

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 24, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Bonhoeffer Reformation Renewal Weekend

*Editor's note: The 9:00 am workshop is being held at St. Andrew in Fellowship Hall. Please be aware the other events will take place offsite. Learn more about these events by visiting: [tinyurl.com/dbrrw2025](https://tinyurl.com/dbrrw2025).*

You're invited to join in-person around Beaverton or online via Zoom for the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Reformation Renewal Weekend, **October 25-26**, featuring Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker. On Saturday, take part in a 9:00 am workshop titled *With Courage and Humility: Bonhoeffer's Ethical Approach for Us Today* (in-person only), followed by a 7:00 pm lecture *Life Together as Resistance* (in-person or via Zoom). On Sunday, worship at 10:00 am with the sermon *A Miracle of Divine Mercy* and the 11:30 am Adult Forum *What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth* (in-person or via Zoom). Written amid the rise of Nazi Germany, Bonhoeffer's witness to faith continues to inspire resilience and courage for today.

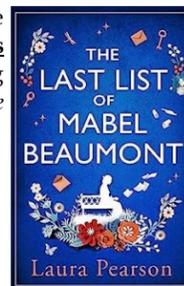


Free-will donations benefit refugee services at Lutheran Community Services NW. Learn more about these events by visiting [tinyurl.com/dbrrw2025](https://tinyurl.com/dbrrw2025). Register to participate in-person or via Zoom at [tinyurl.com/BonhoefferWeekend](https://tinyurl.com/BonhoefferWeekend).

## Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet in the St. Andrew Adult Library at 2:30 pm **this Sunday, October 26**, with Sandy Koch leading the discussion on *The Last List of Mable Beaumont* by Laura Pearson.

"This [is a] beautifully written story of friendship, love, loss, and second chances...It's a tender and uplifting read and I adored Mabel and her unlikely gang of colorful characters." -Lisa Timoney, author.



All are welcome! If you have any questions about the group, please contact Mary Smith.

Future Reading:

**November 23:** *James: A Novel* by Percival Everett, with discussion led by Mary Smith.

**January 11, 2026:** *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, with discussion led by Cathy Fallon.

**February 15, 2026:** *Invisible Boy: A Memoir of Self Discovery* by Harrison Mooney, with discussion led by Elaine May.

## The Bishop Is Coming!



**This Sunday, October 26**, the Reverend Laurie Larson Caesar, Bishop of the Oregon Synod of the ELCA, will join us as guest preacher. We are excited and honored to have Bishop Laurie with us to celebrate the Reformation!

## Government Intrusion into a Sanctuary Congregation



**This Sunday, October 26**, the Sanctuary Team will host an adult education forum on the process to follow if there are unannounced visits to St. Andrew from federal officials seeking to detain immigrants. Amy Lomanto, director of Guidepost Montessori, will be present to share her school's recent experience.

On July 16 of this year, agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), masked and armed, arrested the parent of a student attending Guidepost Montessori, a preschool four miles from St. Andrew. Staff, parents, and students were unprepared—and horrified—as children were placed in “soft lock-down” and the parent, a chiropractor from Iran married to a U.S. citizen, was taken into custody.

St. Andrew hosts a Head Start program that serves preschool children from families of all cultures and religions. We actively support a refugee family through Lutheran Community Services Northwest, provide space to Portland Taiwan Lutheran Church as well as non-profit organization The Immigrant Story, and welcome all people into our worship space. As a Sanctuary Congregation, we are committed to providing education, advocacy, accompaniment, shelter, and safety to immigrants at risk.

Parish Executive Carol Harker has worked with the Sanctuary Team and the Church Council to define a process to follow in the event of an ICE visit. The process is summarized on small Blue Cards that the Sanctuary Team began distributing at the Ministry Fair in September and will distribute again at this forum. These are companions to the Know Your Rights Red Cards that St. Andrew distributes in Farsi, Spanish, and Chinese.

Please join us for this important discussion **this Sunday, October 26** at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

*Cindy Stadel*  
Co-chair, Sanctuary Team

## Wear Red for Reformation Sunday!

**This Sunday, October 26**, we remember and celebrate our roots as a church of protest and reform! We believe that the Holy Spirit, which moved Martin Luther and the early reformers to agitate for change, continues to move us to change and grow. In honor of this fiery Spirit, all are invited to wear red. There will be a table of red garb for anyone who may forget or did not get the memo and would still like to participate.



*Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. -Adapted, ELW pg. 58*

## What's the Best Weapon Against Climate Change? Hope!

Adapted from an article by Dan Hurley, originally published in Newsweek on August 14, 2023.

This is a reprint of an article I wrote two years ago, but I think it is important enough to repeat. If we lose hope, we give up. And we can't afford to give up!

There is a new psychological diagnosis called eco-anxiety. The American Psychological Association defines eco-anxiety as "the chronic fear of environmental catastrophe that comes from the seemingly irrevocable impact of climate change and the associated concern for one's future and that of next generations." In a 2021 survey of 10,000 children and young adults from 10 countries including the U.S., 59% said they were very or extremely worried about climate change. More than half said they felt sad, anxious, angry, powerless, helpless, or guilty. Three-quarters said they think the future is "frightening." Another survey of people in 31 countries found that 40% did not want to have children because of the effects of climate change.

**The world may not end!** There is a new breed of climate activists called eco-realists who point to the surprisingly positive steps that governments, industry, and ordinary people have taken in just the past few years, far outstripping recent projections. More progress is needed, of course, but they say greater gains will depend on millions of us trading our despair for positive action. "If there were nothing we could do about climate change, being depressed or giving up would be a logical response", says Katharine Hayhoe, chief scientist at the Nature Conservancy.

**Progress!** While it is hard to be hopeful in the midst of so much apocalyptic climate news, the world is seeing a lot of progress that was not imagined just 5 years ago. For example, as recently as 2019, many climate scientists were predicting that by the end of this century, the planet's average temperature would rise by nearly 5°C over preindustrial levels. That would have made many parts of the world uninhabitable hellscape. Now the prediction is that the temperature will only rise by 2.5° - 3° C, which is still bad, but not catastrophic.

China, the world's top carbon emitter and greatest user of coal is likely to add more solar power this year alone than the U.S. ever has. One out of every three cars sold in China last year was electric, compared to one out of every fifteen in 2020. And in 2025, China has added more solar energy than all the other countries in the world combined!

 Climate models from just five years ago failed to account for the extraordinary speed by which green energy sources would be adopted or how quickly their prices would fall. According to the International Energy Agency, the average cost of industrial-scale solar energy plummeted by 88% between 2010 and 2021, the cost of onshore wind projects fell by 68%, and the cost of offshore projects fell by 60%.

This explains why this March, the U.S. Energy Information Administration announced that for the first time ever, renewable energy sources generated more electric power in the U.S. than coal. In 2014, coal generated 42% of U.S. power. By 2021 that figure fell to just 19%. It is believed that, globally, the use of coal hit its peak in 2013. Previous projections had assumed an ever-rising use of coal through the end of the century. And despite Trump's attack on renewable energy in 2025, clean energy continues to grow in this country because it is so much cheaper!

Then there is the skyrocketing sales of electric vehicles around the globe. Since 2020, the number of EVs on the planet has tripled from 10 million to 30 million. Last year alone, sales of EVs jumped 60%.

**Hope!** Bill McGibben, a well-known climate activist explains what gives him hope: "People always come up to me at my talks to say, 'How do I make things better?' That strikes me as a very psychologically healthy response to the situation we're in." He goes on to say, "The best antidote for despair is action."

**HOPE**

Another quote from Katharine Hayhoe: "If we realize that the future is in our hands, it means we can make a difference. That is what our hope is based on."

And trusting in Creator God gives me hope!

**Liz Hardy**  
Earth Care Team

## Council Corner

The monthly Council meeting began with a presentation from our youth representative, Evan McGarvey. He facilitated an activity that highlighted the differences and similarities between generations in their responses to specific words, as well as the impact of social media on these reactions.

The Council reviewed current financial reports, examining the sources of various financial figures. This review is part of an effort to enhance the Council's financial reporting and understanding. The revenue for the first quarter looks promising due to several substantial donations. However, weekly revenue in September was lower than expected, although expenses are well managed.



Pr. Allison Bengfort discussed her continuing education and expressed gratitude to the congregation for supporting this initiative through budget allocations. She is part of a Spirituality & Theological Mutual Accompaniment (STMA) group, which allows her to "walk and journey with one another" in fulfilling their missions and vocations in the world.

The Council was informed about a significant gift made to the PIPE fund. A portion of this gift will be placed in a money market account until it is needed.

Staff reports included an update from Kyler noting that this year's The Roots program began the previous Sunday. There were two new students, a new curriculum, and it was a very successful start thanks to a great team. Additionally, John has volunteered to play music with the children.

## A Reminder Regarding Email Scams

Please be aware, we will never solicit money from you via a direct, personal email. Notices regarding opportunities to donate funds are only sent out via church publications like Weekly News, as well as on our website or official social media. If you're concerned about the veracity of an email, you can always call the church office and speak to someone you know and trust to confirm the source. You can also verify that the email address is from standrewlutheran.com (eg. [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com)), or that it is from our email marketing platform which manages mass distributions, FellowshipOne, at: [noreply@fellowshiponego.com](mailto:noreply@fellowshiponego.com).

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Self	Healing, energy, and hope	Anonymous
Bob Brown (husband)	Healing and recovery	Mary Brown
Barbara Lane (wife)	Healing and recovery	Tom Lane
Randy Schutt	Healing and recovery	Pr. Colleen Nelson
Carolyn Shearer	Peace, comfort, and continued healing	Debbie Jerde
Erik Cheney (son)	Thanksgiving for healthy birth	Brian & Charlotte Cheney
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry	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, Stacye Erickson, Rhonda Powell, Jennifer Shaw, Arden Tarum, Megan Webber	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Faith Lutheran (North Bend)	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. Requests will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise specified.

### Fall News from the Malik Zada Family

Last Friday, the youngest daughter of our Afghan family, the Malik Zadas, was recognized in a ceremony at William Walker Elementary school in Beaverton. Behtarin, a first grader, was awarded a certificate for showing respect and acting with integrity – showing kindness, empathy, compassion, and honesty – inside and outside her classroom. Together with other students at William Walker, she was awarded and honored with a certificate. Behtarin is a vivacious 6-year-old who loves being in school. She is learning to read and write, and can carry on conversations in English and Dari, the language of her birth and her homeland. She has embraced so many new challenges and makes friends easily. She loves going to school with her sisters, both of whom have earned similar awards. Amina and Nasir and their children (including 4-year-old Mohammed Ali who is in preschool at William Walker) are proud of Behtarin 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 learning to speak, read, and write English. Both are part-time students at Portland Community College and Amina also attends local ESL classes from the Beaverton Literacy Council. Nasir continues full-time work at Rejuvenation (now owned by Williams-Sonoma) in NW Portland. This family is truly extraordinary! If you haven't had a chance to meet Amina and Nasir and the children and would like to get acquainted, contact Cindy Stadel or Bonnie Bliesner.

*Sanctuary Team*

### Seasonal Worship Planning for Advent



You are invited to join the Worship Planning Team **Saturday, November 1**, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, in the Adult Library to plan this year's Advent season (the season of anticipation that leads up to Christmas). We received overwhelmingly positive feedback about the worship resource we used last year from *A Sanctified Art*, so we plan to use the 2025 worship series from the same source.

The theme will focus on finding hope in the midst of fear, and we would love for you to join us in brainstorming how we can create meaningful worship experiences for our congregation this Advent. If you would like to peruse the resources before the gathering so your ideas can begin to percolate, reach out to Pr. Allison Bengfort.

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### Thanksgiving Meals for Community Action

The Service Committee is again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families, and we need your help! Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education. It also runs the Head Start program here at St. Andrew. Our goal for this year is to collect \$5,460, which is enough to buy seventy-eight \$70 WinCo gift cards for these families. 

Any donations that exceed our goal will be used for our upcoming Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree or donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community who needs food assistance.

If you wish to give online, select "Thanksgiving Community Action Donation" in the drop-down menu below "Fund," or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with "Thanksgiving Donation" in the memo line. This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving families in need the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Our deadline to receive donations is **Monday, November 17**. If you have any questions, please contact LuAnn Staul (503-314-6321 / [ljustaul@gmail.com](mailto:ljustaul@gmail.com)) or Linda McDowall (503-649-5091 / [mcdowall.ml@gmail.com](mailto:mcdowall.ml@gmail.com)).

### Preparing for Worship Sunday, November 2, 2025

Ephesians 1:11-23  
Psalm 149  
Luke 6:20-31

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Friday, October 24

- 8:00 am Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering ..... St. Andrew Room, Kitchen, Community Garden Parking Lot
- 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, October 25—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

- 9:00 am With Courage and Humility: Bonhoeffer’s Ethical Approach for Us Today ..... Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering ..... Kitchen, Community Garden Parking Lot
- 10:00 am Brass & Organ Rehearsal for Reformation ..... Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm Hoffman School of Music Piano Recital ..... Chapel

### Sunday, October 26

- 9:30 am Worship with Children’s Church ..... Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom**
- 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel
- 10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel
- 11:00 am Adult Ed & High School Youth | Special Topic: Government Intrusion into a Sanctuary Congregation ..... Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth ..... Library
- 2:30 pm Spirituality Book Group ..... Library

### Monday, October 27—Church Office Closed

- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer ..... Chapel

### Tuesday, October 28

- 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
- 12:00 pm Bridge Group ..... Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 pm Earth Care / Community Carbon Leadership Meeting ..... Library
- 4:00 pm Connections Team Meeting ..... Library
- 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting ..... Chapel
- 6:30 pm Earth Camp 2025 Celebration & Debrief ..... Youth Room
- 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### Wednesday, October 29—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) & [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com)

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting ..... Chapel, Library
- 6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 30

- 10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Community Organizing Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room
- 7:00 pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children’s Commons

### Friday, October 31

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

### Saturday, November 1—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

- 9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Advent Seasonal Worship Planning ..... Library

### Sunday, November 2

- 9:30 am Worship with Children’s Church ..... Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom**
- 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel
- 10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel
- 11:00 am Adult Ed | Listening Sessions: Where Are We Headed? ..... Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth ..... Library
- 11:00 am High School Youth Group ..... Youth Room

**New Monday Evening Prayer Opportunity**



Join Kim Taylor-Blakemore on Mondays in the Chapel at 7:00 pm for a 30-minute contemplative prayer service featuring Lectio Divina. This simple gathering offers quiet, scripture, and space to breathe—a space to hear God’s quiet voice and rest in the breath of God’s presence.

All are welcome—whether you’re new to silence or returning to a beloved practice. We’ll gather in the Chapel each Monday at 7:00 pm.

### 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.