

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 11, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

www.standrewlutheran.com ■ Telephone: 503-646-0629



You are joyfully invited to the
**Installation of
The Rev. Allison Bengfort**
as Lead Pastor of
St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 19, 2024
10:30 am Pacific Time
Charcuterie reception to follow

In person: 12405 SW Butner Road
Beaverton, OR 97005
Online: www.standrewlutheran.com

Pastors/deacons are invited to arrive at 10:00 am
to vest and process. Stole color: rainbow (or green)

A Few Words about this Sunday's Prelude

The music being played this morning for the prelude is the remaining variations of a Partita by Johannes Pachelbel. The title in German is *Christus, der ist mein Leben*. The hymn in our hymnal to that chorale tune is ELW 539; the hymn text is *Abide, O Dearest Jesus, among Us with Your Grace*. This particular composition has 12 variations. The prelude will include the chorale tune and variations 7-12; variations 1-6 were previously played on September 22.



Deacon Susan

Why is the Date on Weekly News Different?

You'll notice at the top of the page that the date listed is Friday instead of Sunday. In an effort to better communicate when this newsletter is made available to the congregation, going forward we will use the date of publishing/printing on the masthead.

Thanksgiving Meals for Community Action

The Service Committee is once again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families, and we need your help. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education.

It also runs the HeadStart program here at St. Andrew. The families served really need our help.

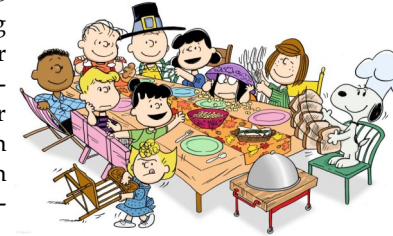
Our goal is to collect \$4,500, enough to buy seventy-five \$60 WinCo gift cards for these families. Any donations that exceed our goal will be used for our upcoming Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree, or donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community who needs food assistance.

If you wish to give online, select "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the drop-down menu below "Fund," or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the memo line.

This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving families in need the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Our deadline to receive donations is **Tuesday, November 19**. This will give us time to purchase the gift cards and get them to these families.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com) / 503-314-6321
or Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com) / 503-649-5091



Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good

Upcoming Events in the Month of October

- **MACG Orientation** – Learn more about broad-based organizing, MACG membership, and the relational organizing model. **Tuesday, October 15**, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm on Zoom. You can register at: macg.org/oct24_orientation
- **MACG Leadership Academy** – Go deep on the primary tool of organizing: 1-1 meetings. **Sunday, October 27**, 2:30 pm–5:00 pm, in-person. Registration and details to follow after the venue is confirmed.



Questions? Contact Pat Christiansen, MACG Training Team Co-Chair, or any member of the Connections Team: Pastor Allison, Sonja Ackman, Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Connie Losk, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.


Lutheran Disaster Response:

Hurricane Helene

Editor's note: An updated article with information regarding Hurricane Milton will appear in the next edition of Weekly News.

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation—especially in North Carolina and Tennessee—has become clearer. Entire towns, roads, and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. The organization's greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

 Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip it to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms, and flooding. These gifts also empower LDR to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

Donations may be given online at: give.elca.org/page/68904. You can also make your check out to "Lutheran Disaster Response" and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116

and write "Where needed most" or "Hurricane Response" on your check's memo line.

LWR Fall Ingathering Volunteer Opportunities

We are preparing for our next Lutheran World Relief Ingathering and there are two opportunities for you to volunteer!

October 22, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, we will be assembling school kits and baby kits. We will also be packing the kits and quilts made by the Nifty Notters into boxes to get them ready to ship to LWR. This is a great event for families.

We also need volunteers to help with the actual Ingathering on **Friday, October 25**, and **Saturday, October 26**. On Friday, volunteers have their choice of a 2-hour shift between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to staff a single three-hour shift starting at 9:00 am.

The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

- * Loading the shipping container. Boxes can weigh up to 40 pounds.
- * Greeting vehicles as churches drop off their donations.

To volunteer, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Rochelle McIntire directly by email at pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com or by phone at 503-804-7967.



All People Are Beloved Children of God

Beloved of God,

My call to ordained ministry took root in the rich soil of El Salvador in 1985, during the years of death squads and terror for its citizens. At the urging of my Lutheran campus pastor, a group of college students visited San Salvador's university, churches, and refugee camps. We listened. Prayed. Walked and ate with our neighbors. My world was absolutely upended. Weapons made in our country and shipped by our country were killing children, elders, and so many families there. Mothers of the disappeared begged us to use our voices back in the United States for peace and nonviolence.

Along with many of you, my heart has been devastated this past year by a similar crisis unfolding across the world in the Middle East. As Christians, we follow not the King of Violence, but the Prince of Peace. That means speaking truth and loving courageously.

Please take a moment to watch [Praying for Peace Amid Ongoing War in the Middle East](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2n5Gi7MpWg) (youtube.com/watch?v=G2n5Gi7MpWg), a short video from our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, who invites us to remember the region, in crisis since October 7, 2023, and Hamas' ruthless attack on hundreds of Israeli civilians. Please join me in lifting up to God the Jewish community across the globe as they mark one year since this devastating attack and honor their High Holy Days, which began last week with Rosh Hashanah.

Also, please join me in praying for the thousands and thousands of Palestinian children, elders, and entire families killed by weapons funded by our government.

As followers of the Way of Christ, let's not be silent, but instead speak out of the depths of our faith to our nation and our world. Scripture teaches us again and again: **All people are beloved children of God and bear the face of God in their flesh.**

Please join me in prayer for peace in the region for ALL people. I'll be praying in a silent peace vigil every Monday at noon.

And please join me in signing a call hosted by Amnesty International (act.amnestyusa.org/page/137174) to our elected leaders in Washington, DC, to open up access for desperately needed life-sustaining humanitarian aid into Gaza, an immediate ceasefire across the region, and a suspension of weapons sent by the US government to Israel in violation of international law.

With you on the Way,
Bishop Laurie L. Caesar
Oregon Synod, ELCA

Western Farm Workers Collection Results



It is wonderful to see the generosity of the St. Andrew community each year with the collection of clothing and food for the Western Farm Workers Association. This year we saw an increase of 50% in items donated! We collected 163 articles of clothing, which included 14 pairs of footwear. In addition, over 170 food items were donated. These items will help sustain our neighbors who work in local fields to harvest the produce we put on our tables. Thank you, people of St. Andrew!

Deacon Susan

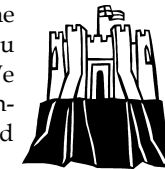
In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Ann and family (friend)	Safety and recovery after Hurricane Helene	Gretchen Bancroft
Mark & Kym Fasczewski	Safety and recovery after Hurricane Helene	Rebecca Uecker
Michelle (cousin-in-law)	Comfort and peace in hospice	Wendy Hawthorne
Anne Newell	Comfort and peace in hospice	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Judy Heidinger	Successful surgery (Oct. 14)	Judy Heidinger
Caeleigh Taylor (friend)	Safe labor and delivery	Kyler Vogt
Mary Ann Snider	Healing and recovery	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Jeannine Douglas	Healing and recovery	Jeannine Douglas
Cheryl Will	Healing and recovery	Susan Werner Reiser
John Schwiebert (housemate)	Healing from a fall	Pr. Allison Bengfort
John Giddens (husband)	Health and healing	Sovathana Ly
Ebba Carroll (Mike's mother)	Strength and healing	Mike & Mary Carroll
Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton	Strength and support	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
St. Andrew Council	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Executive Committee		
Staff		
All seminarians and theology students, especially Sister India Jensen Kerr	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Bethany Lutheran (Gold Beach)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Atonement Lutheran (Newport)		
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.

Reformation Sunday Singing Opportunity

On **Sunday, October 27**, singers of all ages have an opportunity to sing the anthem, *God Is Our Refuge* by Allen Pote during the worship service. You don't have to be a regular member of the Sanctuary Choir to join us! We will rehearse the anthem at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary on Reformation Sunday to sing during the offering. See Deacon Susan if you are interested and to receive a copy of the anthem in advance.



Making Ends Meet

We have an opportunity to help our administrative assistant Rhonda Powell and her family meet life's expenses while she continues to undergo cancer treatment. To learn more, please visit gofund.me/d9a92c15. Thank you!



Laptop for Zoom Participants

You might notice a new laptop computer sitting in the back of the Sanctuary as you enter this Sunday. Beginning this week, those of us in-person at worship will get to see and interact with those worshipping with us on Zoom! Share greetings before the service at the laptop behind the left-hand pews, or grab a cup of coffee and stop by for a chat afterwards in the Narthex. The laptop will be available in the Narthex following worship on Sundays. This offers us all a wonderful opportunity to engage with the wider St. Andrew community, both online and in-person.



This also gives us the resources to resume having official Zoom Hosts on Sunday morning. Why? Because now you can host the Zoom session while you're here in-person at St. Andrew! If you're interested in serving as Zoom host, please visit standrewlutheran.com/helping-with-worship.

Men's Book Club

Next meeting, **October 14**, 7:00 pm, at the home of Tim Holte. Discussion will be on the novel *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy.



Emergency Pastoral Care

Sunday and Monday, contact Sister India Jensen Kerr

Friday and Saturday, contact Pastor Allison Bengfort

At other times, please call the church office at 503-646-0629.

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Preparing for Worship

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Hebrews 5:1-10
 Psalm 91:9-16
 Mark 10:35-45

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, October 11

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 12

10:00 am Council Retreat Fellowship Hall, Chapel

Sunday, October 13

9:30 am Worship Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel

10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering Chapel

11:00 am Adult Ed: St. Andrew Core Values Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Adult Ed: The Book of Romans St. Andrew Room

11:00 am Confirmation Classes 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 Classrooms

Monday, October 14—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Men's Book Club Home of Tim Holte

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 am Men's Gathering and Bible Study Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)

7:00 am Sunrise Women Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (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

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 16—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

1:00 pm Wednesday Book Group with Sr. India St. Andrew Room

6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, October 17

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Nature Gazing with Susanne Sanctuary of the Firs (subject to change)

1:00 pm Staff Meeting Chapel, Library

6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

7:00 pm Council Meeting Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm String Quartet Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, October 18

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Set-up for Installation Service Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Saturday, October 19

10:30 am Pastor Allison's Installation & Reception Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 20

9:30 am Worship Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel

10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering Chapel

11:00 am Adult Ed: St. Andrew Core Values Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Adult Ed: The Book of Romans St. Andrew Room

11:00 am Confirmation Classes for Middle School Youth Library

11:00 am ~~High School Youth Group~~ *Resumes following week*

11:00 am The Roots Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms

1:00 pm Twirlers Meeting & Practice St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall

The Roots Registration

We are so excited for The Roots this fall! The Roots is our Sunday morning children's program for kids in Pre-K through 5th grade, which takes place from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the children's space downstairs. Stories that are coming up soon include Joseph, Daniel, and Jonah. If you haven't registered your child yet for The Roots, visit tinyurl.com/StAndrewLC, or scan QR code on the right.



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.