

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 11, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Collecting Donations for LWR School Kits

Help us fill the bin in the narthex with supplies for children in need! This year, our goal is to fill 400 school kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and here's what we still need to accomplish that:



School Kits	Have	Need
Ruler, 30 centimeters long or with inches and centimeters on either side	36	364
Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)	560	1440
Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)	100	300
Notebooks, 70-sheet of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper	31	1569
Crayons, box of 16 or 24	30	370
Eraser, 2 ½ inches	212	188
Pencil sharpener	200	200
#2 pencils with erasers (preferably not sharpened)	929	1071

We have a number of opportunities for you to help us assemble the bags for these school kits. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm this **Saturday, July 12**, as well as each Monday from **July 14 - August 11**, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please contact Pam Jelineo if you would like to participate in the bag assembly and she'll add you to the email chain. Contact Pam by email at [pjelineo@hotmail.com](mailto:pjelineo@hotmail.com) or text her at 971-221-2600.

## Men's Book Club News



The Men's Book Club will meet on **Monday, July 14** at 7:00 pm to discuss the book *Running Away to Home: Our Family's Journey to Croatia in Search of Who We Are, Where We Came From, and What Really Matters* by Jennifer Wilson. Larry Bliesner will host this discussion at his home.

The Men's Book Club will take a break in the month of August. Future reading has not yet been announced.

## Lutheran Disaster Response: Texas Flooding

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to "pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property." Merciful God, hear our prayer.

As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work.

Your gifts to LDR ensure that our neighbors are not alone on the long road to recovery after disasters like the floods in Texas. LDR is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and will work with other partners as well to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support clean-up and long-term recovery.

Donations may be given online at: [give.elca.org/page/85307](https://give.elca.org/page/85307)

Checks can be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response  
PO Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

To directly support those affected by flooding in the United States, write "U.S. Flooding" on the memo line.



Can our neighbors recovering from disasters count on your support? Through these disasters and others in the United States and around the world, LDR accompanies communities throughout the recovery process, walking with them for as long as it takes. Together, as a church, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

In prayer together,  
**The Rev. John Eggen**  
Senior Director, Annual Giving ELCA

## Bruce & Marlene Maxwell

Memorial Service  
**Saturday, July 19**  
2:00 pm, Sanctuary

Light refreshments at  
Coffee Bar to follow



## Ed Pacey

Memorial Service  
**Thursday, July 24**  
2:00 pm, Sanctuary

Light refreshments at  
Coffee Bar to follow



## Plastic Free July Is Here!

Plastic-Free July is a global movement that was created in 2011 by the Plastic Free Foundation in Australia, and encourages everyone to decrease the amount of single-use plastic they use as part of the solution to worldwide plastic pollution. The plastic-free movement has helped people around the world reduce their plastic consumption by 1.8 billion pounds. By 2021, approximately 140 million people globally have joined in; this is a movement with momentum! It's probably not possible to eliminate all plastic from your life, but you can certainly greatly reduce it. Join the challenge at [plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge](https://plasticfreejuly.org/take-the-challenge).

Plastic bags come with a cost. About one billion plastic bags are thrown away each year in the U.S. Plastic bags, as well as plastic film and cling wrap, jam recycling machines causing the whole plant to shut down. They don't degrade in the landfill and they pollute our environment and waterways.

Recycling plastics is really not much better than sending it to the landfill. In the U.S., only 9% of the plastic we discard actually gets recycled and used to make other products. The rest goes to the landfill or into our oceans and waterways, staying on the planet for hundreds of years.

Today, roughly 40% of the ocean's surface is covered with plastic, and plastic is expected to outweigh marine life by 2050, a mere 25 years from now.

Remember the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. And you can add Refuse and Repair! Refusing, reducing, reusing, and repairing not only helps the planet, it will also save you money!

**Refuse:** Politely refuse plastic bags in stores or at the Farmers Market and bring your own reusable bags. Refuse plastic bottles, straws, and utensils when ordering takeout. Bring along your own reusable water bottle, coffee mug, commuter mug, or container for takeout food. If you need to use a straw, get some reusable ones made from metal or bamboo. Carry a set of your own silverware in the car. Store leftovers in silicone reusable bags instead of buying plastic baggies. Buy in bulk when possible, and take your own container or paper bags for bulk purchases. Look for produce that does not come in plastic. Replace plastic cling-wrap with beeswax wrap. Use laundry sheets instead of liquid laundry soap, shampoo and conditioner bars instead of liquid shampoo and conditioner, and bar soap that comes wrapped in paper instead of liquid hand soap that comes in plastic bottles. Before buying, ask yourself these questions: Do I really need this item? Do I already own something that can functionally replace it? How often can I imagine myself really using it? Have I asked my friends and family if they have a spare?

**Reduce:** Do you really need a new *xyz*? Or can you repurpose something else you already have instead? Can you borrow an *xyz* from someone instead of buying one? Don't get sucked into buying two-for-ones; just because you can get two for the price of one doesn't mean you need two.

**Reuse:** Reuse is the new recycle, and it's free! Many items we are accustomed to using once can be washed and reused again. Glass jars, such as those that hold pasta sauce or salsa, can be washed and used for food storage in place of plastic ware. If you do end up with a plastic bag, clean it and reuse it until it falls apart. Store leftovers in bread bags instead of buying baggies. Wash and reuse baggies. Instead of tossing out your shower curtain, use it as a table cloth for outdoor gatherings. Consider shopping at second-hand stores. Before you throw anything into the trash, ask yourself if you can repurpose it for something else, or if it can be repaired.



When we "wish-cycle," meaning we put it into the recycle bin because we feel like it should be recyclable, we contaminate the things that could otherwise be used for making new stuff, it can't be used, and ends up in the landfill.

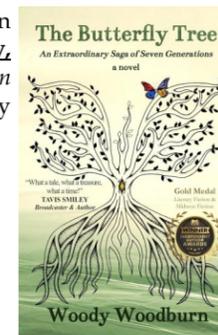
These are just a few easy tips to reduce the amount of plastic that pollutes the Earth.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet in the St. Andrew upstairs library on **Sunday, July 20**, to discuss *The Butterfly Tree: An Extraordinary Saga of Seven Generations* by Woody Woodburn.

"One magical story across seven extraordinary generations—filled with love and faith and hope." -[Goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com/review/show/1111111111) review.



Details:

Date & Time: **Sunday, July 20**, 2:30 pm

Discussion Leader: Connie Losk

Future Reading:

**Sunday, August 24**, 2:30 pm

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

**September's Selection** (date is yet to be announced)

Book: *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar

Location: St. Andrew Library

Discussion Leader: Fran Miller

Two more books have been selected for reading, but have not been assigned dates: *The Last List of Mable Beaumont* by Laura Pearson, and *The Longest Road: Overland in Search of America, from Key West to the Arctic Ocean*, by Philip Caputo.

## Driver Safety Course Presented by AARP



Become a safer, more confident driver with the AARP Smart Driver™ course. Refresh your driving skills and you could be eligible for a multiyear discount on your car insurance! You do not have to be a member of AARP to attend this course.

This course is being hosted by St. Andrew, and will be held on **Wednesday, August 13**, beginning at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. This is a single, six-hour course, with an hour break for a sack lunch. Call the church office to sign up. Cost is \$25, which covers the supplies distributed during the course. AARP members receive \$5 off.

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family & friends of Miguel Albape-Alvarez	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Family & friends of Ralph Riley	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Carol Harker
Family & friends of Laura Carol Lenerd	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Patty Jones
Jerry Entrikin	Comfort and recovery from pneumonia	Jerry Entrikin
Janet Shaw (mother)	Healing and recovery	Lee Anne Knapp
Carrie Evans (daughter)	Healing and safe delivery of Scottie Jean	Sharon Carlson
St. Andrew Council and Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation Board		
Portland Taiwan Lutheran Church	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
All who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Seminarians and theology students, especially Kim Taylor-Blakemore and Kyler Vogt	Encouragement and support	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Calvary Lutheran (Grants Pass)	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.

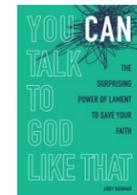
### Book Report on *You Can Talk to God Like That:*

#### *The Surprising Power of Lament to Save Your Faith*

*Editor's note: The book in this review is authored by the Rev. Abby Norman who is a pastor in the United Methodist Church, a full-communion partner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

Can you be in lament and not know it? Yes, actually! I was in a bad way (maybe in lament) for a long time, and thought it was just good ol' garden variety depression. I also thought I had to fix it all myself, which if you're depressed enough can also happen as your mind is pretty well off-the-rails. Thankfully, Jesus came along and pointed out that saving the world was his job, not mine, and that any drastic action I might take wouldn't count anyway. Unlike mine, his blood has several more properties than just being thicker than water.

So, I slowly gave up that idea, but I still felt bad. I still felt the weight of all the things wrong with the world that were a particular trouble to me. No cure in sight.



Then I read this book, and here I am. There is a cure! But first you have to come to terms with what is hurting you. This is when you name it and claim it; when you say, "God, I can't stand this!" And he'll be right there, because he can't stand it either. This is lament. Telling God that the way things are coming down doesn't suit you is also lament. Now, he may not answer – probably won't – but you will be heard. God is the kind of psychiatrist who lets you talk about stuff until you figure it out.

And what do you do with your lamentations? You talk about it, complain to more than just God, and hopefully...eventually you find others who lament the same things. Then, as a group, you, if not solve them, make them better or different where you are. A group with a group lament can feed those who are hungry, house those who are homeless, plant new trees, or just pray about their group pain of lament. They will be heard, they will be comforted, and the lament will change how they see the world.

*Pam Farr*  
Adult Librarian

### A Prayer for Living with Mental Illness

Mighty God, in Jesus Christ you know the spirits that cloud our minds and set us against ourselves. Comfort those who are torn by conflict, cast down, or lost in worlds of illusion. By your power, drive from us the powers that shake confidence and shatter love. Tame unruly forces within us, and bring us to your truth, so that we may know peace and accept ourselves as your beloved children in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### Intergenerational Vacation Bible School

A local partner congregation, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, is extending an invitation to participate in an intergenerational vacation bible school program that will be held **July 21-25**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. There is no cost to attend, and the theme is based on ELCA World Hunger's "At the Table" program, featuring crafts, games, and other activities. People of ALL ages are invited! For more information, visit:

[sovlutheran.com/vbs](http://sovlutheran.com/vbs)

or email [sov.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:sov.vbs@gmail.com). Links to register, as well as directions to the church, are on the website provided. Please register by **July 15**.

### Free Reading Materials

As a reminder, there is a magazine rack in the narthex stocked with recent editions of Weekly News, St. Andrew's newsletter; Living Lutheran, the primary publication of the ELCA; Gather, the magazine of Women of the ELCA; as well as other miscellaneous materials. You can locate the rack by looking for the red First Aid Kit bag sitting on top. While you're standing there, you can also check out the materials provided by the Earth Care Team on the rotating stand just to the right of the magazine rack. All of the literature mentioned is provided free of cost by St. Andrew, so please take home any of it you'd like!

### Preparing for Worship Sunday, July 20, 2025

Genesis 18:1-10a  
Psalm 15  
Luke 10:38-42

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Friday, July 11

10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, July 12—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)**

10:00 am School Kits Bag Assembly ..... Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, July 13

**9:30 am Worship ..... Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom**

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel

10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel

### Monday, July 14—Church Office Closed

10:00 am School Kits Bag Assembly ..... Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting ..... via Zoom

7:00 pm Men's Book Club ..... Home of Larry Bliesner

### Tuesday, July 15

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

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

**Wednesday, July 16—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) & [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com)**

### Thursday, July 17

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children's Commons

### Friday, July 18

10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, July 19—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)**

2:00 pm Celebration of Life for Bruce & Marlene Maxwell ..... Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

### Sunday, July 20

**9:30 am Worship ..... Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom**

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel

10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel

2:30 pm Spirituality Book Group ..... Library

## Reverend Don Parsons

Memorial Service  
**Saturday, August 2**  
 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

*Reception to follow  
 in Fellowship Hall*



### 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.