

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 21, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Earth Care Fair: This Sunday!



The Earth Care Team has had fun putting together some 30 prizes to be awarded via drawings at the Earth Care Fair this **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.

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 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 spiral-bound 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.



Register for Earth Camp 2024



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.

Call Committee Recommendation Accepted by the Council

On Thursday, April 18, the Council unanimously voted to forward the Call Committee's recommendation for lead pastor to the Congregation. Details about the lead pastor candidate will be available to the congregation on Sunday, April 21.

The Congregation will have an opportunity to meet the candidate on May 12 following worship. An email announcing the special Congregation meeting to vote on the recommendation of call and the compensation package will be sent out early next week.

The Call Committee thanks the Council for their overwhelming support during this time of transition.

The Call Committee

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

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.

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 unforgettable celebration. Secure your spot at:

<https://theimmigrantstory.org/iaalive3/>



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 3-hour work session left to complete our quilts!

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.



Worship Volunteer Sign-up

Worship is not possible without the many volunteers who serve in worship throughout the year. We are using Signup.com as a tool to sign up our worship volunteers. Who are these volunteers? They are everyone who provides flowers or serves as Acolytes, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Cantors, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Lectors, Nursery Volunteers, Audio Tech, Video Tech, Ushers, Worship Coordinators, and Zoom Hosts.

Here's what you need to know: copy and paste the following link which will take you to our signup for Sunday morning worship services.

<https://signup.com/go/GRHfNuv>

Summer is coming and we have many open volunteer positions in May and June. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Vorvick or Deacon Susan.

Get-Out-the-Vote Post Carding

A small team of folks at St. Andrew is writing postcards to people around the country who are registered to vote but typically do not vote. How you vote is secret, but whether or not you vote is public record.

Many states have already had their primary elections, but there are many yet to come. There will be postcard writing opportunities from now until October before the general election on November 5.

Third Act of Oregon is a local community group that is also writing get-out-the-vote postcards. The group meets monthly in NE and SE Portland and is still looking for a SW location. Third Act met at St. Andrew on April 7 and will be here again on **May 8 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Please come and join us!



Studies show that if you can get people to vote in the primary election, there is a higher chance that they will vote in the general election.

Also if you know any high school seniors, please encourage them to register to vote. Apparently, not many young people register to vote, but of those who do register, there is a high percentage who vote.

If you are interested in writing postcards, let me know. Contact me at elisabethhardy6@gmail.com, or text me at 360-632-4900, or find me at church.

Liz Hardy

Men's Book Club

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on **Monday, May 13** at the Beaverton Lodge, Apt 234.

New and old attendees are welcome.

The discussion this month will be on the book *Stormy Weather* by Carl Hiaasen. The author uses satire to describe events that probably do occur following a hurricane disaster.

USA Today: "Historically Funny...Hiaasen at his satirical best."
Orland Sentinel: "...fiercely funny talk in the Hiaasen canon. Even while provoking gales of laughter, it takes dead-aim at despoilers of the environment and the greed mongers out to make a buck off devastation and destruction..."

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)	88	112
Bar of Soap	99	101
Adult Toothbrush	246	0
Sturdy Comb	160	40
Metal Nail Clippers	31	169

Baby Care Kits

Items	Have	Need
2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO ONESIES)	38	12
2 long or short sleeve gowns/sleepers (w/o feet)	41	9
Bath size bars of soap (in wrapper)	0	50
2 swaddling blankets	22	28
2 diaper pins or large safety pins	98	0
4 cloth diapers (flat fold)	166	0
1 jacket or hooded sweatshirt	12	13
2 pairs of socks	64	0
Hand towel (dark color)	68	0

Please check out the article on page 5 of this newsletter to learn how giving a few volunteer hours to LWR can make this spring's Ingathering a success.

The Andy's Room Podcast

Features Tira Nesset!



Check out this week's episode of the Andy's Room Podcast, featuring one of our Parish Nurses, Tira Nesset! Throughout her years working in health care, Tira has developed a passion for looking at health holistically – physical health, mental health, emotional health, and spiritual health all wrapped up in one. Tune in to hear how she began

the journey to holistic wellness, how she is bringing it into her service at St. Andrew, and why she thinks it is good news for everybody. Enjoy!

You can find a link to Tyler's podcast on St. Andrew's [Website](#) under the "In the Spotlight" section on the homepage.

Resourceful Living Part 4: Make Every Thread Count

From the Master Recycler Handbook

Choose quality clothes that save money, last longer, and reduce waste. Poorly made clothes wear out quickly, clutter closets, and use up precious natural resources. Well-made clothes are available for every budget, are made to last, and can be worn often and for years to come. Quality doesn't have to be code for expensive. Well-made clothes aren't determined by the price tag and simple care can make those pieces last longer, which saves you the hassle and cost of replacing them. Here are some steps to extend the life of your clothes:

Look for quality.

- ♦ Fabrics: All types of fabrics, whether natural or synthetic, have advantages and disadvantages. Consider the quality of the fabric itself (thickness, softness, stretch, etc.) and how suitable the fabric is for that particular item. Will it be comfortable and durable?
- ♦ Good quality thread and strong, even stitches: Give the fabric a gentle pull to see if the thread breaks or pops. Check for rippled, puckered, or twisted hems and seams. Avoid garments that don't appear to hang smoothly.
- ♦ Edges and hems: Cut or raw edges and hems can lead to unraveling and loose, hanging threads. Be careful in choosing garments with these features as they may require special laundering.
- ♦ Matched patterns: If the garment has stripes or plaid, the pattern should match up at the seams.
- ♦ Linings: For suits and other lined garments, check to see if the lining hangs loosely and doesn't cause any pulling or puckering.
- ♦ Quality buttons and buttonholes: Buttonholes should be well stitched with no loose threads or raw fabric showing. Test the button in the buttonhole to make sure it's easy to button and un-button.

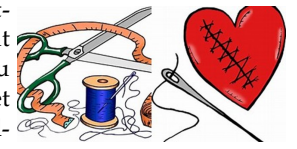
Care for your clothes.

- ♦ Clean correctly: Follow labels when washing your clothes to keep them looking better and lasting longer.
- ♦ Consider cold water: For most laundry, you can use cold water and less detergent than directed. This prevents exposure to excess heat or chemicals that contribute to fading or wearing out.
- ♦ Group similar items and turn inside out: When washing, turn jeans and graphic shirts inside out to prevent fading and wear. Wash similar items together (for example, all jeans) to prevent harsher fabrics from wearing on softer ones.
- ♦ Use the dryer sparingly: High heat fades and shrinks material, and breaks down elastic fibers in clothes, causing breakage and stretching. When possible, line or flat dry your clothes. If you must dry your clothes, use the lowest setting. (Personally, I put laundry in the dryer for 5-10 minutes, then let them air dry on a laundry rack.)
- ♦ Stain removal: Discover what sort of care is best for the stain. Cold water, hot water, or stain treatment? Some quick online research can save that garment you love.
- ♦ Simple fixes: Learn the simple but satisfying art of re-attaching a button, mending a tear, or applying a patch.
- ♦ Call in the experts: Locate a good dry cleaner and tailor that can help keep your clothes clean and well-fitted.



Wear those clothes often and for years to come!

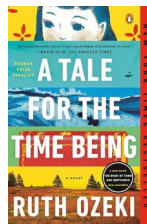
- ♦ Every item in your closet has a cost-per-wear: The longer you wear that shirt or pair of jeans, the more you get out of your investment. A closet carefully stocked with several quality items will outlast a closet packed with poorly made, disposable clothes. So choose quality—you'll look good, save money and help care for our environment!



Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, April 21**, 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: **Sunday, April 21**, at 3:00 pm

Book: *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki

Hostess: Sharon Fako

Discussion Leader: 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, 6:00—8:00 pm

Have a story you've told a thousand times? Or one that still needs some work? Have you had an experience that you think might make for a good story, but you're still figuring out how to tell it?

Bring a five to ten minute story (memorized, written down, or somewhere in between) and our audience and team of amateur story experts will offer an encouraging space for you to tell your tale and offer positive feedback on different ways to bring it to life. Or, just come hang out with awesome humans and try some of Steepljack's amazing food and drinks.

Bring a friend, bring yourself, and if you dare, bring a story!

If you have any questions, you can talk to Kyler, email nightofstoriespdx@gmail.com or send a message on Instagram to @nightofstories.



Steeplejack Brewing,
2400 NE Broadway



Climate Action Fair

Meet environmental organizations offering ways to take action
 Explore resources for home energy, electric cars and other climate
 friendly personal actions.

Enjoy creative activities for children and adults!

Free and open to all (Photo ID and bag search required for building entry.)

Sunday, April 28, 2024, Noon to 4 pm

at Mittleman Jewish Community Center
 6651 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, OR

Speaker Schedule:

ASL interpreted

12:30-12:55	Food Choices and Global Warming, Peter Spendelow
1:05-1:30	<i>Canopy of Titans</i> , Paul Koberstein, Jessica Applegate
1:30-2:00	Forestry Panel, Chuck Willer, Brenna Bell, Paul K., Jessica A.
2:30-3:00	Electrify Now, Brian Stewart
3:15-3:35	Native Plants: Beauty with Purpose, Weina Dianta



For more details and information: <https://fb.me/e/1CsZO3xoX>

Sponsored by: Jewish Federation of Portland, Mittleman Jewish Community Center, Havurah Shalom, Kesser Israel, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon/Interfaith Power and Light, P'nai Or, Shaarie Torah, Rose City Dayenu Circle, Jewish Earth Alliance, Portland Jewish Academy (as of 3-25)

World Labyrinth Day

World Labyrinth Day is an international labyrinth walking event that has been held annually on the first Saturday of May since 2009. Over the last 15 years on this day, thousands of walkers are reported to have gathered at labyrinths, all looking forward to walking from 12:30-2:00 pm in their global time zones.

This year walkers from St. Andrew who wish to participate in a mini-pilgrimage can join Trinity Episcopal's indoor labyrinth program for a special event on **Saturday, May 4**. The theme of the walk is intended for everyone to walk as one for planetary healing. The walk for healing will be pre-viewed beginning at 12:30 pm with the first of two slide shows that accompany the formal walk that opens at 1:00 pm. After walking, participants may access tables set out with materials for writing or drawing their thoughts, prayers, or insights.



Please contact Linda Dodds

lindadpdx@gmail.com

if you have any questions, need help, or can provide assistance with a ride to the walk.

Trinity is located just off Broadway at

147 NW 19th Ave.

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Preparing for Worship Sunday April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40
 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<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 Dorothy Moore	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sister India
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Comfort, healing, and recovery	Judy Scholz
Elsa (cousin)	Healing and comfort	Carol Hogan
Ida Trullinger	Healing and comfort	Sister India
Ben	Healing and recovery	Fran Miller
Randy Schutt	Healing and recovery	Choice Schutt
Stacy (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Jerry Entrikin
Bettye Eldridge	Healing and recovery	Sister India
Darryl Eldridge	Comfort and strength	Sister India
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Marlene Maxwell, Anne Newell, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
Grace Lutheran Mission (Portland) Peace (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.

Time to Play!



Join us in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, April 27**, from 3:00-5:00 pm for the 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.

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. Last fall, 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 **Friday, May 3**, and **Saturday, May 4**. 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 pacifcnwlvrgroup@gmail.com.

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.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, April 21

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 Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Earth Care Fair	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Design Your Own Eden with Isaac Brocker	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 22—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23

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
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Earth Care Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 24—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
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India	St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 25

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	IT Meeting	Offsite

Friday, April 26

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, April 27


11:00 am	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Connections Team Game Day (MACG)	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 28

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 Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Sanctuary in Our Time and Place	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

Save the Date!
Sunday, June 2, 4:00 pm

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



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.