

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 28, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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The Last Sunday Returns to St. Andrew

 The Last Sunday returns to St. Andrew once again this month on **Sunday, March 30**, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. This month we are focusing on what will be a recurring topic: Christianity's idolatrous relationship with power. How have we gotten to this place where white Christianity is a "social club" for powerful and privileged people? The season of Lent reminds us that this is not what Jesus had in mind when he was teaching his disciples. Dinner and childcare are provided as part of the event. If you are able to attend, please fill out an RSVP form so we can provide enough food and the necessary childcare volunteers: bit.ly/TLSmarch25.

In addition, mark your calendars for the next two months of The Last Sunday! We are excited to welcome some new communities into partnership with us: Next month's gathering on **April 27** will be hosted by Fremont United Methodist Church, and the **May 25** event will be hosted by Riversgate Church. We hope you can attend both of these events and join us in widening our community.

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

Easter Sunday Service Singing Opportunity

 People of all ages are invited to sing with the choir on **Sunday, April 20**, for the Easter Sunday worship service at 9:30 am. The choir will be singing two anthems that morning: One is "Now Is Christ Risen From the Dead" by Frederick Frahm and Timothy Dudley-Smith, while the other is "Touch That Soothes and Heals" arranged by Thomas Keesecker.

You don't have to be a regular member of the Sanctuary Choir to join us. There will be a rehearsal opportunity for these pieces following the Palm Sunday worship service on **April 13** at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Please see Deacon Susan if you are interested and to receive a copy of the anthems in advance.

Communion Bread Home Bakers Needed

We are looking to expand our baking team. Currently, we have one member who graciously bakes the majority of our communion bread, along with a few other members. I would like to step down soon, but I want to ensure there is enough coverage first to lessen the burden on one single person. We try to rotate baking between the current team of three.

A recipe can be shared along with instructions. Please contact either myself or Carolyn Teifel to volunteer.



Tammy Piscitelli

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Earth Camp Registration Opening Soon

Registration for Earth Camp 2025 opens in a week on **Friday, April 4!** Taking place from **June 23 to June 27**, this fifth-iteration of Earth Camp is not one you'll want to miss. We have had at least 40 campers each of the last two years, with a maximum capacity of 48, so you'll want to get your campers registered ASAP! Registration cost is \$150 per camper, with a maximum total of \$300 per household. For those with financial concerns, scholarships are available upon request.



And, as always, it takes a village to make Earth Camp possible! If you would like to volunteer with Earth Camp this year and have not yet spoken with Kyler Vogt, send him an email at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com to get involved.

LWR Spring Ingathering Volunteers

On **Tuesday, April 29**, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall we will be assembling Personal Care Kits and Baby Kits. We will also be packing the kits and quilts made by the Nifty Notters into boxes to prepare them for shipment to LWR. This is a great event for families. See the list on the next page for supplies still needed to fill these kits.

We also need volunteers to help with the Ingathering on **Friday, May 2**, and **Saturday, May 3**. Volunteers on Friday work in 2-hour shifts beginning at 8:00 am and continuing until 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to fill a single 3-hour shift from 9:00 am to noon.

The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

1. Load the shipping container with boxes that can weigh up to 40 pounds.
2. Greet vehicle drivers as churches drop off their donations.

The box you help load at the Ingathering could mean the difference for refugees around the world. The need is especially great right now due to all the shifts in aid complicating response to catastrophic events around the world.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact Rochelle McIntire by email at pacificnwlrwgroup@gmail.com or by phone at 503-804-1701.

Prom Dress Collection Drive for BSD

Through the end of March, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) will be collecting new or gently used prom dresses at any THPRD facility for underprivileged students in the Beaverton School District (BSD).

All sizes, styles, and colors are welcomed. Donations are also being accepted at the Clothes Closet building of BSD on Merlo Rd., or they can be given to Bonnie Bli- esner or Fran Miller while you're at church on Sunday.



Aligning Intentions and Action Advocacy Day April 7

In Salem on Advocacy Day, **April 7**, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, members of St. Andrew and others from the Oregon Synod will be supporting and speaking up for important legislative priorities. Advocacy Day is organized by the Sacred Organizing Coalition, a group of community-based teams and faith communities working together toward a horizon where all Oregonians belong.



This is an opportunity to support the following bills:

- House Bill 2953 (HB2953) is a bill in the 2025 Oregon legislative session that would remove the state's cap on special education funding. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Courtney Neron, D-Wilsonville. The bill is intended to address the under-resourcing of schools in Oregon, which is one of only seven states that caps special education funding. The cap has left districts having to raise revenue from other sources, which can impact other programs and services.
- Senate Bill 611 establishes the Food for All Oregonians Program in the Department of Human Services to provide nutrition assistance to residents of this state who would qualify for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program but for their immigration status. The bill requires the department to implement the program by January 1, 2027, and to conduct statewide outreach, education, and engagement to maximize enrollment in the program.
- Senate Bill 682, the "Make Polluters Pay Act," refers to proposed legislation in Oregon that aims to establish a "Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program" which would require large fossil fuel companies responsible for significant greenhouse gas emissions to pay for the costs associated with climate change damage, essentially making the polluters financially accountable for the harm they cause.
- House Bill 3193, the Farmworker Disaster Relief Act, would create a relief program to provide money to farmworkers who have lost income due to a disaster. It requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish and implement a permanent farmworker disaster relief program.

Register at oregonsynodelca.regfox.com/2025-advocacy-day for the event. Also let us know if you plan to attend so we can try to coordinate a carpool for those attending from St. Andrew.

Let's align our intentions and actions.

LuAnn Staul, Pat Christiansen, and Liz Hardy

Building a Relational Culture

St. Andrew is filled with friendly, welcoming people. Can we build on this and work toward developing a culture that is truly relational? How do we do that? What might it mean for our community, both inside and outside of St. Andrew? Join members of the Community Organizing team as we explore what it means to have a relational culture, learn some ways to build it, and strengthen our faith community as we learn more about each other's strengths, talents, and experiences.



Bring your coffee into Fellowship Hall from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Sundays and walk with us as we find ways that our interests and talents intersect with our ministries. Learn something important about your fellow faith community members BEFORE you hear it at their memorial service. This series continues through **April 6**.

Donation Needs for LWR Spring Ingathering



We are collecting donations for Personal Care Kits and Baby Kits for the spring Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering. Our goal is to collect enough donations to put together 200 Personal Care Kits and 50 Baby Kits. Please put your donations in the collection bin in the Narthex.

Personal Care Kits	Have	Need
Light-weight bath towel, dark color recommended (between 20" x 40" & 27" x 52")	18	182
Packs of TWO or THREE bath-size bars of soap 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping	86	114
Single adult-size toothbrush, original packaging	155	45
Sturdy comb	186	14
Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)	252	0

Baby Kits	Have	Need
Light-weight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies®)	54	46
Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)	72	28
Receiving blankets, either medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted/knitted with light-weight yarn (between 36" & 52" square)	30	70
Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred	110	90
Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood	31	19
Two pairs of socks	43	57
Hand towel, dark color recommended	32	18
Packs of TWO or THREE bath-size bars of gentle soap, 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel sized bars)	9	91
Diapers pins or large safety pins	100+	0

New Books in St. Andrew Library

"Check out" these new titles in our Adult Library:

Fiction

- *Round Up the Usual Peacocks: A Meg Langslow Mystery* by Donna Andrews
- *Alex Cross Must Die: A Thriller* by James Patterson
- *Countdown: A Thriller* by James Patterson and Brendan DuBois
- *Mad Honey: A Novel* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan



Non-Fiction

- *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life* by Henri J. M. Nouwen
- *Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon)* by N. T. Wright
- *John for Everyone: Part 1 (Chapters 1-10)* by N. T. Wright
- *John for Everyone: Part 2 (Chapters 11-21)* by N. T. Wright

Coffee Bar Goodies Needed

Do you enjoy coffee and treats after worship? We need volunteers like you to bring the goodies that we share on Sunday mornings. If you're able, put your name down for an open date on the sign-up sheet at the coffee bar. Some people bring cookies and other baked goods, while others may choose different snack options like fruit or cheese and crackers. You're welcome to bring whatever you think would best satiate your fellow parishioners!

"But what if I just want to bring some lemon bars, and not a full smorgasbord of options?" No problem! If signing up isn't for you, you're also invited to bring that dish of bars or plate of cookies sometime during the week—as long as it can be frozen—and place them in the basket at the bottom of the freezer in the kitchen by Fellowship Hall. We ask that you label the container with your name and the date it is put in the freezer. That way, when a Sunday comes along that no one has signed up to bring anything, we still have food to offer.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable coffee hour for everyone, any food brought that contains common allergens should have a note attached warning of any such ingredients. For example, the top nine allergens are: Milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soy, and sesame. Thanks!

Lenten Food Train Continues Its Journey

We continue to collect non-perishable food items (such as pasta and pasta sauces, canned corn, white sugar, rice, beans, etc.) as well as hygiene products (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.) to fill the boxcars for our Lenten Food Drive.

If you prefer to donate monetarily, please write a check with Lenten Food Drive on the memo line, or donate online by selecting Lenten Food Drive from the drop-down menu on the church website. A new boxcar will be added for every \$250 donated.

As inflation continues to impact the ability to purchase food and other necessities, this is a critical time for those living on the margins. Your donations could make their lives a little less stressful.

Mixed Recycling Bin Reminders

Recycling rules are so confusing!

The following material CAN go into your mixed recycling bin:

Note that all containers, bottles, jugs, pots, etc. need to be clean and dry. Remember to put redeemable glass, aluminum, or plastic bottles in a blue redeemable bag found on the shelves in Fellowship Hall.

- Newspapers with inserts & magazines
- *Flattened* cardboard
- Catalogs, phone books, and soft cover books
- Junk mail/direct mail (except those laminated with plastic)
- Paper bags
- Cereal, cracker, & shoe boxes
- Paper egg cartons
- Envelopes (windows & *paper* padding OK)
- Notebook and computer paper, Post-it notes
- File folders & stationery
- Wrapping paper without foil, glitter, or tape
- Milk & juice cartons (plastic or paper)
- Soup & broth cartons
- Yogurt containers 5.5 oz. and up (the actual container is 6 oz.)
- Plastic cottage cheese containers (any clean plastic food container that is round and labeled 5.5 oz. or more)
- Plastic rigid plant pots 4" or more and cleaned out
- Plastic bottles 6 oz. or more, jugs, containers (lids off)
- Plastic jugs, cleaned out
- Aluminum foil & trays, cleaned (foil should be crumpled up)
- Metal cans (place the lid inside of the can and crimp the can shut so the lid doesn't come out)
- Empty aerosol cans
- Paper coffee filters and tea bags (cleaned out)
- Small scrap metal pieces no larger than 30" (weight limit is 30 pounds)

The following material CANNOT go into mixed recycling bin:

- Plastic bags, as they get caught in the recycling machine (most grocery stores take these)
- Single-use coffee cups, because they are lined with plastic
- Envelopes with plastic padding inside
- Paper towels or napkins, tissues, paper plates (these can go into the compost)
- Clear plastic clam shells (New Seasons stores have bins outside to collect these)
- Polystyrene/Styrofoam (must go into the trash, or you can take it to James Recycling)
- Glass (glass used for food storage goes in a separate glass bin while non-food glass has to go into the trash)
- Wood or plastic toothpicks and stir sticks (the wooden ones can go into the compost)
- Frozen food boxes and trays (they are lined with plastic)
- Greasy pizza boxes (tear off the non-greasy top and put it in the recycle bin; the greasy bottom can go into the compost)

Note that any containers, packaging, or table-wear labeled as compostable or biodegradable can only be recycled at a special composting facility, which are few and far between. This labeling is a misleading marketing ploy! Also, put recyclables directly into the bin without the plastic bag. Do not put a plastic bag of recyclables into the bin.



Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Helen Rogers	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Family and friends of Barb Zurstadt	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sue Cahlander
Family and friends of Mary Nell Mahler	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Diane Reiner
Tom King and family (friend)	Peace and God's comfort at death of daughter Michelle	Judy Scholz
Darryl Eldridge	Comfort and desired results from medical testing	Darryl Eldridge
Jeff (friend)	Comfort and peace	Judy Scholz
Brad (nephew)	Healing and comfort	Judy Scholz
Cathi Christianson (long-time Zoom attendee)	Healing and recovery	Rebecca Uecker
Elliot Beck (child of sister's friend)	Healing and recovery	Lee Anne Knapp
Chloe Moon	Healing and recovery	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially St. Luke Lutheran (Portland)	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, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

Welcome Home: Journeying into the Wholeness of Creation

You are warmly invited to a Women's Retreat at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. This event will be held on **Saturday, April 26**, from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. We welcome all women/femme-identifying members and visitors. Join us for this opportunity to deepen our connection to ourselves, to others, and to the whole of creation. The retreat will include spending time in nature. There will be fellowship, conversation, and we will end the day with Holden Evening Prayer. A hot lunch and snacks will be provided (able to accommodate most dietary needs). We would love to have you join us!



Register online **before April 11**: tinyurl.com/standywomen2025.

Here's a few words about our two facilitators:

Nichole Carrubba, M.Div. graduated from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. Her interests include Christian spirituality in relationship with eco-spirituality, eco-feminism, and science. She also supports people through life transitions using ceremony and rituals, creates eco-spiritual retreats and workshops, writes sermons, and offers spiritual direction and accompaniment. Nichole's spirituality is greatly influenced by the Franciscan tradition, and she has a special love for the Earth and the cosmos. She believes that healing our relationship with the Earth would heal many of our other relationships in the process. She also has a significant interest in the spirituality of hospitality that we see embodied in Jesus in the gospels, and plant-based eating as an act of unity with creation.

Ruth Nickodemus, M.A., D.Min. was consecrated as a Lutheran Deaconess after graduating from Valparaiso University. Her spiritual journey deepened through Clinical Pastoral Education in Vellore, India; a Master's Degree in Counseling; and certification as a Spiritual Director. Ruth's love for Earth expanded through a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Creation Spirituality. Connecting the teachings of ancient mystics and modern-day cosmology through the lens of Creation Spirituality provides hope for the future grounded in the spiritual understanding of Earth's unfolding story of 13.8 billion years and its Divine revelation. Ruth has been a member of St. Andrew for many years. She has three grown children and four grandchildren. She loves time with family and friends, treasures time in nature and listening to the wisdom of all beings, and is deeply grateful for the Presence of the Holy in all of life's experiences.

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Lent Devotional Materials

Enrich your journey through this Lenten season with a special devotional from *A Sanctified Art*, as well as daily devotional cards arranged in a handy deck for use at home. Congregants can find these materials on the table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

The [devotional booklet](#) is also available on the church website. The password necessary to access it is available in the weekly Worship Links email.



Annual Meeting Planning

Attention committee chairs and program directors: Please note that it is time to write your submissions for the Annual Report. These are due to Carol Harker no later than **Friday, April 4**. For ideas and possible guidance, please visit: standrewlutheran.com/annual-report-2023-2024

Holy Week Worship Times

- ◆ Palm Sunday, **April 13**, at 9:30 am
- ◆ Holy Thursday, **April 17**, at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Good Friday, **April 18**, at 8:00 pm
- ◆ Easter Sunday, **April 20**, at 9:30 am

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, April 6, 2025
 Luke 19:1-10

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, March 28

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Immigrant Story Children’s Library

Saturday, March 29—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

Sunday, March 30

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: The Christian Disciplines St. Andrew Room
 11:00 am Adult Ed: Getting to Know Us—Deepening Relational Culture Fellowship Hall
 5:30 pm The Last Sunday Fellowship Hall, Chapel, Kitchen

Monday, March 31—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 1

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
 1:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting Library
 4:30 pm HR Meeting via Zoom
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters’ Guild Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm Community Organizing Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, April 2—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@standrewlutheran.com

1:00 pm Minister of Music 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 Mid-Week Lenten Worship Fellowship Hall, Chapel
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, April 3

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
 2:45 pm Girl Scout Troop 81217 Children’s Library
 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
 6:30 pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Wing Chun Class Children’s Commons

Friday, April 4

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 5—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 6

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: The Christian Disciplines St. Andrew Room
 11:00 am Adult Ed: Getting to Know Us—Deepening Relational Culture 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



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.*



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.