

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 28, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Final Sunday for Photo Signups



Church Directory Photograph Sign-Up
April 28 is the final Sunday that we'll be facilitating signups for church directory photos both before and after worship. 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.

If you're unable to sign up this Sunday, please call the church Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, to make your appointment. Church membership is not a requirement to be included. 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.

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.



Register for Earth Camp 2024



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.gv/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.



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!

Sanctuary in Our Time and Place

Bob and Cindy Stadel will host the third class in the "Sanctuary in Our Time and Place" series this Sunday, April 28, at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. They will discuss the forced migration that enveloped Bob's family during World War II when his mother and father, part of a Lutheran farming colony in what is now Ukraine, were forced to move north to Poland. There Hitler was taking Polish farms and reallocating them to the German immigrants whose own farms had been confiscated by Stalin. Horst Stadel—aka, Bob—was born on one of those Polish farms in 1943.

Bob and Cindy returned to the site of Friedenstal—now Mirnopolje—in 2015. They will share photos and reflections on the Friedenstal community, many of whose members later emigrated to the U.S. Cindy will talk about how relationships contributed to the community's resilience, touching on the neurobiology of trauma and the healing that can come in accompanying one another.

Please join us!

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 Steeplejack's amazing food and drinks.

Bring yourself, bring a friend, 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*

Next Steps in the Call Process

Meet & Greet with Pastor Allison Bengfort,
Sunday, May 12, following worship, Fellowship Hall

Congregational Vote on Call & Compensation
Sunday, May 19, following worship, Fellowship Hall

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.

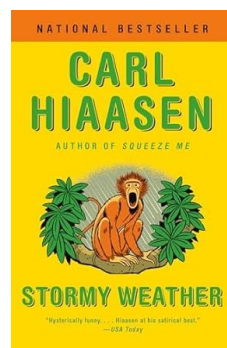
If you are interested in writing postcards, let me know. Contact me at elisabethhardy6@gmail.com, or text me at 360-632-4900, or find me at church.

Liz Hardy

Men's Book Club

The next meeting of the Men's Book Club 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 Carl Hiaasen's novel *Stormy Weather*, a hilarious and scathing book about a crazed and determined man who has devoted his strange existence to saving southern Florida from con artists and carpetbaggers after a hurricane hits.

USA Today says the book is "hysterically funny...Hiaasen at his satirical best," while *Cosmopolitan* describes it as "bracing, bawdy, howlingly funny.... Everybody gets his just desserts, and you get the delight of reading about it."

LWR Spring Ingathering

We are in the final push for next week's Lutheran World Relief Spring Ingathering, **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)	113	87
Bar of Soap	260	0
Adult Toothbrush	246	0
Sturdy Comb	164	36
Metal Nail Clippers	67	133

Baby Care Kits

Items	Have	Need
2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO ONESIES)	50	0
2 long or short sleeve gowns/sleepers (w/o feet)	42	8
Bath size bars of soap (in wrapper)	50	0
2 swaddling blankets	26	24
2 diaper pins or large safety pins	98	0
4 cloth diapers (flat fold)	166	0
1 jacket or hooded sweatshirt	19	6
2 pairs of socks	64	0
Hand towel (dark color)	75	0

Please check out the article on page 4 of this newsletter to learn how giving a few volunteer hours to LWR can make this spring's Ingathering a success.

Family Vehicle Needed



Since the Malik Zada family came to the U.S. from Afghanistan almost two years ago, St. Andrew's Sanctuary Team has worked hard to support them. With four young children, Nasir and Amina have made good progress learning English and adapting their lives to a new culture, but they have transportation needs that we might help meet. Do you have a van or SUV that will seat at least six people, or know of someone who might like to donate such a vehicle?

If you have a vehicle that's no longer needed or know someone who does (it must be in good operating condition as the family is living on a very limited budget), please contact Sanctuary Team member Tom Jelineo (971-221-2602; tjelineo@hotmail.com) to learn more. At that point, donation details will be worked out based on tax law and possible benefits for the donor.

Another option is to contribute by donating to St. Andrew, designating your gift to go to the Sanctuary Team account. Thank you!

Resourceful Living, Part 5: Materials Matter

From the Master Recycler Handbook

Let's face it: materials matter. From the delicious pasta shared with a friend to the pendant given as a gift, materials contribute much toward our health and well-being. They are sustaining parts of the human experience.

Unfortunately, the rate at which we produce, consume, use, and discard materials has serious global environmental and social consequences. In the United States, our relentless fixation on low price products has created a marketplace that is full of cheap, disposable products that people discard with little thought.

Today, we are increasingly becoming defined by our things. Popular culture (driven by massive advertising campaigns) has manufactured portraits of who we should be. Teens are especially vulnerable to relying on their things to feel accepted, attractive, and good about themselves. And the drive to purchase all this stuff leaves Americans on what is often referred to as a *work-to-spend treadmill*. Many of us are working harder and working longer hours so we can buy more stuff.



We can, however, do things differently. We can decide for ourselves what it is we need (or even want), rather than waiting for someone else to tell us. We can determine for ourselves what is enough stuff based on our internal values rather than someone else's profit margin. We might decide to fill some needs with things, but research shows that we are most satisfied by making connections in our community and family, and by focusing on our health and that of our families. Many of the activities like sharing or borrowing give us opportunities to connect with others in our community. Even investing in local services helps us feel more connected to the people around us.

Another key way of changing our relationship with our stuff is to recognize that materials are actually vibrant parts of our experience on this planet. The discount culture has cheapened their value. But turning against materialism is not necessarily the answer as it denies the physical world that is our reality.



What if we turned around instead and learned again to truly love our possessions? If we cared deeply about our things again, we would want to find out where they came from and what they are made of. We would ask who made them. We would take care of them and share them

with others. We would fix them when they get damaged. And we would find a good place for their next life cycle—be it reuse, repurposing, or recycling.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Climate Action Fair

Sunday, April 28, Noon-4:00 pm
At Mittleman Jewish Community Center
6651 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland

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.)

Speaker Schedule

ASL interpreted

- 12:30-12:55 Food Choices & Global Warming, Peter Spendelow
- 1:05-1:30 *Canopy of Titans*, 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/1CsZ03xoX>

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 previewed 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.

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.



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Dorothy Moore	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sister India
Family and friends of Andrea, especially Pat	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Carol Harker
Rhonda Powell	Peace, comfort, and all the support she needs	Carol Harker
Elsa (cousin)	Healing and comfort	Carol Hogan
Randy Schutt	Healing and recovery	Choice Schutt
Betty Eldridge	Healing and recovery	Sister India
Darryl Eldridge	Comfort and strength	Sister India
Pastoral Candidate Allison Bengfort	Wisdom and vision	Staff
St. Andrew Congregation	Discernment	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	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 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
Portsmouth Trinity (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Salt & Light (Portland)		
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.

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, and/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 pacificnwlrwgroupp@gmail.com.

The Andy's Room Podcast Features Tira Nessel!



Check out this week's episode of the Andy's Room Podcast, featuring one of our Parish Nurses, Tira Nessel! 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 Kyler's podcast on St. Andrew's [Web-site](#) under the "In the Spotlight" section on the homepage.

Your Questions for Pastor Allison

On **May 12**, congregation members will have an opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Allison. The Call Committee spent almost three hours interviewing Pastor Allison, asking questions related to spiritual life & calling, music & worship, leadership, stewardship, Earth care, diversity & inclusion, children & youth, Christian education, and communication. Much of what we learned is shared in the Call Committee [recommendation and bio](#).

You may have questions of your own to ask during the meet and greet. To ensure that questions meet Human Resource requirements, please email your questions to LuAnn Staul at lstaal@gmail.com, for the Call Committee to consider asking during the meet and greet.

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

Preparing for Worship Sunday May 5, 2024

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

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 (Lower Level)

Monday, April 29—Church Office Closed

2:00 pm	The Immigrant Story	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, April 30

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
4:00 pm	LWR Kit Assembly	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 1—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
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

9:30 am	Call Committee Meeting	Library
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 Committee Meeting	Zoom
6:00 pm	Santiam Alpine Club	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons

Friday, May 3

8:00 am	LWR InGathering	St. Andrew Room, Kitchen, Garden Parking Lot
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am	LWR InGathering	Kitchen, Garden Parking Lot
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Immigrant Story	Sanctuary

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
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11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library (Lower Level)
1:00 pm	Twirler Meeting & Practice	St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall



XL T-Shirts Available

If you admired the T-shirts worn by the Earth Care Team and community partners at last week's Earth Care Fair, you might be happy to learn that we have 5 quality heavy cotton Glidan shirts available for \$10 each. All are XL. If you'd like one, please contact the church office at office@standrewlutheran.com or 503-646-0629.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the fair and took the time to learn about the many things we can do to better care for Mother Earth! Each year, the Earth Care Team introduces something new to the fair and if you indulged in those plant-based treats, you know that eating plants doesn't equal deprivation!

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.