

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

February 7, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## The 2025 Super Bible Bowl Is in the Books!

This year's competition was a neck-and-neck race between the Confirmands and our illustrious Council members. Behind the scenes there was drama, espionage, and even betrayal—all in good fun, of course! In the end, the battle of wits came down to the Final Jeopardy question, although the final score of 9,400 to 0 may not show it.

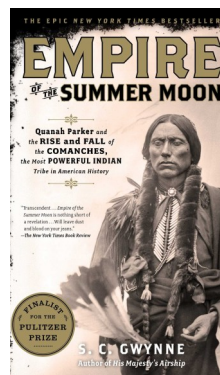


Congrats to the Confirmands on another Super Bible Bowl victory! And most of all, thanks to everyone who made this event possible, including: Our awesome team of Council members, first-time judge Pastor Allison Bengfort, the high schoolers who kept the score, all the children who made signs together to cheer on the Confirmands, and our spectacular confirmation teachers (Pat Christiansen, Allison Katsufrakis, Lynn Santelmann, and Randy Sinn). A special thanks goes out to Pat & Steve Christiansen for all the work they do putting on this event each year. Thank you all!

*Kyler Vogt*

Director of Next Generational Ministry

## 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. The book traces the rise and fall of the Comanches from the sixteenth through the nineteenth centuries. It also covers the destruction of the buffalo in the 1870s, which the author states "would soon become the greatest mass destruction of warm-blooded animals in human history." Larry Bliesner will host this discussion at his home.

Future reading has not yet been announced.

## Epiphany Singing Opportunity

*Editor's note: In last week's publication, we printed the wrong date in this article. The Sunday for this pick-up choir is, in fact, **February 23**.*

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 23**. 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 review the piece in advance.



## Celebrating the Work of 2024:

### Living Our Mission

In this Stewardship season, we take time to reflect on the many ways St. Andrew's ministries have flourished over the past year. From caring for our neighbors to deepening our worship and expanding community connections, these efforts reflect our shared commitment to faith in action.



Throughout this season we will highlight the work of different teams, celebrating their achievements in 2024 and looking ahead to the ways they will continue to serve in 2025. We give thanks for all who contribute their time, energy, and gifts to sustain and strengthen our congregation's mission.

### Sanctuary Team

In 2023-24, the Sanctuary Team remained steadfast in its support for the Malik Zada family of six who relocated from Afghanistan in August 2022. Beyond assisting with the family's ongoing needs, the team successfully developed and delivered the *Sanctuary in Our Time and Place* adult education series, fostering a deeper understanding of sanctuary work and its relevance today. This team's dedication exemplifies the power of community support and advocacy, ensuring that the family continues to thrive in their new home.

### Organizing Core Team

In 2024, the Organizing Core Team played a pivotal role in fostering relational connections both within St. Andrew and in the wider community. From hosting board game nights to organizing the Ministry Fair, which highlighted St. Andrew's vibrant ministries, the team encouraged deeper engagement and participation. September brought the team to the MACG Delegate Assembly where community organizing efforts were the focus. The team further enriched their knowledge through the *Wrestling With the Truth of Colonization* class. The team's latest effort was a neighborhood canvassing event, conducted alongside the Earth Care Team, aimed at building stronger, more resilient communities in the face of climate disruptions. Their ongoing work continues to create a sense of solidarity and action across our church and beyond.

## Nursery Attendants Needed

With the departure of our Nursery Attendant, we urgently need people to staff the nursery beginning this 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.



## What to Do with Your Wine Corks

Article adapted from [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com)

Got a collection of wine corks gathering on a kitchen counter? It's OK—we all do it. You pop open a bottle of wine, keep the cork for some reason, and soon there's a whole jar of wine corks and you're wondering what to do with them. The answer is get crafty! There are also ways to recycle them.

### Wine cork crafts:

- ◆ Glue corks to a piece of plywood to create a unique, three-dimensional work of art for your kitchen or dining room.
- ◆ Cover a monogram cut-out with corks for a personalized addition to your home.
- ◆ Add a ring of corks around the outside edge of a candleholder.
- ◆ Make a trivet by securing corks inside a hose clamp or an embroidery hoop.
- ◆ Having friends over for wine and snacks? Craft a wine cork wreath to hang on the front door by gluing corks to a wreath form and add ribbon.
- ◆ Cut corks into slices, decorate them with calligraphy or stamps or whatever, and add wire to make wine glass charms that help guests keep track of which glass is theirs. Use the same technique to make jewelry pendants.
- ◆ Repurpose an old picture frame by gluing corks onto the area where the picture was to make a bulletin board.
- ◆ Make weather resistant garden markers. Write the plant name on the cork and place the cork on a skewer.
- ◆ Make a bath mat. Cork is antimicrobial, antibacterial, hypoallergenic, and is mildew resistant. Use a hot glue gun to attach the corks to a non-slip backing, or tightly pack the corks into a wooden frame such as an old shadow box.



**Recycle cork:** Cork is used to make things such as handbags and the soles of shoes. Industry uses it for such things as insulation, sound-proofing, flooring, furniture, and more.

Scrap Creative Reuse at 1736 SW Alder St. in Portland takes corks. They have a large bin of corks, so apparently many people recycle their corks there! Some wineries take corks as well. Or you can bring them to me at church and I will put them in my Ridwell box, easy peasy!

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## SoulCollage® Event Coming Soon!



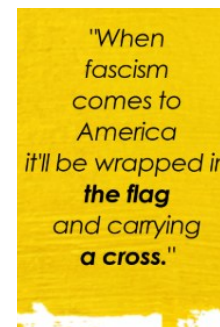
Do you know who your inner children are and how they appear in your life? Join Sister India on **Sunday, February 16**, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall where we will discover what our inner children have to say. SoulCollage® is a form of self-discovery through art. We glue images to 8x5 cards 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!

## A Few More Words about The Last Sunday

*"The church is only the church when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving."* -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

On the last Sunday of January, I attended the first meeting of The Last Sunday, a gathering of younger (16 - 50 year-old) people meant to build community and encouragement in our current political climate. It sets out to confront what it calls "supremacist Christianity" or "toxic Christianity" in modern America, and I found a fairly diverse group of people in attendance: St. Andrew members and friends, people from other congregations, as well as people who do not currently practice religion but have in the past—all individuals who love the message of Christ and yearn for the Church to follow Jesus more closely. I commend Kyler Vogt and Forrest Nameniuk (the cocreators) for all their work to ensure that the time we spent together was thoughtful, compassionate, and in good faith.



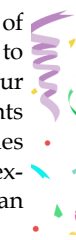
After a casual meal together, we engaged in prayer, readings, and a short meditation on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his relationship with the white churches of America. The rest of our time was spent in conversation pairs where we talked about the things that anger us, that offer us hope, and that hold us back from doing more to bring about change. After sharing our conclusions with the group as a whole, we ended with prayer and cleaned up before setting out.

I went to find commiseration for my troubles, and found something more—hope. I saw that others are aware of the flaws in our human institutions, and that others, like me, believe that these institutions can (and MUST) change. It was an empowering experience that challenged me to think and pray further about how I can act for change in the Church and in the world around me. I recommend that anyone 50 and under attend one of these gatherings. We are not only the future of the Church, we are its present, and we are its leaders just as much as anyone else.

*Allison Katsufraakis*

## In Search of Event Coordinators

We need interested individuals who want to become a part of the event coordinating team who could serve as leaders to organize and plan larger events for organizations renting our space. Recently, we have had to decline to host certain events that would require more effort than the staff or Facilities Team could manage. Please contact the church office to express your interest so the Facilities Management Team can begin compiling a list of volunteers. Thanks!



## St. Andrew Women's Retreat 2025

Save the date for a one-day retreat for women and femme-identifying people in our congregation! **Saturday, April 26**, from 9:00 am—5:00 pm. The theme is "Welcome Home: Journeying into the Wholeness of Creation." Light breakfast, hot lunch, and snacks will be served. It should be a restorative and relational time! Registration will open in early March.

## Super Bach Sunday

The Bach Cantata Choir will be offering a free concert at 2:00 pm this **Sunday, February 9**, at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church on the corner of NE 44th & Sandy Blvd. The concert will feature works by Bach, Bendinelli, Bruckner, and Salas. St. Andrew's very own Kristie Gladhill sings with the choir and would love to see you there!

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
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	Peace and God's comfort	Staff
Peggy Thompson	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
Ira Schab	Comfort and peace	Ira Schrab
Maureen (mother-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Lindsey Lane
Robin Vachal (daughter)	Healing and positive outcome	Larry & Phyllis Vachal
Rafael and family	Protection and peace	Rebecca Uecker
Mary Smith	Successful eye surgery (Jan. 30 & Feb. 14)	Mary Smith
Lee Taylor (step-father)	Successful surgery	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Darryl Eldridge	Well-being and peace	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Theodore (grandson)	Safe travels and thanksgiving for baptism this Sunday	Bob & Judy Scholz
St. Andrew Council and Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation Board		
Portland Taiwan Lutheran Church	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
All who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Seminarians and theology students, especially Sister India Jensen Kerr and Kim Taylor Blakemore	Encouragement and support	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially St. Matthew Lutheran (Beaverton) and Emanuel Lutheran (Cornelius)	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.

## 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!

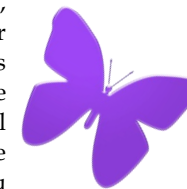
Feel free to sign up on either list or even both. If you're worshipping on Zoom and would like to sign up, you are asked to email Pam Jelineo ([pjelineo@hotmail.com](mailto:pjelineo@hotmail.com)) with which list, the name or names of those wishing to be added, along with your contact information and 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.



## 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.



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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 16, 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
 Luke 6:17-26

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### 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

### Monday, February 10—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting ..... via Zoom

7:00 pm Men's Book Club ..... Home of Larry Bliesner

### Tuesday, February 11

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)

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

7:00 pm Community Organizing Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room

### Wednesday, February 12—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com)

1:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting ..... Library

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 13

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)

1:00 pm Staff Meeting ..... Chapel, Library

7:00 pm Foundation Team Meeting ..... Library

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children's Commons

### Friday, February 14

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

### Saturday, February 15—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

8:45 am Tree Planting Staging Event with Friends of Trees ..... Community Garden Parking Lot

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

### Sunday, February 16

**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: Explore Your Abilities as a Christian Writer ..... St. Andrew Room

11:00 am Adult Ed: Quantum 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 Soul Collage ..... 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.