

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 12, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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From Beaverton to the Bayou

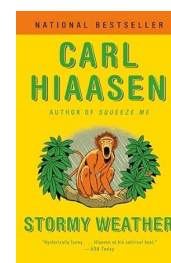


Eight students from St. Andrew are traveling to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering this July. An auction and raffle is being held on **Sunday, June 2 from 4:00-6:00 pm** to raise funds for the trip. We are looking for donations for the auction which could include handmade items, gift baskets with a theme, or services like babysitting or a catered dinner party. Anything the community would be excited to bid on is welcome. If you are interested in donating, contact Ed King (edkingpdx@gmail.com), Lisa Staul (Lisastaul@gmail.com), or stop by the table after the Sunday service where you can also purchase tickets to the event: \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door, \$5 for elementary aged kids, and free for kids under 5. Look forward to hearing from you and see you the Auction!



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."

Members Attending

Special Meeting via Zoom

St. Andrew members, if you plan to attend the **May 19 Special Congregational Meeting** to call a new Lead Pastor via Zoom, please call 503-646-0629 to notify the church office no later than **Wednesday, May 15**. We want to enable the confidential collection of your vote on that important day, something that our volunteer Tech Team is working hard to enable.

Thank you for letting us know in advance that you will be participating in the meeting remotely!

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

Meet & Greet Pastor Allison Bengfort

Congregation members will have an opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Allison Bengfort on **May 12 at 11:00 am**. She will be joining us in worship and then immediately following she will be in Fellowship Hall to greet people. Coffee/tea and other refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. Pastor Allison will lead those in attendance in song and devotion and provide a brief summation of her background/faith story. Congregation members will also have an opportunity to ask questions of Pastor Allison. If you have not had a chance to submit questions, please write your question on a card and hand it to a Call Committee member. Those submitting questions will be given the cards to ask their questions. Following formal questions, Pastor Allison will have an opportunity to meet with people.

The Call Committee is confident you will find Pastor Allison the perfect fit for the St. Andrew Lead Pastor position.

The Call Committee

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

The Andy's Room Podcast talks

Night of Stories!

On the latest episode of the Andy's Room Podcast, Kyler interviews his friend, colleague, and Night of Stories co-creator, Forrest Nameniuk! Kyler and Forrest have known each other for nearly a decade, and Night of Stories is a passion project born from their common heart for people of Portland, especially those in the Millennial generation. Tune in to get to know Forrest, hear more about Night of Stories, and learn how it fits into the wider need of ministering to the "spiritual but not religious" folks all around us.



Earth Camp Volunteers Needed



June 24-28

The fourth annual Earth Camp is less than two months away! Registration is filling up very quickly this year, which means we will have lots of campers excited to once again enjoy a week learning all about the Earth and how we can be good stewards of its beauty and resources. To keep up with all these campers, though, we need lots of help!

The biggest need at Earth Camp is for guides who lead the children around to the different rotations throughout the day. But, if that isn't the right fit for you, we can still find you a spot to help out. Plus, anyone who volunteers for at least 3 days can get their kids/grandkids registered for free! Contact Kyler to sign up.

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.

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!

XL T-Shirts Available

If you admired the T-shirts worn by the Earth Care Team and community partners at the Earth Care Fair in April, you might be happy to learn that we have a few quality cotton heavyweight 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.



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.

Pentecost

Pentecost Day is celebrated exactly 50 days after Passover, or seven weeks after Easter.

Meaning: The Jewish festival of Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks, comes 50 days after Passover. Originally it celebrated the gathering of the wheat harvest. Later, it became a celebration of God's giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. In

the Christian church year, Pentecost celebrates the day the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus, so that they had the power and courage to preach the good news (Luke 24:48-49; Acts 2). This is why Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Christian church.

Colors: The color of Pentecost Day is red for the fire of the Holy Spirit and for the blood of brave Christians who gave their lives because of their faith. The color for the season of Pentecost is green for growth, except on the Festival Sundays of Trinity and Christ the King, when the color is white. Traditionally we wear red on Pentecost Sunday to mark the day. Pentecost begins the long green season of Ordinary Time.

Symbols: The key symbols for Pentecost are the symbols for the Holy Spirit—flames of fire and the dove. Green leaves and plants and the sun are symbols of the long Pentecost season of growth.

Prayer for Pentecost Sunday

Welcome, Holy Spirit

Welcome, Holy Spirit.

In the silence of a still night's fearful thought you come

Comfort in the sleepless worries

Gentle in the rising doubts

Forgiving all our handmade hurts

Patient in our pointless hurry

Counseling as the waves come crashing.

"Be still and know that I am God"

Wonderful counselor, comforter, God with us

You will never abandon us

You will always be with us

Your promises are sure

Help us to give like you, forgive like you, live for you

Amen



Climate Corner: James Recycling

From the James Recycling website

At James Recycling, we help keep the Earth clean by recycling difficult-to-recycle plastics while empowering adults with developmental differences to find independence and purpose through meaningful employment. We are doing our part to help the environment and our community by holding frequent events and pop-ups to collect material that complements recycling offered by local garbage haulers. Our goal is to make it easy to recycle more! Please contact us with suggestions on additional resources we can provide or other ways that James Recycling can make the process fast, simple, and convenient for you. Let's save the planet together, one bag at a time!

Meet James: James, age 26, was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome (a form of high-functioning Autism) at age 4. James has found his passion in protecting the environment and the welfare of animals. James Recycling helps James understand the powerful impact that recycling can have and gives him the opportunity to provide customers with a meaningful service. James has overcome many challenges and is an amazing young man.

Things James will take that cannot go in the curbside recycle bin: Items need to be clean and sorted into categories.

- Plastic straws and utensils (grouped together)
- Screw-on plastic caps and contact lens blister packs (grouped together)
- #1 plastics (such as clamshells, egg cartons, to-go containers)
- #2, #4, #5 plastics (such as hot & cold drink lids, prescription bottles, Tupperware, plant pots, containers smaller than 6 oz., take-out containers) sorted by number and in separate bags
- Electronics (such as laptops, cords & charges, small kitchen appliances, string lights, cell phones)



What happens with the plastic that James collects? James Recycling partners with Denton Plastics, a local industrial plastic recycling facility. Denton does not normally accept any household plastics, but company officials made an exception upon meeting James and hearing his story.

The largest processor of recycled plastics in Oregon, Denton is family-owned. Processing recycled plastic locally has significant environmental and human health benefits when compared to sending materials to distant and potentially unknown end markets. The plastic that James Recycling collects is processed at Denton's facility then sold to manufacturers all over the Pacific Northwest that make products in construction, agriculture, packaging, and toys.

Liz Hardy,
Earth Care Team

Independent Recycler

James is an OFFICIAL "independent recycler" registered with the City of Portland and licensed through the State of Oregon.



James Recycling is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization

James Events: James has several "events" in different areas around Portland where you take your hard-to-recycle stuff. They charge \$3 for a grocery bag full of plastics, plastics must be sorted by # type within the grocery bag. These are events yet to come for the rest of this year.

- May 11, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Oregon State Bar, 16037 Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Tigard
- June 15, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, First Baptist Church, 123 SE Cowls St, McMinnville
- July 20, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, Multnomah Presbyterian Church, 7555 SW 45th Ave, Portland
- October 5, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, First Baptist Church, 123 SE Cowls St, McMinnville



This is James

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Al Carlson	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Jeannine Douglas
Dan Wilson (brother)	Comfort and strength while waiting for surgery	Pat Hilliker
Jamae McCanna	Healing and recovery from surgery	Staff
Carolyn Cornie	Healing and recovery from surgery	Claudia Parsons
Hal Douglas	Healing and recovery	Jeannine Douglas
Cy (brother)	Healing and recovery from throat cancer	Mary Smith
Nick (nephew)	Thanksgiving for a safe return home	Anne Newell
Michelle O (relative)	Comfort and healing for breast cancer treatment	Wendy Hawthorne
Elsa (cousin)	Thanksgiving for making it through rehab	Carol Hogan
Hope Hazel Goodman (granddaughter) and family	Blessings on her birth	Joel & Beth Johnson
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
Colleges and universities undergoing unrest	Wisdom and safety for all	Staff
St. Andrew Council	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Executive Committee		
Staff		
Call Committee		
Sister India Jensen Kerr and all seminarians and theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Luther Memorial (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
St. Mark's (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.

Rest in Peace, Pastor Alan Carlson

As some of you already know, Alan Carlson, husband/dad/grandpa/friend/pastor, went to be with his Father last night (April 25, 2024) about 8:20 pm.



It was time. He was ready. And the Lord has been with us all in a mighty way this week. As Steven said on Tuesday, "prayer was thick." Our mom, Lois, is – in all honesty – radiant. It has been a long goodbye. She has been a beautiful trooper with her servant hands. And, guess what? Our dad died amid grandchildren's laughter around his bedside! How perfect for someone who loved the joy of laughter.

The memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on **Saturday, May 18**, at Mountain View Lutheran Church, 3505 122nd Avenue East, Edgewood, WA.

Blessings,
Cindy Jones (on behalf of my mom)

Pastor Al Carlson served in ministry at St. Andrew, 1970-1983.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Save These Dates

As the congregation prepares to deliberate and vote on calling a new Lead Pastor, the normal/regular business of the church continues. Please record these upcoming events on your calendar.

Sunday, June 2, 11:00 am – Fellowship Hall – Ministry Forum

Sunday, June 9, 11:00 am – Fellowship Hall – Budget Forum

Sunday, June 16, 11:00 am – Fellowship Hall – wish Pastor Laurie Godspeed as she spends her last Sunday with us.

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall – Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We will vote on new members for Council, as well as next year's budget.

Preparing for Worship Sunday May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, May 12

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	Meet and Greet with Pastor Allison Bengfort	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 13—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	Offsite

Tuesday, May 14

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)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Adult Ed Team Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 15—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

Thursday, May 16

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	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 17

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, May 18

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Dorothy Moore Memorial	Chapel
2:00 pm	Dorothy Moore Reception	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 19

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	Special Congregation Meeting: Vote to Call Lead Pastor	Fellowship Hall





Prayer for Pentecost

Pentecost People

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people.
Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions and temper our impulses.
Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for empathy and compassion.
Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation.
Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed.
Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

 **YouTube** [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.*

 **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.