

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 7, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Easter Season Worship Planning Session

Even though Lent has just begun, it's time to start looking ahead to the season of Easter! We have received consistent feedback that the congregation yearns for services that are filled with joy and celebration, and we believe Easter would be a perfect season for vibrant celebration.



The Worship Planning Team would like to invite you to join us on **Saturday, March 8**, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Library for a Worship Planning Session where we will brainstorm how to craft an Easter season that overflows with joy. Please bring your ideas and an attitude of openness to the ideas of others. We look forward to designing with you!

Lenten Food Train Begins Its Journey

The engine is revved up and ready to begin hauling boxcars of food and hygiene products destined for the St. Matthew food bank. Beginning this **Sunday, March 9**, and continuing throughout Lent, we hope to fill multiple boxes of food to feed the hungry and help the needy in our community.

The train will begin in the Narthex and as we add boxcars it will wind its way around the church. Please bring your non-perishable food items (such as spaghetti and spaghetti sauces, canned corn, white sugar, rice, beans, etc.) as well as hygiene products (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.) to fill the boxcars.



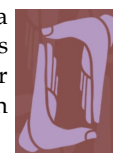
If you prefer to donate money instead, please write a check with Lenten Food Drive on the memo line or donate online, selecting Lenten Food Drive from the drop-down menu on the church website. A new boxcar will be added for every \$250 given to the fund.

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.

Let's see where this train will take us!

Lenten 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.

Building a Relational Culture at St. Andrew Adult Education Class Series

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 beginning **March 9** 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 is a five-week series continuing through **April 6**.

Adult Ed: The Christian Disciplines

Christianity has a rich history of encouraging disciplined living. But also, the disciplines have been misused in ways that are punitive and excessive. What is the right balance of disciplined Christian living? Join Janet Vorvick beginning this **Sunday, March 9**, at 11:00 am in the St. Andrew Room to explore this topic and review some of the most important Christian disciplines. You may be inspired to live a more disciplined life! This is a five-week series continuing through **April 6**.



Western Farm Workers



St. Andrew supports the Western Farm Workers Association in two ways: through distribution of a portion of the church's benevolence fund and by holding a clothing and food drive annually in September.

Volunteers from the Western Farm Workers will attend the Service Committee meeting in the church library on **Tuesday, March 11**, at 2:30 pm to share ways the organization provides for its members. If you're interested in learning what the Western Farm Workers organization does for its clients who work in the fields, please attend that presentation. You do not need to be a member of the Service Committee to attend.

Men's Book Club News

The Men's Book Club will meet on **Monday, March 10**, at 7:00 pm to discuss the book *The Longest Road: Overland in Search of America, from Key West to the Arctic Ocean* by Philip Caputo. Dan Fako will host this discussion at his home.



April's meeting will discuss *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora.

Some Unexpected Things You Can Compost

Composting is the best way to get rid of your kitchen scraps without sending them to the landfill where they create much of the methane gas that is heating up the planet. But there are other items that you don't usually see on a list of compostables.



If you're like me, you have already experimented with some of these. If you wonder if an item will decompose in your compost, just try a small sample and see if it disappears. Remember that compost needs brown as well as green ingredients, and paper, bamboo, and wood provide that brown ingredient.

Not all compost piles are the same. Compost acts differently in different climates and in different structures such as a bin in contact with the ground versus a rolling bin versus a true compost pile. Your compost may not get as hot or as much air as your neighbor's bin.

Price tags: As long as the tag is paper without plasticization, it can go in the compost. These tiny papers are too small to be recycled curbside. But in compost, they will decompose just like shredded paper, and add to the brown ingredients.

Shredded paper: Loose shredded paper should not go into the curbside recycle bin as it is too small and can tangle up the recycling machinery. You can put it in the curbside bin if it is in a paper bag. But allowing the worms to eat it in your compost is the most secure way to dispose of sensitive documents! And it adds brown to your compost.

Tea, paper wrappers, tags, and the bag: The tea itself is very compostable. So are paper wrappers, as long as they are not lined with foil or plastic. If the bag is made of cotton or filter paper, the string is cotton and the tag is paper, it can go into the compost. However, if the bag is made of nylon, it will not decompose in a compost pile. And by the way, coffee and coffee filters are also compostable.

Bamboo skewers, wooden chopsticks, toothpicks, and matchsticks: These small disposable, single-use wooden kitchen tools can all be composted. (You can also run the chopsticks through the dishwasher and reuse them.)

Tissue paper: Tissue paper cannot go into the curbside bin because its low-quality paper fibers can't be used again. But it does very well in your compost. Again, it adds the brown component to the compost.

Kitchen single-use paper products: While single-use products are not encouraged, if you do find yourself having to use them occasionally, know that they are compostable. Examples are paper towel, paper napkins (I use cloth napkins), uncoated paper plates, and bamboo disposable plates. They will decompose faster if you rip them up first.

Spent potting soil: This is one I hadn't thought of. When you repot houseplants or outside pots, adding the old soil to your compost adds nutrients to your compost.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Nifty Notters

We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month, gathering from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Drop in for any part of the session or bring a lunch and spend the whole day in fellowship. All supplies are provided except your lunch. Everyone is welcome!



Time to Play!

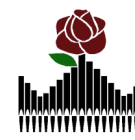
Join us in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, March 15**, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm for the first Game Night of 2025, sponsored by the St. Andrew Connections Team. This event provides a casual way to connect with other members of our faith community to play board games, laugh with each other, spend time with some really fine folks, and build deeper relationships.

Bring a snack to share, if you like, along with any games you'd like to play.



Questions? Contact any member of the Connections Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Bobbie Larson, Sonja Likumahuwa-Ackman, Connie Losk, Patty Jones, or Jan Smith.

Free Bach-a-thon Concert by Portland AGO



On **Sunday, March 16**, the Portland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present their annual Bach-a-thon at St. Andrew from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The program begins with members of the chapter playing the Fritts organ in the Sanctuary.

At 4:00 pm, those attending will move to Fellowship Hall to view an hour of Bach that guild members pre-recorded and submitted; this portion will highlight other organs in the Portland area. A cookie reception will be provided during the 4 o'clock hour. This event is open to the public for free. Although the Bach-a-thon raises funds for the Portland AGO chapter's organ lesson scholarship fund, donations to that fund are not required to attend, but will be accepted as freewill offering.

Zoom Orientation on MACG

Curious about MACG (Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good)? St. Andrew is a member of this organization of organizations, and you may have heard it referred to from time to time. If you are wondering what MACG means and what it does, this is a perfect opportunity to learn more. Come to this Zoom orientation to learn how community organizing in an alliance of faith, labor, and nonprofit organizations creates positive change in our communities.

The Zoom orientation will take place **Monday, March 17**, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. It's free! Register at macg.org/3_17_25

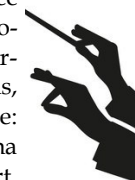


Questions? Ask any member of St. Andrew's Organizing Team: Pastor Allison Bengfort, Sonja Ackman, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Criss Robinson, or Lynn Santelmann.

Minister of Music Job Posting

After considerable deliberation and envisioning, the search committee has posted St. Andrew's Minister of Music position through the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the American Guild of Organists, the Oregon Synod, and several colleges and universities known for their stellar music programs! Please review the job description at standrewlutheran.com/job-opening and share the news with qualified candidates.

The Minister of Music will be a full-time employee charged with directing and expanding a music program that facilitates spiritual growth, enlivens worship, and deepens community. If you have questions, please talk to a member of the search committee: Robert Hawthorne, chair; Clay Gustafson; Christina Mantey; Chuck Weswig; and Pastor Allison Bengfort.



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Bob Brown (husband)	Affordable medication to retain sight in right eye	Mary Brown
Don Parsons	Comfort and peace in hospice	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Diane Kaylor	Comfort and peace	Diane Kaylor
Helen Rogers	Comfort and peace	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Julianna (coworker)	Strength and peace	Casey Tkacz
Del Mahler (father)	Comfort and healing	Diane Reiner
Joeine Taylor (mother)	Comfort and healing	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Mary Nell Mahler	Comfort and healing	Diane Reiner
Caroline D. (birth-mother)	Comfort and healing	Rebecca Uecker
Mary Ann Snider (friend)	Comfort and wisdom	Beverly Briggs
J.G.G. (friend)	Good results from medical testing	Rebecca Uecker
A Friend	Safety and protection from losing birthright citizenship	Beverly Briggs
A Pregnant Friend	Strength while undergoing rehabilitation for drug use	Anonymous
Hallie Irene Williams (great-grandchild)	Thanksgiving for her birth	Jerry & Anne Williams
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, Kim Taylor Blakemore, and Kyler Vogt	Encouragement and support	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Messiah 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

April 26, 2025, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

You are warmly invited to a Women's Retreat at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. 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.

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

We didn't evolve out of the Earth, we are an expression of it, shaped by Her rhythms and truths. The more we are present and lean into the wisdom of creation, the more we learn what it means to be human in this vast web of life. Together we are called to take care of ourselves and our Earth home because we are an inseparable part of the whole. Saint Francis, known for his *Canticle of Creation*, lovingly refers to all creatures as family. We explore Francis' model and what this means for us today. In turning to creation for wisdom and support we connect with Divine love. We will open and embrace this transformative energy that provides hope in these challenging times. This retreat will be professionally facilitated.



There will be fellowship, conversation, and Holden Evening Prayer to end the day. A hot lunch and snacks will be provided (able to accommodate most dietary needs). Cost is on a sliding scale according to ability: \$15/\$25/\$35. We would love to have you join us!

Shout the Good News!

Less than a week after intent cards were distributed to the congregation, St. Andrew has met its goal of collecting at least 80 of them, unlocking a bonus gift of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor! And it's not too late for you to participate.



Take some time now to indicate how much you plan to donate to the Ministry & Mission Operating Fund in annual year 2025. Cards are available [online](#) and in the Narthex, if you've misplaced your mailing. If you're indicating your intent on paper, just put the card in an envelope and return it to the church office. Each intent card submitted is matched with \$100 from an anonymous donor – even more good news!

St. Andrew Contacts

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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, March 16, 2025

Luke 10:38-42

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, March 7

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm High School Youth Lock-in.....St. Andrew Building

Saturday, March 8—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

10:00 am Easter Season Worship Planning Meeting Library

Sunday, March 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: 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, and Presentation St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary

Monday, March 10—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Finance Team Meetingvia Zoom
 7:00 pm Men’s Book ClubHome of Dan Fako

Tuesday, March 11

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)
 9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting St. Andrew Room
 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall
 1:30 pm Service Committee..... Library
 5:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting Pastor’s Office
 7:00 pm Adult Education Team Meeting Library
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 12—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@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 Mid-Week Lenten Worship..... Fellowship Hall
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, March 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, March 14

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

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 2:00 pm Portland Chapter AGO – Bach-a-thon ConcertSanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Narthex

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.