

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 3, 2023

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## In Transition: Congregational Visioning Event

**Saturday, September 9, 1:00-4:00 pm**

The Transition Team has completed many tasks recommended in the Synod resource for [Congregations in Transition](#), and we are now working on the [Mission Site Profile](#) (MSP) to describe our congregational ministry and mission and identify what characteristics we are looking for in a Lead Pastor. One of the major sections of the MSP is Our Vision for Mission.

In this time of transition, it is also important to have a picture of the future of the church as we imagine God plans it to be. We need to hear your dreams, hopes, and aspirations to inspire a shared vision for St. Andrew. Please plan on joining the Transition Team at this important event.

## Fun at St. Andrew's Ice Cream Social



It was hot last Saturday, when well more than 100 people from the congregation and our surrounding community showed up for St. Andrew's ice cream social. It was a fun afternoon and the weather made the ice cream easy to scoop—plus several people joined in learning a line dance from Pastor Laurie.

## 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*

## Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters will NOT meet on Saturday, September 16.



Instead, 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 Peggy Thompson at 451-517-9729.

## RSVP for 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

St. Andrew will be celebrating its 70th anniversary on **Saturday, September 23, 2023**, with a happy hours event from 4:00-6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.



Please RSVP now by going to <https://forms.gle/Ltrj5oVrtZhs3f8T7>. To meet the caterer's deadline, we need to know expected attendance numbers by September 9, so do note the **RSVP deadline: Friday, September 8, 2023**.

## Ministry Fair Participants



The Ministry Fair on **Sunday, September 10**, is almost here! If you've reserved your spot, great. If not, please talk with Gretchen Bancroft TODAY to be a part of the fun. Here are some important details:

- Prepare some sort of display: poster board, handouts, etc.
- Find a stamp and stamp pad or some stickers to give folks attending the fair so they can fill out their passports.
- Looking for new members? Prepare a sign-up sheet to collect information.
- Is there a small snack that would make your ministry team memorable? Bring it along.

Come to the Visioning Event on Saturday, September 9, and stay for a short time afterwards to set up your table space. Or, set up your display on Sunday morning. After the event concludes, help with putting away tables and chairs would be most appreciated.

Questions? Chat with any member of the MACG Core Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, Scott Taylor.

## Job Openings at St. Andrew

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

## Preparing for Head Start

Watch for changes in and around the church as St. Andrew prepares to welcome Head Start to share our children's ministry space this year. Already, the old play structure has been removed for safety's sake and Head Start supplies, furniture, and program materials are being unpacked on the lower level. Head Start staff began work this week and we expect the program to welcome students on September 11, pending all necessary inspections.



## Hibernation Time for Mason Bees



As we reach the end of summer, it's time to start thinking about putting mason bees, some of our most effective pollinators, into hibernation. St. Andrew is blessed to have Brian Cheney, mason bee advocate and expert, available to help with that process.

If you have mason bee nests, Brian invites you to bring the straws of cocoons to church over the next few weeks so that he can clean them and store them over the winter. Then he'll distribute cocoons ready to hatch to anyone in the congregation who wants them in March 2024.

## Call Me Sister

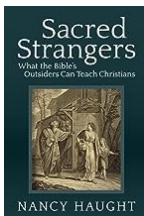
During a church service on August 19, 2023, I went through the Rite of Reception with the ELCA Deaconess Community to become an official member of their community. It has been a four-year-long process of discernment with the Deaconess Community, alongside working with the Synod to become ordained as Minister of Word and Service. I graduated with my Master of Divinity in 2018, completed two units of Clinical Pastoral Education in 2018 and 2019, and completed all of the writing and interviewing with the Synod to become ordained on June 25, 2023. During all of that time, I have been living as a candidate in community with the ELCA Deaconess Community. A candidate with that community can be involved in working groups, attend assemblies, and do many things a Sister can do, with the exception of voting on decisions made within the community.

Once I was ordained, I could become an official part of the ELCA Deaconess Community and I am excited to be living in community with this amazing group of women. Living in community means meeting once a year in person at assembly, via Zoom for book study groups, prayer, or meetings, and/or communicating by email, mail, phone, and in person when possible. Our group spans the generations as some of our Sisters have been around long before Deaconesses began to marry and live outside of a community residence. All of us are involved in ministry or have been involved in ministry, and we find strength, support, and value in being a part of this group of Sisters. I will be going by Sister as a recognition of my commitment to the Deaconess Community and my joy in being a part of that group. If you have questions about our community, do not hesitate to ask!

*Sister India*

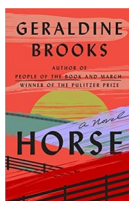
## New Nonfiction in the Adult Library

*Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith*, by Rob Bell  
*Prayers for the Cosmos: Reflections on the Original Meaning of Jesus's Words*, by Neil Douglas-Klotz  
*Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus*, by Robin R. Myers  
*We Die Alone: A World War II Epic of Escape and Endurance*, by David Howarth, Stuart Langton, et. al.  
*The Astronaut Wives Club: A True Story*, by Lily Koppel  
*Ambassadors of Reconciliation: New Testament Reflections on Restorative Justice and Peacemaking (Vol. 1)*, by Ched Myers and Elaine Enns  
*Ambassadors of Reconciliation: Diverse Christian Practices of Restorative Justice and Peacemaking (Vol. 2)*, by Chad Myers and Elaine Enns  
*My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*, by Ari Shavit  
*Sacred Strangers: What the Bible's Outsiders Can Teach Christians*, by Nancy Haught



## Spirituality Book Group

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, September 10**, at 3:00 pm at Fran Miller's home to discuss *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks. Mary Ann Snider will lead the discussion.



As described in *Time* magazine, "*Horse* isn't just an animal story—it's a moving narrative about race and art." From the discovery of a discarded painting in a junk pile, to a skeleton in the Smithsonian's attic, to the greatest racehorse in American history, Brooks tells a story reflecting ongoing racism and injustice in America.

All are welcome to attend. Please let Mary Smith or Fran Miller know if you are coming.

### This Month

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

### Future Reading

**October 15:** *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe*, by Richard Rohr

Hostess: Sharon Fako  
Discussion Leader: Mary Smith

**November 19:** *A Single Thread*, by Tracy Chevalier

Hostess: Dianne Zupunski  
Discussion Leader: Lynn Santelmann

**December 10:** *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus

Hostess: Susan Reiser  
Discussion Leader: Elaine May

**January 21:** *A Mountain of Crumbs*, by Elena Gorokhova

Hostess: Mary Smith  
Discussion Leader: Peggy Thompson



## Balancing Care and Confidentiality

**Dear St. Andrew Friends,**

I've been impressed with the way this congregations cares for one another. When members have needed food, rides, visits in the hospital, other members come through for them. Chaplain India provides prompt care and communicates to me and others on the prayer chain. The prayer chain people are great about contacting the church with new needs. Our eucharistic ministers keep in contact with folks who aren't able to be regular in worship.

In any congregation, there is a challenge in balancing care and keeping confidentiality. It seem to me that St. Andrew does a pretty good job in the balance. The confidentiality part needs special attention in the era of livestreaming.

We publish the names and prayer needs that we know of in this weekly newsletter. We include most of those prayer needs in our Sunday worship service, by first name only. The reason that we are naming only by first name is that, because the service is livestreamed, we are guarding privacy. Not everyone wants their full names (and health matters) mentioned on the Internet.

And, theologically, we trust that God knows all our needs, even before we can ask. So, ultimately, the prayers are to change us, as God's grace, healing, and wholeness are already present.

*Pr. Laurie*

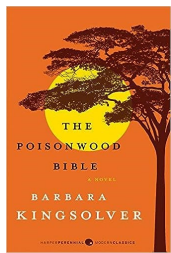
## Fall Collection Drive for LWR

Lutheran World Relief's fall Ingathering is about two months away, so it's time to buy school supplies for the 200 school bags St. Andrew would like to donate this year. Here's what is needed:



Item & Number Needed	Already Have	Still Need
800 spiral notebooks (70-sheet)	380	420
200 rulers	85	115
200 pencil sharpeners	37	163
200 blunt scissors	15	185
1,000 #2 pencils (unsharpened)	753	247
1,000 blue or black pens	463	537
200 boxes (16- or 24-count) crayons	78	122
200 erasers (2-inch size)	298	0

Please leave your contributions in the box labeled LWR in the Narthex. And thank you for helping kids around the world get the supplies they need to attend school!



## Wednesday Book Group with Sister India

St. Andrew's Wednesday Book Group will begin discussing the first 50 pages of *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver next **Wednesday, September 6**, 1:00-2:30 pm, in the St. Andrew Room. All are welcome to join and discuss this powerful novel.

## Oregon Synod Lay School with Pastor Mark

Fall 2023 Course

### Coming Home to Earth:

*An Evangelical Lutheran Perspective on Faith and Ecology*

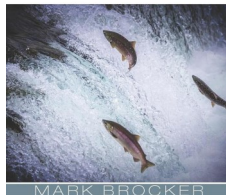
Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm

**September 19-November 9, 2023**

Live on Zoom

On Thursday evenings this fall, Dr. Mark Broucker, former pastor at St. Andrew, will lead an eight-week live online course based on his book, *Coming Home to Earth*. It is urgent that we recognize that our well-being as humans is intimately connected with the well-being of Earth and all its inhabitants. Dr. Broucker is especially concerned about what will motivate people of faith to take action: love of God, love of neighbor, love of creation, and love of self are classic core values in our faith tradition that can motivate us to address pressing ecological issues.

Coming Home  
to Earth



Join Pastor Mark to explore our relationship with Earth and to find ways to take action, including in our congregations. Register for the course by going to [www.oregonsynod.org](http://www.oregonsynod.org) and clicking on "Events."

## Climate Optimism

In the midst of so many climate-related disasters and challenges, let's remember the power that we have to make things better. At its August Earth Care meeting, members talked about some successes seen in their lifetimes. Larry Bliesner shared this story:

Back in the fall of 1963 at La Habra High School in Orange County, CA—before the Clean Air Act and catalytic converters—the smog would get so bad that the guys on the football team couldn't breathe in deeply. Schools had to provide oxygen tanks for the players at practice sessions and at games. Not everyone used them, but several players needed some deep breaths from that concentrated oxygen to keep playing. Thankfully, the air in American cities is much improved from those days.

The Clean Air Act was initially enacted in 1963 and has been amended many times since. It was our country's first modern environmental law and remains our primary federal air quality law. The Clean Air Act of 1970 required all cars after the year 1975 to be equipped with a catalytic converter. This act required all vehicles to cut their emissions by 90 percent in only five years!

## Western Farm Workers: Food & Clothing Collection, Advocacy Need, and Car Donation

The Service Team is collecting food and clothing during September to support the Western Farm Workers (WFW). These are the workers who work 12-hour days, 7 days a week, to pick the fresh fruit and vegetables we enjoy.

This year, food is especially needed as the WFW food pantry is very low because of reduced harvests resulting from weather events this past spring. There is not enough work due to crop shortages, so workers are scheduled for fewer work hours. Many families are living on less than \$40 a day, which is insufficient to cover food and housing costs. The following food items are the highest priority at this time:

Cooking oil	Canned tuna
Beans	Pasta
Peanut butter	Rice
Jelly	



Clothing is also being requested by the WFW this fall. Contributions must be gently used or new—and clean! Clothing NOT needed includes sleepwear, swimsuits, and negligees. Clothing desperately needed at this time includes:

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

Barrels to collect the food and clothing will be in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, September 3**.

Western Farm Workers are also looking for advocates to help fight high water rate increases in the county. These are a result of large data centers being built that require water to cool their equipment. Many Western Farm Workers are having their water cut off because they're unable to pay the bill. If you're interested, please contact Parker at WFW, 503-681-9399.

Finally, WFW are looking for the donation of a working vehicle to replace their automobile that literally blew up recently. If you can help, please contact Parker at the number above.

Deacon Susan

## In Transition

The Transition Team Continues to work on completing the [Mission Site Profile](#) which is a 10-page document that describes our congregational ministry and mission, and what characteristics we are looking for in a Lead Pastor. In August the congregation provided their thoughts on Our Programming and Theological Perspective.

Here are the results:

OUR PROGRAMMING					
	A lot like us	A little like us	A little like us	A lot like us	
Our facilities are often used by community groups.	✓				Our facilities are only used for our activities.
We train people to minister outside our walls.		✓			We train people to minister inside our walls.
We focus on ideas and beliefs.		✓			We focus on skills and action.
OUR IDENTITY AND PRACTICE					
We are obviously Lutheran in identity and practice.	✓				We are less obvious about our Lutheran heritage.
We participate in synod and ELCA activities.	✓				We are not very active in the synod and ELCA.
We focus on Biblical studies and doctrine.			✓		We focus on contemporary issues and topics.

In September we will introduce a survey based on questions from the Mission Site Profile. Here are the questions 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?

That last question is a big one. Please join the Transition Team on **Saturday, September 9, 1:00-4:00 pm** at the Visioning Event in Fellowship Hall so we can envision where God is taking us.

Please let any of the team members 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 Cora Lee Benefield	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Camille Jackson
Family and friends of Kay Schmaltz	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Camille Jackson
Family and friends of John Core	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Bev Briggs
Aaron, Jan Smith, Sue Cahlander, and family	Peace and God's comfort	Jan Smith and Sue Cahlander
Imogene, Lee, and Caroline	Peace and strength	Rebecca Uecker
Susan Werner Reiser	Successful surgery (September 5) and healing	Staff
Jean Fredrickson	Healing and recovery	Judy Heidinger
Stefany Zenger (relative)	Healing	Joanne Zenger
Jack Rae	Healing and recovery	Anne Williams
Henry Briggs	Healing and recovery	Bev Briggs
Lee (friend)	Healing and recovery	Bob Krisher (from tai chi)
Maria Alvarez	Comfort and healing	Linda Dodds
Chris Entrikin (son)	Comfort and healing	Jerry Entrikin
Bill Shaw (father)	Comfort and healing	Lee Anne Knapp
Del Mahler	Comfort and healing	Mary Nell Mahler
Sister Shana and Sister Ruth Ellen	Comfort and healing from surgery	Sister India
Camille Jackson	Comfort and healing from surgery	Sister India
Steve and Glenda Claborne	Safety and effectiveness working with Mercy Core	Tom and Pam Jelineo
Clay Keyser	Courage and protection during Air Force boot camp	Clay and Debi Gustafson
Sam Harker (grandson)	Safety and protection fighting wildfires	Carol Harker
Linda Newby (relative)	Thanksgiving for healing	Joanne Zenger
People in harm's way	Protection, safety, and support	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 Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Good Shepherd Lutheran (Cave Junction)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Calvary Lutheran (Grants Pass)		
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	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.

## 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!

Your St. Andrew Staff

Council President Sue Lee..... 503-686-9297  
 Interim Pastor Laurie Newman.....laurienewman@standrewlutheran.com  
 Sister India Jensen Kerr ..... india@standrewlutheran.com  
 Deacon Susan Reiser, Parish Musician and  
 Interim Minister of Music.....srwerner.reiser@standrewlutheran.com  
 Children & Youth Minister Kyler Vogt ..... kvogt@standrewlutheran.com  
 Parish Manager Carol Harker.....charker@standrewlutheran.com  
 Office Assistant Johanna Land .....office@standrewlutheran.com  
 Bookkeeper Karen Mallari .....bookkeeper@standrewlutheran.com  
 Housekeeper Carol Hogan..... 503-646-0629  
 Evening Facility Caretaker Scott Taylor ..... 503-646-0629  
 Parish Nurses Diane Reiner ..... 503-201-4222  
 Tira Nessel..... 503-866-5099

**Preparing for Worship**  
Sunday, September 10, 2023

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
 Psalm 119:33-40  
 Matthew 18:15-20

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, September 3

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, September 4—Labor Day; Office Closed

## Tuesday, September 5

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  
6:00 pm HR Meeting ..... via Zoom  
6:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild ..... Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Scout Troop 198 ..... Children's Commons  
6:30 pm Fantasy Football Draft Party ..... Youth Room  
7:00 pm MACG Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room

## Wednesday, September 6

1:00 pm Wednesday Book Group with India ..... St. Andrew Room

## Thursday, September 7

10:00 am Strength & Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am Transition Team Meeting ..... Library  
12:00 pm Team Ministry Meeting ..... Chapel/Library  
6:30 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children's Commons  
7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting ..... via Zoom

## Friday, September 8—Office Closed, 1:00-4:00 pm

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

## Saturday, September 9

11:00 am Stewardship Committee Meeting ..... via Zoom  
1:00 pm St. Andrew Visioning Event ..... Fellowship Hall  
3:00 pm Reading English Study Group ..... St. Andrew Room  
4:00 pm Ministry Fair Set-up ..... Fellowship Hall, Narthex

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9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....Chapel  
10:45 am Education and Ministry Fair.....Fellowship Hall, Narthex

## Cards for Christine Core

People wanting to reach out to Pastor Christine Core following the sudden death of her husband John are welcome to send cards to:

Christine Core  
2414 NW Stimpson Lane  
Portland, OR 97229.

A memorial service in celebration of John Core's life will be held at St. Andrew at 11:00 am on **Saturday, September 16**, with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

## 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.