

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

December 13, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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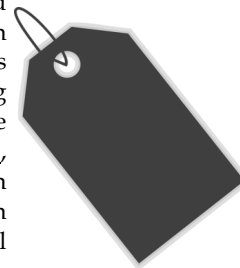
Christmas Eve 9:00 pm Candlelight Service Singing Opportunity



Singers of all ages are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir on **Tuesday, December 24**, at the 9:00 pm Candlelight Service. The choir will be singing two anthems that evening. One is *The Friendly Beasts* and the other is an arrangement of *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*. You don't have to be a regular member of the Sanctuary Choir to join us. There will be two rehearsal opportunities for these pieces in the Sanctuary following worship on **December 15 & 22**. Rehearsals will end by 11:00 am so you can attend the education classes those mornings. Please see Deacon Susan if you are interested and to receive a copy of the anthems in advance.

Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you for sharing your love and providing your support this holiday season for the students and families of Barnes Elementary School! If you picked up a tag in previous weeks and have not been able to return it yet, **this Sunday, December 15**, is the deadline to drop off your gift (with the tag attached!) under our Giving Tree in the Narthex. Your gift will be meaningful for a family in need this Christmas.



Mortgage Match Challenge



Good news! We have a generous donor who has stepped forward to match donations up to \$50,000 to pay down the balance on our church mortgage!

- * Current mortgage balance: \$210,445
- * Funds on hand: \$39,607
- * Current shortfall: \$170,838

If we are able to raise the full \$50,000, we will receive a full \$50,000 from our donor, which would bring our mortgage shortfall to only \$70,838! If you would like to contribute to this mortgage match challenge, please indicate this on your check or on your giving envelope. You may also give online by visiting standrewlutheran.com/give. Please select "Mortgage Match Challenge" in the dropdown menu. Thank you for your support!

Bookkeeper Job Opening

St. Andrew has an open position for a part-time hourly bookkeeper to work on-site. For details, please visit standrewlutheran.com/job-opening. Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Parish Executive Carol Harker at charker@standrewlutheran.com.



Neighborhood Climate Canvassing



This year, our Community Organizing Team (formerly MACG Team) is joining with the Earth Care Team to organize around climate justice issues. We would like to get to know the people who live in the neighborhood around the church, find out how climate changes are impacting them, and consider how we might work together on climate-related issues.

In order to do this, we invite you to join us **Sunday, January 12**, at 12:15 pm for our first Neighborhood Climate Canvas. We will begin downstairs in Children's Commons with lunch and a brief training on canvassing provided by climate resilience community organizers from the Sacred Organizing Coalition. Then we will courageously set out in pairs to knock on doors and meet our neighbors! The afternoon will conclude with a group debrief at church, ending at 3:30 pm. If you care about the earth and would like for St. Andrew to develop more connections with the neighborhood, please join us for a memorable afternoon!

Minister of Music Search Team Update

A Search Team for a new Minister of Music has been instituted by the Church Council. Members of the team include: Robert Hawthorne (chair), Clay Gustafson, Christina Mantey, Chuck Weswig, Gretchen Bancroft, and Pr. Allison Bengfort. The team began meeting in November, and they are currently developing a job description for the position. They will notify the parish when the position is posted and they are ready to receive applications. Please pray for this team in their discernment and upcoming search.



Nifty Notters Meet Next Two Saturdays



We invite you to join us this **Saturday, December 14**, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Please note, we'll be wrapping up a little early for this session due to the Blue Christmas Service that afternoon. Then, on **Saturday, December 21**, we will resume our normal scheduling of meeting in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. For either of these Saturdays, you're invited to stop by and help out for however long you're able; bring a lunch if you plan to stay the whole day. All hands are welcomed, needed, and appreciated!

What Goes Into Your Curbside Recycle Bin?

Last week I wrote about James Recycling, a place where you can take hard-to-recycle items that do not go into your curbside bin. This week I want to give you a comprehensive list of things that do go into your curbside recycle bin. While some of you may have blue ones, mine is green with a yellow lid. Different haulers can use different colored bins; some collect recyclables weekly, while others collect every two weeks.

Paper goes in with your comingled/mixed recycling in the green or blue recycling roll cart/bin.

- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Phone books (does anyone get those anymore?)
- Scrap paper
- Junk mail
- Cartons (milk, juice, soup; must be rinsed)
- Shredded paper (must be bagged in paper bag)
- Greeting cards
- Paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Cardboard boxes. Flatten boxes small enough to fit in the bin. You can also flatten and bundle together large boxes using twine or tape and place them next to the curbside bin. Bundled cardboard must measure 36 inches or less in any direction.



Plastic goes in with your mixed/comingled recycling in the same recycling roll cart/bin. Plastics recycling is based on size and shape, not the little number in the little triangle. Plastics should be rinsed out. Remember, no caps or lids. Caps are too small and lids are too flat, allowing them to get mixed in with flat paper and contaminating the paper.

- Bottles/containers with narrow necks (such as milk cartons or laundry and shampoo containers; 6 oz. or larger)
- Tubs (yogurt, butter, cottage cheese, 6 oz. or larger)
- Plant pots with loose soil removed (4 inches or larger)
- Buckets (5 gallon or smaller, and rinsed/cleaned out)

Remember, plastic drink bottles (water, juice, soda) are redeemable in Oregon. Grab a blue bag from the cart in Fellowship Hall so you can collect bottles to raise money for our youth!

Metal goes in with your comingled/mixed recycling as well.

- Clean aluminum foil (crumple into a ball)
- Clean aluminum pie tin (easily cleaned in dishwasher)
- Empty and dry paint cans
- Empty aerosol cans (such as Pam)
- Aluminum, tin and steel food cans with lids partially attached or crimped inside the can
- Scrap metal (smaller than 30 inches and less than 30 lbs.)

You can collect small pieces of metal such as beer bottle caps, glass jar lids, screws, and nails inside steel cans and crimp the can closed. Also, remember that drink cans are redeemable in the state of Oregon, including beer cans, soda cans, and juice cans.

Glass goes in its own bin. Some bins are yellow, mine is red. Glass must be rinsed, also easy to do in the dishwasher. All colors can be mixed together, and labels are OK.

- Salad dressing bottles
- Wine bottles
- Beer bottles
- Sauce bottles



Again, look for redeemables to collect for our youth programs; mostly beer, soda, and juice bottles.

Only add food containers; no broken glass, light bulbs, drinking glasses, dishware, ceramics, flower vases, window glass, or mirrors.

Motor Oil goes in a clear plastic bottle with a screw-on lid, such as an empty milk carton or empty soda bottle. Place next to the curbside roll cart or bin. Don't mix with other liquids. No containers larger than 1 gallon.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

EcoFaith Recovery End-of-Year Fund Drive

EcoFaith Recovery has co-sponsored various initiatives over the years, including Simply in Season dinner groups, Carbon gardens, and Lenten practices for a greener world. Recently, I was offered the opportunity to do work for EcoFaith supporting their communications and administrative services. EcoFaith, led by Pastor Robyn Hartwig, has been doing work to support faith organizations in implementing programs for social, racial, and environmental justice for 14 years. Thank you to everyone who has offered support and been a part of EcoFaith over the last 14 years!

In order to end this year in the black, EcoFaith still needs to raise \$31,667.31. Every dollar you give will help us reach this goal.



In addition, a \$6,000 matching grant is currently available for new and increased donations. Your gift empowers EcoFaith's mission of developing leaders, lifting one another up to support our faith communities in taking courageous public action for the recovery of human life, and healing of God's creation. Thank you!

To give online, please visit ecofaithrecovery.org and click on the green "Donate" button at the top of the page.

If you would like to donate to EcoFaith using your *Thrivent Dollars*, login to your Thrivent account and direct donations to Salt & Light Lutheran Church, EcoFaith's generous fiscal sponsor. Please email office@ecofaithrecovery.org with the amount designated to EcoFaith so that we can contact Salt & Light to mark this donation for EcoFaith.

Blessings,
Kristin Sacks

EcoFaith Recovery is under the fiscal sponsorship of Salt & Light Lutheran which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit EIN/Tax ID number 93-0637109

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Evelyn Friesen	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Deacon Susan Werner Reiser
Family and friends of Ruth Kerr (mother-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Mary Nell Mahler (step-mother)	Peace and comfort in hospice	Diane Reiner
Betty Eldridge	Peace and comfort	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Del Mahler (father)	Peace and strength	Diane Reiner
Isabella (housemate)	Mental health recovery	Pastor Allison Bengfort
James Vogt (father)	Healing and recovery	Kyler Vogt
Joshua Kingsley (boyfriend)	Healing and recovery	Pastor Allison Bengfort
Stacy Mann (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Jerry Entrikin
Pastor Allison Bengfort (daughter)	Blessings on the anniversary of her ordination (12/8/18)	Linda & Scott Bengfort
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Those confined to their homes Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Marlene Maxwell, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
Christ the Good Shepherd (Salem) Holy Cross Lutheran (Salem) St. Mark Lutheran (Salem)	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 Worship Service Schedule



We will have two opportunities for worship on Christmas Eve this year. Our 4:00 pm Service of Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight will be a festive worship experience for people of all ages! The service will include telling the nativity story, singing our favorite carols, Holy Communion, and will end with the traditional candle-lighting. Children attending this service will receive a Christmas Bag with activities for them to do during worship. The bags will include an activity booklet that they can color, as well as stickers to place on the pages of the booklet. They will also have jingle bracelets they can "ring" while we sing, a heart to place in the offering plate, and an ornament to put on their Christmas tree at home.

The service at 9:00 pm will be a traditional service with lessons, a Christmas message, beloved carols, Holy Communion, and candlelight. Pre-service music begins at 8:45 pm and will feature organ, piano, flute, marimba, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Bells of Grace handbell choir.

Please note: There will be no live worship service on Christmas Day. Rather, we invite you to watch our Christmas Eve services on our website on Christmas Day, or at any time during the following week.

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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 Rhonda Powell office@standrewlutheran.com
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 Tira Nasset..... 503-866-5099

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, December 22, 2024

Matthew 1:18-25
Luke 1:46-55

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, December 13

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm Blue Christmas Service Chapel

Sunday, December 15

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

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal for Candlelight Service Sanctuary

10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering Chapel

11:00 am Adult Ed: Civic Life & Faith 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 Classrooms

1:00 pm Christmas Caroling Visits Narthex, offsite

Monday, December 16—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Children's Library

Tuesday, December 17

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

5:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting Pastor's Office

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 18—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@standrewlutheran.com

11:00 am Alzheimer's Support Group St. Andrew Room

1:00 pm Music Minister Search Team via Zoom

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

6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal Sanctuary

6:30 pm High School Youth Christmas Party Offsite

7:00 pm Mid-Week Advent Worship Sanctuary

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, December 19

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 Council & Staff Christmas Party The Peace House

6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

Friday, December 20

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

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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.