

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

December 3, 2023

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree— The Tradition Continues



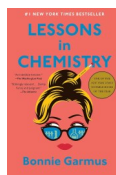
As the Christmas season approaches, we look forward to once again sharing our love and care with Barnes Elementary School families in need. The Giving Tree is up in the Narthex and decorated with tags ready to grab. You may also support our efforts by donating online or by writing a check. Donated funds will be used to provide each family with a WinCo gift card to buy food for a holiday meal.

This year most tags are for retailer gift cards so that parents may purchase the gift for their child. During the pandemic, we found that parents enjoyed being able to pick out presents for their children. A member of the Service Committee will be collecting gifts after service on Sundays. The gifts need to be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, December 10**, so that we may deliver them to the school before winter break. You can also drop off gifts at the office during office hours, Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Peahl at [amyklinepeahl@gmail.com](mailto:amyklinepeahl@gmail.com). This ministry is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love with those in need; please consider contributing.

## Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, December 10**, to discuss the novel *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus. Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion that will be led by Elaine May at Mary Smith's home.



This novel is "irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel" (*The New York Times Book Review*) and "witty, sometimes hilarious...the *Catch-22* of early feminism" (Stephen King, via Twitter).

### Details:

**December 10**, *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus  
Hostess: Mary Smith  
Discussion Leader: Elaine May

### Future Reading:

**January 21**, *A Mountain of Crumbs*, by Elena Gorokhova  
Hostess: Fran Miller  
Discussion Leader: Peggy Thompson  
**February**, *The Leavers*, by Lisa Ko  
**March**, *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki  
Discussion Leader: Mary Smith  
**April**, *We Have Always Been Here*, by Samra Habib

## Blue Christmas

Even the glorious news of Christ's birth cannot lighten our hearts when we've experienced a great loss or are suffering from depression. While many around us are singing carols ("Joy to the World," "I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve," and others), we are simply trying to maintain some sort of equilibrium to see us through the day. It's not easy being sad when others are filled with so much joyful anticipation.



If you are feeling down this Christmas for any reason, big or small, please join Sister India in the Chapel on **Friday, December 1**, at 7:00 pm for a Blue Christmas worship service.

## Adult Ed: Do Black Churches Matter?



In the ELCA, do black churches really matter? What are some of the struggles they face? Pastor Lenny Duncan spoke to bishops, church leaders, and members across the country for two videos titled *Do Black Churches Matter in the ELCA*. Beginning at 11:00 am on **Sunday, December 3**, join Sister India in Fellowship Hall to discuss ways we might better support our siblings in Christ. This is a three-week class.

## The Season of Advent

We have now entered the season of Advent. It is here that God's church is called to light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. As the Christian new year begins, we join hands and enter the darkness, actively waiting, singing, and praying anew for God's light to overwhelm the world.

Mid-week Advent worship services will be held in the Chapel at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, with meditations by members of the congregation on the themes of:

**December 3:** Pause (Lee Anne Knapp)  
**December 13:** Prepare (Steve Christiansen)  
**December 20:** Ponder (LuAnn Staul)

The 30-minute worship service will begin at 7:00 pm in the Chapel and will also be available via Zoom.

## Baptism of Daniel Elvidge

God grant our child may grow in grace in Christian faith and love. God fill our home with many joys and blessings from above. On **December 3**, Daniel will be baptized during the worship service. Please join us to welcome this child into the community of Christ.

## MACG Leadership Institute for Public Life Training Coming Soon

St. Andrew is experiencing a critical time as we make the transition to new pastoral leadership. We are blessed to have a solid base of strong lay leaders, but we can accomplish more when we have more people to guide our various ministries. This IAF-based Leadership Training is designed to empower leaders like you and create new leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to make a real impact within St. Andrew and the broader community. The skills you learn will be valuable in your life both inside and outside of the church community.



Please join us for two sessions on **Sunday afternoons: December 3 and 10**, from 1:00-5:00 pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church in NE Portland. This institute is free to us because we are members of MACG. For more information, and to register for this exciting opportunity, click on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/mra7dvxe>.

If you have questions, please talk with a member of the MACG Core Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, Jan Smith, or Scott Taylor.

### SoulCollage®

Join Sister India on **Saturday December 9**, 1:00–4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. You will make a collage from magazine images on 8x5 cards. The purpose of SoulCollage® is for people to “discover their unique inner/outer guides and challenges, and access their own wisdom to answer their life questions.” If you want more information you can go to;

<https://soulcollage.com/>

Don't worry if you are not a skilled artist; this is a place where you can join in community, have fun, and access your inner wisdom!

### Appreciations from Our Community

#### Dear Members of St. Andrew:

Thank you for making a gift to Meals on Wheels People. Your donation of \$450.00 in November 2023 will provide nutritious meals, friendly connections, wellness checks, and light home repairs for older adults.

Those meals and the visits from volunteers mean the world to homebound seniors like Edna. The conversations she has with her Meals on Wheels People driver are sometimes the only social interaction she has all week. Meals on Wheels People provide nourishment for both body and soul. Like so many of the older adults we serve, Edna lives below poverty. She depends on nutritious meals to stretch her food dollars.

Because of generous donors like you, Meals on Wheels People has been able to provide nutritious meals to older adults like Edna for more than 53 years. And we've never turned away a senior in need.

I want to extend my personal thanks to you for caring about older adults in our community. We are grateful for your partnership and appreciate your role in the important work we do.

Warmest regards,  
*Suzanne Washington*  
Chief Executive Office



## Advent and Christmas Schedule

### Blue Christmas, December 1

For anyone dreading the season  
7:00 pm—8:00 pm, Chapel



### SoulCollage®, December 9

An Adult Education workshop with Sister India  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



### Wednesday Evening Advent Services

7:00 pm, Sanctuary

December 6: Pause

December 13: Prepare

December 20: Ponder

### Christmas Eve Intergenerational Worship, December 24

9:30 am, Sanctuary

### Cookie Decorating after Christmas Eve Worship, December 24

10:45 am, Fellowship Hall

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24

9:00 pm, Sanctuary



### Christmas Day Worship, December 25

Pre-recorded on YouTube and available starting at 11:00 am

(Search YouTube for “St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Oregon.”)



## Appreciations from Our Community

### Dear Members of St. Andrew and the Mission Team:

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$450.00 to the Letty Owings Center. Your support is greatly appreciated and will help us purchase new comforters for the clients' bedrooms.

Thanks again!  
*Tina Bialas*  
Director

### Dear Members of St. Andrew:

On behalf of Community Action, please accept our sincere thanks for your generous in-kind donation of sixty \$50 WinCo gift cards for our Healthy Families program. These cards are a big help to the families we serve and are already being put to good use. Your partnership with Community Action is bringing hope, help, and change to the thousands of local families who are striving to overcome conditions of poverty and build a safe and secure future for their children. Together we are creating opportunities for families and communities to thrive.



Again, thank you for joining us in our efforts to ensure that all Washington County residents can live with dignity and security. Your generosity is deeply appreciated

Sincerely  
*Kemp Shuey*  
Executive Director

## Climate Corner

### Should You Join a Buy Nothing Group?

Adapted from an article by Geoff Williams *U.S. News* September 7, 2021

In 2013, two friends on Bainbridge Island, Washington created a gift-giving group. The idea was that instead of bartering or offering gifts with strings attached, you'd just give away stuff you don't want to people in your community who might be able to use it. It's the ultimate spending diet! Buy Nothing Groups are popping up all over the world through the Buy Nothing Project. You can access the Buy Nothing Project via an app from the Apple App Store, or from Google Play on your phone. You can also access it on Facebook: enter "buy nothing project Beaverton" (or the name of your community) in the search bar to sign up. The idea is to deal with folks close to where you live. This avoids shipping costs.

Buy Nothing Group members offer up many things such as baby gear, furniture, clothes, books, toys, tools, and much more.

Reasons to join a Buy Nothing Group:

- Save money and live better when money is tight
- Do something good for the planet by keeping things out of the landfill
- Feel good about giving to those in need
- Get rid of clutter and/or downsize
- Get to know your neighbors



What are the Buy Nothing Group rules? The only rule is to "give freely." There should be no expectation of rewards or compensation. According to the Buy Nothing Project website, "trading, bartering, buying or selling is counter to the Buy Nothing Project mission." The site also suggests that members

"give creatively," for example by sharing skills or through community lending libraries, clothing share events and bike programs. You could teach others to sew, to bake, to fix things, or any other skills you have and want to share.

*Note: There is a Buy Nothing Day that has nothing to do with the Buy Nothing movement. Buy Nothing Day was started as a protest against consumerism, countering Black Friday.*

The main thing to remember is that "buy nothing" isn't all or nothing. By joining, you aren't pledging to never buy anything again, never hold a garage sale, or never list something for sale. Of course, you're going to shop and live your life. But by joining a Buy Nothing Group, you may be able to seamlessly incorporate it into your life and enjoy some of the benefits while getting to know more people in your neighborhood.

In any case, when you have stuff that you no longer want but don't feel like selling and are loathe to throw away, your local Buy Nothing Group can help.

Besides, it just feels good!

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## Life Beyond Breakup: Collective Healing

Do you have an interest in a support group for those healing from divorce or challenging breakups? Bring your authentic self with all your hurt, confusion, hope, and wisdom to share as we work through the healing steps based on the book *Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends*, by Drs. Bruce Fisher and Robert Alberti.

"Grieving Loss—A Role for Anger" will be the topic of our next meeting on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**, at Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, 11695 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97229, 10:00 am—12:00 noon in the Duncombe Room.

For more info, visit:

<https://lifebeyondbreakup.com/> or  
<https://tinyurl.com/mt5va5tx>

## Advent Devotional: The Dawn Chorus

The congregation is invited to enrich the season of Advent with a new devotional from SALT. Pick up "The Dawn Chorus" at the entrance to the Sanctuary and initiate a weekly devotion as we prepare for the birth of the Christ child. The devotional comes in two parts: a booklet and a sheet of ornaments to cut out and decorate.



Once again, the creators at SALT give us a new perspective on an age-old tradition. What can we learn from our fellow creatures who begin their day by bravely singing into the dark? The cardinal, bluebird, sparrow, hen, and dove each represent one of the themes of Advent and remind us that we're all God's creatures.

## 2023 Giving Statements and Financial

### Secretary Team updates

Happy Holidays! We have some exciting updates from the Financial Secretary Team:

- Welcome Sonya King and Jim McGarvey who recently joined the team to help keep our giving records up to date. Tammy's last day as a financial secretary is January 4, 2023.
- Those who have a current email address on file with the church office **AND** who have **NOT** yet logged into their FellowshipOne GO account, will be receiving an email from St. Andrew ([noreply@fellowshiponego.com](mailto:noreply@fellowshiponego.com)) by **December 5, 2023 that provides access to your own St. Andrew giving record through the specific link embedded within that email.** Please check your spam folder FIRST *before* contacting us for another login.  
\*\*\*These new system-generated passwords will expire on December 7, 2023. **LOG IN BEFORE THEN.** You can reset the password anytime yourself by using the "Forgot Password" option.
- If you successfully logged into your FellowshipOne GO account last year, please verify now that your giving record for 2023 is current and let us know ONLY if there are errors.
- Please send your questions to our *confidential* team email at [financial\\_secretary@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:financial_secretary@standrewlutheran.com) (with an underscore, *not* a dash) and we will respond as soon as possible.
- Once in your account profile, you can review your giving history, print your giving statement, and even update your personal information. We hope this personalized access is an easier way to access your giving record at any given time.
- For those who still need a hard copy 2023 statement, *no worries.* More instructions will be provided *in late January.* **Please DO NOT request 2023 year-end statements just yet.**

Merry Christmas,

*Jim McGarvey, Sonya King, Susan Jacobi, Tammy Piscitelli*  
SALC Financial Secretaries

[Financial\\_Secretary@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:Financial_Secretary@standrewlutheran.com)  
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## Stock Transfer Donation Process for Tax Year 2023

Greetings from the Financial Secretaries of St. Andrew. As the end of the calendar year approaches, we want to inform you of the process of donating stock to the church.

Contributions must actually be paid before the close of the year to be deductible in 2023. Therefore, please allow at least 3 weeks or more for the completion of the transfer. **Please start the process as soon as possible. The deadline is Friday, December 8, 2023 for it to be included in the 2023 tax year.**

We ask you to take the necessary steps *if you intend to donate stock to St. Andrew this tax year:*

1. Download the Stock Transfer Form found on our church website or contact the church office.
2. Contact your brokerage firm to initiate an electronic transfer of securities (see form for instructions/details). **We cannot do this for you.**
3. Complete the form including your intentions for the use of the donation and email a copy to [financial\\_secretary@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:financial_secretary@standrewlutheran.com).

If you prefer, you may send a copy to the church office marked *confidential for Financial Secretaries*. **This form must be turned in at the beginning of the process. Without this form, we cannot complete your request.**

4. Upon receipt of the form, Tammy Piscitelli will be in contact with you regarding the progress of the electronic stock transfer to the church's securities firm, Charles Schwab, and the sale of the stocks you've donated to St. Andrew.

On behalf of the Financial Secretaries and the Finance Team, thank you for your generosity to the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew.

*Tammy Piscitelli*

SALC Financial Secretary

[Financial\\_Secretary@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:Financial_Secretary@standrewlutheran.com)

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## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family of Claris Poppert	Comfort and strength at his death	Pastor Laurie Newman
Family of Imogene Kippenbrock	Comfort and strength at her death	Rebecca Uecker
Friends and family of Anna Wessel	Comfort and strength at her death	Rebecca Uecker
Friends and family of Nic Ferraro (Diane's father)	Comfort and strength	Gretchen Bancroft
Carol Hogan	Healing and comfort	Sue Cahlander
Jessica Garrison and family (stepdaughter)	Healing and comfort from car accident	LeeAnne Knapp
Patricia Santelmann (mother)	Healing and comfort	Lynn Santelmann
Fields Mattio (friend)	Healing and comfort from RSV	Rebecca Uecker
Randy Sinn	Healing and recovery from surgery	Michelle Sinn
Paul (brother-in-law)	Strength and healing	Ginny Link
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff
People in Israel and Palestine	Protection, safety, and comfort	Staff
Victims of Domestic Violence	Comfort, strength, and the support they need	Rebecca Uecker
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, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, Anne Newell, Corky Poppert, Joile Reyna, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber		
Bishop Laurie Larson Caeser	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Military Personal, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Grace and Mercy (Umatilla)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Grace (Vale)		
Gloria Dei (Coos Bay)		
Faith (Coquille)		
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	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.

## Christmas Eve Details

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with two services on **Sunday, December 24, 9:30 am:** Festive service of Readings and Carols. Come hear the cherished story of Christ's birth told in new ways and sing your favorite carols. This service with Communion will be very child-friendly, but will be a meaningful way for people of all ages to worship Christ the newborn king. We will gather after the service to decorate (and eat!) Christmas cookies together. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The second service is **Sunday, December 24, 9:00 pm:** Traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service with Holy Communion. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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## Preparing for Worship

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 10,

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2,8-13

Mark 1:1-8

*Second Wednesday in Advent*

Wednesday, December 13

Matthew 25:31-40

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, December 3

9:30 am	<b>In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Fellowship Gathering .....	Chapel
11:00 am	The Roots .....	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Adult Ed: do Black Churches Matter in the ELCA.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Confirmation for Middle School Youth.....	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group .....	Youth Room
1:00 pm	Twirlers Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm	Twirlers Practice .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, December 4—Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, December 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	Worship Planners Meeting.....	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group .....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198 .....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room

## Wednesday, December 6 **Weekly News deadline 4:00 pm**; submit material to [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com) & [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com)

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India.....	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Advent Service .....	Chapel
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, December 7

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength and Stability with Susanne.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Ministry Team Meeting .....	Chapel, Library
5:00 pm	Executive (Council) Committee Meeting .....	Zoom
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class .....	Children's Commons

## Friday, December 8

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, December 9

11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting.....	Zoom
1:00 pm	SoulCollage with India .....	Fellowship Hall

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1:00 pm	Christmas Caroling.....	Meet at St. Andrew
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Club .....	Mary Smith House

## 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.