

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

December 31, 2023

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## New Year's Eve Pinochle Party Is BACK!

After a COVID-induced hiatus of three years, St Andrew pinochle enthusiasts will be meeting once again at the home of Don and Mickey Nearhood on...wait for it!... **Sunday, December 31!** We'll gather at 7:00 pm to greet and eat and begin playing promptly at 7:30 pm. The cost is minimal (\$1.00 per person) and you have the chance of going home the winner of BIG BUCKS!



With only 24 slots on the registration board in the Narthex, it's important that people sign up ASAP! Only one name per line and indicate if you will be bringing finger foods or dessert. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. You may bring your own if you have a particular favorite. (Champagne and sparkling cider for the New Year's toast will be provided by your hosts.) You'll find the Nearhoods at 11045 SW Berkshire St; call them at 503-644-0972 if you need directions or you have questions. **PLEASE NOTE: Due to Mickey's seafood allergies, please do not bring any food containing fish or shellfish.** Thank you!

## St. Andrew's Wednesday Book Group



Beginning this **Wednesday, January 4**, members of the Wednesday Book Group with Sister India will discuss *Watching Myself Be Borderline: A Smart Sufferer Says How It Started and How She Survives*, written by our very own Janet Vorvick. The group meets in the St. Andrew Room on Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30 pm.

## Leadership Training through MACG

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 even more when we have more people to guide our various ministries. This IAF-based Leadership Training is designed to empower leaders like you and to create new leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to make a real impact within St. Andrew and the broader community.

Please join us for two sessions on Sunday afternoons, **January 21 and 28**, from 1:00-5:00 pm at Havurah Shalom, 825 NW 18th, Portland, OR 97209. This institute is free to us because we are members of MACG. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/387eht9c> for more information and please register at <http://tinyurl.com/3226e8by>.

Questions? Talk with any member of the MACG Core Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.



## St. Andrew Ministry Site Profile: Gifts

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) provides key information about St. Andrew and our community for the synod and prospective pastors. In the Purpose, Giftedness, and Mission section of the MSP we are asked to describe our congregation's gifts and resources for fulfilling our mission, as well as the congregation's top three assets and obstacles that must be overcome to be able to use these gifts and accomplish the mission. Here is our response:

1. St. Andrew's beautiful Sanctuary was built in 1986, seats over 230 people, and the Paul Fritts pipe organ leads the congregation in making a joyful noise in worship. The facility also has a chapel, offices, a health office, a nursery, children's and adult libraries, a fellowship hall with kitchen, and a workroom. These support church operations, adult education, fellowship events, meetings, and weekday health classes. There is also a children's education and preschool area for Sunday classes as well as weekday use by Head Start.
2. Our buildings, parking lots, community garden, and adjacent native landscaped areas sit on two acres of developed land with an additional eight acres of natural riparian forest, meadow, and creek-fed wetlands. Our Sanctuary of the Firs is an awe-inspiring forest clearing that is used for occasional worship and our annual children's Earth Camp, although accessibility is an obstacle for those with mobility issues.
3. Our greatest asset is an active RIC congregation that welcomes all, engages in vibrant worship, and supports lifelong intergenerational education. We are broadly involved in local and global community service, act for social justice, and care for Earth and all creation.

The breadth and size of our physical infrastructure and the extent of our developed and natural grounds require substantial upkeep. As the congregation ages, it is a challenge to recruit new members to maintain an adequate volunteer workforce. We are beginning to contract for some of these services, but this places additional demands on the church budget. We face similar obstacles in recruiting and transitioning to new leaders and volunteers for education, worship roles, and our broad portfolio of service and earth care projects. In particular, recruiting members to serve on Council and growing skilled leaders has been identified as an area of focus. Many people take on multiple roles, so care must be taken to avoid burnout.

Thanks be to God for our many gifts.

The Call Committee

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

## Community Warehouse Donation Drive

You've heard of a food bank? The Community Warehouse is similar, except that its focus is on household goods and furnishings. Community Warehouse collects quality, gently used and new items and connects those donated goods to neighbors in need, thus creating stronger homes and brighter futures for all.



Each January, St. Andrew's Service Committee sponsors a drive for many of the household items needed to transform a house into a functional home. The familiar purple collection bins will be available just outside our Fellowship Hall doors beginning **Sunday, January 7**, so it's time to begin going through your cupboards and closets to identify things you're not using that you might like to donate. Please consult the charts below to identify what's needed:

Kitchen Wares	
<p><b>Yes, Please</b> <i>All kitchen items must be clean and functional.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pots and Pans (most needed item)</li> <li>■ Baking Dishes</li> <li>■ Can Openers</li> <li>■ Cooking Utensils</li> <li>■ Cutting Boards</li> <li>■ Dish Racks</li> <li>■ Dish Towels</li> <li>■ Dish Sets &amp; Glasses</li> <li>■ Kitchen Knives</li> <li>■ Mixing Bowls</li> <li>■ Potholders</li> <li>■ Silverware</li> <li>■ Drinking Glasses &amp; Mugs</li> </ul>	<p><b>No Thank You</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cracked or Chipped Dishes</li> <li>■ Dishware with ANY Alcohol-Related Branding</li> <li>■ Plastic Dinnerware and Dishware</li> <li>■ Wine Glasses</li> <li>■ Metal-rimmed dishes</li> <li>■ Peeling nonstick cookware</li> </ul>
Linens (clean and free of stains/tears/pilling)	
<p><b>Yes, Please</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Blankets, Quilts, &amp; Comforters</li> <li>■ Bath Towels &amp; Hand Towels</li> <li>■ Washcloths</li> <li>■ Bedsheets</li> <li>■ Bathmats</li> <li>■ Shower Curtains</li> <li>■ Bed Pillows (stain-free only)</li> <li>■ Pillowcases</li> </ul>	<p><b>No Thank You</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Linens with Stains or Tears</li> <li>■ Bed Skirts</li> <li>■ Window Treatments</li> <li>■ Electric Blankets</li> <li>■ Clothing</li> <li>■ Carpet</li> </ul>

To learn more about the good work being done by the Community Warehouse, go to <https://www.communitywarehouse.org/>.

## Wrestling with God

Sister India is one of the instructors offering an eight-week Zoom course beginning this **Thursday, January 4**, through the Oregon Synod Lay School of Theology. Like Jacob wrestling with the Divine, class participants will grapple with texts.

What wisdom can we wrestle from the Bible to help us live more faithfully? We'll explore names and images for God, including female imagery for the Divine, and offer ways to use this imagery in our spiritual practices. This course will also provide opportunities for relationship building and critical thinking.

The course is presented by Sister India Jensen Kerr (St. Andrew Lutheran, Beaverton), Pr. Jesse Christopherson (Milwaukie Lutheran), and Pr. Emerson Remy Remmers (Grace, Corvallis) via Zoom on eight Thursdays, **January 4-February 22**, 6:30-8:00 pm. Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/v7c49sw9>.

## Job Openings

Two part-time positions are currently available at St. Andrew: Evening Facility Caretaker and Interim Keyboardist.

Applicants for the Interim Keyboardist position are not required to be proficient on the organ. Instead, St. Andrew is looking to identify someone to provide piano accompaniment for 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.

If you know of qualified individuals who might be interested in the Interim Keyboardist position, please direct them to

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

Details on the Evening Facility Caretaker position and how to apply will be available soon.

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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 Evening Facility Caretaker ..... vacant position  
 Parish Nurses Diane Reiner.....503-201-4222  
 Tira Nessel.....503-866-5099

## Preparing for Worship

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Mark 1:4-11

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Kristie Herder	Healing and comfort	Margaret Herder
Bettye Eldridge	Healing and comfort	Sister India
Lee Anne Kanapp	Healing and comfort from COVID	Sister India
Dave & Ramona Kinash	Healing and comfort from COVID	Sister India
Anjilyne Dutt	Healing and comfort from surgery	Tracie Semenchalam
Patricia Santelmann (mother)	Comfort and peace	Lynn Santelmann
Paul Miller (brother-in-law)	Comfort and peace	Ginny Link
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff
People in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine	Protection, safety, and comfort	Staff
People in Prague	Comfort and peace	Staff
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff

## Nurturing Conversations

Have you indulged a bit too much at holiday meals and are you ready to begin 2024 by making wiser choices? If so, then Parish Nurse Tira Nesset's upcoming offering of "Nourishing Conversations" on four Monday evenings in January might give you just the assist you need!



Beginning, Monday, January 8, and continuing through Monday, January 29, individuals and families, young and old, are invited to gather in the St. Andrew kitchen starting around 5:00 pm to begin food prep for a shared meal. Tira will discuss the benefits of plant-based, whole food eating patterns for our health, the health of our planet, and social justice for all. She'll share recipes that can easily be incorporated into our individual meal planning. After working together to create our dinner, we'll sit down at table about 6:00 pm to eat together and strengthen our relationships through conversation with one another.

### January 8: Fun with Bowls & Sauces

To ensure we have enough for everyone's meal, please sign up in the Narthex to indicate you'll be coming to the first session of "Nurturing Conversations" on Monday, January 8.

Learn how to make a variety of rice bowls with different vegetables, proteins, and sauces. These simple and nutritious meals are easily adaptable to anyone's taste.



Come to the St. Andrew kitchen as early as 5:00 pm to help with food prep if you're available. Otherwise, people are welcome to come for the meal at 6:00 pm and to enjoy food and fellowship together. If you're unable to participate with food prep, please plan to stay to assist with cleanup following the meal.

## Council Minutes

Approved minutes from the November 16 Council Meeting are now available online and posted on the Narthex bulletin board. To view these on the church website, go to <https://standrewlutheran.org/council-minutes> and type "PeaceonEarth" as the password.

## Save the Date: MACG Game Gathering

The MACG Core Team is organizing another game gathering on Sunday, January 21, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Bring your own lunch and remain at church after worship and Education Hour—or return at 1:00 pm. Join us in Fellowship Hall as we play board games, card games, or whatever type of game you like.



We'll have some games here for you to choose from, but please feel free to bring a favorite game from home. You can also bring a snack to share.

Whether you're newer to our community or a long-time member, this is a great way to connect with others in a low-pressure and fun atmosphere.

Any questions? Contact any member of the MACG Core Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.

## Climate Corner: Homemade Body Lotion

*Adapted from an Earth911 article by Madeleine Somerville*

One of the best parts of sustainable living is learning to create things instead of buying them. Instead of slathering yourself with harmful ingredients such as diethyl phthalate, propylene glycol, synthetic fragrances and colors, you can use three simple ingredients to create a creamy, luxurious lotion. Here's what you need and how to do it:

- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons grated beeswax

1. Gently warm the olive oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the grated beeswax and stir until it dissolves. Once dissolved, remove pan from heat.
2. Add water to a blender, food processor, or bowl (if you're using a hand mixer). Start mixing the water and slowly add the oil and beeswax mixture. The key is to add it slowly enough that the mixture can emulsify, so don't rush it! As you continue to add the oil to the water, you'll see lotion starting to form.
3. When you're done pouring the oil, blend for a few more minutes and then use a spatula to decant the lotion into sterile glass jars. The scent of the natural ingredients alone is delicious, but you can add a few drops of essential oils if you like.

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

## Sunday, December 31

- 9:30 am **In-Person Worship (also livestreamed and via Zoom)** ..... Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel
- 10:45 am Taiwanese Lutheran Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel

## Monday, January 1—Church Office Closed; Happy New Year!

## Tuesday, January 2

- 7:00 am Men’s Gathering and Bible Study ..... Elmer’s Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 7:00 am Sunrise Women ..... Elmer’s Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 10:00 am Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes ..... Offsite
- 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Worship Planners Meeting ..... Library
- 12:00 pm Bridge Group ..... Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 pm HR Meeting ..... via Zoom
- 6:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters’ Guild ..... Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm MACG Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room

## Wednesday, January 3—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) and [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).

- 1:00 pm Wednesday Book Group with Sister India ..... St. Andrew Room
- 6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

## Thursday, January 4

- 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 Team Ministry Meeting ..... Chapel/Library
- 5:00 pm Executive (Council) Committee Meeting ..... via Zoom
- 6:30 pm Wrestling with God with Sister India ..... Chapel and via Zoom
- 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children’s Commons
- 7:00 pm IT Meeting ..... Offsite

## Friday, January 5

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

## Saturday, January 6

- 9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Brass Quintet Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

## Sunday, January 7

- 9:30 am **In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)** ..... Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel
- 10:45 am Taiwanese Lutheran Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel
- 11:00 am Adult Ed: A Christian Thinks about Jews and Judaism: Anti-Semitism and the Land of Israel ..... Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am What is the ELCA Diaconate? ..... St. Andrew Room
- 11:00 am The Roots ..... Children’s Commons, Children’s Library, LL Classrooms
- 11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth ..... Library
- 11:00 am High School Youth Group ..... Youth Room



**Claris & Corky  
Poppert**  
Memorial Service

Saturday, January 20  
11:00 am, Sanctuary

*Reception to follow  
in Fellowship Hall*

The joint memorial service honoring the lives of long-time St. Andrew members Claris & Corky Poppert will be livestreamed at [https://youtube.com/live/Dq\\_0\\_rSW45Q](https://youtube.com/live/Dq_0_rSW45Q) for those unable to attend in person.

## Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

 **YouTube** 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.

 **zoom** People participating in worship via Zoom are invited to join worship at 9:30 am. To participate via Zoom, you may use a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am.