labyrinth located off Skyline Blvd. One of more than 100 labyrinths in Oregon, this outstanding outdoor labyrinth is set beside a forest and offers an impressive view of the Tualatin Valley.



As noted by The Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, an internationally recognized labyrinth scholar, this beautiful setting offers a path for prayer, a walking meditation, a crucible for change, and a watering hole for the Spirit.

Directions to the private property where the labyrinth is located will be provided so that we're able to begin our walk about 10:00 am on Saturday, July 22. Potential walkers are invited to learn more about labyrinth experiences and to bring their journals and cameras along in order to recall them later. We'll be able to sit in contemplation to record our experience and take photos, too.

If you're interested, please provide your name and email address on the signup sheet in the Narthex so that we can send out directions prior to the walk. Or people may decide to carpool from St. Andrew. If you have questions, please email Linda Dodds at [lindadpdx@gmail.com](mailto:lindadpdx@gmail.com) or call the church office, 503-646-0629.

## Input for the Transition Team

The Transition Team is currently seeking input from the congregation in order to complete St. Andrew's [Mission Profile](#), a 10-page document that describes our congregational ministry and mission, as well as what characteristics we are looking for in a Lead Pastor. Once the Oregon Synod receives our Mission Profile, it will be able to begin identifying lead pastor candidates to put forward for our consideration.

Look for the yellow poster in the Narthex. Each row lists a characteristic on the left and a characteristic on the right; please select the one term that you think best describes St. Andrew (one dot, per row, per person). For those not able to respond in person, you may complete the survey online; please complete the survey one time only at [Ministry Characteristics Survey](#).

The July poster features statements about our Community and Leadership; in August we will consider our Programming and Theological Perspective.

Please let any of the team members know what questions or concerns you have as we move forward.

In Peace,

*Steve Christiansen, Allison Katsufrakis, Mike McDowall,  
Amy McQueen, Tom Mehlhorn, Jan Smith,  
Mary Smith, LuAnn Staul*

## Address for Claris

Although Claris's daughter Mona advises that her dad is not able to accept calls or visits at this time, he might very much appreciate messages and cards from his friends at St. Andrew. Please send those to:

Claris Poppert  
c/o Mona Whited  
36025 SW Viewridge Ln  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

And please keep Claris and his family in your prayers.

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Claris Poppert	Peace and comfort	Staff
Beth Norman (good friend)	Peace and comfort	LuAnn Staul
Lilli Soule	Successful surgery (July 18) and rapid healing	Carol Harker
Carl Prink (cousin)	Comfort and healing	Carol Hogan
Bob & Mary Brown	Comfort and strength	Mary Brown
Mescal Gibson	Healing and recovery	Carol Harker
George & Teresa Westover	Healing in body and spirit	Allison Katsufraakis
Tara Harper	Wisdom and support	Deacon India
Council Officers	Thanksgiving for their service to St. Andrew	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
	Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth	
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church		
Faith Lutheran (Keizer)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Christ the Good Shepherd (Salem)		
Islamic Center of 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.

## Plastic-Free July: Small Steps, Big Difference!

including ideas from [plasticfreejuly.org](http://plasticfreejuly.org)



Every July, millions of people around the world take their own plastic-free steps by choosing to refuse single-use plastic. Last year, participants avoided 2.6 million tons of waste! It doesn't matter what choice you make – switching to reusable cups, avoiding plastic packaging, or inviting family and friends to take part – together our small steps make a big difference. If it seems overwhelming, start with just one step. What's your step? Consider these ideas:

Start by discontinuing the use of plastic water bottles. Carry a reusable bottle in your car. Get in the habit of keeping your water bottle with you at work, the gym, school, events, and when you travel. At the airport, you can take your empty bottle through security, then fill it at one of the many filling stations (usually located near the restrooms) before you board the plane. Despite many people making the switch, plastic beverage bottles and plastic bottle caps were in the top five items collected globally through beach cleanups and other initiatives as recorded in Ocean Conservancy's 2022 annual report.

Or start by swearing off single-use "paper" cups, which are partially made of plastic. They would leak if they were truly made of paper. Billions of disposable coffee cups end up as

landfill and litter every year. Beware of disposable cups advertised as "compostable." They are only compostable if they can be processed at a special composting facility, which is unlikely to happen because such facilities are few and far between.

You can always just grab a cup from home and keep it with you. But the most popular travel cups are made of glass, ceramic, or insulated stainless steel with sealable silicone lids. I have 2 ceramic cups that live in my car.

Sadly, a lot of drive-through coffee shops do not allow personal cups, but most store-front coffee shops will serve your coffee or tea in your personal cup, especially now that we are through the worst of the COVID scare. Better yet, take a break from the rat-race pace of life and take time to sit down at a café to enjoy your hot beverage from a real cup!

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

Your St. Andrew Staff

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### Preparing for Worship

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, July 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	Welcome Brunch	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, July 17

7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
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## Tuesday, July 18

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women	Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

## Wednesday, July 19

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India)	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	HR Meeting	via Zoom

## Thursday, July 20

10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel / Library
1:00 pm	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	St. Andrew Room and via Zoom

## Friday, July 21

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, July 22

3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room
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## Sunday, July 23—Quilt Sunday for Graduating Seniors

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 Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
10:45 am	Minister of Music Search Committee Meeting	Library
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Member Home and via Zoom

### Put It on Your Calendar

#### Ministry Fair: Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am-Noon

Are you involved in one or more of the many ministries of St. Andrew? The MACG Core Team is organizing a Ministry Fair for Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am – Noon. Details will follow, but for now please think about what you'd like to display that explains your area of ministry. Are you looking for new people to join you? Plan on having a way for people to contact you if they are interested. Watch for the opportunities in the next few weeks to reserve a table and learn more about the Ministry Fair. Contact any member of the MACG Core Team for more information: Pat Christiansen, Scott Taylor, Jan Smith, Lynn Santelmann, Larry Bliesner, and Gretchen Bancroft.

### Office Temporarily Closed Friday Afternoons

Please note that until September 1, the church office will be closed on Friday afternoons to allow staff more flexibility in scheduling vacations.

In general, Pastor Laurie works from home on Fridays, but she is available by phone in case of emergencies. You may reach her at 503-449-5938.

## 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.