

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 25, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Donation Needs for LWR Spring Ingathering

This is the final weekend we will collect donations for 200 Personal Care Kits and 50 Baby Kits for the spring Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering. Please place your donations in the collection bin in the Narthex by **Monday, April 28**, so we can begin assembling the kits on Tuesday.

Personal Care Kits	Have	Need
Light-weight bath towel, dark color recommended (between 20'' x 40'' & 27'' x 52'')	145	55
Packs of TWO or THREE bath-size bars of soap 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping	178	22
Single adult-size toothbrush, original packaging	204	0
Sturdy comb	209	0
Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)	261	0

Baby Kits	Have	Need
Light-weight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies®)	54	46
Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)	79	21
Receiving blankets, either medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted/knitted with light-weight yarn (between 36'' & 52'' square)	55	45
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

St. Andrew Foundation Organ Scholarship

 There is a critical shortage of trained organists who can accompany liturgical worship. To help address this concern, the St. Andrew Foundation is looking to award a scholarship to a musician between ages 13 and 35 to support their study of the organ. Applications are due by **June 1, 2025**. You can read more about this announcement as well as download a scholarship application by going to: standrewlutheran.com/st-andrew-foundation and scrolling down to “Organ Lesson Scholarship Fund.”

Earth Care Fair

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Information Expo, 10:45 am-
Noon, in Fellowship Hall
A Walk on the Wild Side
at Noon
Learn how to protect the
planet, register for prizes,
take home free plants!



*More information about this year's Earth Care Fair
as well as the agenda can be found on the flyer insert.*

LWR Spring Ingathering Volunteers

This **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 to the left 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.

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 this **Sunday, 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 leave your offerings for the season and we'll do our best to keep your potted plants healthy. For more information, contact Libby Calhoun or Susan Werner Reiser.

Avoid Fast Fashion & Make Your Clothes Last

Article reprinted from Master Recycler handbook.
Quality clothing doesn't have to be code for expensive clothing. Well-made clothes aren't determined by the price tag and simple care can make those pieces last, which saves you the hassle and cost of replacing them. You can extend the life of your clothes and your investment by taking a few easy steps:

Step 1: Look for quality

- Fabrics: All types of fabrics, whether natural or synthetic, have advantages and disadvantages. Consider the quality of the fabric itself (thickness, softness, stretchiness, etc.) and how suitable the fabric is for that particular item. Will it be comfortable and durable?
- Good quality thread and strong, even stitches: Give the fabric a gentle pull to see if the thread breaks or pops. Check for rippled, puckered, or twisted hems and seams. Avoid garments that don't appear to hang smoothly.
- Edges and hems: Cut or raw edges and hems can lead to unraveling and loose, hanging threads. Be careful in choosing garments with these features as they may require special laundering.
- Matched patterns: If the garment has stripes or plaid, the pattern should match up at the seams.
- Linings: For suits and other lined garments, check to see if the lining hangs loosely and doesn't cause any pulling or puckering.
- Quality buttons and buttonholes: Buttonholes should be well stitched with no loose threads or raw fabric showing. Test the button in the buttonhole to make sure it's easy to button up the garment.

Step 2: Care for your clothes

- Clean correctly: Follow labels when washing your clothes to keep them looking better and lasting longer.
- Consider cold water: For most laundry, you can use cold water and less detergent than directed. This prevents exposure to excess heat or chemicals that contribute to fading or wearing out.
- Group similar items and turn inside out: When washing, turn jeans and graphic shirts inside out to prevent fading and wear. Wash similar items together (for example, all jeans) to prevent harsher fabrics from wearing on softer ones.
- Use the dryer sparingly: High heat fades and shrinks material. It also breaks down elastic fibers in clothes, causing breakage and stretching. When possible, line or flat dry your clothes. If you must dry your clothes, use the lowest setting.
- Stain removal: Discover what sort of care is best for the stain. Cold water, hot water, or stain treatment? Some quick online research can save that garment you love.
- Simple fixes: Learn the simple but satisfying art of re-attaching a button, mending a tear, or applying a patch.
- Call in the experts: Locate a good dry cleaner and tailor that can help keep your clothes clean and well-fitted. Or look for a repair fair near you as discussed last week!



Step 3: Wear those clothes often and for years to come!

- Every item in your closet has a cost-per-wear: The longer you wear that shirt or pair of jeans, the more you get out of your investment. A closet carefully stocked with several quality items will outlast a closet packed with poorly made, disposable clothes. So choose quality – you'll look good, save money, and help care for our environment.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

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).

Photo Call

Do you have photos or videos of the reconstruction/expansion of St. Andrew in 2011-2012? We're getting ready to celebrate the burning of the mortgage on **June 1** and looking for documentation of the project that transformed our space and ministry.

At one time during reconstruction, for instance, the church had to operate without indoor plumbing and had to rely on a porta-potty parked outside instead. Do you have a photo to recall that time? Or a picture of the little outhouse decorated with a wreath and garland for Christmas?

Please let the church office know what documentation you might be able to contribute to our memory board and upcoming celebration. Office Administrator Rhonda Powell is in the process of gathering a variety of items to help us remember those months of disruption and change. You can reach her at the office in the mornings, Tuesday - Thursday, by calling 503-646-0629 or by emailing: office@standrewlutheran.com.

It's a time to celebrate!

Burning the Mortgage Party

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 5:00-7:00 pm

Enjoy theme-appropriate mocktails, catered grazing tables, and fellowship with dreamers and doers at St. Andrew.

Please RSVP by May 16 on the signup sheet at the Coffee Bar or online at <https://forms.gle/3oJKuLXMxCdRQW8A>.

Evacuation Planning Under Way



First things first: Please familiarize yourselves with the color-coded map of the Sanctuary now in the pew racks. Pay particular attention to exits, especially exits accessible to people with disabilities. Think about where you normally sit and how you and those close to you could quickly and safely leave the building.

The Safety Plan Task Force will be conducting an evacuation drill in the near future. Because it will be a first (or the first in a very long time), we expect it to be messy. However, as we go through this initial exercise—clearing the Sanctuary and exiting the building—we expect to learn what works, what does not, and how we can do better.

The need for safety planning was prompted by an event last May at Spirit of Grace Church, when a visitor caused a disturbance and then refused to leave. Several days later that same individual was arrested in downtown Portland and charged with 69 counts, including criminal mischief and unlawful use of a weapon. When the incident occurred, Spirit of Grace did not have a response plan and, when 911 was called and police arrived, congregation members stood around talking, making the job of the police more difficult.



The St. Andrew Council formed a Safety Plan Task Force last July to determine how we at St. Andrew might prepare to respond to an emergency. The task force was charged with developing policy for the Disaster Preparedness Manual and training and education for the congregation. What became clear, as a first step, was the need for an evacuation plan: one that all of us understand and have practiced; one that can be used for any event where there is a need to move people out of the facility due to fire, bomb threat, active shooter, earthquake, severe weather, and more.



In January, the Council accepted the task force recommendations, including a policy on safety and formation of an ongoing Safety Team comprised of 8-12 individuals prepared to act quickly and decisively during emergencies (e.g., medical situations, fire alarms, disturbances, etc.). Members of the Safety Team will commit to attending quarterly trainings and practice sessions to stay updated on emergency first aid procedures, de-escalation techniques, and best practices for maintaining a safe environment.



This initial evacuation drill will be the final activity of the task force and will lay the groundwork for the new Safety Team. The goal is to have a Safety Team in place by July 1.

Cindy Stadel with Libby Calhoun, Rick LeRoy, Lisa Staul, Chuck Weswig
Safety Plan Task Force



Beginners

By Denise Levertov

Dedicated to the memory of Karen Silkwood and Eliot Gralla

*"From too much love of living,
Hope and desire set free,
Even the weariest river
Winds somewhere to the sea—"*

But we have only begun
to love the earth.

We have only begun
to imagine the fullness of life.

How could we tire of hope?
—so much is in bud.

How can desire fail?
—we have only begun

to imagine justice and mercy,
only begun to envision

how it might be
to live as siblings with beast and flower,
not as oppressors.

Surely our river
cannot already be hastening
into the sea of nonbeing?

Surely it cannot
drag, in the silt,
all that is innocent?

Not yet, not yet—
there is too much broken
that must be mended.

too much hurt we have done to each other
that cannot yet be forgiven.

We have only begun to know
the power that is in us if we would join
our solitudes in the communion of struggle.

So much is unfolding that must
complete its gesture,

so much is in bud.

St. Andrew Fourth Annual Earth Care Fair April 27, 2025



Time	Activities	
9:30 am	Worship	
10:45 am to Noon Information Expo St Andrew Fellowship Hall	<i>Browse information tables, talk to consultants and people passionate about climate change, and pick up handouts.</i> <i>Earth Care Raffle Prizes</i>	
	Trees	• Adopt a Tree – Don Nearhood
		• Washington County Treekeepers – Susan Mates
		• Wood Wide Web
	Recycling	• Green Cleaners and Beyond the Bin – Izzy Chiosso
		• Master Recycler
		• Reducing the Use of and Recycling of Plastics – Liz Hardy
		• Avoiding Food Waste – Liz Hardy
	Climate Resilience	• Climate Resilience Hubs – LuAnn Staul
		• Neighbor Ready – Karen & Bill Hall
	Back to the Earth	• Eco Faith Recovery
		• Quiet Clean Washington County – Becky Rose and Linda Hansen
		• Backyard Habitat – Bev Briggs & LuAnn Staul
		• Plant Offerings – Earth Care Team
		• Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District – Susanne Wells
		• Indigenous Perspectives – Carol Harker
		• Textile Trouble – Carol Harker
	Children's Activities	• Children's Craft and Coloring Table Birdfeeders – Michelle Sinn
		• Earth Camp – Kyler Vogt
		• Mason Bees – Brian Cheney
Noon-1pm	Special Event	• A Walk on the Wild Side – learn about the St. Andrew Forest and Wetland with Don Nearhood. Hiking shoes recommended.
<i>In our stewardship of the Earth, we commit to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Restoring the carbon balance in our atmosphere, soil, and seas by starting our efforts in our homes and yards;</i> • <i>Taking personal responsibility for the choices we make and the way our lives impact other inhabitants of our world;</i> • <i>Celebrating God's gift of creation in worship;</i> • <i>Spreading the word by educating others about their potential to make positive change for the planet; and</i> • <i>Lobbying businesses, organizations, and government entities to enact practices and protections for our common environment.</i> 		

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
Family and friends of Janet Westlund (mother)	Peace and God’s comfort at her death	Margaret Westlund & Luis Flores
Bob Brown (husband)	Comfort and healing	Mary Brown
David Saxton	Comfort and healing	Donna McAlpine
Carol Hogan	Comfort and healing	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Jim Gustafson (brother)	Comfort and peace	Jeannine Douglas
The McAlpine Family	Comfort and peace	Donna McAlpine
Krista Halbert (friend)	Comfort and peace	Glenath Moyle
Janet Leake (mother)	Healing and recovery	Erin Leake Castner
Jonas (son)	Proper diagnosis and healing	Criss Robinson
Alicia (employee)	Proper diagnosis and healing	Criss Robinson
Deanna (cousin)	Successful surgery	Erin Leake Castner
Linda Dodds	Wisdom and guidance	Linda Dodds
Jennifer Shaw (sister-in-law)	Thanksgiving for remission of cancer	Lee Anne Knapp
Rhonda Powell	Safe and joyful travels on her get-away cruise	Carol Harker
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Strength and wisdom	Staff
ELCA Church Council and Staff	Courage and wisdom	Staff
Ecumenical, interfaith, and secular partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff
Loved ones in need of ongoing prayer, including Tandy Brooks, Rhonda Powell, Jennifer Shaw, Donna Szopko, Arden Tarum, Megan Webber	Healing and assurance of God’s presence	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially St. Mark’s Lutheran (Portland) and St. Paul Lutheran (Portland)	Blessings on their ministry	Staff

Giving Envelopes

Do you receive blue giving envelopes each month by mail, but never use them? As many donors have migrated their giving from writing checks to put in the offering plate to electronic giving, the need for those blue envelopes has decreased. If you receive blue envelopes and don’t use them, please notify the church office so that we can cancel that order and save St. Andrew a little money. Please note that it takes several months for our supplier to implement cancellation requests.

Going forward, we are discontinuing the practice of providing giving envelopes for donors – unless you specifically request them. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive giving envelopes mailed to your home monthly.

Cheerful generosity can be the heartbeat of a thriving church, supporting its ministries and strengthening congregational commitment to justice for all. St. Andrew welcomes contributions of all sizes and encourages donors to give the easiest way possible for them.

Earth Camp 2025 Registration Is Now Full

We are so excited to welcome 48 campers to this summer’s Earth Camp! While registration is now closed since we have reached the maximum number of kids, you can still be placed on the waiting list by emailing Kyler Vogt at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com.



This year’s theme is “One Earth, One Body,” focusing on the many ways we are connected with each other and the whole earth community. You can read more about the weekly and daily themes for Earth Camp 2025 by clicking on “Earth Camp” under the “Earth Care” tab on the St. Andrew website.

St. Andrew Contacts

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Job Openings at St. Andrew

St. Andrew is currently looking to fill three paid positions:

- ♦ Minister of Music
- ♦ Nursery Attendant
- ♦ Earth Camp 2025 Assistant Director

Read more about these employment opportunities and find out how to apply at: standrewlutheran.com/job-opening.



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, May 4, 2025

Acts 9:1-20

Psalms 30

John 21:1-19

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

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
10:45 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)
Monday, April 28—Church Office Closed		
6:00 pm	Immigrant Story Music Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 29		
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
4:00 pm	LWR Ingathering Kit Assembly	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
4:30 pm	HR Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Adult Education Team Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
Wednesday, April 30—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@standrewlutheran.com		
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with Sr. India	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Santiam Alpine Club.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, May 1		
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)
5:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class.....	Children’s Commons
Friday, May 2		
8:00 am	LWR Spring Ingathering	Community Garden Parking Lot, Kitchen, St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 3—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com		
9:00 am	LWR Spring Ingathering	Community Garden Parking Lot, Kitchen
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Immigrant Story Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 4		
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	Adult Ed: The Loyalty of Ruth and Esther	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: What Does It Mean to Be a Lutheran?	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

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.