

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 13, 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

MACG Sponsoring Phoenix Rising Transitions

As MACG continues its mission to empower incarcerated individuals to become leaders within and beyond the prison walls, organization leaders recognize the need to refresh their training approach and expand the training program for Prison Leadership. Their goal is to ensure that participants receive the most comprehensive and impactful training possible, equipping them with the skills they need to inspire positive change within the prison community. If you are interested, please contact:

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good
4940 NE 8th Ave
Portland, OR 97211
office@macg.org

Sock It to Me!

It has been a beautiful summer, but the rains will be starting again this fall. Following Jesus's example of meeting the needs of everyone, we, the people of St. Andrew, have an opportunity to show God's love to the youth and young adults in our city who are without a home. Throughout the month of August, the Service Committee will be collecting NEW ADULT SOCKS for men and women who drop in to the Outside In for a meal, shower, or clothing. If you wish to contribute, you'll see blue and yellow barrels in the Narthex at the center entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for demonstrating God's love to our young people!



The Service Committee

Western Farm Workers Mexican Fiesta 35th Anniversary Celebration



The service team collects food and clothing in September each year to support the Western Farm Workers. These are the workers who work 12-hour days seven days a week to pick the fresh fruit and vegetables we enjoy.

Each year, the Western Farm Workers Association (WFWA) has a Mexican Fiesta celebration, and this is the 35th anniversary of that celebration! The event salutes the determined struggle and achievement by and for the membership of farm workers and other low-income workers in the Willamette Valley. The evening includes musical entertainment, performances, *agua frescas*, homemade Mexican food, and speakers.

Members of St. Andrew are invited to attend this celebration. There is no cost, but donations are requested if possible. The event will be held **Saturday, August 19, 2023**, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. Please see Deacon Susan if you are interested in attending as we need to send an RSVP card of numbers expected.

Ministry Fair



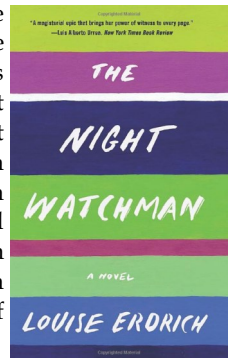
Save the date: **Sunday, September 10**. Immediately following worship, St. Andrew will host a Ministry Fair in Fellowship Hall. Come explore the many ways our church invites people to share their passions and talents.

All groups, committees, clubs, and other fellowship opportunities of the congregation are invited to set up tables and provide information on their activities. If you're interested in having a table at the fair to highlight your group's mission and activities, please email Gretchen Bancroft at galbancroft@gmail.com. Groups are also encouraged to offer a snack as a symbol of their cool ministry and a stamp or sticker for guests to place on their Ministry Fair passport. There just might be a prize!

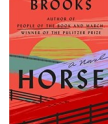
Spirituality Book Group

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, August 20**, at 3:00 pm at Mary Ann Snider's home to discuss *The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdrich. Sharon Fako will lead the discussion.

This novel received a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. "Based on the extraordinary life of author Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, DC," an Amazon review asserts that "this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman."



Future Reading



What: *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks
When: **Sunday, September 10**, 3:00 pm
Where: Fran Miller's home
Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

The Council is looking for three volunteers from the membership to serve on St. Andrew's Nominating Committee for the coming year. This five-person committee does its work in March and April, creating a slate of one or more individuals for each council position to be filled by election at the church's annual meeting in June.

If you're interested in learning more about how St. Andrew is governed, serving on the Nominating Committee is a good place to start and it's often an entree into further leadership in the church. Contact Council President Sue Lee for more information.

Resources for Caregivers

Dear Friends,

I've been researching the impact of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia on patients, caregivers, and families living with the challenges of these diseases, and I've been meeting with folks who have knowledge and experience on ways the church might be able to help.



To start, St. Andrew will host a presentation on Alzheimer's Awareness at 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 3**, in Fellowship Hall. This will provide an introduction to resources already available in our area and may also facilitate the development of a small group for caregivers that meets on an ongoing basis at our church.

The Alzheimer's Association is starting a support group for caregivers in Beaverton in August. Please contact Andie Shepard at anshepard@alz.org if you'd like more information or would possibly like to join the group. I've met with Andie and she's a great resource.

Finally there is a 24/7 Helpline for emergencies due to Alzheimer's. Please share this resource: 800-272-3900.

It is my hope that, whatever we are facing in life, we at St. Andrew can be a source of nourishment and encouragement in the compassion of Christ.

Blessings,
Pr. Laurie

Update on Claris Poppert

Claris has very much appreciated all the cards and notes he's received from friends at St. Andrew. Please continue to mail him at:

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

If you'd like to visit with Claris by phone or in person, please call 971-506-8510 to make arrangements for that.

The people of St. Andrew are lifting up prayers for Claris, Corky, and the entire Poppert family as they navigate through a difficult diagnosis.

How to Recycle Batteries & Why You Should

Single-use batteries are everywhere; we use them to power remote controls, computer mice, wall clocks, digital scales, toys, hearing aids, and so much more. Single-use batteries are not very complicated with a steel shell, a brass pin collector in the middle, manganese dioxide and carbon cathode, and a zinc anode. Steel is extremely recyclable and the other components can also be readily reused. It's important to reuse and recycle these non-renewable materials to conserve the resources our Earth provides for us.

Why not just put them into the trash? How many times have you gone to change an old battery and found it to be corroded? The stuff in batteries may be volatile or hazardous. Batteries can cause explosions if mishandled, especially if they get overheated or compressed as they do in a garbage truck or in a transfer station. They cause fires in garbage trucks, recycling trucks, transfer stations, and recycling facilities. There is a growing trend for recycling facilities to accept batteries as a way to reduce the number of garbage and recycling truck fires. I have not found true data, but anecdotally, managers of several waste management companies are seeing fewer truck fires since they have started accepting batteries in curbside recycling.

Corrosion provides evidence that batteries do leak. And when that leakage seeps into the ground, it contaminates soil and water. In California, it's illegal to put batteries into the trash.

Why recycle single-use batteries? Because not only are they hazardous, but they also contain valuable materials that can be reused to make new product or batteries themselves. The materials used to make batteries are non-renewable and we should reuse those materials instead of sending them to the landfill. Reusing and recycling materials does take energy, but has less carbon footprint than mining for virgin materials.

Common types of single-use batteries used at home:

- Alkaline: This is the most common battery, found in flashlights, TV remotes, clocks, toys, etc. These are the AAA, AA, D & C, and 9-volt batteries.
- Button cell: commonly used in hearing aids and watches. These are also choking hazards for small children.
- Lithium single-use: found in cameras, watches, remote controls, handheld games, and smoke detectors. These sometimes have a special shape for the product they power.

How to recycle single-use batteries.

Start by checking with your hauler to see if they take batteries. Most in Washington and Multnomah counties do. If your hauler accepts single-use batteries for recycling, they usually require you to put the batteries in a quart-size zip-lock bag and place it in your glass recycling bin on top of the glass. Some retail stores such as Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes, and Office Depot take them. Since small button batteries are used in watches, key fobs and hearing aids, many jewelers, car dealers and audiologists will take them. Batteries + Bulbs takes them for a nominal fee. But best of all for all of us at St. Andrew, we take them at church! This is because those of us who are still allowed to have Ridwell can put them in our Ridwell box. Look for the red battery containers on the cart in Fellowship Hall.

The bottom line is to keep batteries out of the landfill.



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.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Our Sanctuary of the Firs: A Brief History

Last Sunday we gathered for worship in an extraordinary sanctuary, a glade in our forest. This is a story of how it came to be.

After the original church building was constructed in the 1960s, St. Andrew used the glade for picnics, etc. They built a fireplace on the concrete slab behind the row of benches. To get out to the glade, they installed the culvert through which a small creek flows from a spring about 100 meters to the east (variously referred to as "Spring Creek" or "Spring Tooth Creek"). At that time the slope down to the forest floor was gentle and wide, and cars could drive all the way to the glade.

When our current sanctuary building was constructed in the late 1980s, dirt from the basement was pushed over the gentle slope, effectively restricting access into our forest, and members rarely ventured into the woods after that. Access was along a very narrow path cut into the side of the steep slope.



Then, sometime in the early 2000s, a member who had access to a bulldozer cut the current winding path from the parking lot down to the level of our forest, and members were again able to enter our woods.

Coincidentally, the Green Team was born about this time and members decided to make our forest more truly native. The forest floor was covered with invasive English ivy, which the Green Team tried to remove by pulling, with little success. Ultimately, a team from Clean Water Services sprayed the ivy with an herbicide leaving the forest floor barren. Invasive blackberry vines were also flourishing until members of the Green Team removed the crowns and roots by hand. Isaac Brocker and a friend climbed into the surrounding Douglas-firs to remove the dead branches.

As you walk down the path today, look to the side. Now the forest floor is covered with a variety of native forest plants. In the Sanctuary of the Firs itself, you see a distinctive worship space. As part of his Eagle project in about 2016, a Boy Scout designed, purchased lumber, built, and installed (with considerable help) the benches you sat upon for worship on Sunday. Blaine Covert built and installed our wooden altar.



St. Andrew's Sanctuary of the Firs offers space for contemplation and connection with nature. Although traffic from Sunset Highway hums in the background, birdsong reminds us that we are only one of the life forms created by God to revel in the beauty of the Earth.

Now the glade is truly a sanctuary, used for worship on select Sundays every summer. The paths to the sanctuary and the sanctuary itself are covered by wood chips from the Christmas Tree project of the Boy Scouts. The chips keep the area free from weeds.

Eric Luttrell

Gethsemane

by Mary Oliver



The grass never sleeps.
Or the roses.
Nor does the lily have a secret eye that
shuts until morning.
Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples
slept.

The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet,
and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body,
and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.

Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did, maybe
the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and didn't move,
maybe
the lake far away, where once he walked as on a
blue pavement,
lay still and waited, wild awake.

Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not
keep that vigil, how they must have wept,
so utterly human, knowing this too
must be a part of the story.

In Mary Oliver's stunning poem, shared by SALT* with email subscribers earlier this year, we see Jesus praying, the disciples sleeping, and the natural world remaining wide awake—both wild and watchful.

Members of the St. Andrew Communications Committee find SALT* to be a rich resource for spiritual development. If you'd like to receive more from the creators of SALT*, go to their [blog](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page to subscribe to their weekly email.

Worship Leaders Need Assistance

Without a doubt, the preacher is important, but St. Andrew depends on many additional people to make worship happen. And it's easy to participate!



At this time, there is particular need for

- communion assistants,
- acolytes, and
- worship assistants.

If you are interested in serving in one of these roles, please go to

<https://signup.com/go/GRHfNuv>

to sign up or contact either Deacon Susan, Worship Leader Scheduling Coordinator Janet Vorvick, or email

worshipvolunteers@standrewlutheran.com

for more information.

Liturgy is a composite word in Greek that originally meant a public duty or a service to the state undertaken by a citizen. In the church, ordained clergy rely on volunteers to deliver a rich worship experience. Volunteers do not need to know everything about the role that interests them in order to serve. Training is provided, so if you are interested, check out SIGNUP.COM at the address above to see what spots are available and when.

In Transition, Team Work Continues

During our work of preparation, we are following the Synod-provided detailed resource for [Congregations in Transition](#); it outlines the work required during the Transition in preparation for the completion of St. Andrew's Mission Profile which must be submitted before the Synod puts forward Lead Pastor candidates for our consideration.

The [Mission Site Profile](#) is a 10-page document that describes our congregational ministry and mission, as well as what characteristics we are looking for in a Lead Pastor. In July, members of the congregation provided their thoughts on Our Community and Leadership. Here are the results:

AS A COMMUNITY					
	A LOT LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LOT LIKE US	
We tend to be formal and programmatic.		✓			We tend to be informal and spontaneous.
We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future.		✓			We have no stated goals or plans
We are racially and economically diverse.				✓	We are demographically homogeneous.
OUR LEADERSHIP STYLE					
We welcome ideas that are provoking and challenging.		✓			We prefer ideas that are tried and true.
We rely on our leaders for direction.			✓		We rely on group decision-making.
We have learned how to use conflict constructively.			✓		We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive.

In August, we are asking for your insight as we describe Our Programming and Theological Perspective.

Look for the yellow poster in the Narthex. Each row lists a characteristic on the left and a characteristic on the right; select the one term that you think best describes St. Andrew (one dot, per row, per person). For those who are not able to respond in person, you may complete the survey on-line at

[Ministry Characteristics Survey](#).

Please complete the survey one time only.

We have several activities planned for September, including a Visioning Event on **Saturday, September 9**, and a Congregational Survey and Table Talk on **Tuesday, September 26**.

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

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

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Howard Christianson	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Larry and Bonnie Bliesner
Family and friends of Maida Farrar (cousin)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Carol Hogan
Aaron Miller	Comfort and strength	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
Claris Poppert	Peace and comfort	Staff
Paul Berge (brother-in-law)	Successful surgery after a bike accident	Lynn Santelmann
Ron Means	Comfort and a quick recovery surgery	Deacon India
Bob Brown	Successful healing and recovery from surgery	Mary Brown
Joyce Harmon	Healing and recovery	Maxine Harmon
Marshall Frimoth and family	Healing and recovery	Pr. Laurie
Carol Hogan	Comfort and healing	Deacon India
Paul Miller (brother-in-law)	Healing and comfort	Ginny Link
The DOTAC Assembly (Diakonia of the Americas & the Caribbean)	Thanksgiving and wisdom	Deacon India
People in Hawaii	Protection 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	Courage and protection	Staff
Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna		
Bethesda Lutheran (Eugene)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Good Shepherd Lutheran (Eugene)		
Congregation Kesser Israel (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff



70th Anniversary:
a happy hours celebration!

Saturday
September 23, 2023
4:00-6:00 pm

Save the Date!

Newsletter Calendar

To allow for staff vacations, "Weekly News" will be distributed as follows in August:

Friday, August 18: usual schedule

Friday, August 25: NO newsletter

Please remember that the deadline to receive content for the week's newsletter is Wednesday at 4:00 pm. Send your material (copy and possibly graphics) to:

charker@standrewlutheran.com

Church Office 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.

Preparing for Worship

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Matthew 15:21-28

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Office Assistant Johanna Land.....	office@standrewlutheran.com
Bookkeeper Karen Mallari.....	bookkeeper@standrewlutheran.com
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Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 13

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

Monday, August 14

7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting Zoom
 7:00 pm Men’s Book Club..... Library

Tuesday, August 15

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
 7:00 pm Adult Education Team Meeting..... Library

Wednesday, August 16

6:00 pm HR Meeting..... via Zoom

Thursday, August 17

10:00 am Strength & Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm Team Ministry Meeting Chapel/Library
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children’s Commons
 7:00 pm Council Meeting Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 18—Office Closed, 1:00-4:00 pm

10:00 am Tai Chi..... Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 19

9:00 am Nifty Notters..... Fellowship Hall
 3:00 pm Reading English Study GroupSt. Andrew Room

Sunday, August 20

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 StudyChapel
 3:00 pm Spirituality Book GroupMember’s Home and Zoom

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards have long been an important tool for churches to use to forecast church revenue. They can also help parishioners review their priorities to determine if their giving and spending truly reflect their values.

The finance folks at St. Andrew invite you to take a pledge card from the table at the entrance to the Sanctuary as a prompt to consider your resources and how you’re allocating them. Then fill out the card, fold it in half for privacy, and drop it in the offering plate. Or you can return your pledge card to the church office in a sealed envelope, attention Financial Secretaries.

Thank you!

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.