

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 30, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Thank You for Food Pantry Donations

Patrol deputies with the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) often respond to our neighbors' calls for immediate assistance that do not involve a specific crime, yet still present a person in crisis. As a staff chaplain, I am frequently called out to support our deputies with community members who are experiencing a significant loss or disorienting uncertainty. At times, circumstances may require assistance with emergency shelter or food—necessities of life—that call for an immediate response of love in action.

Emergency food boxes were faithfully provided, as needed, to the WCSO by Westside Food Brigade for almost a decade. At the end of 2024 this faith-based food pantry was closed and I set out to find another gracious resource of emergency food supplies in our community. Thankfully, St. Matthew's Food Pantry, along with their partners in this longstanding ministry, said "Yes!" to my request to carry this mission forward.



This support means that WCSO precincts and patrol deputies can continue serving the critical needs for vulnerable individuals and families by helping anyone in crisis. As Senior Chaplain for the WCSO, I am honored to be part of connecting (bridging!) the various social service agencies, multi-faith communities, and law enforcement professionals who are committed to assisting people overcome difficult days or turbulent seasons in life.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who is part of this process to help our neighbors in a moment of need involving food scarcity. Your caring compassion absolutely makes a positive difference in our world.

With gratitude,  
**Rev. Paul Lyda**  
Senior Chaplain, WCSO

*Pictured in the article above is Deputy Schreiber who serves with the WCSO Houseless Outreach Programs and Engagement (HOPE) Team. He is surrounded by food received from St. Matthew Food Pantry, which you can help support by leaving donations in the barrel in the Narthex.*

## Save the Date: Retirement Party for Deacon Susan Werner Reiser, June 15



All are invited to a retirement party for Deacon Susan immediately following worship on **Sunday, June 15**. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to greet Deacon Susan, honor her long music career which includes years of service at St. Andrew, and wish her well as she steps into the next phase of her life journey. Refreshments will be served.



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.

## St. Andrew T-Shirts

Jan Smith is getting ready to order St. Andrew T-shirts for anyone who would like to purchase one or several. These are available in nearly all colors of the rainbow and in sizes for adults and children. Think about what you'd like and then contact Jan ([jansmith59@earthlink.net](mailto:jansmith59@earthlink.net) or 408-242-3838) or sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex to place your order. Jan will collect payment when shirts are delivered: about \$25 each. Orders must be submitted no later than **June 1** for this order.



## Sign and Share: Youth Open Letter to Make Polluters Pay

When the Make Polluters Pay bill—a top legislative priority of the Sacred Organizing Coalition—didn't get called for a vote out of committee last month, it effectively died for this session. But the Coalition's commitment to holding big fossil fuel companies financially accountable for their role in the climate crisis is still very much alive.



You have the opportunity to sign onto an open letter penned by the Youth Solidarity Movement, a Coalition member. The letter expresses their disappointment and calls on legislators to commit to passing Make Polluters Pay next session.

Read, sign, and pass along to others before **June 2** by visiting: [tinyurl.com/YSMopenletter](http://tinyurl.com/YSMopenletter).

## Oregon Synod Assembly This Weekend

The synod assembly is an annual gathering of pastors, deacons, and lay people representing the congregations that make up the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The assembly serves as the synod's highest legislative authority.

St. Andrew's clergy members, as well as lay delegates Liz Hardy and Jan Smith, will be in attendance. You can watch the Oregon Synod Assembly, which will be livestreamed beginning this evening, at [youtube.com/@OregonSynod](https://youtube.com/@OregonSynod).



## Helpful Tips for Natural Pest Control

Adapted from article posted to [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com).

Every gardener knows that pests are an unwelcome, nasty surprise that can turn your flourishing green garden into a war zone. We might be tempted to just spray with chemical pesticides, but those pesticides are dangerous for humans, pets, wildlife, and planet Earth. Not only do they kill the pests you don't want, but also endangered bees and butterflies. These pesticides can also be unhealthy for birds. Shockingly, each year North American homes use more than one billion pounds of pesticides on lawns, gardens, and even inside homes. Residential homeowners use about three times more pesticides than farmers do.



Fortunately, there are many methods for protecting your garden from pests without the use of dangerous chemicals. Controlling your garden pests naturally isn't just better for the environment and the health of you and your pets, it's also less expensive.

**Start with pest prevention.** Discourage pests from coming to your garden in the first place. Prevention tips:

- ◆ Pull out any weak plants. Whether they are infected or not, weak plants will attract pests, so it is best to get rid of them as soon as possible.
- ◆ Use healthy, organic soil and natural fertilizer. Try your hand at composting (which is a natural fertilizer), or at the very least buy good, organic soil. By doing so, your plants will be stronger and more vigorous.
- ◆ Try using seaweed mulch. This is a new one for many of us, but seaweed contains trace elements of iron, barium, calcium, sulfur, and magnesium, all of which promote healthy development in plants.
- ◆ Keep foliage dry. Your best bet is to water early in the day in order for foliage to be dry for most of the day. If possible, install a drip irrigation system in order to deliver water directly to the root systems without wetting the foliage. This also helps you conserve water.

**Introduce beneficial insects.** Another way to keep unwanted garden pests away naturally is to introduce beneficial insects to prey on harmful, garden-destroying insects and their larvae. There are many different species that are great for specific problems, including the following:

- ◆ Ichneumon wasps: These helpful insects destroy leaf-eating caterpillars. They are not dangerous to humans or pets. Due to their specialization, they only parasitize their host insects and are not interested in other organisms.
- ◆ Ladybugs: These colorful insects are perfect for getting rid of aphids, mites, whiteflies, and scale. I bought some to get rid of aphids, and now I have many baby ladybugs!
- ◆ Lacewings: These insects are generalist predators, meaning they will feed on aphids, spider mites, thrips, whiteflies, leafhoppers, mealybugs, and other pest insects.
- ◆ Praying mantis: The praying mantis will eat most pests that infiltrate your garden.
- ◆ Beneficial nematodes: These roundworms are effective against cutworms, beetles, and root weevil larvae.



These are just a few natural methods to help you deter and rid your garden of annoying pests. There are many eco-friendly products on the market today to help you keep your garden healthy and safe for you and your pets. Make sure any products you buy are Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) certified.



OMRI certification label

Liz Hardy  
Earth Care Team

## Oregon Chorale Presents *Carmina Burana*



Experience the electrifying brilliance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*—a true cultural sensation known for its dramatic opening and vibrant celebration of life, love, and renewal. This exhilarating performance will be enhanced by two grand pianos, percussion ensemble, youth choir, and soloists.

The Oregon Chorale will be joined by guest pianist Colin Alexei Shepard, the PSU Percussion Ensemble, Pacific Youth Choir, soprano Madeline Ross, tenor Steven Evans-Renteria, and baritone Erik Hundtoft.

Performances will take place at 4:00 pm on **June 7 & 8** at Liberty High School, 7445 NE Wagon Drive, Hillsboro.

Tickets are available through the Oregon Chorale's website at: [oregonchorale.org/current-season](http://oregonchorale.org/current-season).

## 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 waitlist 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!

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 can't run the camp without everyone's help, so please check your calendars for Earth Camp week, **June 23-27**, and send Kyler an email at [kvogt@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:kvogt@standrewlutheran.com) so he can find the right role for you!



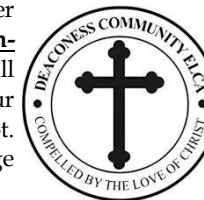
## Prescription Pill Bottle Collection



Good news: your questions are answered! There is a now a box on the shelving in Fellowship Hall where you can deposit empty prescription pill bottles. Liz Hardy will recycle them through Ridwell or James Recycling. Thanks!

## Save the Date: Farewell Party for Sister India Jensen Kerr, June 22

All are invited to a farewell party for Sister India immediately following worship on **Sunday, June 22**. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to greet Sister India, honor her service as our deacon, hear a few stories about her time at St. Andrew, and wish her well on the next stage of her journey. Refreshments will be served.



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Mary Ann Snider and family	Peace and God's comfort at death of son-in-law, Keith	Mary Smith
Ida Trullinger	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Ike Schab	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Janet Leake (mother)	Healing and recovery	Erin Castner
Linda Bengfort (mother)	Healing and recovery	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Chris (son)	Healing and recovery	Jerry & Anne Williams
Alex (friend)	Peace and comfort	Lee Anne Knapp
Camille Jackson	Peace and continued good health	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
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 Brocker, Carly Keyser, Clay Keyser	Safety and guidance	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Bethesda Lutheran (Eugene)	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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com), or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

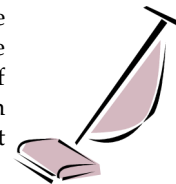
## Volunteers Needed for Church Housekeeping



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 building clean and welcoming.

No one person would be tasked with doing everything. We are looking to separate jobs and create teams. Would 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 freshly mopped? Could you wash and fold the napkins and other miscellaneous laundry that accumulates?

Some people have already stepped up, and we thank them all! But we still need your help, too. Remember that our call as Christians is to share our time, talents, and treasures. Would you be willing to donate some of your time and talents each week, or even just occasionally, to help with housekeeping? To learn more and to offer your assistance, please contact the church office at 503-646-0629 or email [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com).



## Annual Meeting Announcement

It's that time of year again! The annual meeting of St. Andrew Lutheran Church will be held on **Tuesday, June 17**, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Per our constitution, ten percent of voting members are required to constitute a quorum. As such, you are asked to attend this meeting in-person or online. This meeting serves as a vital time for you to engage in the leadership of this parish, elect people to Council, hear reports about the work of various ministries of this church over the last year, and learn about the upcoming year's goals.



To prepare for this annual meeting, and to offer opportunities for the congregation to ask questions and learn more in advance, we will have a Budget Forum on **Sunday, June 8**, at 10:45 am, as well as a Ministry Forum on **Sunday, June 15**, at 11:30 am. Both forums will take place in Fellowship Hall.

## St. Andrew Contacts

Council President Liz Hardy ..... [president@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:president@standrewlutheran.com), 360-632-4900  
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 Parish Nurses Diane Reiner ..... 503-201-4222  
 Tira Nasset ..... 503-866-5099

## A Few Things to Remember

Your prayers are requested for those who are gathering this weekend at the 2025 Oregon Synod Assembly. May God direct and guide them through the Holy Spirit to—in all their works—serve love.

You're invited to attend a piano recital being held at St. Andrew **this Saturday, May 31**, at 9:45 am, which will showcase the work and talents of the students of Jennifer Mohr Colett from Mohr Music Studio. The recital is free, and an ice cream truck will park out front for a reception which follows.

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 **this Sunday, June 1**, by visiting the St. Andrew Foundation's page on our website.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!



## 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, June 8, 2025**

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]



## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

<b>Friday, May 30</b>	
10:00 am	Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, May 31—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to <a href="mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com">pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com</a></b>	
9:45 am	Piano Recital for Students of Jennifer Mohr Colett..... Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, June 1</b>	
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship ..... Sanctuary, livestream, via Zoom, and Fellowship Hall</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... 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
5:00 pm	Burning the Mortgage Celebration ..... Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room, Kitchen
<b>Monday, June 2—Church Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tuesday, June 3</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, June 4—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
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, June 5</b>	
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
5:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting.....via Zoom
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class..... Children’s Commons
<b>Friday, June 6</b>	
10:00 am	Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, June 7—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	Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Game Night..... Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, June 8</b>	
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship ..... Sanctuary, livestream, via Zoom, and Fellowship Hall</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel
10:45 am	Budget Forum ..... Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel

### A Prayer for the Founders and Previous Leaders of a Congregation

As we prepare to celebrate burning the mortgage, let us pray and give thanks:

We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who planted your message in this place. We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who worked in them to gather and give order to this community, and who still sustains it. Remembering all those who have gone before us, we pray that we may follow as they followed, in the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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### 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.