

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

January 10, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Removal of the Greens



As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. We've reached the conclusion of our Christmas celebrations here at St. Andrew, and it's time for us to remove the greenery and put away the Chrismon tree until next year. Join us **Saturday, January 11**, at 9:00 am, as we gather to carry out this important task. Please bring gloves and wire-cutters to help with disassembling the greens hung around the church. As a reminder, we ask our younger congregants to pitch in and help, as our older volunteers shouldn't be climbing ladders and would really appreciate your assistance!

## Nourishing Conversations: Asian Persuasion

Parish Nurse Tira Nasset launched this year's Nourishing Conversations this past Monday with vegan lasagna, salads, and snicker doodles. Many of the 29 people who gathered went back to the buffet line for seconds—a definite tribute to the appeal of the purely vegan meal!

Remember to sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend Nourishing Conversations on **Monday, January 13**, when Tira will introduce us to some "Asian Persuasion." We'll learn to make Chinese dumplings and enjoy other tastes from the Orient.



In addition, Tira has invited Dr. Siatar Dunbar, a direct primary care physician, to join us. Like Tira, Dr. Dunbar is Lifestyle Medicine-certified. It appears there's a growing interest in making our meals from the plant kingdom, something that is good for both people and the planet.

Nourishing Conversations is not your normal Sunday morning Adult Education class. People begin gathering in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall about 5:00 pm to set the tables, chop a bounty of vegetables, and get to know each other. If you're unable to arrive that early, that's not a problem. Nearing 6:00 pm, we join hands to sing the table blessing and then we eat and talk together. Participants are expected to stick around to assist with cleanup afterwards, providing even more time for fellowship.

Later in the month, Tira promises to share tips and tricks on how to convert our favorite recipes to vegan versions.

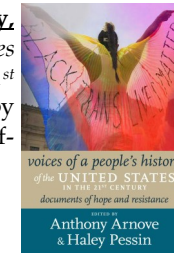
## Announcements in Worship



If you have a request for a particular announcement to be made in worship, please email Pr. Allison at [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com) by midnight the evening prior to worship to make your request. For the sake of time, Pr. Allison will prioritize the requested announcements, share those that are most pressing, and refer the congregation to Weekly News for other updates. Thanks!

## Men's Book Club News

The Men's Book Club will meet this **Monday, January 13**, at 7:00 pm to discuss the 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. Gary Graf-wallner will host this discussion at his home.



Future reading:

### February 10

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

## 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 3:15 pm. If you care about our Earth home and would like St. Andrew to develop more connections with the neighborhood, please join us for a memorable afternoon!

## Community Warehouse Donation Drive

It's time for the Service Committee's Community Warehouse donation drive—a January tradition here at St. Andrew. Your donations of new or gently used clean linens, kitchen wares, and other items can help transform a house into a home for people in need in our area.

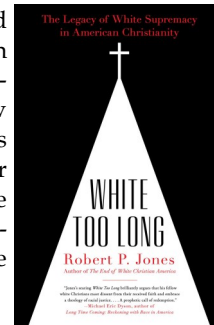


The purple bins will be available in the Narthex beginning this **Sunday, January 12**. Please reference the flyer included in Weekly News to learn more about which items are being collected. The final day to donate items will be **Sunday, February 2**, so please get your donations in by then. Thank you!

## Spirituality Book Group News

On **January 12**, at 2:00 pm, the Spirituality Book Group will be discussing *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones. For any questions, you can call Mary Smith. All are welcome!

"*White Too Long* is part of a dynamic and growing field of contemporary non-fiction that calls the white church to task for its failings when it comes to racism." That review from the *New York Times* reinforces that this book is a call to all of us Christians – whether we are Evangelicals, Catholics, or Mainline Protestants (including Lutherans) – to examine our role in perpetuating attitudes of white supremacy in the church and in society.



Details:

**January 12** at 2:00 pm (please note time change!)

Book: *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* by Robert P. Jones

Discussion Leader: Elaine May

Hostess: Dianne Zupunski

Future reading:

**February 23**

Book: *The Last Apothecary* by Sarah Penner

Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako

Hostess: Connie Losk

**March 16**

Book: *The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America* by Elizabeth Letts

Discussion Leader: Mary Smith

Hostess: Sandy Koch

On **April 27**, we will discuss *The Butterfly Tree* by Woody Woodburn. Our book discussion on **May 18** will consider *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Discussion Leader and Hostess for these last two dates will be announced in the coming months.

Finally, these books have been selected for reading, but have yet to be assigned monthly meeting dates:

- *The Last List of Mable Beaumont* by Laura Pearson
- *Better Living through Birding* by Christian Cooper
- *The Longest Road: Overland in Search of America from Key West to the Arctic Ocean* by Philip Caputo
- *The Secret Life of Sunflowers: A Gripping, Inspiring Novel Based on the True Story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's Sister-In-Law* by Marta Molnar
- *James: A Novel* by Percival Everett

## New Member Sunday



Our next New Member Sunday is scheduled for **January 19!** If you are considering the possibility of joining St. Andrew, please contact Pr. Allison. She would love to get to know you, give you an overview of the St. Andrew community, and answer any questions you have. If you have already been oriented to the church and are ready to join, please notify Pr. Allison so she can add you to the list!

## What's Really Happening at the Border?

Oregon pastors and laypersons who recently witnessed conditions at the Texas/Mexico border will share their insights during the program "God's Love Knows No Borders: Countering Myths and Uplifting Humane Treatment of Immigrants." This event will be held on **Saturday, January 11**, from 1:00 pm–3:00 pm at the Lake Oswego United Church of Christ, located at 1111 Country Club Road.



This presentation will also be available via livestream at [youtube.com/live/ZAc0caSQnpM](https://youtube.com/live/ZAc0caSQnpM). Rev. Adam Hange, pastor of the Hillsboro UCC, and Rev. Keren Rodriguez, a Methodist pastor and community organizer for Portland-based Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ), will discuss their experiences meeting people affected by border conditions and politics, as well as those providing humanitarian aid. The program will also include a documentary on immigration realities. This event is a fundraiser for the United Church of Christ Rio Grande Valley's crucial work supporting immigrants as they face possible deportation.

## 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're able to raise the full \$50,000, we'll receive \$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 our website at [standrewlutheran.com/give](https://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](https://standrewlutheran.com/job-opening). Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Parish Executive Carol Harker at: [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).



## Christmas with the Chorale



On December 8, the Oregon Chorale performed one of its many holiday concerts at St. Andrew, showcasing our beautiful sanctuary along with carols old and new. The Oregon Chorale was led by Artistic Director & Conductor Jason Sabino, and the Liberty High School Concert Choir joined for part of the performance under the direction of Joshua Pounders.

The concert was professionally recorded and is now available for all to enjoy at: [youtu.be/nc4hu054\\_VM](https://youtu.be/nc4hu054_VM)

# KITCHEN WARES AND LINENS DONATION DRIVE!

Jan 12 - Feb 2



YOUR LOCAL FURNITURE BANK

Learn more at  
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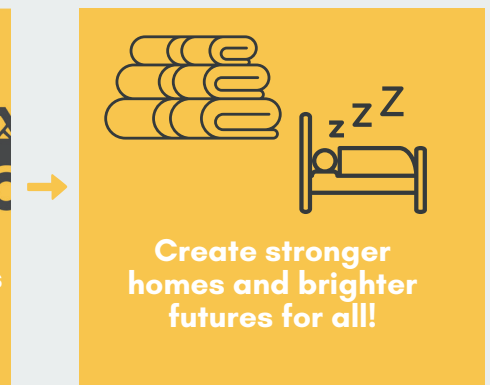
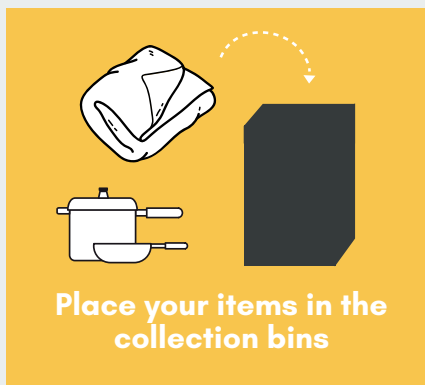


## Donate to your local furniture bank!

We are collecting **NEW** or **GENTLY USED\***

**\*Clean and in GREAT condition - No rips, tears, stains, damage, smells\***

- Pots & Pans
- Baking Dishes
- Can Openers
- Cooking Utensils
- Cutting Boards
- Dish Racks
- Dish Towels
- Dish Sets & Glasses
- Kitchen Knives
- Mixing Bowls
- Potholders
- Silverware
- Drinking glasses & Mugs
- Blankets, Quilts, & Comforters
- Bath Towels & Hand Towels
- Washcloths
- Bedsheets (not King size)
- Bath mats
- Shower Curtains
- Bed Pillows (stain-free only)



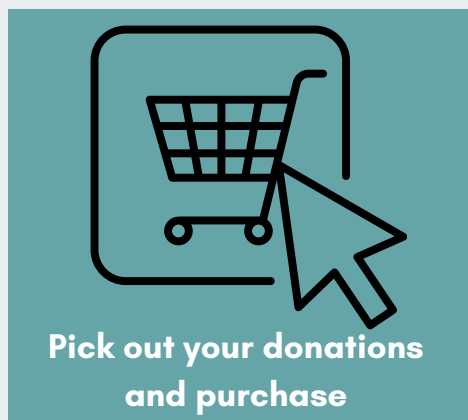
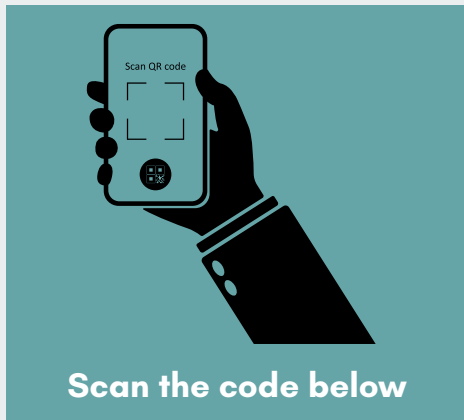
# KITCHEN WARES AND LINENS VIRTUAL DONATION DRIVE!

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## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of James (fiancé's nephew)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Tammy Piscitelli
Camille Jackson	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Stacye Erickson	Comfort and healing	Dana Taylor Blakemore
Peggy Thompson	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Bill Shaw	Healing and recovery	Lee Anne Knapp
Amina Malik Zada	Healing and recovery	Cindy Stadel
Rhonda Powell	Effective treatment and comfort	Staff
Margaret (sister)	Safety from wildfires	Robert Hawthorne
Bp. Brenda Bos & wife Janis	Peace, safety, and recovery from wildfire damage	Pr. Allison Bengfort
All victims of the California wildfires	Peace, safety, and recovery	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 Executive Committee Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
All seminarians and theology students, especially Sister India Jensen Kerr and Kim Taylor Blakemore	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Faith Lutheran (Clatskanie)	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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com), or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.**

## New Event: The Last Sunday

The Last Sunday is a brand-new event being hosted at St. Andrew on Sunday, January 26, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be an opportunity for people in upcoming generations—in the target age-range of 16 to 50 years-old—to come together and find a space of honest community that wants to reclaim the hopeful, restorative, and justice-centered message of Christianity from the corrupt forces that are trying to co-opt it for themselves. The Last Sunday is not owned by any one church—our hope is that this can be a collaborative event with people from a wide variety of faith communities around Portland. We hope that those who attend are refreshed and invigorated by this event so they can bring that energy back to their communities.

This first-ever iteration of this event will center around a meal, a short talk, and group discussion. The nursery will be staffed for children ages five and under to hang out while parents attend the gathering. For the official flyer and to read more about this exciting event, please visit: [bit.ly/4jaHZf2](http://bit.ly/4jaHZf2). So that we can prepare the appropriate amount of food, if you're planning to attend, please RSVP at this link: [bit.ly/40aiYld](http://bit.ly/40aiYld).

If you have questions or would like to know more about this event, you can contact Kyler Vogt, check out the flyer using the link above (or grab a paper one from the Narthex), and you can follow this event on Instagram @TheLastSundayPDX. It would be great to see you there!



*Kyler Vogt*

Director of Next Generational Ministry

## Adult Ed. Class Recordings

Here at St. Andrew, adult education is all about "Nurturing Faith and Equipping for Ministry." In pursuit of that mission, we strive to offer a variety of educational opportunities on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Generally, our Sunday morning classes are also recorded and made available online for those unable to attend in-person. You can find these recordings by visiting our website, and looking under Education > Adult Education, and clicking the first link, "Adult Education at St. Andrew."

You can also use this link below: [standrewlutheran.com/education/adult-education/](http://standrewlutheran.com/education/adult-education/)

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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, January 19, 2025

1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Friday, January 10

10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall  
 1:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting ..... via Zoom

### Saturday, January 11—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

9:00 am Removal of the Greens ..... Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Connections Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room

### Sunday, January 12

**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: Christian Extremism; the Heresy and Its Consequences ..... 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  
 12:15 pm Climate Justice/Resilience Neighborhood Door Knocking ..... Children's Commons  
 1:00 pm Twirler's Meeting & Practice ..... St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall  
 2:00 pm Spirituality Book Group ..... Home of Dianne Zupunski

### Monday, January 13—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting ..... via Zoom  
 7:00 pm Men's Book Club ..... Home of Gary Grafwallner

### Tuesday, January 14

7:00 am Men's Gathering and Bible Study ..... Elmer's Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)  
 7:00 am Sunrise Women ..... Elmer's Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)  
 9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room  
 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 am Worship Planners Meeting ..... Library  
 12:00 pm Bridge Group ..... Fellowship Hall  
 1:30 pm Service Committee Meeting ..... Library  
 5:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting ..... Pastor's Office  
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 15—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) & [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com)

1:00 pm Music Minister Search Team Meeting ..... via Zoom  
 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, January 16

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  
 2:00 pm Immigrant Story ..... Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children's Commons  
 7:00 pm Council Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall, Chapel

### Friday, January 17

10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, January 18—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)


9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall


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

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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.