

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 18, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Final Call for Lenten Food Train!

The engines are working hard hauling triple decker boxcars of food and hygiene products destined for the St. Matthew food bank. To date, we have filled more than 18 boxcars with food and four with hygiene products. In addition, we've collected more than \$3,500. What does that mean? We have the equivalent of 7,000 pounds of food in cash donations and an estimated 1000+ pounds in direct food donations. Between monetary and physical donations, we have now exceeded our goal of 5,000 pounds of food!

Can we go a little further? This **Sunday, April 20**, is your last chance to bring non-perishable food items (e.g. spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, canned corn, white sugar, rice, and beans) as well as hygiene products (toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, and deodorant) to fill the boxcars. If you would rather donate money instead, you can write a check with Lenten Food Drive in the memo line or donate online, selecting Lenten Food Drive as the fund. A new boxcar will be added with every \$250 added to the fund.



As inflation continues to decrease the worth of the dollar, this is a very critical time for those in need in our community. Your donations will make a big difference.

Easter Brunch

We're planning this year's brunch following worship on Easter Sunday! We need volunteers to help with set-up on **April 19** starting at 1:30 pm, as well as clean-up following the meal on **April 20**. If you're able, please join us whichever of the days you'll be able to help out.



We also need people to bring food! We are looking for simple, continental breakfast style offerings. If you would be able to drop off your food items on **Saturday, April 19**, it would be much appreciated, thank you!

Keep Easter Joy Blooming!

The season of Easter lasts for seven weeks, and we plan to celebrate this season of joy by filling the Sanctuary with joyful music, joyful worship, and with an abundance of flowers and plants. You can help make this happen!



Beginning **April 27**, you are encouraged to bring flowers or plants to fill the Sanctuary with the colors of spring. These may be cut flowers from your garden or market (no highly perfumed flowers such as lilies) or potted plants, either blooming or foliage. You may take them home after worship. Be advised that if you choose to leave potted plants, we may not be able to keep them healthy, though we will try! For more information, contact Libby Calhoun or Susan Werner Reiser.

Pre-Worship Music for Easter Sunday

What a joyous day this Sunday will be as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection! To add to our festivities, we'll be offering fifteen minutes of special music for our prelude before worship begins. Selections will include piano, organ, flute, trumpets, the Bells of Grace, and our Sanctuary Choir (along with a few friends!). Join us this **Sunday, April 20**, at 9:15 am to begin our celebration of Easter!



Seeking Council Nominees



If you want to play a role in helping lead St. Andrew into the future, the Church Council is seeking people interested in serving on the Council. We will have four members ending their term this summer, and we need at least three new members to take their place. Could it be you?

Council members serve a three-year term which can be renewed once for a total of six years on Council. If you have served before and have taken a break since your last term, you can return and serve again if you want. All that is required is one meeting per month (Zoom available if you cannot attend in person), a little reading, and a sincere desire to shape the vision and mission of the church as we look to the future.

We especially hope to hear from some younger people or new members who are looking to get involved. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, talk to Pastor Allison Bengfort, Dwight Jerde, or any member of the Council (they have yellow nametags).

Job Openings at St. Andrew

St. Andrew is currently hiring two different positions to support our ministries for children and young families.

Nursery Attendant:

The Nursery Attendant will staff the nursery every Sunday morning, with volunteer support. Consistency is so important when building trusting relationships with children and young families. The Nursery Attendant is key in this goal. The Attendant will be paid a \$75 stipend for every Sunday they work—even if no kids are there that week!

Earth Camp 2025 Assistant Director:

The Earth Camp Assistant Director is the #2 person in charge of organizing and leading Earth Camp 2025. This person works closely with Camp Director Kyler Vogt to coordinate and train volunteers, design programs, and communicate with the families. The Assistant Director plays a vital role for a successful camp, which is why it is paid a \$2500 stipend—funded by Earth Camp Registrations. The work for this role begins when hired and continues until Earth Camp 2025 is complete.

Job Openings are posted under the "About" tab on our website. Please share them with anyone you think might be interested! Applications should be sent to: kvogt@standrewlutheran.com.

The Perils of the Used Clothing Industry

Article reprinted from Master Recycler handbook.
The reused clothing industry has a surprisingly negative impact on the environment and on markets around the world. According to NPR, the average American discards more than 10 pounds of clothes each year. The EPA states that 13.1 million tons of textiles are landfilled each year. The recovery rate is about 15.3 percent. Several sources state that about half of that is recovered by going to reuse charities.

Charities receive so many donations that they can only keep clothes in retail outlets for a very short time. Goodwill reports that they receive one billion pieces of clothing every year. In order to not get backed up, their inventory never stays in their hands more than three weeks. The vast majority is then exported.

According to NPR, the United States exports 1,000 tons of used clothes every day. The clothes are sold in bulk for 6 to 12 cents per pound to companies that export the clothes to developing countries. According to Oxfam, about 50% of used clothes are shipped overseas to Africa and Latin America. Charities like Goodwill make about \$2 billion in exports every year according to Oxfam.

The assumption is that the clothes help the countries receiving them, but Oxfam and the United Nations want us to think again. In 2002, the UN estimated that tens of thousands of textile workers in Africa had lost their jobs due to the used clothes industry. Alarmed by this trend, the UN encouraged developing nations to ban the sale of used clothes. Thirty countries adopted such bans. The fundamental cause is that garments are being made so cheaply that they have essentially become a disposable product. They aren’t meant to last. So as long as we are hungry for cheap textiles, materials will continue to be pumped through at this alarming rate. This trend is drastically affecting the livelihood and culture of communities all over the world. Not to mention the negative effects on the environment of clothing production due to water and energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

What can we do? We can take care of our clothes. Wash them on gentle cycles with cold water and set your dryer to a low heat level. Dry them on a clothes line whenever possible to avoid the extreme heat of the dryer that can be hard on clothes. We can also fix our clothes. You can sew buttons on clothes and take tougher jobs down the street to the local dry cleaner. Or look for a Repair Fair or Repair Café near you to extend the life of your garments. (Events in Portland and Gresham are called Repair Cafés and events in Clackamas and Washington Counties are called Repair Fairs.)

To find a Repair Fair in Washington County, go to:
- washingtoncountyor.gov/swr/repair

To find a Repair Fair in Clackamas County, go to:
- clackamas.us/recycling/repairfair

To find a Repair Café in Multnomah County, go to:
- portlandlivingonthecheap.com/portland-repair-fairs



I have been repairing, hemming, mending people’s clothes, jackets, bags, and decorative pillows at repair fairs in our region, and folks have been so grateful! And it’s been fun to meet people and teach them about the repairs!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Donation Needs for LWR Spring Ingathering

We continue to collect donations for 200 Personal Care Kits and 50 Baby Kits for the spring Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering. Please place 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’’)	125	75
Packs of TWO or THREE bath-size bars of soap 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping	132	68
Single adult-size toothbrush, original packaging	187	13
Sturdy comb	208	0
Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)	260	0

Baby Kits	Have	Need
Light-weight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies®)	54	46
Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)	77	23
Receiving blankets, either medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted/knitted with light-weight yarn (between 36’’ & 52’’ square)	52	48
Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred	110	90
Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with a hood	39	11
Two pairs of socks	69	31
Hand towel, dark color recommended	74	0
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)	57	43
Diaper pins or large safety pins	100+	0

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 above 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.



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

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family and friends of Clint Kelly	Peace and God’s comfort at his death	Lee Anne Knapp
Janet Westlund (mother)	Peaceful death	Margaret Westlund
Margaret Westlund & Luis Flores	Peace and God’s comfort	Margaret Westlund
Rebecca (friend)	Accurate diagnosis and proper treatment	Sonja Ackman
Ed Pacey	Comfort and healing	Ed Pacey
Rita Smith (mother)	Comfort and proper treatment	Jan Smith
George Smith (father)	Comfort and peace	Jan Smith
Becky LeRoy (wife)	Comfort and peace	Rick LeRoy
Tracy Powell	Comfort and support	Carol Harker
Sandi Beavers	Comfort, successful treatment, and desired results	Sandi Beavers
Janet Leake (mother)	Successful surgery	Erin Leake Castner
Linda Dodds	Wisdom and guidance	Linda Dodds
Jim (uncle)	Thanksgiving for good test results	Carol Hogan
Emilio (nephew)	Thanksgiving for his healthy birth	Casey Tkacz
Those receiving ongoing pastoral care, including Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Bettye Eldridge, Jean Fredrickson, Margaret Herder, Vera Hutchinson, Marlene Maxwell, Glenath Moyle, Don Parsons, Ethel Ritchey, Sharon Roth, Ike (Ira) Schab, Erin Tarum, Ida Trullinger	Assurance of God’s presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Central Lutheran (Portland) and Bethel 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.		

St. Andrew Foundation Organ Scholarship

The Fund will award one scholarship to a person age 13 – 35. There is a critical shortage of trained organists. We wish to encourage and support the training of talented young pianists to serve as church organists.

To qualify, the student must: Display appropriate motivation for church organ performance; obtain approval from current piano/organ instructor; have played a solo or duet for an audience at a scheduled event within 1.5 years; be age 13 – 35; and reside in Oregon or southwest Washington. Membership at St. Andrew Lutheran Church is not required.



The Fund will pay \$500 each semester (summer or fall, and spring) towards organ lessons with a recognized organ teacher. The St. Andrew Lutheran Church organ is available to the award recipient for practice and lessons. A student may re-apply to renew the scholarship after successful completion of one year of lessons.

The scholarship recipient (and parent/guardian if the student is not yet 18) must sign and abide by an agreement to: Practice faithfully and attend lessons regularly; promptly purchase organ playing shoes and music; pay any remaining amount of normal lesson fees; and play at the usual services of St. Andrew Lutheran Church for one Sunday.

Download an application by visiting the St. Andrew Foundation page of our website. Application is due by **June 1, 2025**. Submit to salcf_info@standrewlutheran.com. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview with the scholarship committee. Announcement of the scholarship recipient will be made after interviews, and presentation of the award will be during a church service shortly following.

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	Administrative Assistants Martin Mills	office@standrewlutheran.com
	Rhonda Powell	office@standrewlutheran.com
	Parish Nurses Diane Reiner	503-201-4222
	Tira Nesset.....	503-866-5099

Hands Off Rally Follow-Up

This week’s follow-up meeting is another rally! Bring your signs and raise your voices to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our American Revolution. We are standing up to defend our hard earned democracy against an onslaught of tyranny, corruption, and crimes against our Constitution. If you would like to carpool, please help us plan for that by sending Sonya Lister an email at: sonyalisterpdx@gmail.com, so we can make sure we have more cars. We’ll meet at the church this **Saturday, April 19**, between 1:30 pm and 1:45 pm.

Learn more about this Beaverton event and RSVP at: mobilize.us/indivisible/event/775834.

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 27, 2025

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 148
John 20:19-31

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Good Friday, April 18		
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	Tenebrae Worship	Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
Saturday, April 19—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com		
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Easter Brunch Set-up	Fellowship Hall
Easter Sunday, April 20		
9:15 am	Pre-Worship Music Begins	Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Fellowship Hall, Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Easter Brunch.....	Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 21—Church Office Closed		
Tuesday, April 22		
7:00 am	Men’s Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women.....	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 th (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
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
Wednesday, April 23—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@standrewlutheran.com		
11:00 am	Alzheimer’s Support Group.....	St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with Sr. India	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Santiam Alpine Club	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, April 24		
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	Council Meeting.....	Chapel, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	IT Meeting.....	Offsite
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class.....	Children’s Commons
Friday, April 25		
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
4:45 pm	Confirmands leave for beach retreat	St. Andrew Parking Lot
6:00 pm	Women’s Retreat Set-up	Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Library, St. Andrew Room
Saturday, April 26—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com		
9:00 am	Women’s Retreat	Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Library, St. Andrew Room
2:00 pm	Immigrant Story Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:30 pm	Confirmands return from beach retreat	St. Andrew Parking Lot
Sunday, April 27		
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Fellowship Hall, Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Earth Care Fair	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	The Roots.....	Children’s Commons, Children’s Library, Lower Level Classrooms
5:30 pm	The Last Sunday	Fremont United Methodist Church (NE Portland)

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.