

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 22, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Nifty Notters



The autumn clock is ticking down toward the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering the last weekend in October, so the Nifty Notters need all hands available on **Saturday, October 21**, as they work to complete quilts for LWR. Work sessions begin at 9:00 am and go to 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Drop in for a couple hours or

bring a lunch and spend all day. We have tasks for people with no sewing skills, as well as those with experience. All are welcome and supplies are provided. If you have any questions, contact Pam Farr (503-626-6657) or Peggy Thompson (451-517-9729).

Adult Education 2023-2024

Spiritual formation classes for all ages at St. Andrew begin at 11:00 am on Sundays. This week, adult learners will conclude the Fall I term with their choice of two classes: Part I of Steve Christiansen's class on "Revelation" or Janet Vorvick's exploration of "Eight Kinds of Meditation."



Please join Steve in Fellowship Hall to tackle what can seem to be a violent book of the Bible; or head to the St. Andrew Room to discover a variety of ways to meditate with Janet.

Job Openings at St. Andrew

St. Andrew is currently advertising to fill two part-time positions: an Interim Keyboardist and a Nursery Attendant.

Interim Minister of Music Susan Reiser will continue to regularly lead worship on the organ, so applicants for the Interim Keyboardist position are not required to be proficient on that instrument. Instead, the church is looking to identify someone to provide piano accompaniment for the Sanctuary Choir during Wednesday night rehearsals and twice a month on Sunday mornings. The person will also serve as the keyboardist for one Sunday worship service each month. This 10-hour per week position is expected to continue through May 31, 2024, with the possibility of extension.

St. Andrew also continues its search for a loving child care provider to serve as Nursery Attendant on Sunday mornings. Applicants must be 18 years or older and will be paired with volunteers to provide care for young children from 9:00 am-Noon.

If you know of qualified individuals who might be interested in either of these positions, please direct them to

<https://standrewlutheran.com/job-openings/>

for complete job descriptions and information on how to apply.

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 11:00 am. Please note that we must have 10 percent of the voting members present (48 people) 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.

Please note that the ELCA requires its member congregations to update their constitutions every three years to comply with the ELCA model constitution. St. Andrew's current Constitution was approved in 2014, so this update is long overdue.

Many thanks to Council member Rachel Roberts who incorporated the ELCA's required changes, which include the use of more inclusive language, the addition of some footnotes, clarifying language regarding conducting meetings virtually, and flipping the order of two chapters in the document.

MACG Delegate Assembly Coming Soon

Plan to attend the next MACG Delegate Assembly:

Thursday, October 26

7:00-8:45 pm, on Zoom

Register at –

https://www.macg.org/macg_2023_delegate_assembly

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.

Zoom Hosting

Are you interested in hosting our Zoom community for worship once in a while? Rebecca Uecker's last day as Zoom Host will be October 29 and we are looking for others to lead the Zoom community. If you're interested in volunteering, speak with Janet Vorvick and if you have questions about what it means to be a Zoom host, contact Sister India at 503-860-5377 or email

india@standrewlutheran.com.

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.

We also need volunteers to help with the Ingathering on **Friday, October 27**, and **Saturday, October 28**. On Friday, volunteers work two-hour shifts starting at 8:00 am. We end that day at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to fill a three-hour 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 pacificnwlrwgroupp@gmail.com.

Food Labyrinth

What is a food labyrinth? On **Saturday, November 11**, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, St. Andrew is borrowing Westminster Presbyterian's labyrinth and we will be collecting food for the Oregon Food Bank! So bring food to donate and then engage in a walking meditation on the labyrinth in Fellowship Hall.

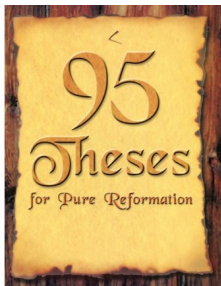


If you are curious about what the labyrinth is and what it means, Cynthia Kinnie, a local labyrinth expert, will give a presentation from 10:00-10:45 am that you won't want to miss.

There will be calming music and we will have books that may interest you. Please bring a journal if you'd like to write as part of your meditation. Come anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm and please bring donations for those who are hungry. If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Sister India at

india@standrewlutheran.com.

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?

Thanksgiving Is Coming

The Service Committee is once again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families, and we need your help. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education. These are families that really need our help.

Our goal is to collect \$4,500, enough to buy sixty \$75 WinCo gift cards for these families; any donations that exceed our goal will be donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community who needs food assistance.



If you wish to give online, select the Thanksgiving Food Drive fund or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with Thanksgiving Food Drive in the memo line.

This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving a needy family the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year.

Our deadline for donation is November 15 to give us time to purchase gift cards and get them to these families.

Contact LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com, 503-314-6321) or Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com, 503-649-5091) with questions.

In Transition: How Will You Support the New Lead Pastor?

Thank you to all who responded to the Mission Site Profile (MSP) Congregational Survey. The information, thoughts, and ideas shared will be used by the Transition Team as we finish the MSP. Although the Transition Team is not able to act on some of the suggestions provided in the survey, we don't want those ideas to be lost so we will share the survey results with the Council for their consideration.

As we complete the MSP, we are asked to share how the congregation will support and encourage the new lead pastor in their first year. We want to hear from you one last time. Please look for the poster in the Narthex and fill out a post-it note with your thoughts.



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

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

Shop the Habitat ReStore

Last Saturday, my Master Recycler class went on a field trip. We visited the Library of Things in Hillsboro, the Habitat ReStore in Beaverton, and Scrap on Burnside in Portland.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStores are home improvement stores and donation centers that are open to the public. I have always taken my unwanted still-useable things to Goodwill, not knowing I could be donating them to Habitat ReStore. The ReStores accept and sell new and gently used furniture, home décor, appliances, tools, artwork, lighting, kitchen and bath articles, outdoor items, building materials, paint, and more at highly discounted prices.

The proceeds generated from the ReStores support local Habitat for Humanity homebuilding and home repair programs. Proceeds come not only from sales of donated items, but also from the sale of

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Cathy Malmstrom	Comfort and healing	Carl Malmstrom
Gary Grafwallner	Comfort and healing	Sister India
Onyx, beloved therapy dog	Successful treatment	Carol Harker
Susanne Wells	Safe travels and successful journey	Stretch & Strength Group
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
People in harm's way, especially those impacted by climate change	Protection, safety, and support	Staff
People in Israel and Gaza	Protection, safety, and comfort	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Hal Douglas, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Gary Magnuson, Cathy Malmstrom, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, Jan Morrell, Claris Poppert, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Zion Lutheran (Redmond)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran (Sisters)		
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff

recycled material such as metals, paint and other recyclables. For example, we were shown how they separate and recover the metal wiring from old strings of Christmas lights so the wiring can be sold as scrap metal. Businesses can also donate if they find themselves with a warehouse full of overstock, discontinued items, or extra inventory.

The ReStore is more than just great deals. With the public's support, they are making a difference for the environment. By donating and shopping at the ReStore, items get a new life and are kept out of landfills. In 2022, they diverted 8,216 tons of reusable materials from landfills.

Habitat ReStores are independently owned reuse stores operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter in local communities around the world. Locally, there are ReStores in Portland, Beaverton, Vancouver, Gresham, Forest Grove, and more sites throughout Oregon.

Now that I know I can and should donate things from my home there, I will go to Habitat ReStore instead of Goodwill. And I hope you will too! Remember that shopping there benefits Habitat for Humanity projects.

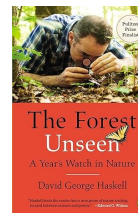
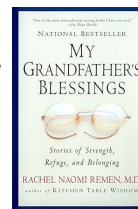


Habitat ReStores are a good thing for the environment and for people working toward home ownership.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

New Adult Non-Fiction

- *My Grandfather's Blessings: Stories of Strength, Refuge, and Belonging*, by Rachel Naomi Remen
- *New Testament Survey*, revised by Merrill C. Tenney
- *Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love*, by Elizabeth A. Johnson
- *Nave's Topical Bible: A Digest of the Holy Scriptures*, by Orville J. Nave
- *The Elements of New Testament Greek*, by J.W. Wenham
- *Guideposts Parallel Bible: Comparing Four Popular Translations in Parallel Columns*
- *The Learning Bible: Contemporary English Version*
- *The Gift of Caring: Saving Our Parents from the Peril of Modern Healthcare*, by Mary Cottrell Houle & Elizabeth Eckstrom
- *The Light We Carry*, by Michelle Obama
- *The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature*, by David George Haskell



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Preparing for Worship

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
John 8:31-36

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 22

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
10:00 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
11:00 am	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Confirmation	Adult Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room

Monday, October 23—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, October 24

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
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Lutheran World Relief School Kit Assembly	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, October 25

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 26

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	IT Meeting	Off SAite

Friday, October 27

7:00 am	Lutheran World Relief Ingathering	Kitchen, Garden Parking Lot
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 28

7:00 am	Lutheran World Relief Ingathering	Kitchen, Garden Parking Lot
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room

Sunday, October 29

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 Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Special Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Confirmation	Adult Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room



Christmas Caroling

Would you be interested in gathering for Christmas caroling at 1:00 pm on **Sunday, December 10**, to take the sounds of the season to our homebound friends? We'll form teams and then carpool to various destinations in the area. Please contact india@standrewlutheran.com if you'd like to participate!

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.