

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

January 31, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Mortgage Match Challenge Complete!

Congratulations! Thanks to your efforts, we have completed our Mortgage Match Challenge. A special thanks goes out to the anonymous donor who stepped forward at the end of last year with an offer to match funds up to \$50,000 to help pay down our mortgage. It is incredible how quickly so many of you stepped up to give.



More information, including a timeline for when we expect to complete payment of the mortgage, will be announced in the coming days, so stay tuned! Please be aware that any funds directed to the mortgage will go into the Property Improvement Projects and Emergencies (PIPE) Fund once the loan is fully paid off. Thank you again for your contributions!

## 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 to 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!



## Men's Book Club News

The Men's Book Club will meet on **Monday, February 10**, at 7:00 pm to discuss the 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. Larry Bliesner will host this discussion at his home.



Future reading has not yet been announced.

## 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!

## Community Warehouse Donation Drive

Have you finished checking all your cupboards for linens and wares you no longer need? This **Sunday, February 2**, is your last chance to donate new or gently used clean linens, kitchen wares, and other items that help transform a house into a home for those in need. Purple donation bins are in the Narthex by the doors leading into Fellowship Hall.

Community Warehouse requests items be clean and in great condition; no rips, tears, stains, damage, or smells. You can learn more about the items being accepted, as well as all the work Community Warehouse does, by visiting their website at [communitywarehouse.org](http://communitywarehouse.org).



## The Super Bible Bowl Is This Sunday

This **Sunday, February 2**, is the big day for our annual 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.



## SoulCollage® Event Coming Soon!

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](http://soulcollage.com). Hope to see you there!

## 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 the full impact of the fires is not yet known, Lutheran Disaster Response is on site 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 and 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](https://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.

## Epiphany Singing Opportunity

Singers of all ages are invited to prepare and present the anthem, “Arise! Sing Forth!” by Henry Purcell (arranged by Hal Hopson) to sing during worship on **Sunday, February 16**. You don’t have to be a regular member of the Sanctuary Choir to join us. We will gather for rehearsal on that morning at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary. Please see Deacon Susan if you are interested. She has copies of the music available for you if you would like to look at the piece in advance.

## Dear People of St. Andrew,

Thank you for your gift of \$450 to Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW)! Your support is integral to LCSNW’s mission of delivering health, justice, and hope. Your donations allowed us to bring relief and positively impact the lives of individuals and families in our community.

We are deeply grateful that you chose to make an impact by investing your dollars with LCSNW. You are helping create strong communities across the Northwest that increase equity and access to healthy living. We are looking forward to the lasting change we can make together in 2025.

In hope,  
David Duea  
CEO of LCSNW



## 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 might provide

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](mailto:pjelineo@hotmail.com)) with which list, the name or names 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.

## Nourishing Conversations

Thank you to all who came out and participated in our second year of Nourishing Conversations. We had a wonderful time sharing in the experience of meal preparation, building relationships, and eating good food. We finished this year’s program with a delightful potluck full of plant-based, whole food, healthy dishes. It was so much fun to try the different foods that people have been making at home.



It has been my joy to spend this time with all of you teaching you health-full options to consider when planning your next meal. And thanks to your generous contributions, we are able to make an early kick-off donation of \$250 to this year’s Lenten Food Drive. What a great way to extend our hospitality to include those who are in need. If you would like copies of recipes, and are willing to fill out a brief survey, please reach out to me!

Tira Nessel  
Parish Nurse

## Nursery Attendants Needed

From Ecclesiastes: For everything there is a season. McKenna’s time with us as Nursery Attendant will end this weekend as **Sunday, February 2**, is her last day serving in our nursery. Be sure to say “goodbye” and wish her well in future endeavors!

With that in mind, we urgently need people to staff the nursery beginning the following week. Contact Sonja Ackman to express your interest in serving as a volunteer nursery attendant. Individuals who do not have a current background check on file with the church will need to undergo one before being able to volunteer. These background checks are paid for by the church.



## Should Things Get Shaky, Know What to Do



## Stocking Our Disaster Kits Month Nine, February 2025

Nine months into a year-long effort to prepare for possible disaster, we're still collecting supplies for our households. This month, we also consider what we can do to protect ourselves in earthquake country.

### To Do:

- Arrange for a friend or neighbor to help your children, special needs family members, or pets if you are not able to respond.
- Volunteer with a local disaster/emergency group (Portland NET, Red Cross, Medical Reserve Corps).

### To Collect:

- 1 gallon juice\*
- 3 cans fruit\*
- Garbage bags
- Paper cups
- Blanket or sleeping bag\*
- Change of clothing and sturdy footwear\*

\* For everything followed by an asterisk, be sure to multiply by the number of people in your household (e.g., a family of four people will need 4 blankets or sleeping bags).

## Drop! Cover! Hold On!

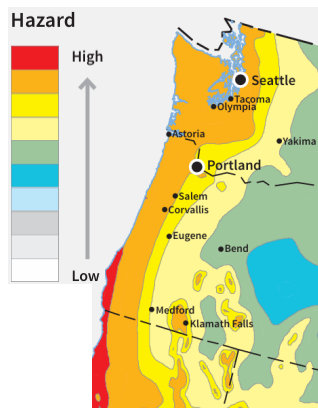


### Living on Moving Ground

We're blessed to live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, but the geologic forces that produced high mountains, a rugged coastline, and dramatic vistas, also make Oregon one of the most earthquake-prone spots in the continental U.S. We fear "the big one" expected to top 9 on the Richter Scale, but know that even smaller quakes have the potential to do a lot of damage. How well we're able to get through an earthquake depends on what we know and how we prepare.

Get prepared now by: 1) Identifying and mitigating hazards; 2) Readyng supplies; 3) Developing an emergency plan; and 4) Testing and practicing your plan.

### Relative Risk Along the Fault



1. Shaking can collapse poorly built structures, but even if your home was built before seismic design requirements were instituted in the 1970s, you can take action. The most likely result of the ground shaking is injury by falling items in your home or place of business. Lights, television sets, bookshelves, stuff in your cupboards, can topple, but some of these things can be secured to the wall. And, if you have the resources, your home can be retrofitted for more protection.

2. Readyng supplies is what we've been doing gradually month by month. Keep it up!
3. We've also worked on developing emergency plans. In case of an earthquake, though, the first thing we need to do is DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON. Because seconds matter, we need to act immediately! Before grabbing your Go Kit, take cover!
4. Conduct an earthquake drill, creating an earthquake scenario and acting out your plan. Are there weak points you should address? Adjust your plan as needed.

In the past week (from January 24-January 31, 2025) the PNW has experienced [more than 100 small quakes](#), plus six larger ones. The Juan de Fuca oceanic plate is being pulled under North America, moving about an inch each year. It's along this Cascadia Subduction Zone that 40 great earthquakes have occurred in known history, the last one in 1700. Geologists estimate these big events occur irregularly every 200-800 years.

You'll find reliable earthquake preparedness information at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/hazardsprep/pages/earthquakes.aspx#>

This Oregon Department of Emergency Management page includes sections on what actions homeowners can take to mitigate quake damage, advice on how to secure your space, what to know about earthquake insurance, home tie-downs, retrofits, and more.

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Cameron Blouin	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Sonja Ackman
Family and friends of Andrew Robertson	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Family and friends of Jan. 29 mid-air collision victims	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Darryl Eldridge	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Scott Staul (son)	Comfort, healing, and proper diagnosis	LuAnn Staul
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
Maureen (mother-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Lindsey Lane
Mary Smith	Successful eye surgery (Jan. 30 & Feb. 14)	Mary Smith
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod Council and Staff	Courage and wisdom	Staff
Refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military Personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brocker, Carly Keyser, Clay Keyser	Safety and guidance	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially, Spirit of Grace (Beaverton) and Shepherd of the Valley (Beaverton)	Blessings on their ministry	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.

## 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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com)) so the Facilities Management Team can begin compiling a list of volunteers at their next meeting on **February 4**. Thanks!

## A Few Words about The Last Sunday

Thank you to everyone who attended the inaugural event of The Last Sunday! More than twenty people turned up – some were from St. Andrew, while others were from local churches and throughout the wider Portland community. We shared a meal, then gathered in the chapel to engage the challenges that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encountered with the white church.

You can look for posts and videos of the event on social media in the days to come. Find @TheLastSundayPDX on Instagram, YouTube, and Bluesky. As we continue to build our network of community partners, The Last Sunday will return to St. Andrew again on **February 23**. We are looking for volunteers to help with preparing the meal and providing childcare. Contact Kyler if you'd like to be a part of making this event possible. Thanks!



## St. Andrew Contacts

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 Tira Nasset ..... 503-866-5099

## Alleluia Butterflies

Children of all ages are invited to decorate "alleluia" butterflies in preparation for Lent. On Transfiguration, **Sunday, March 2**, these "alleluia" butterflies will be placed in a box and hidden somewhere in the Sanctuary for a member of staff to find before Easter. You're encouraged to stop by the table in the Narthex, where you will find paper butterflies and art supplies for you to decorate one yourself! This project will continue throughout the month of February. If you have any questions, please see Deacon Susan.

*Alleluia cannot always  
 be our song while here below;  
 alleluia our transgressions  
 make us for a while forgo;  
 for the solemn time is coming  
 when our tears for sin shall flow.*

Alleluia, Song of Gladness  
 ELW 318

## 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 9, 2025

Isaiah 6:1-8  
 Luke 5:1-11

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Friday, January 31

10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 pm The Immigrant Story Music Rehearsal ..... Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, February 1—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  
 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

### Monday, February 3—Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, February 4

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)  
 8:45 am Outdoor Property Work Planning Meeting..... St. Andrew Room  
 10:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room  
 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall  
 12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall  
 4:30 pm HR Meeting ..... via Zoom  
 5:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting ..... Pastor’s Office  
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters’ Guild ..... Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 5—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 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, February 6

9:30 am Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study..... St. Andrew Room  
 10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 am Nature Gazing with Susanne..... Sanctuary of the Firs (subject to change)  
 2:45 pm Girl Scout Troop 81217 ..... Library, Children’s Library  
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class..... Children’s Commons

### Friday, February 7

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


### Saturday, February 8—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)


10:30 am Connections Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room

### Sunday, February 9

**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

## 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.



# ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 24, 2025

Dear People of St. Andrew,

In 2011, St. Andrew took a leap of faith to build a fellowship and education wing to replace our old Fellowship Hall. Your generous giving has allowed St. Andrew to meet monthly payments on this multimillion-dollar debt, as well as make additional principle payments. Today, we can “see the light at the end of the tunnel” and will soon celebrate the burning of the mortgage!

We now feel it is appropriate to turn our stewardship attention from the mortgage to the Ministry and Mission Operating Fund. This is the fund that supports the day-to-day operations of our church. Through this fund, we compensate our employees, pay the bills, and purchase all the material resources needed to carry out our vital ministries of worship, pastoral care, Christian formation, service, and justice work. This fund makes our ministry possible.

On February 2nd, we will kick off a Stewardship Season at St. Andrew that is focused on the Ministry and Mission Operating Fund. Increased offerings to this fund will allow us to:

- Support a New Minister of Music
- Sustain Vital Ministry
- Save for the ELCA National Youth Gathering

Throughout the month of February, you will receive information via mail, email, and during worship services about these three areas and the ways we as a congregation can grow in generosity in order to successfully achieve our goals.

Our Stewardship Season will conclude on March 2nd, which we are calling Generosity Sunday. On that day, members and friends of the congregation will be invited to submit intent cards indicating the amount they intend to contribute to the Ministry and Mission Operating Fund in 2025. These intent cards will be mailed to you in February, and once submitted, they will greatly assist the Church Council in financial planning.

We invite you to join us in praying for the congregation and discerning how each of us might grow in generosity this year. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of St. Andrew as we live out our commitment to Christ in our lives, and in our community.

Yours in Christ,

Council President Liz Hardy and the 2025 Stewardship Team:  
Kim Taylor Blakemore, Robert Casteel, Dwight Jerde, and Pastor Allison Bengfort