ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 14, 2024

St. Andrew Lutheran Church 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005 Worship Service: Sunday, 9:30 am

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Photo Signups Continue through April



If you haven't already scheduled your photo shoot for St. Andrew's new church directory, please do so NOW! Sign up in **Directory** the Narthex either before or after worship during April, or call the church Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00, pm to make your appointment.

> Photos will be taken in Fellowship Hall, Wednesday-Friday, May 8-10, 2:00 pm-8:30 pm. Participants will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a spiralbound directory. 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.

Call Process Accelerates

After completing interviews with five very qualified candidates, the Call Committee has released four of those individuals and is preparing to put forth one person in a recommendation to the Council on April 18 in a closed Council meeting. Right now, the name of the candidate remains private, but it won't be long before the congregation gathers to call a new lead pastor.

Meantime, please mark your calendars for a "Meet and Greet" with the candidate following worship on May 12, with a vote to follow at a congregational meeting on May 19. Your prayers for everyone involved are appreciated.

The Call Committee

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

Earth Care Fair: One Week to Go!

The Earth Care Team has had fun putting together some 30 prizes to be awarded via drawings at the Earth Care Fair next Sunday, April 21. Come to Fellowship Hall, 10:30 am-Noon, and you might hear your number drawn and then get to choose your



prize! But the best thing about the Fair is the opportunity to learn about the many choices we can make to improve our environment. Explore everything from plant-based eating to smarter clothing choices, from the benefits of trees to disaster planning. At 12:00 pm, Isaac Brocker will present a special event: Design Your Own Eden. Rethink, reimagine, and re-envision your own outdoor space to align with your values and lifestyle.

Sanctuary in Our Time and Place

Lloyd Meyer will host the second class in the series "Sanctuary in Our Time and Place" this Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Committed to building sanctuary, Lloyd will share formative events from his own life and then introduce Amina Malik Zada.

Amina and Nasir Malik Zada and their four children arrived in Portland in August 2022, sponsored by Lutheran Community Services Northwest. Our St. Andrew community has played a vital role in accompanying them and helping them resettle in the US. Amina will talk about her home in Afghanistan, the decision she and Nasir made to leave, their experience as refugees in Qatar, and the life they are creating here in Beaverton. She will be joined by Amena Qadami, formerly of LCSNW, who coordinated last year's Eid



Traditional dress for Afahani women is bright and colorful.

celebration for Afghan women here at St. Andrew.

Register for Earth Camp 2024



It's time to get your campers signed up for Earth Camp! This year's camp will be June 24-28 and the theme is Home, Sweet Home. Throughout the week, we'll be focusing on all the beautiful and diverse creatures/biomes of our home state, Oregon. It's going to be an awesome camp!

Registration is now open to the public at large. Either scan the code at right or click on the following link to access the registration form:

https://rb.gy/p4ik3x

Many kids consider St. Andrew's Earth Camp the highlight of their summer, so act quickly to be certain they have a space in 2024.



Where's "David"?

Sometimes we schedule too much of a good thing! That happened this past Sunday when two attractive Adult Education classes forced people to make a choice - between "Sanctuary in Our Time and Place" and "David." Popular instructor Paul Navarre graciously cancelled his class so that the congregation could focus on a timely topic and not be conflicted about which class to attend, but he has promised to bring "David" to us some time in the future. That's good news for all of us who appreciate Paul's scholarship and willingness to teach.

What Is the Connections Team?

Recently, you've seen articles and heard announcements from the St. Andrew Connections Team. Where did that come from?

St. Andrew joined MACG-Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good – in 2018. MACG is a group of member institutions (faithand non-faith-based) that work together on issues that affect their members. We are part of a community organizing effort that uses the principles developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation to build strong institutions and use collective power to make lives better.

Every institution in MACG has a "Core Team." These are groups of people who work to strengthen their own institutions so that when collective action is needed, we come together with the skills and relationships needed to work for effective change. Core Teams also act as liaisons to the larger MACG organization.

St. Andrew has been in transition for several years, with the pandemic interrupting the natural progression of developing relationships and leaders. Pastor Mark retired after 17 years of leadership. We have been spending a lot of time as a community learning who we are now and who we hope to become.



Critical to this is encouraging every member of the community to discover their passions for ministryand then making the necessary connections to act on those passions. The Core Team decided to change its

name to the Connections Team to better describe our primary goal: to strengthen St. Andrew through building a relational culture that helps everyone identify and act on their passions for ministry.

We are still acting as a liaison to the larger MACG organization. We are still supporting the efforts of the larger organization as it sponsors Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization and Leadership Institutes. But within St. Andrew, being known as the Connections Team will clarify our mission.

Sound interesting? Come and check us out. We meet every month on the first Tuesday, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the St. Andrew Room. You do not have to have attended a MACG training event to be a part of the Connections Team, although you may want to take advantage of that opportunity at some point. If you'd like to learn more, connect with any member of the current Connections Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Jan Smith, or Lynn Santelmann.

I Am an American Live

As people honor Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, The Immigrant Story invites you to its third edition of "I Am an American Live." Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 pm to enjoy an evening filled with captivating stories and music meant to set your soul dancing.

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The event at Beaverton's Patricia Reser Center for the Arts is free, but tickets are required and going fast. Reserve your seat now and be a part of this unforget-

table celebration. Secure your spot at:

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)	52	148
Bar of Soap	86	114
Adult Toothbrush	208	0
Sturdy Comb	136	64
Metal Nail Clippers	20	180

Baby Care Kits

Items	Have	Need
2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO ONESIES)	31	19
2 long or short sleeve gowns/ sleepers (w/o feet)	41	9
Bath size bars of soap (in wrapper)	0	50
2 swaddling blankets	18	32
2 diaper pins or large safety pins	98	0
4 cloth diapers (flat fold)	166	0
1 jacket or hooded sweatshirt	5	20
2 pairs of socks	64	0
Hand towel (dark color)	68	0

Please check out the article on the next page of this newsletter to learn how giving a few volunteer hours to LWR can make this spring's Ingathering a success.

Nifty Notters



The Nifty Notters need some extra hands to help finish the quilts that will be sent out to Lutheran World Relief at the Spring Ingathering event in May. Please join us on Saturday, April 20, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. That's just one work session left to complete our work! 20, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. That's just one 3-hour

Please note that Notters' supplies are all provided. Drop in and learn what you can do to help finish the quilts now in progress.

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

Styrofoam Notice

I am sorry to report that Agilyx in Tigard is no longer collecting Styrofoam. That means we have no place to take the Styrofoam that people have been dropping off in our Garbage Palace. Please do not bring Styrofoam to St. Andrew in the future.

If you have Ridwell, be aware that the company continues to collect Styrofoam, but the fee is \$10 for each bag picked up.

Volunteer for the LWR Ingathering

Lutheran World Relief's efforts span 21 of the most vulnerable countries in the world and it all starts with Lutheran congregations making quilts and putting together baby, health, or school kits for people who have little or nothing. Then, twice a year, churches such as St. Andrew host Ingatherings to collect those offerings. During the Ingathering in the fall of 2023, we gathered quilts from 42 churches in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Northern California for a total of 2,562 quilts. And that doesn't include the untold number of kits collected.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of something so powerfully good? This spring, we have two volunteer opportunities:

- 1. On **Tuesday, April 30**, we'll be assembling health and baby kits from 5:00-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, as well as packing up quilts made by the Nifty Notters. This is a wonderful opportunity for families, as youngsters love to gather up all the supplies that go into each baby or health kit.
- 2. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Ingathering itself on <u>Friday, May 3</u>, and <u>Saturday, May 4</u>. Volunteers are invited to sign up for two-hour shifts on Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, or for a three-hour shift on Saturday, 9:00 am-Noon.

The Ingathering takes place near the Community Garden, where two types of assignments are available: loading the shipping container with boxes weighing up to 40 pounds, or greeting people as they drive in to drop off their church's donations.

The box you help load at the Ingathering could be a huge boost for a refugee in Ukraine or other countries. Sign up to volunteer in the Narthex or contact Rochelle McIntire at 503-804-7967 or pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com.

Thank You for Easter Brunch Blessings



Thank you to everyone, from Deacon Susan for the table flowers, the Bliesners for help with set up, the egg dyers for their colorful hardboiled eggs, the multitude who provided food and helped with cleanup, the tablecloth brigade, and Carol Hogan for always providing help wherever it's needed. It truly takes a village!

> *Tom & Pam Jelineo* Event Coordinators

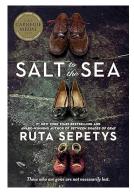
Recent Acquisitions in Our Library

Fiction

The Dollhouse, by Fiona Davis Salt to the Sea, by Ruta Sepetys (a young adult book) The Storyteller, by Jodi Picoult

Nonfiction

Colossians and Philemon, by N.T. Wright Landscaping with Wildflowers, by Jim Wilson D-Day: The World War II Invasion that Changed History, by Deborah Hopkinson Da Jesus Book: Hawaii Creole English New Testament



Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on <u>Sunday, April 21</u>, to discuss the book, *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki.



The author weaves a web of stories that stretch across time and location, from Japan in the 1940s to Silicon Valley in the 1990s, and from a Buddhist monastery to a small island off British Columbia. According to *Kirkus Reviews*, "The novel's seamless web of language, metaphor, and meaning can't be disentangled from its powerful emotional impact: These are characters we care for deeply, imparting life lessons through the magic of storytelling."

At its April meeting, the group will also be selecting books to discuss over the next several months.

Details:

Time/Date:	Sunda
Book:	A Tale
Hostess:	Sharon
Discussion Leader:	Mary

Sunday, April 21, at 3:00 pm A Tale for the Time Being, by Ruth Ozeki Sharon Fako Mary Smith

Future Reading:

Book: We Have Always Been Here, by Samra Habib Hostess: Mary Smith Discussion Leader: Elaine May



Night of Stories on April 28



Come hang out on <u>Sunday, April 28</u>, from 4:00-6:00 pm for our first-ever Story Workshop Night! We are trying out a new location that we're very excited about: The Fireside Room at Steeplejack (on Broadway)! The happy hour deals on their delicious food and in-house crafted beverages are something you won't want to miss. Bring yourself, bring a friend – and, if you dare, bring a story!

Steeplejack Brewing, 2400 NE Broadway

The Story Workshop is a fun and relaxed opportunity to experiment in the art of storytelling. Do you have a story that's still unpolished? Maybe an experience that you think might make a good story, but you're still figuring out how to tell it? Bring your unfinished story and our team of amateur story experts will offer an encouraging space for you to tell your as-yet-unfinished story and offer positive feedback on different ways to bring it to life.

If you have any questions, you can talk to Kyler, email <u>nightofstoriespdx@gmail.com</u>

or send a message on Instagram to @nightofstories.

Save the Date! <u>Sunday, June 2</u>, 4:00 pm

For a fundraiser to support St. Andrew youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20.



Resourceful Living Part 3: Fixing & Creative Purchasing

From the Master Recycler Handbook

There is a growing repair movement that is empowering people to make their stuff last longer. Maintenance and repair can be surprisingly easy and creative. If you're a do-it-yourselfer, how-to-classes and online tutorials can help you improve your sewing, bike or home repair skills quickly. YouTube has an endless supply of resourceful people who have uploaded their success in fixing just about anything you could possibly need to fix. A website called <u>lfixit.com</u> includes a forum were people upload step by step instructions for fixing everything from your smart phone to your coffee maker. Ifixit even sells parts and tools that might be necessary to do the job.

Not feeling so handy yourself? You would be surprised how economical it can be to take your broken object to a local repair shop. There is a lively economy based on the repair industry. Simply Google tailor, alterations, furniture restoration, cobbler, computer repair, or lawn mower repair, and you'll discover a nearby business that is ready to help.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Basic maintenance extends the life of your stuff, saving you money while reducing waste. Keeping our appliances running smoothly and efficiently also saves energy.



Repair events. These are events aimed at extending the life of stuff in our area. In these events, handy volunteers offer to help fix small appliances, sew hems and tune up bikes. Events in Portland and Gresham are called "Repair Cafes" and events in Clackamas and Washington Counties are called "Repair Fairs." Search for them online.

Buy smart/creative purchasing. All of the strategies mentioned so far are about ways to get what we need without having to purchase a new product. When you do need to buy something new, plan ahead, research product choices and rethink gifts to maximize our purchasing power and minimize our negative impacts.

Plan before you shop. For groceries, make a list based on your plans for the week, then shop your cupboards and fridge first, crossing off the items you already have on hand. At the store, stick to your list. Consider purchasing in bulk so that you can buy the exact quantity you need. For consumable products, such as paint or decking stain, measure the area that you plan to cover and check your shelves to see if you already have some on hand. At the store, read the label to find out the amount you can expect to need to cover the area you measured.

<u>How was the product made?</u> Choose high quality, durable products rather than disposable items. Example: buy Mason jar drinking glasses or stainless steel canteens, rather than disposable cups or bottled water. Select items that are durable and that can be repaired when they wear out. Example: buy shoes which can be resoled. Buy durable sandals instead of cheap Flip-Flops that only last 1 season. Consider the materials options for each product. For each material, can you weigh the carbon footprint of the extraction and production, its toxicity, and how workers were treated? Think outside the gift box. Holidays, birthdays, weddings and anniversaries bring special pressures to purchase the perfect gift. Gifts of experiences (rather than stuff) offer loved ones a chance for a memorable outing, and remove the potential for pressure to find space for something they may not need. Who doesn't love tickets to a show or a special spa service? How about donating to a cause or organization important to the person? Does the person you want to buy for have a special talent or want to learn something new? If so, a class might make a perfect gift. How about taking your loved one on a tour of the local vineyard or an historic area? If you have a lifetime event where people will want you to set up a registry, consider companies that offer options for gifts of experiences. So Kind Registry is one non-profit registry. There are also some for-profit online platforms that will help you set up a registry so that your guests can purchase part of your honeymoon.

Rather than letting advertisers and businesses suggest what you want and need, try to decide more independently, and carefully consider your personal needs and resources. This could lead to decreased consumption, lower expenses, and increased satisfaction. Just as sharing, borrowing and creative purchasing help us bring more meaning to our daily lives, these strategies can also reflect our values.

Liz Hardy Earth Care Team

Lenten Food Train Arrives at the Station

The St. Andrew Lenten Food Train completed its journey on April 4, delivering 528 pounds of food and hygiene supplies to the St. Matthew Lutheran Food Pantry. In addition, we collected \$4,938 in donations which will be added to \$3,562 from out 2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive for a total donation of \$8,500 to the food pantry. This equals almost two months of their total budget for food purchases!



Thank you, all, for generously supporting those in need in our community.

The Service Committee

Andy's Room Podcast Features Chase Isaacson!



The Andy's Room Podcast is back with another new episode, this time featuring Chase Isaacson! Chase has been around St. Andrew his whole life and currently works in our tech booth running the cameras for our YouTube livestreams. Tune in to this episode to hear what it was like growing up at St. Andrew

and what it's like experiencing St. Andrew from one of our most exclusive perspectives as someone in his upper 20s. It's a very enjoyable conversation and I hope you check it out!

Andy's Room Podcast can be accessed by searching for it on Spotify, going through the front page of the church website, or by clicking this link:

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

NAME	PRAYERS FOR	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Pam Cach (sister-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Dick & Francine Cach
Family and friends of Jonah	Comfort and peace at his death	Melinda Wagner and Aaron Couc
Doris Larson	Comfort and peace	Staff
Rhonda Powell	Wholeness, comfort, peace, and support	Staff
oyce Bianucci (sister)	Comfort, healing, and recovery	Judy Scholz
Elsa (cousin)	Healing and comfort	Carol Hogan
Ben	Healing and resolution	Fran Miller
Randy Schutt	Healing and recovery	Choice Schutt
Stacy (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Jerry Entrikin
Bettye Eldridge	Healing and recovery	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Mary Ann Snider	Healing and recovery	Mary Smith
Deborah Dickson (sister-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Karen Mallari
Linda Wick (sister)	Healing and recovery	Donna McAlpine
Evelyn Friesen (mother-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Deacon Susan Reiser
Ruth Kerr (mother-in-law)	Well-being and health	Sister India
Kristin Topel (friend)	Good test results	Donna McAlpine
Nick Zahn (nephew)	Safe return to his parents	Anne Newell
individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
St. Andrew Council, Executive Committee, Call Committee, and Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
India Jensen Kerr and all theology students and seminarians	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Bethlehem (Portland) Central (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff

email office@standrewlutheran.com, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

Annual Reports Due April 22

During our "interim" year between called pastors, St. Andrew has been busy doing God's work through many ministries and committees. Now it's time to share the word with everyone in the congregation. If you chair a committee, please note that it's time to write your report for the church's Annual Report. If you are uncertain where to start, go to the church website to see last year's document. The Annual Report chronicles the life of St. Andrew. Please turn in your reports to the office prior to Monday, April 22. Reports from the Financial Review Team can be slotted in no later than May 20.

Flowers on the Chancel

The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Tom & Noelle Mehlhorn with continuing thanks and blessings for Pastor Laurie's ministry here.

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g	Interim Pastor Laurie Newman laurienewman@standrewlutheran.com
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\succ	Tira Nesset 503-866-5099

Time to Play!



next Game Night (Game Afternoon?). Sponsored by the St. Andrew Connections Team, this is a casual, fun way to connect with other members of our faith community to play board

games, laugh with each other, and spend time with some really fine folks. Bring a snack to share if you like, along with any games you'd like to play. Questions? Contact any member of the Connections Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Jan Smith, or Lynn Santelmann.

Preparing for Worship Sunday April 21, 2024 Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

9:30 am In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom) Sanctuary 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service. Chapel 11:00 am Adult Ed: Sanctuary in Our Time and Place Library 11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth Library 11:00 am The Roots. Chalpel Monday, April 15 Church Office Closed Tuesday, April 16 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) 7:00 am Sunrise Women Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave) 7:00 am Tai Chi.	Sunday, Ap	oril 14		
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Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



VouTube <u>9:30 am</u>: 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.