

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 31, 2024

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Photo Signups for Church Directory

Both before and after worship this **Sunday, March 31**, people are invited to sign up to have their photos taken for the 2024 Church Directory. Please see Carol Harker before and after worship in the Narthex to reserve your time. Photos will be taken **Wednesday-Friday, May 8-10**, 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Participants will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a spiral-bound directory when they become available. They will also have the opportunity to purchase additional photos (\$25 for an 8 x 10 sheet), but are not required to do so.



Who should sign up? You should! Church membership is not a requirement to be included in the directory. If you participate in this faith community, you belong in the book.

This new directory is much-needed and will help our new pastor get to know the people of St. Andrew. Although photo signups will continue for six weeks, remember that those who sign up early will get their choice of times. Early signups are appreciated!

## Sanctuary Team Update

Dear St. Andrew,

One of the vibrant ministries we are supporting is that of our Sanctuary Team. From April 7 to May 12, the Sanctuary Team will be sharing some timely and thoughtful classes on *Sanctuary in Our Time and Place*. The meaning, theology, and urgency of sanctuary will be the focus, including the Biblical imperative to welcome the sojourner, and what that means now, 2024, in the United States. Included in this series will be stories shared by the Malik Zada and Hashemi families. St. Andrew has been building friendships and assisting both families. Sayed Rasool Hashemi was an interpreter for US forces in Afghanistan and has the English skills to help share stories from the Malik Zadas and his own family.

The class will also address providing refuge and sanctuary amid local disaster. The January winter storm, which drew members of the congregation to seek shelter here, pointed out both a need and a potential, and St. Andrew is in conversation with the Red Cross for some kind of partnership/support.

The final class gathering will include a celebration potluck, sharing plant-based food.

This creative series of 5 classes is sure to provide lots of thoughtful and informative conversations. I believe it will be a great expression of how St. Andrew is living out its values, in specific and meaningful ways. I hope you'll be part of the conversations.

Pastor Laurie

## Call Process Advances

The Call Committee has completed interviews with five very qualified candidates for lead pastor. After prayer, pondering, discernment, and much discussion, the Call Committee is now ready to proceed in early April with an in-person meeting with a candidate that we think best meets the needs of St. Andrew.

The in-person meeting will include time for the Call Committee to learn more about the Candidate, time for the Candidate to learn more about our ministry, a tour of St. Andrew, a shared meal, and opportunity for the candidate to learn about the community.

The Call Committee and Candidate continue in discernment before any final recommendations are made. To learn more about the Call process, check out the updated Call Process poster in the Narthex or ask a member of the Call Committee.

Please continue to hold the Call Committee, pastoral candidates, and the process in your prayers.

The Call Committee

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

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger

For 50 years dedicated ELCA Hunger staff and volunteers have been working to end hunger—here in the US and more than 60 other countries. It is support from congregations and individuals that make this work possible. Donors are partners in the work of ELCA World Hunger



Creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Oregon Synod Hunger Team is inviting congregations to take part in making a \$50,000 joint gift to the ongoing work of ELCA Hunger. The St. Andrew Service Committee has just donated \$500 to achieve this goal. We invite you to join us by also donating. Here's how:

- Make your donation on the Synod website. In the text field write ELCA Hunger and your congregation's name.
- Send a check to our synod office (2800 N. Vancouver Ave., Suite #101, Portland, OR 97227) with ELCA Hunger and the name of your congregation in the memo line.

ELCA World Hunger is all about people and the justice needed to make sure that all are fed. Justice is not only in feeding, but in housing, access to work, affordable childcare, medical care, and all of the other things that affect one's life and ability to eat. Let's celebrate by making sure ELCA World Hunger continues another 50 years and more into the future!

LuAnn Staul

## Resourceful Living Part I: Reusing and Repurposing

From the Master Recycler Handbook

There is mounting evidence that the accumulation of material possessions, beyond basic needs, does not help us feel more creative, connected, secure, or healthy. There is such a thing as enough when it comes to possessions.

Upcycled or repurposed, second hand, salvage, and vintage--all of these words essentially mean reuse, and reusing can save you money and space and avoid waste. Many items can easily be found at second-hand stores. The easiest form of reuse is to use durable products instead of disposable products, such as coffee mugs or water bottles. Some take-out containers are quite reusable and can even go into the dishwasher so they can be used again and again.

**Purchase reused.** Explore our region's many second-hand stores to find new-to-you clothing, furniture, electronics, household or craft items, salvaged building materials, and more.

Non-profit and for-profit resale shops exist in all parts of our region. Do some internet searching using phrases like resale, vintage, consignment, second hand, and gently used. You will find places to buy used furniture, tools, and electrical cords, clothes, baby accessories, and more.

**Online reuse shopping.** There are many great resources for the online shopper. Most of us are familiar with Freecycle or Craigslist as great ways to find bargains, but there are many more resources for reuse online.



**Repurposing.** So far we have been talking about reusing items in the way that they were originally meant to be used. We can also avoid waste and spending extra money by repurposing the objects that we already have to meet a new or different need.

*Liz Hardy,  
Earth Care*

### RESOURCES:

**Free Geek** (1731 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland, 503-232-9351) provides free computers, technology, and education to people who would not otherwise have access through the reuse and recycling of old computers.

**Scrap** (1736 SW Alder St, Portland, 503-294-0769) inspires creative reuse and art through education projects and the creative reuse and donation center.

**Community Warehouse** (3969 NE MLK Jr Blvd, Portland, 503-235-8786, 8380 SW Nyberg St, Tualatin, and 819 SE 202<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Portland 971-378-5762) is Oregon's only furniture bank. They provide gently used household items to people transitioning back into housing and have locations in NE & SE Portland and Tualatin.

**Swap Positive** is a non-profit that provides training and ground rules for coordinators to organize Free Swaps. The website lists 25 regular Free Swap events taking place from Sherwood to Beaverton, and Portland to Milwaukie.

Portland community centers called Swap-n-Plays exist in Gresham and E, SW, NE, and N Portland. These community hubs are gathering places for play, conversation, and swapping children's toys, accessories, and clothes. Coordinators focus on sizes and types of items to be swapped. If you love clothes (or electronics, toys, or other stuff) and you love being with fun, thrifty, kind people, why not start a swap?

**St. Johns Swap-n-Play and NE Swap and Play** (7535 N Chicago Ave, Portland 971-251-0074 and 5830 NE Alameda St, Portland 510-858-6576) are cooperatives that include indoor play areas, ongoing exchange of kids clothing and toys, and all sorts of events and classes. This model encourages reuse instead of buying new as well as building positive relationships--a great message to pass on to kids!

## LWR Spring Ingathering

It is Spring and with that not only do we get the sunshine and all the flowers and blooming trees but we start thinking about Lutheran World Relief's Spring Ingathering. This year our Ingathering will take place on **Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4.** We will be sending out our quilts from the Nifty Notters and also the personal care and baby care kits we assemble. These kits are a wonderful way to share God's love with those in need. Below is a list of what we have and what is still needed. Please place your donations in the LWR box in the Narthex.

Thank you all for your great generosity.

### Personal Care Kits

Items	Have	Need
Lightweight Bath Towel (dark color)	6	194
Bar of Soap	0	200
Adult Toothbrush	0	200
Sturdy Comb	0	200
Metal Nail Clippers	0	200

### Baby Care Kits

Items	Have	Need
2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO ONESIES)	26	24
2 long or short sleeve gowns/sleepers (w/o feet)	34	16
Bath size bars of soap (in wrapper)	0	50
2 swaddling blankets	14	36
2 diaper pins or large safety pins	0	50
4 cloth diapers (flat fold)	0	100
1 jacket or hooded sweat-shirt	5	20
2 pairs of socks	52	0
Hand towel (dark color)	31	0

### Connect Cards

This **Sunday, March 31**, is the final day to turn in your Connect Cards. Please bring yours with you to Easter worship and drop it in the offering plate.

Additional Connect Cards are available on the round table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Kelli Runnels Wallace	Comfort and peace at her death	Camille Jackson
Family and friends of James Dunlap	Comfort and peace at his death	Staff
Susan Hill	Comfort and peace while heading home	Judy Scholz
Bettye Eldridge	Comfort and healing	Sister India
Pam Cach (sister-in-law)	Comfort, strength, and peace	Dick & Francine Cach
Doris Larson	Comfort and peace	Staff
Mary Brown	Healing and recovery	Mary Brown
Evelyn Friesen	Healing and recovery	Deacon Susan Reiser
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com), or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

## Nifty Notters



The Nifty Notters need some extra hands to help finish the quilts that will be sent out to LWR at the Spring InGathering event in May. Please join us on **Saturday April 6 9:00 am - 2:30 pm and Saturday April 20 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.**

That's just 1 ½ sessions left until the Spring InGathering May 3. Notters' supplies are all provided. Drop in and just tie one quilt or bring a lunch and stay for the whole session. Help finish the quilts now in progress.

Thanks always to the network of people at St. Andrew who support Nifty Notters.

## Jim Dunlap Memorial

Friends and family will remember the life of James Dunlap, a longtime member of St. Andrew, on **Saturday, April 6**, at 11:00 am. The memorial will take place at the Myril Eatery inside Newport's Embarcadero Resort.

## Council News

At its meeting on March 21, Council voted to approve the Hybrid Remote Work Policy presented by St. Andrew's HR Committee. A copy of the policy has been posted in the Council Minutes area of the Narthex bulletin board and can also be found on the [website](#). The HR Committee also reported to Council that it had recently reviewed and updated the job description for the Parish Manager, whose title will revert to Parish Executive since it is a full-time position.



## Adult Education

It is time to plan for Adult Education or topics for the 2024-2025 year. We are looking for some ideas of what classes you'd like to see offered. What are you interested in learning more about? Please send your ideas or suggestions to Janet Vorvick before April 1.

## Tulips

Please feel free to take some tulips home with you after service on Easter Sunday. If you take a vase, please return it to the church when done.



## Your St. Andrew Staff

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## Preparing for Worship

**Sunday April 7, 2024**

Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 1:1 -2:2  
John 20:19-31

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwan Lutheran Fellowship Gathering .....	Chapel
11:00 am	Easter Brunch .....	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, April 1—Church Office Closed

9:00 am	Call Committee .....	St. Andrew Room
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### Tuesday, April 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	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group .....	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	HR Meeting.....	via Zoom
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198 .....	Children’s Commons
7:00 pm	Adult Ed Team Meeting .....	Library
7:00 pm	Connections Team (MACG) Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

### Wednesday, April 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).

9:30 am	Apprentice Essentrics® Aging Backwards® workout class .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India .....	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Earth Camp Core Team Meeting .....	via Zoom

### Thursday, April 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	Wing Chun Class .....	Children’s Commons

### Friday, April 5

8:00 am	Earth Camp Registration Opens .....	Online
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, April 6

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

### Sunday, April 7

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
11:00 am	Adult Ed: David .....	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Journeys to America: Welcoming Immigrants .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Confirmation for Middle School Youth.....	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group .....	Youth Room
11:00 am	The Roots.....	Children’s Commons, Children’s Library, LL Classrooms
2:00 pm	Third Act of Oregon—Postcard Writing to Encourage Voting .....	Fellowship Hall

### 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 may use a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am.