

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 1, 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

Job Opening at St. Andrew

St. Andrew is advertising to fill a Nursery Attendant position. If you know of qualified individuals who might be interested, please direct them to <https://standrewlutheran.com/job-openings/> for a complete job description and information on how to apply.

Nifty Notters



Please join the Nifty Notters on **Saturday, September 30**, and **Saturday, October 7**, to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for children in local Beaverton families. We have tasks for people with no sewing skills, as well as those with experience. Drop in for a short time or bring a lunch to Fellowship Hall anytime between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm. All are welcome and supplies are provided. If you have any questions, contact Pam Farr (503-626-6657) or Peggy Thompson (451-517-9729).

MACG Question of the Month

Luther's 95 Theses or Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences were posted almost 506 years ago on October 31, 1517. As the title suggests the main theme was the paying of indulgences for the reduction of one's sins. These 95 Theses were Luther's suggestions for reforming the Catholic Church to better reflect his beliefs on spirituality as reflected in the Bible. Since the beginning, Lutherans have recognized the Gift of God's grace rather than indulgences. As society has changed over the centuries, are there reforms in the church that you'd like to see?

Last Call for Western Farm Workers

This is the final weekend that St. Andrew's Service Committee will be collecting food and clothing for area farm workers.

The following food items are the highest priority at this time:



Cooking oil	Canned tuna	Peanut butter
Beans	Pasta	Jelly
	Rice	

Types of clothing being requested by the WFW this fall are listed below. These contributions must be gently used and clean or new! Clothing NOT needed includes sleepwear, swimsuits, and negligees. Needed items include:

Men's work pants	Men's winter coats
Rain jackets	Sweatshirts
Men's work boots	Sweaters

Barrels to collect the food and clothing are in the Narthex.

Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed to help our hard-working neighbors make it through the winter.

Deacon Susan

Adult Education 2023-2024

Again this week, adult learners have two choices on Sunday morning: Part I of Steve Christiansen's class on "Revelation" or Janet Vorvick's exploration of "Eight Kinds of Meditation."

Spiritual formation classes for all ages at St. Andrew begin at 11:00 am. Please join Steve in Fellowship Hall to tackle what seems to be a violent, frightening book of the Bible; or head to the St. Andrew Room to discover a variety of ways to meditate and determine which might be most suitable for you.



Ethel Ritchey Birthday!

Ethel Ritchey's 98th birthday is coming up on **October 2**. If you'd like to help her celebrate the day, send cards to: Garden Home Care, 8150 SW 80th Ave, Portland, OR 97223. Ethel also welcomes short, 30-minute visits, but please call first: 503-719-5933.

Sister India

Alzheimer's Meeting



Caregivers, if you face challenges in providing care for a loved one with dementia—while also managing to take care of yourself—please mark 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 3**, on your calendars.

St. Andrew is hosting a program that afternoon to help caregivers learn about resources that are available to them. And, if there's sufficient interest, an ongoing support group may grow out of the gathering. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Blessing of the Animals

Sister India is going to host a Blessing of the Animals for pets or stuffies! Bring your animal, a picture of your animal, or your stuffed animal for a blessing to the Sanctuary of the Firs on **Saturday, October 7**, at 11:00 am, where we'll celebrate all of God's creatures. Who knows? We may even come across the Sanctuary of the Firs deer that day!



Game Night

The MACG Core Team is organizing another game night, this time on **Saturday, October 14**. Join the fun from 7:00-9:00 pm as we play board games, card games, or whatever type of games you like. We'll have some games available, but please feel free to bring a favorite if you have one. Bring a snack to share, too.



Whether you're newer to our community or a charter member, this is a great way to connect with others in a low-pressure, fun atmosphere. Questions? Contact any member of the MACG Core Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, Jan Smith, or Scott Taylor.

Fall Collection Drive for LWR

Thank you to everyone who's already contributed to our school supplies drive for Lutheran World Relief this year. We are so close to meeting our goal of filling 200 school bags for youth around the world who need supplies in order to attend school.



Only two items remain on our list: spiral-bound 70-sheet notebooks and 16- or 24-count boxes of crayons. Please leave your contributions in the box labeled LWR in the Narthex. Thank you!

Item & Number Needed	Already Have	Still Need
800 spiral notebooks (70-sheet)	628	172
200 rulers	207	0
200 pencil sharpeners	205	0
200 blunt scissors	228	0
1,000 #2 pencils (unsharpened)	1,411	0
1,000 blue or black pens	1,475	0
200 boxes (16- or 24-count) crayons	150	50
200 erasers (2-inch size)	342	0

LWR Ingathering Volunteer Opportunities

We are preparing for our fall Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering and looking for volunteers. We have two opportunities:

On **Tuesday, October 24**, 5:00-7:00 pm, we will be assembling school kits in Fellowship Hall, as well as packing the kits and quilts made by the Nifty Notters into boxes. This is a great event for families. Please go to the article on page 1 of this newsletter to see items still needed for the school kits.

We also need volunteers to help with the Ingathering on **Friday, October 27**, and **Saturday, October 28**. On Friday, volunteers have a two-hour shift starting at 8:00 am. We end that day at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to fill a three-hours shift, 9:00 am-Noon.



The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

- Load the shipping container with boxes weighing up to 40 pounds.
- Greet people from churches as they drive up to drop off their donations.

The box you help load at the Ingathering could mean the difference for refugees around the world, especially now as people are coping with so many catastrophic events.

Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Rochelle McIntire at 503-804-7967 or pacificnwlrwgroup@gmail.com.

Comcast Email Addresses

Did you know that people with Comcast email addresses often report difficulty in getting messages from St. Andrew? Should you ever miss receiving Friday's email with links to the church newsletter and worship folder, please contact the church office (office@standrewlutheran.com or 503-646-0629).

We'll add you to our Comcast distribution list. It doesn't depend on our church database software for distribution and seems better able to sneak past spam firewalls.

You're invited to spend a
A CLASSY AFTERNOON
 with Big Horn Brass and the Exaltation Handbells
 October 7, 2023
 3:00 pm
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 10390 SW Canyon Rd
 Beaverton, OR
This is a free community concert
 Sponsored by
 The St Matthew Lutheran Church Foundation
 The Erik Weswig Memorial Fund

Special Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the St. Andrew congregation will be held following worship on **Sunday, October 29**, for the purpose of approving adjustments to the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for a short meeting beginning at about 11:00 am. Please note that we must have 10 percent of the voting members present to establish a quorum.

In addition to voting on budget changes, the meeting will enable a vote on approving the amended Constitution that was shared with the congregation prior to the Annual Meeting on June 13, 2023. Go to <https://standrewlutheran.com/congregational-documents-policies> to see copies of the current Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the proposed Constitution up for approval.

MACG Delegate Assembly Coming Soon

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the next MACG Delegate Assembly on **Thursday, October 26**, 7:00-8:30 pm, on Zoom. As a member of the St. Andrew community, you are automatically a delegate and encouraged to attend the assembly. Come and hear about the next steps in the Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization efforts, the ongoing work of the Climate Team, and help make decisions about future actions. Learn more about MACG and perhaps even find a place where your passion meets the needs of the world. Come and represent St. Andrew as we continue the process of renewing our commitment to working for the common good of Oregon and the world. Watch this space for a Zoom link. Questions? Ask any member of the MACG Core Team at St. Andrew: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, Jan Smith, or Scott Taylor.



Recycling: Is It Really So Great?

Hi Friends, I am taking a 2-month recycling course being taught by Metro called the Master Recycler Program. The program may be misnamed as there is more discussion about many other Earth care topics than there is about recycling. For the next few months, I will be sharing with you what I am learning. And there is a lot!

I did not know this before, but Metro is a regional government in the greater Portland area. It's a 5th layer of government that we have that is unusual in most parts of the country. Metro includes most of Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties, and it manages our garbage disposal and recycling for 1.5 million residents.



Recycling requires a lot of energy and it is not the best way to reduce waste.

One thing that is being emphasized again and again in this class is that recycling is actually not so great. Far more important than recycling is reducing the amount of stuff we buy and/or refusing to buy new things in the first place. The second most important thing we should be doing is reusing and/or repairing things rather than discarding them.

The process of recycling things (turning something old into a new product) takes a lot of energy. The manufacturing process, packaging, and transportation of those new products adds more carbon and other greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

Recycling is still better than incinerating trash which pollutes the air, or landfilling trash which creates methane gas.

In the class, we've been told that we should embrace the trash can! We've all seen pictures of what happens when garbage companies go on strike in cities and the trash does not get picked up. It's a public health crisis.

This is what happens to our garbage: It gets picked up from our homes by a privately owned company and taken to one of two transfer stations within the Portland Metro area where there is an effort to remove some recyclable things such as cardboard from the trash. But this is done by hand so a lot gets missed, and a great deal of recyclable material still goes to the landfill. Long-haul semi trucks get filled with 34 tons each of garbage from the garbage trucks. The semi trucks drive 150 miles east on I-84 to Arlington, Oregon to a gigantic landfill. The landfill in Arlington also takes Seattle's garbage.

Problems with Recycling: Recycling used to be profitable, but not so much anymore. It has become expensive, especially in the U.S. The reasons have to do with the global market for scrap material, the price of oil, and our continued reliance on cheap, single-use products. It takes time, money, labor, and energy to collect and process recycled goods. Recycling is not equitable; not everyone has the same access to recycling options, especially in multi-family dwellings like apartments. The rules for recycling are confusing since every garbage company, every city, and every county has its own recycling rules. And lack of responsible recycling means that a lot of contaminants (things that don't belong there) end up in the recycle bin. This clogs and fouls the machines that sort the recyclables and workers sometimes get injured.

Oregon's Bottle Bill: Oregon was the first state to pass the bottle bill in 1971. The advantage of recycling beverage bottles is that it is a very clean stream of recyclable material as nothing but the glass, aluminum, or plastic bottles gets into the mix. The glass, aluminum, and plastic are easily separated. 100% of the material collected is actually recycled, whereas 8% to 25% of the material returned through curbside recycling is either not recyclable, contaminated, or is missed during the sorting process, meaning that a lot of the material in those systems ends up in the landfill. At St. Andrew, we enjoy the additional benefit of supporting our kids when we take our bottles to the bottle-drop site in the blue bags.

Remember: Reduce/refuse, Reuse/repair, and –if those are not options – then recycle!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas

Christmas
for **Christ**

Not really – although decorations are starting to show up in stores. This is the time of year, though, when families begin making plans for the holidays. This year, St. Andrew is adjusting its Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship plans as follows:

- **Sunday, December 24:** The Fourth Sunday of Advent.
Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:30 am.
- **Sunday, December 24:** Christmas Eve.
Candlelight Service at 9:00 pm.
Please note that there will be ONE service so we can all celebrate the birth of Jesus together. As has become our practice, this service will be available on Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube.
- **Monday, December 25:** Christmas Day.
Pre-Recorded Service available from our normal livestream link. There will NOT be a service in person on Christmas Day.

Stay tuned for details about our Christmas Eve Family Service, which is geared toward families with younger children.

We have enjoyed worshiping together at one service on Sunday mornings, joined by our Zoom community of friends. Having one candlelight service will bring the joy and energy of a full sanctuary to this holy day.

St. Andrew Worship Planning Team

Christmas Caroling

Would you be interested in gathering for Christmas caroling on a Sunday afternoon in December? I would love to know who might enjoy singing carols. Please contact Sister India at

india@standrewlutheran.com

if you'd like to be part of a caroling group!



Party Video

If you missed St. Andrew's 70th Birthday celebration last Saturday, you can still enjoy the flavor of the event via YouTube. Go to:

<https://youtu.be/DkAnunkAkby>

Walking the Path

by Pastor Laurie Newman

I was first drawn to St. Andrew by the Sanctuary of the Firs and the deep commitment of the congregation to Earth care. This poem is inspired by our sanctuary and worship amidst the trees.



The noise of the world pounds its dreary beat
Of despair and doubt,
But when you walk the sacred path,
Stumble or dance,
The Spirit will soothe out

Pine needles, soft and brown
Carpet our way as we walk down.
In the firs, we find rest.
The sanctuary, the peace—
It calls out our best.

We look back with love for those who opened the way.
They gathered at the welcome table,
They offered their gifts, practicing each day.
They lived into being—the St. Andrew church.
Surely, it was the peace of Christ, that brought all to birth.

Over seven decades, fed by the bread of life,
The congregation has lived in joy and in strife,
The vision of the past, became the present gift.
And, now, as we look ahead, we pray for vision,
For compassion, truth, and kindness, to uplift.

With the promptings of Spirit, our limbs lean on one another,
Cleaning the air, with feathered leaves.
Providing home for creature's ease. Our roots twine,
And though we can't know the future,
We can trust that we are leaning on the Love Divine.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Claris Poppert	Comfort and peace	Staff
Anne Newell	Peace and courage	Anne Newell
Dennis (brother)	Accurate diagnosis and treatment	Judy Heidinger
Susan Werner Reiser	Healing and recovery from infection	Staff
Cindy Stadel	Comfort and healing	Sister India
Gabriel Steele	Comfort and healing	Kyler Vogt
Relative	Successful intervention and healing	AJ & Rebecca Uecker
People in harm's way, especially those impacted by climate change	Protection, safety, and support	Staff
Transition Team	Discernment with the congregation	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	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 Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Grace First Lutheran (Bend) Church of Living Waters Lutheran (Burns)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	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.

In Transition: One More Week to Complete Site Profile Survey

Please submit your responses to the Mission Site Profile Congregational Survey by **Sunday, October 8**. This gives the Transition Team time to review the responses as we work toward the final stages of completion of the Mission Site Profile. Please complete the paper survey available in the Narthex or click on this link to complete the survey online:

[Congregation Survey for Mission Site Profile.](#)

These are the questions from the Mission Site Profile for your consideration:

- List three changes or trends within the congregation which have occurred in the last three to five years.
- List three ways that the community in which St. Andrew is located has been challenged by change and transition in the last three to five years.
- What is your congregation really excited about right now?
- How does this congregation understand its reason for being in the light of God's call to mission and service? Who are you? Why are you here?

Please let any of the team members know any 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

Outside In Thanks You

Last week, just before the rain, we delivered 492 pairs of socks to the Outside In to help keep our young homeless neighbors dry and comfortable during winter. The love of God demonstrated by your giving never ceases to amaze me! Thank you.

Bonnie Bliesner
& the Service Committee

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Preparing for Worship

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Matthew 21:33-46

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 1

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	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, Lower Level Classrooms
11:00 am	Confirmation	Adult Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Eight Kinds of Meditation: Which Is Right for You?	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Revelation, Part 1	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 3

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	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Offsite
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Alzheimer's Awareness Presentation	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, October 4

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, October 5

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
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Executive Council Committee Meeting	Zoom

Friday, October 6—Office Closed, 1:00-4:00 pm

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, October 7

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Blessing of the Animals	Sanctuary of the Firs
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room

Sunday, October 8

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	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Confirmation	Adult Library
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11:00 am	Adult Ed: Eight Kinds of Meditation: Which Is Right for You?	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Revelation, Part I	Fellowship Hall



Sharing Your Stories

Do you have a favorite story that connects you to St. Andrew? Help us create a St. Andrew storybook for future generations. We invite you to share anecdotes, not lists of events. Yes, the dates of marriages and baptisms are important, but really not very interesting—unless the baby bit the pastor or the groom sank to his knee to sing a touching love song to his new bride following the vows. You get it. Something out of the usual pattern of things.

Email your anecdotes to office@standrewlutheran.com or send them by snail mail to the church. If we receive a sufficient number of stories, we'll compile a booklet chronicling 70th Anniversary Memoires to share with everyone.

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.