

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

January 7, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Next Generational Ministry at St. Andrew

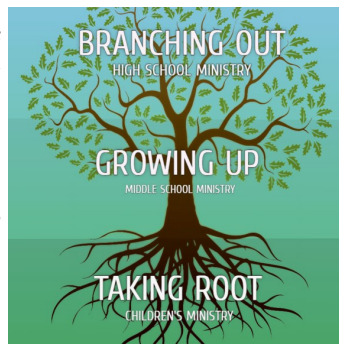
In October, I began working in my new-ish role as the Director of Next Generational Ministry at St. Andrew. I am so excited to have my role evolve to match the most pressing needs of the church and I am thrilled to share with you more about what this means for us at St. Andrew. The main goal of this role is sustainability for our congregation—here's what it looks like:

First and most importantly, I continue to oversee all aspects of the children and youth ministry at St. Andrew. This includes overseeing The Roots program, the hiring of a nursery attendant, the Confirmation program, and spending tons of time with our high school students. In fact, this year's group of high schoolers is the most students we've had since I came to St. Andrew in 2018! The biggest change in this area is increasing congregational involvement and support in all of these ministries. It is crucial for the sustainability of our children and youth programs that the knowledge and ability to run the programs be shared amongst the congregation, not dependent on a single staff member. Collective ownership is essential for programs that are successful and long-lasting, and that is the model toward which we are working. The Roots, nursery coordination, and Confirmation classes are great examples of this, as in each of these areas we have fantastic teams of volunteers leading the programs.

Then, as new leadership is developed in these areas, I have gained some capacity to focus on areas of need that have been highlighted through the work of the Horizon and Transition teams over the past couple of years. With data telling us that 50% of our congregation is 65 years or older, the key question becomes: How do we create a sustainable congregation at St. Andrew? This is not an easy question to answer, but I have been having many conversations trying to discern how we can do just that. To begin, here's a glimpse into what I've been doing:

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- Creating the Andy's Room Podcast to amplify the voices of younger people in and around our congregation
- Increasing the visibility of younger leadership by preaching monthly and teaching additional adult education classes
- Attending worship planning meetings to collaborate on creating an increasingly intergenerational worship experience
- Developing brand-new programs specifically for younger adults/families (coming soon!)



If it sounds like I'm a busy guy, you're right! And, I'm loving it. I deeply believe in the good this work can do for St. Andrew in both the short and long term. If you would like to join me in this process, either to get involved with children/youth or just to learn more about next generational ministry at St. Andrew, send me an email at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com. I would love to chat with you!

Kyler Vogt

St. Andrew Ministry Site Profile: Context

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) provides key information for the synod and prospective pastors about St. Andrew and our community. In the Our Vision for Mission section of the MSP we are asked to list three changes or trends within the congregation which have occurred in the last three to five years. The Transition Team invited input from the congregation to answer that question. Your responses were used to develop our response for the MSP.

Trends:

The pandemic has led to changes in how we gather and worship. During the pandemic, worship and congregational meetings were offered on Zoom and livestreamed. This shift, required at the time, has resulted in a small but significant community of people finding connections virtually. It has become obvious that providing opportunities to connect and worship virtually will continue to be an important part of our ministry. Since the pandemic disruption we now have fewer people worshipping in person due to a variety of factors. Last year the decision was made to offer only one service instead of two. Although some would rather not attend at the earlier hour, overall those attending worship in person enjoy the vibrant worship and connections that one service provides.

The second trend is that we have an aging congregation. Over 50% of the congregation is over the age of 65. This provides an opportunity for members who are retired to actively participate in the ministry and function of the church, but as people age, they are less able to physically and intellectually participate as they may have in the past.

This leads to the third trend. It is increasingly difficult to find members willing, able, and skilled to serve in congregational leadership roles. In addition, being shut down for nearly two years interrupted the natural progression of upcoming leaders. Over the last few years, we have struggled to find people who want to serve on the Council.

Look for more highlights from the MSP in the coming weeks.

The Call Committee

Steve Christiansen, Allison Katsufraakis, 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.

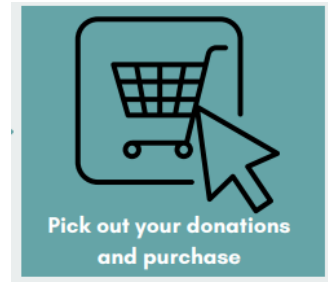


Each January, St. Andrew's Service Committee sponsors a drive for many of the household items needed to transform a house into a functional home. The familiar purple collection bins are now available just outside our Fellowship Hall doors, so it's time to begin going through your cupboards and closets 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>Yes, Please <i>All kitchen items must be clean and functional.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pots and Pans (most needed item) ■ Baking Dishes ■ Can Openers ■ Cooking Utensils ■ Cutting Boards ■ Dish Racks ■ Dish Towels ■ Dish Sets & Glasses ■ Kitchen Knives ■ Mixing Bowls ■ Potholders ■ Silverware ■ Drinking Glasses & Mugs 	<p>No Thank You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cracked or Chipped Dishes ■ Dishware with ANY Alcohol-Related Branding ■ Plastic Dinnerware and Dishware ■ Wine Glasses ■ Metal-Rimmed Dishes ■ Peeling Nonstick Cookware
Linens (clean and free of stains/tears/pilling)	
<p>Yes, Please</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Blankets, Quilts, & Comforters ■ Bath Towels & Hand Towels ■ Washcloths ■ Bedsheets ■ Bathmats ■ Shower Curtains ■ Bed Pillows (stain-free only) ■ Pillowcases 	<p>No Thank You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Linens with Stains or Tears ■ Bed Skirts ■ Window Treatments ■ Electric Blankets ■ Clothing ■ Carpet

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

Kitchen Wares and Linen Virtual Donation Drive January 7—January 28



Your St. Andrew Staff

- Council President Liz Hardypresident@standrewlutheran.com, 360-632-4900
- 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
- Dir. of Next Generational Ministry Kyler Vogt..... kvogt@standrewlutheran.com
- Parish Manager Carol Harker charker@standrewlutheran.com
- Administrative Assistant Rhonda Powell office@standrewlutheran.com
- Bookkeeper Karen Mallari bookkeeper@standrewlutheran.com
- Housekeeper Carol Hogan503-646-0629
- Evening Facility Caretaker vacant position
- Parish Nurses Diane Reiner.....503-201-4222
- Tira Nessel.....503-866-5099

Preparing for Worship

Sunday, January 14, 2024
2nd Sunday in Epiphany
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

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.

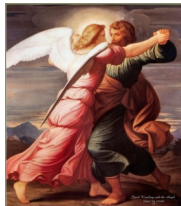
Whether you're newer to our community or a long-time member, this is a great way to connect with others

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.

Wrestling with God

Sister India is one of the instructors offering an eight-week Zoom course that started on 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.

St. Andrew folks are invited to attend live in the chapel for the first three sessions, to be led by Sister India

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>.

Church Security



Now that St. Andrew has experienced almost a month without an Evening Facility Caretaker on staff, it's important to emphasize that church security is everyone's responsibility. If you unlock a church door for any reason, please be certain to lock it up again as you exit the building. Not all of the doors are locked the same way, so please, always double check after you believe you have locked it. Just remember: if you unlock a door with a key, you need to use a key to relock it (on all exterior doors except the four into the Narthex).

Thank you to everyone in advance for being especially careful about church security at this time!

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.

You Can Compost These Things!



When we send organic material to the landfill, it emits the greenhouse gas methane (CH₄), which is 30 to 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide (CO₂). The exact value of how much more potent methane is varies depending on the time frame and the source. Some estimates say that methane is roughly 80 times more powerful than carbon dioxide over a decade while others say that methane is more than 30 times as potent as carbon dioxide over a century.

The point is that we need to try to keep organic material out of the landfill. Following are some things that you may not realize can go into your compost pile:

- Wooden ice cream sticks
- Natural fiber cloth scraps and thread such as wool, cotton, and linen. No polyester or nylon, etc. (Remember "soil your undies"?)
- Stale bread and toast crusts
- Pencil shavings
- Dust bunnies. They are an entanglement made of hair, lint, flakes of dead skin, spider webs, and dust held together by static electricity.
- Human hair and pet fur removed from your brushes
- Old cardboard/paperboard business cards
- Fingernail and toenail clippings
- Paper, paper napkins, and paper towels
- Old (cotton) shoelaces—cut off the plastic tips first
- Used matches
- After-meal plate scrapings (remove meat, fat, and dairy first)



Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Letter from Pastor Laurie

St. Andrew Friends,

“Mom—I never read my email. If you need me, text.” “I never answer my phone. I screen calls. Leave a message if you want to get through.” “I always intend to read the Weekly News, but emails pile up and I don’t get to them, as I intend.”

Does this sound familiar to you? There are multiple ways to communicate with one another, but it seems at times that communicating is getting more difficult, not easier. As we begin 2024, one of my goals is for better and more communication with the whole congregation. St. Andrew is a busy and complex community, with many people involved in multiple roles and ministries, and it’s difficult for any one of us to get the whole picture. Besides all of that there is the complication that we are all bombarded with lots of communication from all directions, and we don’t always hear very well. I’m hoping that this year, I’ll be better able to communicate with more clarity, not just to the Council and staff and various committees, but to the whole congregation.

Right Now what I want to communicate with you is appreciation for all the people who made such a beautiful Advent and Christmas-tide happen. From the worship planning team, speakers on Advent Wednesdays, the Giving Tree leaders and those who donated, the cookie-making leaders and participants, the musicians, the children, youth, and families who participated in the Sunday morning Christmas Eve service, the altar guild, the youth group party participants, the property-grounds crew who decorated and helped with cleaning, the IT crew livestreaming and Zooming, the ushers, the worship folder helpers, the amazing staff and ongoing volunteers—ALL of you, including those I didn’t mention here —(you know who you are)-- you helped to bring Christ born anew in this community.

May the new year unfold in ways that continue to bring blessing, light, and deepening community at St. Andrew.

Blessings,
Pastor Laurie Newman

Fantasy Football Champion: Paul Navarre!

After another fun season in the St. Andrew fantasy football league, Paul Navarre has emerged victorious! Paul won 10 weeks in a row on his way to the championship game, where he defeated former champion Barton Robison in a head-to-head battle. Paul's team, **Deathbed 2-Point Conversion**, was led to victory by the superstar wide receiver from Dallas, CeeDee Lamb, along with second-year running back Kyren Williams of the Los Angeles Rams. As reward for his title, Paul has won



a gift card to NFLshop.com, which he will surely use to buy some more merchandise from his favorite Green Bay Packers. You can also see Paul's championship immortalized in the coming weeks as his nameplate will be added to the Suzanne Warnes Memorial Trophy, which is on display in the Narthex.

Thank you to everyone who played fantasy football with us this year! It is always such a fun time, and a great way to get to know other folks better. If you might want to join the league next year, talk to Kyler to learn more about it!

Thank You Note

Dear Friends,

Safety. Support. Empowerment.

These words embody the work that the Domestic Violence Resource Center does every single day. Work made possible when you choose to give a gift to the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC). When we work together, we have the power to change the lives of domestic violence survivors.



Your gift helped provide **safety** to survivors like Jess, a young woman who had to flee to Monika’s House Shelter to escape the abuse she suffered at home.

Your gift helped **support** survivors like Max, a teen who attends counseling sessions every week to work through the wounds of emotional abuse.

Your gift helped **empower** survivors like Simone, a mother who works tirelessly to build, heal, and thrive in her new beginning with her children with the help of her case manager.

Your gift means that survivors can access essential services such as safe nights in a shelter, individual and group counseling, safety planning, and much more.

As members of DVRC’s Board of Directors, we get to see firsthand how your gifts influence the daily lives of survivors across our programs. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Manjusha Gupte
Board Chair
Nikki Hough
Board Treasurer

New Episode of the Andy's Room Podcast Is Live!

The Andy's Room Podcast is a podcast made especially for the people of St. Andrew, hosted and created by our Director of Next Generational Ministry, Kyler Vogt. The third episode released today, features special guest Allison Katsuftrakis! This episode continues the focus of elevating the voices of younger members of the congregation. In their conversation, Kyler and Allison talk about her journey with St. Andrew, what it means to be evangelical, and what kind of barriers exist between younger people and the church. It's a fun, energetic, and significant conversation between two people who like to nerd-out about all things church. I know you will enjoy it!



You can access the Andy's Room Podcast by searching for it by title on Spotify via the mobile app or on your computer. It is 100% free! If you don't use Spotify, you can access the podcast directly through the link on the front page of the church website, or you can type/copy this link into your web browser:

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/kyler-vogt>

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family & friends of Kay Kinneavy (friend)	Comfort and peace at her death	Linda Dodds
Patricia Santelmann (Lynn's mother)	Comfort and peace at her death	Paul Navarre
Paul Miller (brother-in-law)	Comfort and peace	Ginny Link
Nick (son's father-in-law)	Comfort and peace	Gretchen Bancroft
Kelli Runnels Wallace	Comfort and peace	Linda Fransen
Betty Eldridge	Healing and comfort	Sister India
Lee Anne Knapp	Healing and comfort from COVID	Sister India
Glenath Moyle	Healing and comfort	Sister India
James Vogt (father)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Kyler Vogt
Rhonda Powell	Successful treatment and healing	Carol Harker
Jan Morrell (mother)	Successful treatment and healing	Amy Harker
Henry Stevens (husband)	Thanksgiving for healing	Bev Briggs
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff
People in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine	Protection, safety, and comfort	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 Dahquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
First Lutheran (Astoria)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Peace Lutheran (Astoria)		
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, email office@standrewlutheran.com, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

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 Nessel'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.



The joint memorial service honoring the lives of longtime St. Andrew members Claris & Corky Poppert will be livestreamed at https://youtube.com/live/Dq_0_rSW45Q for those unable to attend in person.

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.

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.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

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

Monday, January 8—Church Office Closed;

5:00 pm	Nourishing Conversations	Fellowship hall, Kitchen, St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	Via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	Library

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 10—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

1:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library
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 11

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
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 12

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, January 13

11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Via Zoom
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Sunday, January 14

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11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
1:00 pm	Twirler Meeting	St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm	Twirler Practice	Fellowship Hall


Blessed by God for 100 years!


Thank you to everyone who came to my 100th Birthday celebration. Thank you for the cards, gifts, and flowers. You all helped make my day very special.

Loretta Stroud



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.