

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 19, 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!



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.

Next Step in the Call Process

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

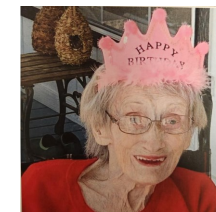
Members Attending

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. 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. A Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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

Dorothy Moore Memorial



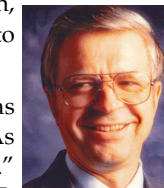
The Dorothy Moore Memorial Service is **Saturday, May 18**, at 1:00 pm. Celebration of life will be in the chapel with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. You can attend remotely through YouTube at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/HWBIVhr6x3s>

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your local animal rescue service.

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 on April 25, 2024.



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 on **Saturday, May 18**, 11:00 am at Mountain View Lutheran Church, 3505 122nd Avenue East, Edgewood, WA. The service will also be streamed on YouTube for those who will not be able to attend in person. Search Mt. View Lutheran Church, Edgewood, WA.

In lieu of flowers, our mom would like donations to be made to "Edgewood Nourish Foodbank" or an on-line option can be accessed at "nourishpc.org" (Nourish Pierce County).

Blessings,
Cindy Jones (on behalf of my mom)

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!

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.



Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, May 19**, to discuss the book, *We Have Always Been Here*, by Samra Habib.

"A triumphant memoir of forgiveness and family, both chosen and not, *We Have Always Been Here* is a rallying cry for anyone who has ever felt out of place and a testament to the power of fearlessly inhabiting one's truest self." -- Amazon Review.

Details:

Time/Date: **Sunday, May 19**, 3:00 p.m.

Book: *We Have Always Been Here*, by Samra Habib

Hostess: Mary Smith

Discussion Leader: Elaine May

All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith at dbits1@gmail.com

Future Reading:

June 23:

Book: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Hostess: Susan Reiser

Discussion Leader: Connie Losk

July 21:

Book: *Following Ezra* by Tom Fields-Meyer

Hostess: Connie Losk

Discussion Leader: Fran Miller

August 18:

Book: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

Hostess: Mary Ann Snider

Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako

Climate Corner: Wasted Food

From the United Nations Environment Assembly, February 26-March 1, 2024

Sustainable living means understanding how our lifestyle choices impact the world around us and finding ways to live better and lighter. Most people do not wake up with the intention to harm the environment or to help it. But our future depends on our behaviors and how we choose to live, work, and play as global consumers.

One-third of all food produced in the world, approximately 1.3 billion tons, is lost or wasted every year. Globally, if food waste could be represented as its own country, it would be the third largest greenhouse gas emitter, behind China and the US. The resources needed to produce the food that becomes lost or wasted have a carbon footprint of about 3.3 billion tons of CO₂.

In the US alone, an estimated 133 billion pounds of edible food (worth over \$161 billion) goes to waste every year. Food waste also contributes to the largest volume of material in USA landfills, accounting for 21% of the waste stream.



Things you can do to help prevent food waste right now. Food waste is the most common material disposed of in the US. It accounts for roughly 20% of all solid waste. When we reduce food waste, a plethora of other benefits follow!

- * You save money.
- * More natural fertilizer is created and available when it is composted.
- * Food security for millions of people is increased.
- * Deforestation is reduced.
- * Freshwater pollution is decreased.
- * Water and land are freed up for other needs.
- * Millions of pounds of fertilizer, billions of kilowatts of energy, and millions of greenhouse gas emissions are avoided.



Easy ways to tackle food waste by making these small changes to your food habits:

- * Plan, prep, and stick to your grocery list.
- * Eat less meat, especially beef! Beef emits a huge amount of greenhouse gases when the cows burp, when the crops needed to feed the cows are farmed, when the meat needs to be transported in refrigerated/frozen shipping containers, and when the plastic is made to wrap and store the meat.
- * Freeze before flinging: freeze fruits and veggies for smoothies, shakes, and baking; freeze leftovers for an emergency quick meal later when you are too busy to cook; and freeze herbs before they go bad.
- * Eat your leftovers and get creative; can it be added to a soup? Can it be served over rice or on a baked potato?
- * Portion out your meals so you don't end up with more than you can eat or plan to eat the rest the next day.
- * Repurpose your food scraps; turn them into seasonings or broths. Make a veggie soup stock with vegetable peels and scraps.
- * Store your vegetables properly to increase their lifespan.
- * Check your refrigerator (including way in the back) and your cupboards before you shop!
- * Shop for locally grown and seasonal food to reduce the greenhouse gases of transporting the food.
- * Get involved and advocate for legislation that tackles local food waste.
- * Compost, compost, compost! Compost at home or get together with neighbors to compost together. Join a community garden with a compost pile. Look for local farms that take food scraps for animal feed.

Liz Hardy,
Earth Care Team



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
Emily (friend)	Comfort and strength and a healthy end of pregnancy and delivery	Sonja Ackman
Erica (niece)	Comfort and strength for new diagnose of MS	Kelly Wise
Jamae McCanna	Healing and recovery from surgery	Staff
Bob Cornie	Comfort and healing from health issue	Claudia Parsons
Cy (brother)	Healing and recovery from throat cancer	Mary Smith
Elsa (cousin)	Thanksgiving for making it through rehab	Carol Hogan
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
Colleges and universities undergoing unrest	Wisdom and safety for all	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
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
St. Paul (Portland) Good Spirit Mission (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.

Christmas in May?

Sunday's worship service was planned by the students in this year's Confirmation class. We started by taking a close look at the assigned readings for the day, talked about the story of Pentecost, and then chose hymns for the service. You may be wondering why one of the choices is a Christmas carol. After talking about how Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit after he was gone from the earth, the students had the idea of celebrating Jesus' birth. It seemed appropriate to remember the birth of the one whose promise led to the day of Pentecost. Besides, who doesn't love to sing Christmas carols?

Pat Christiansen

Save These Dates

Following this Sunday's vote on calling a new Lead Pastor, St. Andrew will turn its attention to the Annual Meeting. 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.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Preparing for Worship Sunday May 26 2024

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

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

Monday, May 20—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 21

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
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, May 22—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
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 23

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength and Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	CPR Class	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	IT Meeting	Offsite

Friday, May 24

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, May 25

1:30 pm	The Immigrant Story	Sanctuary
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Sunday, May 26

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
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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

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

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.