

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS


May 16, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Milestones Sunday: Bring Handheld Food/ Treats to Share!



In keeping with our Easter theme, “Joy as Resistance,” we will be pulling out all the stops and having a worship service/party on **Sunday, May 18!** This party will be in honor of the many milestones our members are celebrating this year (birthdays, anniversaries of any kind, new jobs, retirements, new schools, graduations, new life stages, etc.). To help us celebrate, **all are invited to bring handheld foods and treats to share** (we will have napkins but no plates or silverware). Bonus points for foods/treats that you associate with celebrating important occasions! Whether or not you can bring something, we hope you’ll join us for a memorable celebration.

Beautifying Our Worship Space for Easter

As you may have noticed, the Sanctuary is being enhanced with the beauty of plants, foliage, and flowers during this Easter season. You are invited to share your potted plants and cut flowers with us. Please place your offering on the floor in front of the Altar and Susanne Wells will care for your additions with loving kindness. For more information, you can text Susanne at 503-481-6381.



Earth Camp Volunteers Needed!

In case you haven’t heard yet...Earth Camp 2025 is all filled up! We have reached our maximum capacity of 48 campers registered, with a wait-list already forming. Many families are returning and they are bringing their friends to Earth Camp with them. This means we are going to have 20% more campers this year than we have ever had before!



Earth Camp 2025

With all these campers, we need ALL the members of St. Andrew to pitch in and make this year’s Earth Camp possible. Our biggest need is for “Guides” who help shepherd their group of eight kids around the camp throughout the week. With 48 registrants, we need about two dozen Camp Guides in total! We are also in need of one more teacher to lead our Earth Creatures rotation – an absolutely crucial role.

We can’t run the camp without everyone’s help, so please check your calendars for Earth Camp week, June 23-27, and send me an email at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com so I can find the right role for you!

Kyler Vogt
Earth Camp 2025 Director

Tulip Vases

If you took home tulips on Easter Sunday in a vase, please return the vase when convenient. We would appreciate if you cleaned it prior to returning. You can place vases on the island in the kitchen or on the Coffee Bar. Thank you!

Next Steps for the Associate Clergy Position

With Sr. India concluding her call as Deacon of Caring Ministries on June 30, many are asking what will happen next. Pastor Allison is in conversation with the bishop’s office, who will guide us through the clergy transition process. Most likely, the bishop’s office will bring us two people to assist:

1. A pastor or deacon who will ensure that consistent pastoral care is offered to our members during the transition, and
2. A transition consultant who will help us discern what size position would be financially sustainable and what vision we have for the position.

Please hold the congregation in your prayers as we enter into this clergy transition process and reach out to Pastor Allison if you have questions.

Retirement Announcement for Dcn. Susan

After ten years as Parish Musician at St. Andrew and three years as Interim Minister of Music, Deacon Susan Werner Reiser will be retiring at the end of June. We are so grateful for her many years of dedicated service and beautiful music making in our community! Stay tuned for details about her retirement celebration.

SoulCollage® Event Coming Soon!



Are you grieving someone or something in your life? SoulCollage® is a wonderful practice to work through feelings about grief. Join Sister India Jensen Kerr on **Saturday, May 24**, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall where we will discover what our unconscious mind has to say.

SoulCollage® is a form of self-discovery through art. We glue images to 8”x5” cards and read from them to learn 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 and access your inner wisdom. If you want more information about SoulCollage® visit soulcollage.com. Hope to see you there!

Come Watch *Conclave* with Us!

At the Women’s Retreat a couple of weeks ago, a few of us thought it might be nice to see the film *Conclave*. You are invited to join us for this viewing in Fellowship Hall on **May 24**. We will start with pizza at 5:30 pm, then begin the movie at 6:00 pm. So that I know how many pizzas to order, please RSVP by sending me an email at elisabethhardy6@gmail.com or text me at 360-632-4900. I also ask for a donation of \$5 to help cover the cost of food. Water will be available, or you can bring your own beverage from home. I hope you will join us!



Liz Hardy

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, May 18**, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Andrew Library (upstairs). We will be discussing the book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans.

“When you stop trying to force the Bible to be something it’s not—static, perspicacious, certain, absolute—then you’re free to revel in what it is: living, breathing, confounding, surprising, and yes, even magic.... My aim with this book is to recapture some of that Bible magic, but in a way that honors the text for what it is—ancient, complicated, debated, and untidy, both universally relevant and born from a specific context and culture.” -*Rachel Held Evans*

All are welcome to the Spirituality Book Group. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith by phone at 503-332-9732 or by email at dbits1@gmail.com.

Details:

Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m.
Book: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans.
Location: St. Andrew Library
Discussion Leader: Colleen Nelson

Future Reading:

Sunday, June 22, at 2:30 p.m.
Book: *The Butterfly Tree: An Extraordinary Saga of Seven Generations* by Woody Woodburn
Location: St. Andrew Library
Discussion Leader: Connie Losk

Sunday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m.
Book: *Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World* by Christian Cooper
Location: St. Andrew Library
Discussion Leader: Elaine May

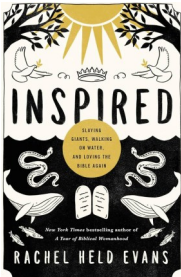
Sunday, August 24, at 2:30 p.m.
Book: *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molner
Location: St. Andrew Library
Discussion Leader: Fran Miller

Final “Last Sunday” before Summer Break



The Last Sunday event takes place this month on **May 25**! The event will be hosted at Riversgate Church in Southeast Portland. Although this event falls on Memorial Day weekend, it is our last event before we take a couple of months off for the summer, so we hope you can make it! To let us know if you can attend, add the event to your Google calendar and RSVP at this link: bit.ly/TLSmay25.

The Last Sunday is an ecumenical event focused on dismantling Supremacist Christianity and replacing it with a hopeful Christianity that is good news for the world. This event is made for ages 18-55. Free dinner and childcare (for kids 5th grade and under) are provided for all participants.



Hard but Not Impossible Stuff to Recycle

I love that many of you come to me with your recycling questions! It shows that you care about our environment. This week I want to highlight what to do with many hard-to-recycle things. These are items you have asked me about.

Ridwell is a service that will take many of these items, and several of us in the church have Ridwell. Sadly, it is not available to all addresses. I take much of the stuff that is left on the cart in the back corner of the Fellowship Hall and put it in my Ridwell box. If those of you who have Ridwell would be willing to help me collect hard-to-recycle things, I would appreciate it. Just let me know. Thanks!

James Recycling is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that collects hard-to-recycle plastics while empowering adults with developmental differences to find independence and purpose through meaningful employment. Their address is 5541 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, Portland. Go to <https://jshrecycling.com> for more info and their hours.



Recycle+ is available through your garbage company. They don’t advertise it well. You sign up by calling your garbage company, and you will receive a purple bin to place on your curb.



Prescription pill bottles: These cannot go into the curbside recycle bin because they are too small. Ridwell, James Recycling, and Walgreens drug stores will take them. Other pharmacies might also take them. Check with your pharmacy. The larger over-the-counter pill bottles such as vitamin bottles hold at least 6 ounces, so they can go into your curbside recycle bin.

Eyeglasses: Ridwell takes them occasionally. Optometrists take them and distribute to those in need.

Fluorescent tubes: Ridwell and James Recycling take these, but it costs \$4 per tube. You can take fluorescents to Batteries + Bulbs where it costs \$1.25 per tube for recycling or continue to leave tubes on the top of the cart in Fellowship Hall with \$1.25 in an envelope taped to the tube. Ridwell, James Recycling, and Recycle+ all take compact fluorescent bulbs without extra charge.

Clear plastic clamshells: Recycle+, Ridwell, and James Recycling take these, or you can deposit them in the collection bins at New Season’s stores for free.

Styrofoam: James Recycling and Ridwell take this for an extra small fee. No one that I know of takes them for free.

Textiles, old clothing, old bedding, etc. Both Recycle+ and Ridwell take these. Ridwell will also take old leather products such as shoes and handbags in their textile category.

Light bulbs: Ridwell takes all types of bulbs, whereas Recycle+ only takes compact fluorescent bulbs. You can also bring light bulbs to church and place them in the labeled container on the cart at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Clear plastic film (produce bags, baggies, plastic bubble Prime envelopes, etc.): Ridwell, James Recycling, and Recycle+ take these. These are thin stretchy bags. Most grocery stores have a bin for them as well. Note that Ridwell also has another category of plastic bags called multi-layer plastic which is things like potato chip and dog food bags that are crinkly, heavier duty, and not so stretchy.

Minister of Music Search Team Update

Applications for our Minister of Music position closed on May 1, and we received eight applications. After reviewing the materials submitted and making preliminary screening calls, the Search Team has identified two candidates to pursue. The team will be conducting Zoom interviews with these two individuals next week.

Following the interviews, the Search Team will decide which candidate(s) to invite to an in-person visit. Please pray for the team and the candidates as we continue the process of discernment!

Robert Hawthorne (chair), Gretchen Bancroft, Clay Gustafson, Christina Mantey, Chuck Weswig, and Pastor Allison
Minister of Music Search Team

A Few Reminders

The St. Andrew Foundation is looking to award a scholarship to a young organist to support their study of music. Read more about it and apply before **June 1** by visiting the St. Andrew Foundation's page on our website.

We are still accepting applications for the Nursery Attendant position. See the posting on our website under "About > Job Openings."

Do you have photos or videos of our 2011/2012 renovations? Please share any media with the office in advance of our Mortgage Burning party on **June 1**.

"Christ in Our Home" is a daily devotional booklet published quarterly by the ELCA. St. Andrew provides these free of charge to parishioners. Pick one up today under the bulletin board across from the elevator in the Narthex.

Baby Announcement



This week we celebrate with Sam & Emily Staat in rejoicing at the birth of their second child, Julia. Big brother Nolan has welcomed his baby sister with enthusiasm. He's working on learning to be gentle with his many hugs and kisses. Congratulations to the entire Staat family!

Volunteers Needed at Church

Do you appreciate our building and how presentable it appears? For the next couple of months, while our housekeeper Carol Hogan is unable to work, St. Andrew could really use some volunteer help to keep our church clean and welcoming.



No one person would be tasked with doing everything, but we are looking to separate jobs to create a team. Do you like to vacuum? Are you able to empty trash cans and recycling bins and take everything out to our Garbage Palace? Do you love the look of a gleaming floor that's just been mopped? Could you wash and fold the napkins and other miscellaneous laundry that accumulates?

Some people have already stepped up—thank you, Susan Reiser, Pam Farr, and Pam Jelineo!—but additional help is needed. If you could give a couple of hours of your time each week or even occasionally, please call the church office at 503-646-0629 or email office@standrewlutheran.com to learn more. Thank you!

More Happy News from the Malik Zadas

The middle daughter of our Afghani family, the Malik Zadas, recently was recognized in a ceremony at William Walker Elementary school in Beaverton. Maryam, a second grader, was awarded a certificate for acting with integrity—showing kindness, empathy, compassion, and honesty—inside and outside her classroom. Together with other students at William Walker, she was awarded a certificate for "doing the right thing even when no one is watching."

Maryam is an extraordinarily reflective and thoughtful young girl who loves to be helpful in many different ways. She is a good friend to fellow students, kind and observant about reaching out to others. She also loves to help her mother and is often in the kitchen helping with cooking and cleaning up after family meals. She likes being in charge and is interested in learning from others, too. Maryam, with her sisters who also attend William Walker, now speaks fluent English and understands the challenges of being an immigrant.




At left, Maryam poses with her sisters Behtar and Deianat at St. Andrew's Ministry Fair in 2024.

Amina and Nasir and their children (including 4-year-old Mohammed Ali) are proud of Maryam and of all their children. They are also grateful to St. Andrew for our collective support for their family. Amina and Nasir continue with ESL classes, working two-three jobs from morning to evening almost every day of the week, and all while caring for four young children. They're extraordinary! If you haven't had a chance to meet Amina and Nasir and would like to get acquainted, please contact Cindy Stadel or Bonnie Bliesner.

RSVPs Are Due!

How are members of the the planning committee incorporating a burning bush, the popular movie *Chariots of Fire*, a little Lutheran thanksgiving litany, campfire s'mores, and some video recollections into this joyful celebration? No lengthy speeches—just fellowship, appreciation for the past, and inspiration for the future. Please plan to come! RSVP now.

 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 Friday, May 16 on the sign-up sheet at the Coffee Bar or online at forms.gle/3oJKuLXMxCdRQW8A.

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family and friends of Aiden David (grand-nephew)	Peace and God’s comfort at his death	Rick & Sandy Koch
Family and friends of Donna Szopko (sister)	Peace and God’s comfort at her death	Tom Mehlhorn
Priscilla (friend)	Peace and God’s comfort at death of cousin	Judy Scholz
Del Mahler (father)	Comfort and healing	Diane Reiner
Bettye Eldridge	Comfort, healing, and an accurate diagnosis	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Carol Hogan	Comfort, strength, and patience while healing	Carol Hogan
Jim Brosh	Healing and recovery	Teri Brosh
Rhonda Powell and daughter, Charlee	Healing and recovery from COVID	Carol Harker
Sandra Meyer	Healing and assurance of God’s presence	Sandra Meyer
Brad (nephew)	Healing and recovery	Judy & Bob Scholz
Brian Alvis (son-in-law)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Ed & Linda Fransen
The Staat Family	Joy and thanksgiving at the birth of Julia	Staff
Those receiving ongoing pastoral care, including Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Bettye Eldridge, Jean Fredrickson, Margaret Herder, Vera Hutchinson, Glenath Moyle, Don Parsons, Ethel Ritchen, Sharon Roth, Ira (Ike) 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 Prince of Life (Oregon City), St. Paul of Damascus (Boring), and St. Stephen (Gladstone)	Blessings on their ministry	Staff

Batteries: No batteries should go into the trash or the recycling bin as they are known to spark fires in the trucks and at waste and recycling facilities. Instead, place any battery that fits into a 1-quart, zip-lock plastic bag and place the bag of batteries on top of the glass in your glass recycling bin. This includes rechargeable batteries. You can also bring them to the cart in Fellowship Hall at church. Larger batteries can go to Batteries + Bulbs.



Keep the questions coming!

Liz Hardy, Earth Care Team

Western Farm Workers Mexican Fiesta



You are cordially invited to join Western Farm Workers Association (WFWA) members for a Mexican Fiesta complete with a traditional Mexican dinner as well as musical and dance performances on **Saturday, May 31**, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Hillsboro United Methodist Church, 168 NE 8th Avenue, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124. The fiesta celebrates 37 years of struggle, growth, and successful organizing of farm workers and other low-paid workers in the Northwest.

St. Andrew supports the WFWA through our benevolence funds and holds a food and clothing drive in September.

Please RSVP to Deacon Susan Reiser if you are planning to attend.



Look what’s blooming in our Sanctuary of the Firs. Can you identify this native beauty?

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 25, 2025

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
John 14:23-29


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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, May 16		
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 17—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com		
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Immigrant Story Rehearsal	Chapel
Sunday, May 18		
9:30 am	Milestones Sunday Worship	Sanctuary, livestream, via Zoom, and Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
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
2:00 pm	The Beat Goes On (Twirlers) Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
2:30 pm	Spirituality Book Club.....	Library
Monday, May 19—Church Office Closed		
Tuesday, May 20		
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	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Connections Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
Wednesday, May 21—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
2:00 pm	Party Planning: Burning the Mortgage.....	Library
6:00 pm	Immigrant Story Music Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 22		
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
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class.....	Children’s Commons
7:00 pm	IT Meeting.....	Offsite
Friday, May 23		
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Immigrant Story Music Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, May 24		
11:00 am	SoulCollage®	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Showing of <i>Conclave</i>	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 25		
9:30 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary, livestream, via Zoom, and Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel

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.