

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

January 24, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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

Neighborhood Climate/Disaster Resilience Conversation

The Community Organizing and Earth Care Teams are hosting a Neighborhood Climate/Disaster Resilience Conversation in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, January 25**, from 2:00 pm–3:30 pm. We have invited the neighbors we met while canvassing two weeks ago, and you are invited as well! The purpose of the gathering is to build relationships with and among our neighbors and surface areas of need in building community-wide resilience that leaves no one behind. We would love to have you join us!



RIC Sunday: Rainbow Gear Welcome!



St. Andrew is proud to be a "Reconciling in Christ" (RIC) congregation, which means that we welcome, include, and celebrate people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

As an RIC church, we commit to the ongoing work of reconciliation and advocacy alongside the LGBTQIA+ community as well as other marginalized groups. This **Sunday, January 26**, is RIC Sunday, in which we reaffirm our commitment to this sacred work and celebrate the incredible diversity of the human family. If you'd like to celebrate by sporting your favorite rainbow gear/attire, you are very welcome to do so!

Worship Volunteers Sign-up Event

Are you interested in volunteering to serve in worship, but don't quite know how to do so? If you're an infrequent internet user or simply want some guidance, please note that our next in-person volunteer signup will be this **Sunday, January 26**, after the worship service and before the education hour. A member of the Worship and Music Team will be available in the Narthex to help you sign up to be a worship volunteer. There are many opportunities to serve and your help is needed.

Mortgage Match Challenge

At the time of printing, the Financial Secretaries reported that we are only \$1,100 away from completing the drive! Please make your contributions to the Mortgage Match fund no later than next **Friday, January 31**. To contribute to the Mortgage Match challenge, please indicate this on your check or giving envelope. To give online, visit standrewlutheran.com/give, and select "Mortgage Match Challenge" in the dropdown menu. Please note that any funds directed to the mortgage will go into the PIPE (Property Improvement Projects and Emergencies) Fund once we pay off our loan. Thank you for your contributions!

ALMOST THERE!

Nourishing Conversations: Plant-Based, Whole Food Potluck

Over the last few weeks, we've gathered together on Monday nights for a time of education and fellowship around the preparation and enjoyment of plant-based, whole food cooking. "Nourishing Conversations," an adult education experience with Parish Nurse Tira Nessel, continues this **Monday, January 27**, with the opportunity for us to take what we've learned in the previous weeks and make our own plant-based, whole food options to bring for this week's potluck!

People begin gathering in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall about 5:00 pm to set the tables, make last-minute food preparations, 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.



Attendees can sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex to help with meal-planning. Participants who intend to bring a dish should notify Tira in advance so that she can be aware and ensure there will be enough food for everyone. One of the benefits of plant-based meals is that they are generally much cheaper to prepare, but we still hope participants will donate toward the cost of the food. A free-will offering bowl makes it easy to chip in—and anything over and above the total cost of the food will be donated to St. Andrew's Lenten Food Drive.

New Event: The Last Sunday

A brand-new event is being hosted here at St. Andrew Lutheran on **Sunday, January 26**, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This first-ever iteration of The Last Sunday 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. So that we can prepare the appropriate amount of food, if you're planning to attend, please RSVP at this link: bit.ly/40aiYld.

"When fascism comes to America it'll be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross."

If you have questions or would like to know more about this event, you can contact Kyler Vogt, check out the flyer linked above (and posted on the bulletin board in 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

Supper Clubs

It's time once again to sign up for one of our Supper Club groups! These groups serve as a wonderful fellowship opportunity to forge closer relationships with your fellow parishioners. There are two sign-up lists available in the Narthex.



One list is for those who wish to dine in homes. This option is better for those who prefer to meet in quieter, more intimate, and less over-stimulating environments. Meeting in each other's homes also offers a bit more flexibility with the time and menu than restaurants.

The other list is for those who would prefer to dine out with their group. This option is better for those who are wanting to experience more of the food-scene in and around the area. Maybe you'll even find that "hidden gem" restaurant that you didn't know you needed in your life!

Feel free to sign up on either list or even both. If you're worshipping on Zoom and would like to sign up, you are asked to email Pam Jelineo (pjelineo@hotmail.com) with which list, the name(s) of those wishing to be added, along with your contact information and any preferences (eg. cuisine styles, dietary restrictions, accommodation needs). If you have any questions, or want to learn even more, feel free to reach out to Pam by email, or find her at coffee hour after worship on Sunday.

Community Warehouse Donation Drive

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.



Purple donation bins are in the Narthex by the doors leading into Fellowship Hall. Please reference the flyer included in Weekly News to learn more about which items are being collected. The final day for items to be dropped off at the church will be **Sunday, February 2**. Thank you for your support!

In Search of Event Coordinators

It is a wonderful blessing to have the building space we do here at St. Andrew. As part of our mission to reach out into the community and create space for all, we like to open our building for outside organizations to host their events when rooms of ours are not being used. This takes a lot of work! We need interested individuals who want to become a part of the event coordinating team who could serve as leaders to organize and plan the larger events that are held here.

In the past couple of months, we have had to decline to host certain events that would require more effort than the staff or Facilities Team were able to manage. Individuals who are interested in furthering the mission of St. Andrew by helping us host community events should contact the church office by phone (503-646-0629) or email (office@standrewlutheran.com) so the Facilities Management Team can begin compiling a list of volunteers at their next meeting on **February 4**. Thanks!

Coming Soon to a Fellowship Hall Near You

Sunday, February 2, is the big day for this year's Super Bible Bowl. Although this year's contest is not being held on the same day as that other Super Bowl, this friendly competition pits the confirmation students against the church council in a battle of wits, memory, and reaction time. The game is a combination of Jeopardy, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, and the SAT tests.

Come and play along as participants answer questions from Lutheran history and catechism, how we worship, and important principles and practices that make St. Andrew the community we are and hope to become.



A traveling trophy will be awarded to the team that finishes the game with the most points, as calculated by some of our high school students. Pick up your coffee and head into Fellowship Hall by 11:00 am to join in the fun.

A Prayer for Peace and Quietness



O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever. **Amen.**

PERFORMANCE
APRIL 13, 2025
7:00PM

MESSIAH

BE A PART OF A COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OF
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

**WE INVITE
YOU TO
JOIN OUR
CHOIR**

FIRST PRACTICE FEBRUARY 25TH
PRACTICES AND EVENT:
5175 SW 209TH AVE, ALOHA, OR
97007

PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE LINK:
<http://evite.me/KWakTegsJy>

CONTACT CHOIR COORDINATOR
LINDA WEITZ WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
LINDAWEITZ@YMAIL.COM

A Few Points of Climate Optimism

While you may have thought there is no hope for the climate future, these are just a few reasons for hope that I found. And there are many more! Unfortunately, good news does not seem to be reported as readily as bad news.

California is spending \$20 million to put solar panels over canals, an approach with the potential to cut evaporation by 82% and boost panel efficiency by up to 15%. According to a University of California study, covering all of the irrigation canals in California with solar panels would save enough water from evaporation to supply 2 million people or irrigate 50,000 acres of farmland. It would also save space and preserve fragile desert ecosystems. Drought is a persistent problem, but these "floatovoltaics" offer a win-win-win solution.

In 2024, for the first time ever, wind and solar combined generated more electricity than coal in the USA, as renewables continue to surge and coal plants retire. And a magnificent 96% of new electricity-generating capacity built in the US in 2024 was carbon emissions-free! World-transforming solar accounted for the lion's share at 60% with a record-high 34 GW (34,000 MW) built, with remaining sources including batteries 23%, wind 10%, and nuclear 2%. Excellent progress!

NASA recently published new satellite imagery of China's ever-expanding "Great Solar Wall" energy fields, currently consisting of over 5.4 GW (5,400 MW) of solar capacity in the Kubuqi Desert of Inner Mongolia. The Kubuqi region is a flat, sunny, and desolate area relatively close to major cities that is ideally located for solar power. Plans are to host 100 GW of solar there by 2030. And NASA reports that building these solar farms will likely slow desertification, preventing dune movement and encouraging grass growth. The Solar Age continues to accelerate, with more and more large-scale solar farms bringing a cornucopia of benefits to global decarbonization as well as local economies and ecosystems! Solar farms are a giant win-win-win for clean air, energy abundance, and national security.

Wind power in Texas, a portion of total energy in Texas, consists of over 150 wind farms, which together have a total nameplate capacity of over 30,000 MW (as of 2020). If Texas were a country, it would rank fifth in the world in wind power; the installed wind capacity in Texas exceeds installed wind capacity in all countries but China, the United States, Germany, and India.



There are promising results from early solar vineyards (a form of agrivoltaics) in Italy, with grapes grown under solar panels providing 20-60% higher yields. Now more data on solar vineyards has come in, this time from 2 pilot sites in France run by agrivoltaics pioneer, Sun'Agri, where the grape yields were (like in Italy) 20-60% higher. The presence of the protective solar canopies "optimized the microclimate" by increasing humidity in the immediate area and protecting the grapes against extreme temperatures. Irrigation needs fell by 20-70%, and the plant mortality rate from frost dropped by 25-50%!



According to worldwildlife.org, many species are making a comeback including the Greater One-Horned Rhino in India, Humpback Whales in several of the World's oceans, Mountain Gorillas in Uganda and the Congo, Black-Footed Ferrets in the Northern Great Plains, Swift Foxes in the grasslands of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana, and more!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Lutheran Disaster Response: LA Wildfires

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds, and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

This disaster is just one of many – including hurricanes, war, and famine – to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip it to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike.



Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery for month and years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip it to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.

Donations may be given online at: give.elca.org/page/77859. 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 "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line.

Dear People of St. Andrew,

Thank you so much for your recent generous gift of \$450! As Central City Concern celebrates 45 years of working to end homelessness, your gift is a testament to your belief in our mission.



Your support helps to provide resources to people like Koko, whose transformation began five years ago. After struggling for years with substance abuse, Koko has rebuilt his relationship with his family and treasures the home he has made.

Your philanthropic support makes stories like this happen. Thank you for believing in Koko and so many others and for being part of recovering our community.

With deepest gratitude,
Dana Kleinhesselink
Director of Development, Central City Concern

KITCHEN WARES AND LINENS DONATION DRIVE!

Jan 12 - Feb 2



YOUR LOCAL FURNITURE BANK

Learn more at
communitywarehouse.org

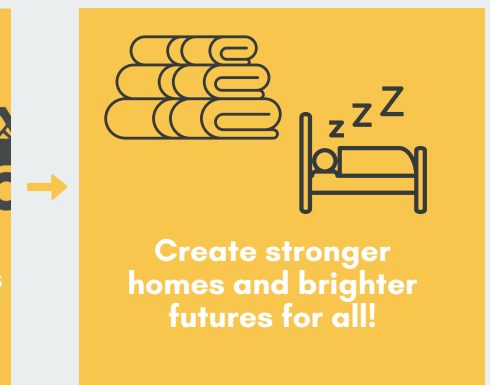
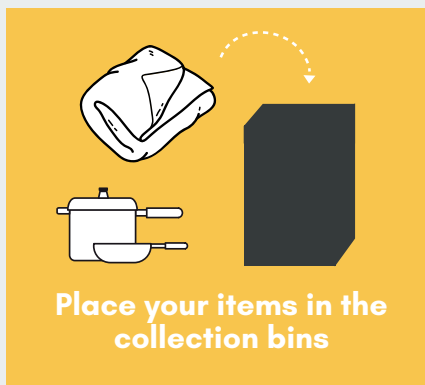


Donate to your local furniture bank!

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)



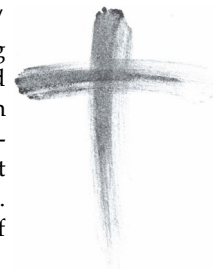
In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Kim Watts Engstrom (friend)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Lee Anne Knapp
Family and friends of Cameron Blouin	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Sonja Ackman
Jay Meredith	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Peggy Thompson	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Andrew Robertson (fmr. St. Andrew member)	Comfort and peace	Sandi Beavers
Paul Robertson (father of Andrew, above)	Comfort and peace	Sandi Beavers
Helen Rogers	Healing and peace	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Bill Shaw (father)	Healing and recovery	Lee Anne Knapp
Glenath Moyle	Healing and recovery	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Kristen Thompson	Healing and recovery	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
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 Tandy Brooks, Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason, Rhonda Powell, Jolie Reyna, Jennifer Shaw, Donna Szopko, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
St. Peter Lutheran (Tillamook)	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.

Lent Worship Planning Session

Thanks to all who submitted feedback forms from the Advent/Christmas season! With this feedback in mind, the Worship Planning Team is now turning toward our next special season: Lent! We would like to invite you to join us on **Saturday, February 1**, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm, for a Worship Planning Session where we will brainstorm, consider theme and resource options, and begin planning what we hope will be a meaningful Lenten season for our congregation. Please bring your ideas and an attitude of openness to the ideas of others. We look forward to dreaming and designing with you!



Let's Get to Know Our Inner Children through SoulCollage®!



Do you know who your inner children are and how they appear in your life? Join Sister India on **Sunday, February 16**, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall where we will discover what our inner children have to say. SoulCollage® is a form of self-discovery through art. We glue images to 8x5 cards and read from the images to learn new things about ourselves. It is a truly transformative process! Don't worry if you are not a skilled artist; this is a place where you can join in community, have fun, and access your inner wisdom. If you want more information about SoulCollage® visit soulcollage.com. Hope to see you there!

Nifty Notters

On the first and third Saturdays each month, the hard-working members of our quilting group, the Nifty Notters, meet in Fellowship Hall to assemble quilts for the various missions of the church. This work needs you! All hands are welcome to drop in at any point between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm, or bring a lunch and stay for the whole work session. Upcoming dates for Nifty Notters to meet are **February 1 & 15**. Please help us by offering your support to continue this important ministry!



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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, February 2, 2025

Psalm 84
Luke 2:22-40

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, January 24

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 25—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

2:00 pm Neighborhood Climate Conversation..... Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 26

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

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

6:00 pm The Last Sunday Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Chapel

Monday, January 27—Church Office Closed

5:00 pm Nourishing Conversations Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Tuesday, January 28

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

12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall

12:15 pm Earth Care / Community Carbon Leadership Meeting Library

5:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting Pastor's Office

6:30 pm Earth Camp Planning Meeting Youth Room

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 29—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@standrewlutheran.com

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

6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal Sanctuary

6:00 pm The Immigrant Story Music Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, January 30

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

5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting..... via Zoom

6:00 pm The Immigrant Story Music Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Wing Chun Class..... Children's Commons

Friday, January 31

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10:00 am Lent Worship Planning Meeting Library

Sunday, February 2


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 Super Bible Bowl: The Confirmands vs. Congregational Council..... Fellowship Hall

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.