

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 25, 2024

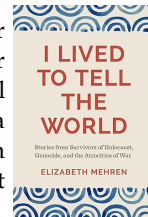
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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The Immigrant Story

This **Sunday, October 27**, Sankar Raman, founder of The Immigrant Story; Elizabeth Mehren, author of the book, *I Lived to Tell the World*; and Emmanuel Turaturanye, survivor of the 1994 Rwanda genocide, will continue our discussion on immigration and sanctuary during the Adult Education hour beginning at 11:00 am.



The presentation highlights St. Andrew's connection with this significant immigrant organization. It will include a short video focusing on Emmanuel's story that was filmed in our sanctuary with Scott Taylor's help; the video was shared at a Powell's event this past year. Emmanuel's story, one of 13 found in Elizabeth's book, is featured in the chapter "Broken Bodies, Damaged Psyches, and an Elusive Search for Justice in Rwanda." The Rwandan community has a support group meeting at our church, and St. Andrew was one of four election sites on the West Coast where Rwandan citizens could gather to cast their votes in the 2024 Rwandan election this past July.

The Immigrant Story (<https://theimmigrantstory.org>) is an organization that documents and archives the voices and stories of immigrants, sharing them through podcasts and live events with the goal of promoting empathy and an inclusive community. The organization regularly meets and practices here, broadcasting its podcasts from St. Andrew. Please join us this Sunday, bringing open hearts and questions for our guests.

Cindy Stadel
Sanctuary Team

Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering



Kudos to the families and individuals who joined the LWR team earlier this week to help assemble school kits and pack quilts for the Fall Ingathering, as well as to the many volunteers staffing the two-day Ingathering this Friday and Saturday. If you didn't sign up, you're still welcome to come by St.

Andrew's garden parking lot today or tomorrow morning to see this project in action and to pitch in where needed.

Lutheran World Relief was officially founded in 1945, when Lutherans in the U.S. began responding to the refugee crisis that caused a massive displacement of people across Europe after World War II. Since then, the organization has responded to people in need due to natural disasters, war, and poverty.

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters' next gathering is on **Saturday, October 26**, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be a work session during the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering mentioned above. All experience levels are welcome; we just need your hands and your fellowship!



Reformation Sunday Singing Opportunity

This **Sunday, October 27**, singers of all ages are invited 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 and sing it during the offering in worship.



Pastor's Project Fund

To support Pastor Allison and give our new lead pastor the opportunity to fund special projects and ministry opportunities, the Finance Team has created a new designated fund: the Pastor's Project Fund. This fund celebrates the new partnership between Pastor Allison and St. Andrew and will allow her to live more fully into her creativity and vision for the church. Donors may select this fund on the drop-down menu if giving electronically through the church website.

To avoid confusion, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund has been renamed the Good Samaritan Fund to clarify its purpose and to distinguish it from the new Pastor's Project Fund. Gifts to the Good Samaritan Fund are meant to help people in need who turn to the church for support. Providing emergency financial aid is one way St. Andrew supports the community and focuses assistance on those who are most vulnerable.

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 Head Start program here at St. Andrew.

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.



No Alcohol or Tobacco Products

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**.

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 Leadership Academy

Go deep on the primary tool of organizing: 1-1 meetings. **Sunday, October 27**, 2:30 pm–5:00 pm, in-person at Havurah Shalom, 825 NW 18th Ave, Portland. Please register for this Leadership Academy at macg.org/octla.



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.

Counteract Voter Suppression!



EcoFaith Recovery invites you to counteract voter suppression before the November 5 election by making non-partisan phone calls through your computer to Black voters in Georgia, North Carolina, and other voter suppression states. We are mobilizing people of faith and their friends to let these voters know

how they can vote early to make sure their vote gets counted! During this 15-minute orientation, EcoFaith leaders will offer a brief spiritual grounding, high level orientation, and help you register for a guided phone banking opportunity. Options for this 15-minute orientation include:

Saturday, October 26 at 9:45 am PDT

Sunday, October 27 at 1:45 pm PDT

You will be invited to sign up for a guided phone banking session of your choice with our 501(c)(3) partner Reclaim Our Vote of CenterForCommonGround.org. One of your options will immediately following our 15-minute introduction.

To receive the Zoom link for the 15-minute orientation, simply email PastorRobyn@ecofaithrecovery.org.

Men's Book Club News



The Men's Book Club will meet on **Monday, November 11**, at 7:00 pm to discuss the book, *All the Pretty Horses*, by Cormac McCarthy. The previously announced October session was canceled and rescheduled for the above November date. Tim Holte will host this discussion at his home. This title is also available in the St. Andrew Library.

Future reading:

December 9, 2024

Book: *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*, by Daniel James Brown

Host: Ted Miller

January 13, 2025

Book: *Voices of a People's History of the United States in the 21st Century: Documents of Hope and Resistance*, by Anthony Arnove and Haley Pessin

Host: Gary Grafwallner

February 10, 2025

Book: *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History*, by S. C. Gwynne

Host: Larry Bliesner

Climate Corner:

Making Halloween Less Scary!

From Earth911 article by Gemma Alexander, October 17, 2022



It's fun to dress up as monsters and ghosts and go to haunted houses. But when you think about all the garbage we generate with our one-and-done costumes and bags of individually wrapped candies, it's scary! Every Halloween, about 7 million costumes are worn once and thrown away,

their synthetic fibers accounting for the equivalent of 83 million plastic bottles. We buy 300,000 tons of candy and 90 million pounds of chocolate just during Halloween week. Not to mention the unknown amount of plastic used to make skulls, cauldrons, and gravestone decorations.

Trick or Treat: Refusing to pass out treats is the quickest way to get yourself labeled the Halloween version of the Grinch, but there are some healthier treat options that don't use unsustainable palm oil to help you sidestep the candy quandary. Of course any food items have to be packaged, usually in a million little plastic wrappers. But you could offer things like coins or pencils. If your kids are collecting candy, give them reusable containers or a pillow case. Try Dorothy's basket carrying candy instead of Toto, or Bob the Builder with a tool case instead of a plastic bag. Plastic Jack-O-Lanterns can be used year after year; don't throw them away.

Costumes: Single-use cheap costumes are the ultimate case of fast fashion, creating tons of plastic waste every year. Avoid disposable props like false teeth and synthetic wigs. Home-sewn costumes will last for years and can be handed down to smaller kids year after year. If you don't sew, look on Etsy and Craig's list for hand-sewn costumes. Use an old sheet to make a ghost costume, then save it for next year or cut it up into reusable rags. Shop thrift stores. A long sleeve black T-shirt can be tied into a ninja mask. Those vintage bell bottoms are up to date when paired with a contemporary top. A pirate's white shirt converts to office attire with a pencil skirt instead of black jeans.

Decorations: Try to avoid plastic decorations, including those polyester spider webs that pose a hazard to birds and small animals. For durable decorations, the thrift store is once again your Halloween friend where you can find items to make spooky or vintage decorations. Check Instagram and Pinterest for inspiration for repurposing and upcycling your finds. The best upcycling ideas, like converting old Christmas ornaments for Halloween are durable enough to use for years. Take the natural approach and decorate with biodegradable items like pumpkins, hay bales and corn stalks. Just make sure you compost those items after the holiday and do not throw them into the garbage. Around 1.3 billion rotting pumpkins heading to the landfill might be the scariest thing you can imagine this Halloween!



Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Anne Newell	Comfort and God's peace at her death	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Family and friends of Clark Wallace (friend)	Comfort and God's peace at his death	Gretchen Bancroft
Mary Ann Snider	Comfort, peace, and wisdom going forward	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Donna Szopko	Successful treatment and recovery	Tom Mehlhorn
Jonathon (friend)	Accurate diagnosis, treatment plan, and healing	Beverly Briggs
Stacye Erickson (cousin)	Comfort and healing	Dana Blakemore
Sr. Mona Navarro	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Lisa Staul	Comfort and healing	LuAnn Staul
Camille Jackson	Comfort and healing from surgery	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Judy Heidinger	Comfort and healing from surgery	Judy Heidinger
Henry Stevens	Comfort and healing	Beverly Briggs
Jennifer Shaw (sister-in-law)	Comfort and healing	Lee Anne Knapp
Raven Krause Imhoff (son's dog)	Comfort and healing	Lee Anne Knapp
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner		
Vic Claar, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Magnuson,		
Hugh Mason, Rhonda Powell, Jolie Reyna,		
Donna Szopko, 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
Faith Lutheran (North Bend)	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.

BottleDrop Blue Bag Fundraiser

Over the past year, we have raised more than \$900 for our youth program by recycling our bottles and cans with BottleDrop! These funds help produce a wide array of activities and events for our youth, including helping to send our students to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. If you have cans to recycle, here is how you can join the fundraiser:

Grab a couple of blue BottleDrop bags with barcode stickers on them from the shelves in the back corner of Fellowship Hall. Fill the bags with redeemable bottles and cans and drive over to your nearest BottleDrop redemption center. On the outside of the redemption center, you'll see a metal hatch door with a barcode scanner on it. Scan the code on the bag to open the door, drop the bag(s) in through the hatch, and that's it! No need to even go inside, and the bags are counted for St. Andrew. Thank you for helping support our youth!

Why We Wear Red for Reformation Sunday

For many people at St. Andrew, it's a tradition to wear red on Reformation Sunday. Not only is red a festive color representing the Holy Spirit and the fire of the Spirit, it is also the color of martyrdom and the blood of those who have died for their faith. In the ELCA, red is the liturgical color for both Pentecost Sunday and Reformation Sunday.



Making Ends Meet

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to help St. Andrew's 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.



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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.

Preparing for Worship
Sunday, November 3, 2024
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 24
 John 11:32-44

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, October 25

8:00 am LWR Ingathering Kitchen, Community Garden Parking Lot
 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 26

9:00 am LWR Ingathering St. Andrew Room, Kitchen, Community Garden Parking Lot
 9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Reformation Sunday, October 27

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 Special Topic: The Immigrant Story Fellowship Hall
 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 28—Church Office Closed

5:00 pm Women's Retreat Planning Meeting St. Andrew Room

Tuesday, October 29

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 Worship Planners Meeting Library
 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm Bridge Group Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm High School Youth Pumpkin Carving Youth Room
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 30—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 31—Halloween

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
 3:00 pm The Immigrant Story Children's Library
 6:30 pm Earth Camp Team Meeting Youth Room
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

Friday, November 1

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Minister of Music Search Team Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, November 2

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 3

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: David St. Andrew Room
 11:00 am Adult Ed: The Work of God: Languages and Translations Fellowship Hall
 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
 1:00 pm Twirler Meeting and Practice St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall


Thank You, Get-Out-the-Vote Postcard Writers!


As the GOTV postcard writing season comes to an end, I want to sincerely thank all of you who helped in that effort! There are too many of you to name, 33 of you to be exact. Wow! And collectively, we wrote 2,234 postcards and letters! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Liz Hardy



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.