

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 2, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Temporary Change with the Lord’s Prayer



A few weeks, ago, Confirmation teacher Allison Katsufakis led the middle school students through an exploration of the Lord’s Prayer. After discussing where the prayer came from and what each part means, the students were invited to write their own versions. We will be using these during the Easter season. If you would like to try yourself here is a link to the worksheet Allison used with the students: [tinyurl.com/standylpworksheet](https://tinyurl.com/standylpworksheet).

## MACG Listening Event

The Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) is hosting another listening event on **May 13**, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Northeast Portland at St. Andrew Catholic Church. Come to listen, connect, and build new relationships. You’ll hear stories from people across organizations – both inside and outside of MACG—and have the opportunity to share your own story in a small, facilitated group. Learn more, find directions, and sign up by visiting: [macg.org/5.13.25](https://macg.org/5.13.25).



## St. Andrew Orientation Meeting

The Connections Team of St. Andrew is hosting an informational meeting where Pr. Allison Bengfort and representatives from the various ministry teams will provide information, answer questions, and detail avenues for participation. This event is for anyone considering joining the church, those who are joining this month or have done so recently, as well as anyone who just wants a refresher on what it means to be Lutheran at St. Andrew and what ministries the parish offers. This orientation will be held **Saturday, May 10**, from 10:00 am until noon in Fellowship Hall. Light snacks and a tour of the campus will be available.

## 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!

## Nifty Notters Meet This Saturday

The Nifty Notters is a network of folks who sew, do precision cutting, and donate fabric. We want to thank all of the people who help us make the quilts we donate to those in need. If you aren’t already helping us out, would you consider tying quilts with us soon? You’re invited to join us this **Saturday, May 3**, in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm.



## Adult Ed: The Loyalty of Ruth & Esther

During the Easter season we are privileged to see the faith and loyalty of women in the gospels. Women were at the cross with Jesus and then shared the news of his resurrection. There are equally devoted women in the Hebrew Bible. Both Ruth and Esther are loyal to their people and do what is in the best interest of their community. Through Ruth and Esther, we will see examples of what it means to be faithful to God and what lessons we can take to improve our own lives of faith.



This five-week course begins this weekend. Sr. India Jensen Kerr will lead this class in the St. Andrew Room Sundays at 11:00 am.

## What Does It Mean to Be a Lutheran?

What was important about the Protestant Reformation? Can we compare the Lutheran church with other Protestant churches? How is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America different from other Lutheran denominations? How have people from divergent traditions (Lutheran, Catholic, non-denominational, unchurched, etc.) found their way to the ELCA? What makes St. Andrew unique in its Core Values, Mission, and Vision? And most important: What questions do *you* have about “What does it mean to be a Lutheran?”



This five-week class is for new Lutherans who want to know more about what they signed up for, for long-time Lutherans who need a refresher, and for anyone who is curious about Lutheran faith and practice. Paul Navarre and Steve Christiansen will lead this course on Sundays at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

## Cool News for Worshipers

The Facilities Team has some good and glorious news to share with fellow worshipers. At its April meeting, the St. Andrew Council approved our recommendation to upgrade the church’s three Sanctuary furnaces to high-efficiency models AND to install air conditioning for our worship space!



Thanks to generous giving, St. Andrew has the resources available in PIPE (Property Improvement Projects & Emergencies), a designated fund, to pay for these improvements. In other words, the church operating budget will not be affected at all, either in the current fiscal year or next.

Because of permitting requirements and supply chain challenges, installation is still a few months away, but expectation is that work should begin in July 2025.



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

Lenten Food Drive Re-Cap

We received 536 lbs. of food and collected over \$3,000.00 for the St. Matthew Food Pantry. With every dollar donated being equivalent to 2 lbs. of food that means we far exceeded our goal of 5,000 pounds! This will help feed our hungry neighbors.



Seeking Council Nominees



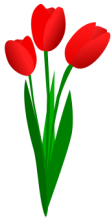
If you want to play a role in helping lead St. Andrew into the future, the Church Council is seeking people interested in serving on the Council. We will have four members ending their term this summer, and we need at least three new members to take their place. Could it be you?

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).

Easter Joy Is in Bloom

We continue to encourage you 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.



MACG Delegate Assembly Change of Date



Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the next Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) Delegate Assembly on Sunday, June 22, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at St. Andrew Lutheran. (Yes, it will be at our place!)

Join members of other MACG institutions from all over the tri-county area as we discern the direction our organizing will take us in the next several months. What are you struggling with? How can we work together to address the root causes of the pressures of everyday life? As a member of St. Andrew, you are a delegate, whether or not you have attended any MACG events or trainings. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to come together to work toward Common Good.

God care + earth care + community care + neighbor care + self care



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>.

In recent years, Oregon has experienced floods, drought, wildfires, ice storms, excessive heat, and a pandemic, disasters that illustrate how being prepared can make a big difference. Once a disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed. Building self-reliance and community connections ahead of time is imperative to being ready for any potential emergency.



In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family and friends of Janet Westlund (mother)	Peace and God’s comfort at her death	Margaret Westlund & Luis Flores
Family and friends of Mike Skillen	Peace and God’s comfort at his death	Lee Anne Knapp
Family and friends of Marlene Maxwell	Peace and God’s comfort at her death	Sue Cahlander
Bob Brown (husband)	Comfort and healing	Mary Brown
David Saxton	Comfort and healing	Donna McAlpine
Carol Hogan	Comfort and healing	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Carrie & Craig Evans (daughter & son-in-law)	Comfort and healthy delivery of pregnancy	Sharon Carlson
Jim Gustafson (brother)	Comfort and peace	Jeannine Douglas
The McAlpine Family	Comfort and peace	Donna McAlpine
Krista Halbert (friend)	Comfort and peace	Glenath Moyle
Bre (coworker)	Comfort and peace	Casey Tkacz
Janet Leake (mother)	Healing and recovery	Erin Leake Castner
Keith (son-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Mary Ann Snider
Jonas (son)	Proper diagnosis and healing	Criss Robinson
Alicia (employee)	Proper diagnosis and healing	Criss Robinson
Deanna (cousin)	Successful surgery	Erin Leake Castner
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
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod Council and Staff	Courage and wisdom	Staff
Refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military Personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Carly Keyser, Clay Keyser	Safety and guidance	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Christ Lutheran (Aurora), Macksburg Lutheran (Canby), and Zoar Lutheran (Canby)	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.

New Member Sunday

Our next New Member Sunday is scheduled for **May 11!** If you are considering joining St. Andrew, please contact Pr. Allison Bengfort at [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com). She would love to get to know you, answer any questions you have, and invite you to our New Member Orientation on **Saturday, May 10**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Thank You!

We have a lot to be thankful for this Easter Season:



First, our grateful appreciation goes out to everyone who donated supplies for the Personal Care Kits and Baby Kits for this spring’s LWR Ingathering.

We also want to thank everyone who made our Easter Brunch a success: Those who set up, provided food, helped clean up, and laundered table cloths. A special “thank you” to Pam Farr and Liz Hardy who did the bulk of dishwashing.

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 11, 2025

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 23  
John 10:22-30


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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

<b>Friday, May 2</b>		
8:00 am	LWR Spring Ingathering .....	Community Garden Parking Lot, Kitchen, St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, May 3—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to <a href="mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com">pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com</a></b>		
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
<b>Sunday, May 4</b>		
9:30 am	<b>Worship .....</b>	<b>Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom</b>
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
<b>Monday, May 5—Church Office Closed</b>		
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>		
7:00 am	Men’s Gathering and Bible Study .....	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women .....	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (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
<b>Wednesday, May 7—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to <a href="mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com">office@standrewlutheran.com</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com">charker@standrewlutheran.com</a></b>		
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with Sr. India .....	St. Andrew Room
2:00 pm	Immigrant Story Rehearsal .....	Chapel
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>		
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
6:30 pm	Band Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class .....	Children’s Commons
<b>Friday, May 9</b>		
10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
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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.