

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 24, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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New Directory!

If you have an email address on file with St. Andrew, you received a "Connect Card" from the church office. Please take the time to fill it out and email it back to the church by **March 31**. This is the first step in creating an updated directory, something that we badly need. Specifically, open your email and

1. Download the "Connect Card."
2. Open the document (from your downloads folder).
3. Fill in your information.
4. Save the document to your computer.
5. Attach that same document to an email and send to: office@standrewlutheran.com.

If you do not have an email address, we have mailed you the "Connect Card." Please fill it out legibly and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. See the address included in the newsletter masthead.

Photo Signups for Church Directory

Both before and after worship this **Sunday, March 24**, people are invited to sign up to have their photos taken for the 2024 Church Directory. Please see Sharon Fako before worship in the Narthex to reserve your time and/or Patty Jones after worship in the Narthex. 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!

Andy's Room Podcast: Holy Week Edition



Holy Week

This week's episode of the Andy's Room Podcast is an Easter Special! Tune in to hear Kyler and Pastor Laurie talk through the days of Holy week and all the different ways they offer us meaning, connection, and hope. You can find this and other episodes by searching for the "Andy's Room Podcast" on Spotify or by following the link on the church website. Enjoy!

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 Katsufakis, Mike McDowall, Amy McQueen, Tom Mehlhorn, Jan Smith, Mary Smith, LuAnn Staul

50th Anniversary of ELCA World Hunger

For 50 years dedicated ELCA Hunger staff and volunteers have been working to end hunger – here in the USA 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

To mark the 50th 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 with ELCA Hunger and the name of your congregation in the memo line. 2800 N. Vancouver Ave., Suite #101, Portland, OR 97227

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



Observing and Celebrating

HOLY WEEK ST. ANDREW

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday
Service at 9:30 am

March 28, 2024 - Maundy Thursday
Service at 7 pm

March 29, 2024 - Good Friday
Service at 8 pm

March 30, 2024 - Saturday
Egg Dyeing at 9:00 am
Labyrinth at 10:00 am

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday
Service at 9:30 am
Easter Brunch at 11:00 am

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

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.

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 Noters 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. There will be a box in the Narthex starting this **Sunday, March 24**, labeled LWR. Please place your donations in the box.

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 sweatshirt	5	20
2 pairs of socks	52	0
Hand towel (dark color)	31	0

Thank you all for your great generosity.

Lutheran World Relief

Dear Partner in Ministry,
Your congregation's love continues to change lives. We've heard your feedback. You love videos. Here are five brand new ones to share with your congregation! I hope you find them helpful.



In gratitude,
Jamie Lennon

Senior Advisor, Congregational Engagement

- [Leyla's Story](#): Your quilts and kits bring warmth and comfort to our neighbors in TÜRKIYE.
- [Until your love reaches every neighbor](#): Your support of LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF carries hope to a hurting world.
- [Your faith on the frontlines](#): Your compassion brings health care to the front lines of emergencies like the war in UKRAINE.
- [No matter how far](#): Your kindness is sharing God's love with the hardest-to-reach in PERU.
- [Faithful care for a hungry world](#): Your compassion is creating healthy futures in MALI.

Easter Sunday Brunch

St. Andrew will celebrate Easter during worship at 9:30 am on **Sunday, March 31**, with a brunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Plan to bring your family and guests to join in the festivity.

Just as in years past, St. Andrew will rely on people from the congregation to bring pastries, fruit or vegetable trays, small sandwiches, hard-boiled or deviled eggs, and other appropriate brunch fare. We hope you'll be able to attend.



Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization

Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization is an 8-session training designed for members of labor, community, and faith organizations who are interested in learning about the history of colonization and its lingering impact on our world today. Last year, 10 members of our St. Andrew community participated in this training. You are invited to join this year's sessions in reflection and learning around the truth of colonization and its ongoing impact in the region where we live. To learn more and to register, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/msz4rkbr>

Please confirm that you are able to attend all of the sessions (introductory training and Zoom sessions) before registering, as each session builds on the learnings of the previous sessions.

"Wrestling" Sessions

Introductory Briefings:

All participants must attend ONE of the following two introductory briefings in order to participate in the Wrestling Training:

Intro Briefing Option 1: **Monday, April 1**, 12:00pm-12:30 pm PST

Intro Briefing Option 2: **Tuesday, April 2**, 6:00 pm-6:30 pm PST

First Five Sessions:

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

Dates: Tuesday & Thursday nights: April 4, 9, 11, 16, and 18

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm PST

The first five sessions listed above will be held over Zoom.

The Zoom link will be provided upon registration.



Last Three Sessions:

The last three sessions will be spaced out over three months and designed to continue each individual's personal wrestling, dig into local histories and experiences of Indigenous peoples, and identify action opportunities.

Cost and Registration Deadline:



Like all of our trainings, this one is free to members of MACG member institutions. There are also slots available for non-member institutions. The full training cost to non-members is \$250/person, with a sliding scale available to support access. Please contact Riley (admin@iafnw.org) to see about availability of open non-member slots. The registration deadline for this event is **Monday, April 1, at midnight PST.**

Questions? Contact any member of the St. Andrew Connections Team (formerly MACG Core Team): Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, and Jan Smith.

Silk-Dyed Easter Egg Workshop

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am—Noon

St. Andrew Room and Kitchen

Remember those beautiful, intricately dyed eggs at last year's Easter brunch? Join Libby Calhoun on **Saturday, March 30**, to learn this easy, yet elegant, craft. Please sign up in the Narthex.



Transferring patterns from silk onto eggs is an art you can learn.

Participants will need to provide 1 dozen RAW eggs. White works best for color transfer, but brown eggs also can be used. We ask that you plan to leave a few eggs for St. Andrew's Easter brunch, but you'll take most of them home for your own Easter celebration.

We are also collecting 100% silk scarves, printed ties, and fabrics—the more patterned the better—to make our designs. Please note that 100% silk is needed for the magic to work and that any silks you provide are non-returnable. Please leave your contributions in the Easter basket by the sign-up sheet.

Learn this beautiful craft and then refresh your soul by walking the labyrinth in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please call Libby at 503-640-5557.

The Labyrinth on Holy Saturday

On **Holy Saturday, March 30**, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm, St. Andrew will again host Westminster Presbyterian's labyrinth. We will gather to reflect on the time before our Lord rose on Easter Sunday. Calming music will facilitate your meditation. Please bring writing materials for journaling if that would be useful for reflection. If you have questions, please contact Sister India (email india@standrewlutheran.com).



Lenten Food Train Chugging Along

The engine is revved up and hauling more and more boxcars of food and hygiene products destined for the St. Matthew Food Bank. Continuing through Lent, we hope to fill multiple boxes to feed the hungry and help the needy in our community.

The train is wending its way around the Narthex. Please bring non-perishable food items (such as canned corn, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, sugar, rice, and beans) as well as hygiene products (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant) to fill the boxcars.

If you prefer to donate money, you may write a check with Lenten Food Drive on the memo line or go [online](#) and select Lenten Food Drive from the drop-down menu to make your gift electronically. Every \$250 donated will add a new boxcar to the train.



With inflation continuing to impact people's ability to purchase daily necessities, this is a critical time for those in need around us. Your donations will make a big difference. **Get on board and let's see where this train will take us!**

2023 Palm Sunday Bread for the World Letters to Congress

On Palm Sunday join St. Andrew members and people of faith throughout the U.S. in bearing witness to our concern for those who suffer from hunger by participating in the Bread for the World annual letter writing campaign. These letters inspire our leaders in Washington D.C. to enact policies and pass legislation that will reduce hunger and poverty in the U.S. and the world.

If you would like to get a head start, use the template at the right to get started.

Tips to make your request be the most successful:

- Ask for a specific action, using your own words or this sentence [I urge you to support a farm bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems].
- Give reasons for your request and make it personal; share a personal reason or story that motivated you to write.
- Show how St. Andrew is working to impact hunger: "My church, St. Andrew Lutheran in Beaverton Oregon, supports the St. Matthew Food Pantry with food and financial donations. I also urge you to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from cuts."
- Write your name and address at the end of your letter and on the envelope, so your Congress members know you are one of their constituents.

It is even easier to send an email. You can find the email template on the Bread for the World [website](#). File your information and click on the text box to customize your email; the email letters will automatically be sent to your representative and senators.

Once you have submitted letters, please let me know who you sent letters/emails to so I can track this advocacy on the part of St. Andrew.

Yours in Christ,
LuAnn Staul
ljstaul@gmail.com
St. Andrew Service Committee

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici
2231 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515



Senator Merkley
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510



Offering of Letters Sample

[Date]

Dear Senator, / Dear Representative,

The farm bill is our nation's most important national food system legislation. It is critical to the work of ending hunger at home and abroad. Indeed, the farm bill impacts each one of us.

As Congress works to renew our food and farm programs through the farm bill, I urge you to support legislation that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables by increasing support for produce-specific Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP). This provides resources on top of monthly SNAP benefits for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables, primarily at farmers' markets, for a limited number of households.
- Eliminate barriers to SNAP for marginalized populations, including ending the ban on former drug offenders, eliminating work requirements for college students, and permitting indigenous communities to administer SNAP and other federal nutrition programs on reservations.
- Keep food out of landfills by increasing support for post-harvest food recovery efforts and addressing the threat to food security posed by extreme weather.
- Support funding for international food aid programs such as Food for Peace.

As a person of faith, I am moved to help and advocate for people experiencing hunger and poverty – no matter where they live. This is why I urge you to support a farm bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Sincerely,
[Your name] [Your address]

Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Susan Hill	Comfort and peace while heading home	Judy Scholz
Rhonda Powell	Comfort, peace, and effective treatment	Staff
Betty Eldridge	Comfort and healing	Sister India
Marlene Maxwell	Comfort and peace on entering hospice	Sue Cahlander
Anne Newell	Comfort and peace while struggling with health concerns and testing	Anne Newell
Pam Cach (sister-in-law)	Comfort, strength, and peace	Dick & Francine Cach
Anne and family	Support for her and her family	Rebecca Uecker
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
Spring Break travelers	Safe journeys	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	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, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, 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
Bethany (Warren)		
Gethsemane (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	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, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning, by Margareta Magnusson

What is the Swedish death cleaning method? Once you are in middle age or maybe sooner, you will get rid of stuff you have accumulated in your life that you don't need anymore.

This concept is nothing new. Most of you have done this at some point in your life. You either chuck it, give it away, hand it down, or move it on. Somehow, stuff leaves your house and goes elsewhere. But maybe you need some encouragement, someone with a few new ideas, someone to say you've been doing it right all along, or some very good reasons to keep up with the job. If you can keep the idea somewhere in the back of your mind, you can do a bit every day and not even realize you are doing it.

It's keeping your stuff at a level of what you use and what fits you, what delights your eye, and does not make you groan. The groaners are hard because you spent too much money, or you feel guilty, or you really ought to be using it, but you just don't like it. Maybe, Aunt Sarah gave it to you, and she has a memory longer than God's.

This book can help you with things like that. I read a lot of these kinds of books and sometimes it's all same-old same-old until I get to this one little bit, and then the idea is so earthshaking it cleans out half my kitchen. Maybe this book can do that for you. I enjoyed it and I believe you will as well.

Pam Farr
Librarian

Earth Camp 2024

Earth Camp returns this summer! This year's camp will take place **June 24-28**, and our theme will be *Home, Sweet Home*. Each day will focus on one of the many unique biomes we have in the beautiful state of Oregon. As a reminder, Earth Camp is for kids entering 1st-6th grades in the fall of 2024. Last year we had more than 40 campers and we hope to enroll as many this year! Registration for Earth Camp will open to St. Andrew folks on **Friday, April 5**, and will be open to all on **April 12** (one day before THPRD opens its summer camp registrations).

Lastly, it takes a village to make Earth Camp possible! Contact Director of Next Generational Ministry [Kyler Vogt](#) if you want to take part in this important event.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Preparing for Worship

Maudy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-7, 31b-35

Good Friday

Hebrews 10:16-25

The Passion of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to John

Easter Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 Mark 16:1-8

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

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	Taiwan Lutheran Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Bread for the World Offering of Letters	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Twirler Meeting and Practice	Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 25—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, March 26

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)
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Earth Care Leadership Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 27 Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

9:30 am	Apprentice Essentrics® Aging Backwards® workout class	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Alzheimer's Support Group	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28

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	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship	Sanctuary

Friday, March 29

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	Good Friday Worship	Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am	Egg Dyeing with Silk Workshop	Main Kitchen and St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Labyrinth	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Easter Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

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11:00 am	Easter Brunch	Fellowship Hall

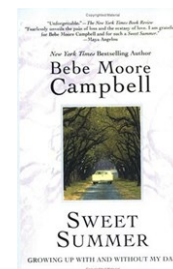
New Books

Fiction



The Maid - Nita Prose
Pigs in Heaven - Barbara Kingsolver
Resistance Women - Jennifer Chiaverini
An Incomplete Revenge - Jacqueline Winspear #5

Non-fiction



Sweet Summer - growing up with and without my Dad - Bebe Moore Campbell
Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: how to free yourself and your family from a lifetime of clutter - Margareta Magnusson
Brave Companions: portraits in history - David McCullough
Raoul Wallenberg: the biography - Ingrid Carlberg

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.