

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 31, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Fall Back before Sunday Worship



Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time ends **this Sunday, November 2**, at 2:00 am. So set your clocks back one hour before going to bed this Saturday night, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep before coming to worship on Sunday morning, lest you show up an hour early and wonder why no one else is here yet!

Advent Worship Planning This Saturday!

You are invited to join the Worship Planning Team **this 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 by email: pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com.

Listening Sessions: Becoming an Intentionally Multigenerational Church



What does it mean to be an intentionally multigenerational congregation? How do we support our younger generations with creativity and trust? How do we support our older generations with confidence and hope? These are the kind of questions we will be pondering during the adult education hour on Sunday mornings in November.

Your input will shape the direction of our congregation's culture, programming, and staffing. We hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall starting **this Sunday, November 2**, at 11:00 am.

Singing a Song of the Saints of God

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green; they were all of them saints of God and I mean, God-helping, to be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door, they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

-Hymn text written by Lesbia Scott, 1929

Thanksgiving Meals for Community Action

We need your help sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families! 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, 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.

If you wish to give online, select "Thanksgiving Community Action Donation" in the dropdown 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. Our deadline to receive donations is **Monday, November 17**. If you have any questions, contact LuAnn Staul or Linda McDowall.

Dear People of St. Andrew Lutheran Church

How wonderful to receive another contribution from you. Thank you very much! There are now 20 customers at Daytime Enrichment Activities & Recreation (DEAR) including two young men who started attending in August. The customers all love to go to DEAR and enjoy interacting with the nine fantastic staff members and the other customers. Nurse Nancy's daughter comes on Fridays to play circle games with the customers which they really enjoy.



We see the difference the program makes in Barak's housemate who has been attending since May 2025. He is more outgoing and looks forward to his "appointment" at DEAR. Your support for our people with profound disabilities is greatly appreciated.

Carolyn Teifel
DEAR Board Secretary

St. Matthew Food Pantry Ministry Support

St. Andrew supports the St. Matthew Food Pantry through donations of food and money throughout the year. Food left in the barrel in the narthex is regularly taken to St. Matthew by Mike & Mary Carroll, and we thank them for their efforts! On Thursday the 23rd of this month they delivered 118 lbs. of non-perishables, with another 110 lbs. delivered yesterday.



As the shutdown of the federal government continues, more people in our community will be seeking the services of local food pantries, so please continue to support this important ministry! Presently, St. Matthew is particularly asking for donations of pasta sauce, chili, soup, and rice, as well as personal care items like toothpaste and toothbrushes. Thank you for your donations!

Protecting Bees and Other Pollinators

Adapted from article by Gemma Alexander in Earth911, Oct. 23, 2025.

It's not a stretch to say that civilization depends on pollinators. More than a third of global food production relies on animal pollinators. Birds, bees, butterflies, beetles, bats, and other small mammals all contribute to the pollination of not only food crops, but also flowers and other plants with commercial and ecological value. Honeybees alone pollinate 90 species of commercially grown food crops. And there are tens of thousands of other bee species that pollinate plants in the wild. But honeybees and other pollinators are in trouble.

Pollinators in peril: A comprehensive 2025 assessment of nearly 1,600 native North American pollinators found that over one in five species (22.6%) face elevated extinction risk. Bees are the most threatened insect group, with approximately 35% of assessed bee species at risk. All three North American pollinating bat species are threatened, while significant numbers of butterflies (19.5%) and moths (16.1%) also face extinction risk.



The crisis intensified dramatically in 2025 when commercial beekeepers experienced unprecedented losses of 60-70% of their colonies between June 2024 and March 2025—the worst losses since colony collapse disorder (CCD) first made headlines in 2006. While traditional CCD (where worker bees mysteriously abandon hives) has declined as a specific phenomenon, these 2025 losses appear to be driven primarily by a species of mites that has developed a resistance to a certain miticide which is a type of pesticide specific to the mites that attack bees and other insects.

When pesticides are applied to gardens, they kill our precious pollinators as well as the pests. Studies from 2024 to 2025 show that pesticides impair foraging behavior, disrupt learning and memory, and suppress immune responses in bees. Neonicotinoids are among the pesticides with the greatest negative influence on bee populations.

It takes an acre of flowers to feed a bee colony. There simply isn't enough forage in many urban and agricultural areas to feed all pollinators, especially when many green spaces are coated in pesticide residue. Climate change disrupts weather and temperature patterns that pollinators have adapted to over millennia. Altered seasons also disrupt the bloom times of native plants pollinators rely on, while encouraging the growth of non-native plants that are not efficient nectar producers. This further degrades habitat quality, creating stress for pollinator populations. Stressed populations are more vulnerable to diseases and parasites.



Plums, apples, almonds, avocados, squash, broccoli, and coffee are just a few of the many food crops that rely on animal pollinators.

Your habitat can help: You can provide homes for native pollinators with bee houses, birdhouses, and even bat houses. If you are in the habit of using pesticides, especially those that contain neonicotinoids, please stop! Do not dispose of pesticides in your trash or down the drain. Instead, take them to Metro's hazardous waste facility, or look for neighborhood hazardous waste collection events in the spring and fall. Remember that perfection does not exist in nature. A little bit of insect damage is natural and part of a healthy ecosystem.

Honeybees themselves are an introduced species, and although not invasive, they do compete with our native pollinators that rely on native plants. Plant a pollinator garden full of local native plant species. Diversity in planting is key to providing food for a variety of species; pollinators need to eat during more than just a few weeks in the spring.

Think beyond plantings in the garden to include insect watering stations and birdbaths. Create a small brush pile to provide cover for all kinds of garden wildlife. In the fall, leave the leaves on the ground; leaf cover provides important protection for overwintering insects. Even though you may not spend much time in the garden yourself in winter, think about ways to welcome winter wildlife into the garden.



Beyond the garden: The average foraging distance for native pollinators ranges from 50 feet to 1/2 mile. Extend the benefit of your actions beyond your own garden fence. Take the Pesticide Pledge at earthday.org/actions/pesticide-pledge and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same. Write to your congressional representatives encouraging them to call on the EPA to regulate pesticides that are harmful to beneficial insects. Do what you can to reduce your carbon footprint so you can decrease your contribution to the warming of our world. After all, climate change and air pollution have direct impacts on the ability of pollinators to survive.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Let's Talk About Balance and Preventing Falls



Aging with Grace, a small faith group of Holy Trinity Catholic, is pleased to announce they will have a guest speaker, Barry Jacoshenk, for the meeting on **Friday, November 14**, being held in Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew. Barry (affectionately known as "Dr. Barry") has been a Physician Assistant in Orthopedic Surgery in the Portland area for more than 22 years.

He specializes in adult reconstructive surgery (joint replacements) but speaks to a wide breadth of orthopedic and rehabilitation topics. He is an adjunct teaching professor in Pacific University's PA program and regularly has students train with him and his group. In the last few years he has taken an interest in longevity research and fall prevention.

Barry will join Aging with Grace to talk about fall prevention and present some balance exercises—important topics for all aging persons. His presentation will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public—everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Hutchinson at hilaryhutch@yahoo.com.

Know Your Rights

The U.S. Constitution guarantees fundamental rights to everyone, whether in the country legally or not. Specifically, the first amendment protects freedom of speech and religion; the fourth prohibits unreasonable search and seizure; and the fifth guarantees due process, as well as protecting against self-incrimination.

It is not only important for immigrants to understand their rights, but for American citizens to learn about these rights, too—particularly as our government targets some populations with threats of incarceration and deportation.

Webinar and in-person trainings are available regularly, but online training that's accessible when it's convenient is also available. Following are two options:

Civil Liberties Defense Center

<https://tinyurl.com/2024kyrr>

This slide deck addresses:

- Important distinctions between law enforcement and ICE
- What are your rights when dealing with police
- What are your rights when dealing with ICE
- How to help prevent deportations
- What to do if ICE shows up
- How to be an ally to at-risk community members

The Civil Liberties Defense Center also presents this information in a [webinar](https://tinyurl.com/22cykhav) (<https://tinyurl.com/22cykhav>) with helpful audio guidance. The webinar is fairly long (1.5 hours, plus 30 minutes of questions and answers), but it adds many details not included in the slides, such as –

- Why you shouldn't rely on a child or friend to translate for you if English is not your native language,
- Why it's important to say "I do not consent to a search" even if officers have a warrant, and
- How you can prevent losing your parental rights even if you are detained for more than six months,
- Plus much more.

Please note that the webinar link takes you to the English language guide, even though the title you see at the beginning is in Spanish.

Portland Immigrant Resource Coalition

<https://pircoregon.org/resources>

You can download six "Know Your Rights" lessons from this website, as well as specific guidance about the rights that apply to people in Immigration Court. Although these downloads are particularly valuable for immigrants, or anyone who might look foreign to authorities, allies can provide better advocacy and be more helpful if we know this information, too.

Red Cards Available at St. Andrew

St. Andrew has red "Know Your Rights" cards in three languages: Spanish, Farsi, and Chinese. These are available in the church office. Call 503-646-0629 if you would like cards mailed to you.



We also distribute Blue Cards with procedures to follow if ICE or other government officials come onto our property. Copies are on the communications counter under the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Important Phone Numbers

PIRC 888-622-1510

Portland Immigrant Resource Coalition
Call PIRC to report ICE activity.

Equity Corps of Oregon 888-274-7292

Contact Equity Corps to find an immigration attorney.

Document ICE Activity

When you feel safe to do so, record ICE incidents with photos or video from your phone. While we cannot stop ICE activity in our communities, we can document that activity for families and individuals targeted by ICE and their lawyers.

If you're unable to capture the interaction on your phone, use the CLEAR approach to note details of the interaction.

Count: the number of officers/vehicles involved.

Location: where is the interaction happening, identify cross streets or landmarks.

Equipment: what are officers wearing and what are they carrying?

Activity: what are officers doing? Are they grabbing people or do they respect private spaces?

Report: call PIRC to report what you have witnessed. Save that phone number, 888-622-1510, in your phone contacts list.

What Not to Do

Never obstruct immigration enforcement activity, do not lie, do not show ID from your home country, and do not run. Be aware that officials might consider your insistence on your constitutional rights as resistance. It is up to you to determine if it's safe to record ICE interactions.

Magic Word Phrases...

that immigrants should practice saying in English:

- Am I free to leave?
- I want an attorney.
- I will remain silent.
- I won't resist you, but I do not consent to any search.

If Someone Is Taken into Custody

According to Beaverton City Councilor Nadia Hasan, the three things we need to know if a person is arrested are –

1. The person's name
2. The person's birthdate
3. The person's A (alien) number

With this information, it will be easier to locate a person who has been arrested. Authorities often do not inform families of where their loved one is being detained.

Public Spaces at St. Andrew

Four rooms in our church are designated as Public Spaces: the **Narthex, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Chapel**. Anyone is welcome to enter these spaces.

All other spaces are protected, which means we can deny access. Government officials on immigration patrol need to present a judicial warrant for entry. Be aware that only two individuals at St. Andrew are authorized to review warrants and grant access: Pastor Allison Bengfort and Parish Executive Carol Harker. Call 503-646-0629 to contact them.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
The Palo family (cousins)	Peace and God's comfort at death of daughter, Ronalee	Linda Fransen
David Rodriguez (son)	Healing	Pr. Colleen Nelson
Self	Healing, energy, and hope	Anonymous
Bob Brown (husband)	Healing and recovery	Mary Brown
Randy Schutt	Healing and recovery	Pr. Colleen Nelson
Carolyn Shearer	Peace, comfort, and continued healing	Debbie Jerde
Warren Blanchard	Physical healing and mental fortitude	Pr. Allison Bengfort
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 Hoodland Lutheran (Brightwood)	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, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website. Requests will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise specified.

A Convening on Immigrant Justice

The Immigrant Justice Research Team from Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) will be hosting a Convening of those concerned with bringing about just treatment of immigrants in our community. It will take place on **Sunday, November 9**, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. at Spirit of Grace Church (7400 SW Scholls Ferry Road).

Immigrant Justice Teams, Refugee Justice Teams, Sanctuary Teams, Racial Justice Teams, and more from tri-county MACG organizations are being invited. We are also inviting leadership from organizations around the area, including Unite Oregon, Oregon for All, Migrant, Migrants Alliance, Adelante Mujeres, and others. Some elected officials will also be invited.



This meeting will have multiple purposes: to conduct a landscape analysis of immigration justice work being done in the tri-county area in order to see what is being done and what has yet to be accomplished; to be intentional about not duplicating services unnecessarily; to build relationships with concerned parties; and to learn where the power and influence are and seeing how they can be accessed.

It would be great to have several people from St. Andrew attend this meeting so that we as a congregation can see where we might fit into the larger picture. We can share what we are already doing—especially the work of our Sanctuary Team—and we could discover how we might be able to work with others to accomplish greater justice for our immigrant community.

You may register for this event by visiting this link: tinyurl.com/macg251109. If you don't get a chance to register, you're welcome to come anyway! Please feel free to contact Mary Smith (dbits1@gmail.com) if you have any questions about this event.

Sanctuary Choir Needs Tenor & Bass Singers!

 Have you found yourself longing for more music, deeper community, bubbling joy, connection to the Divine, and hearty laughter? If so, come check out the Sanctuary Choir! We would love to welcome more singers of any voice range, though in this moment we are especially looking for tenors and basses to round out the bottom register of the choir. No experience necessary. Come try it out on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

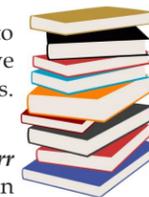
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Donate Your Old Books and More to Benefit the Library

Are you trying to get ready for Thanksgiving? Do old books lying around make your house look a bit spooky? We can help! Bring your unwanted books and puzzles to the adult library.

Books will go to benefit the library through a book sale on **May 24, 2026**, while puzzles will go to the puzzle exchange set up in the adult library. Check out the puzzles we already have when you bring your books in. There's no time limit for borrowing puzzles. The only request is that you don't lose any of the pieces! A zip-lock bag helps tremendously with keeping puzzle pieces together.

Finally, a big thank you to all the people who have already brought in books. You're on the right page!



Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

For the Faithful Departed

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *-ELW page 82*

Preparing for Worship Sunday, November 9, 2025

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
Luke 20:27-38

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

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

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

Monday, November 3—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Evening Prayer Chapel

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 am Men’s Gathering and Bible Study Elmer’s Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)

7:00 am Sunrise Women Elmer’s Restaurant on 158th (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

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Chapel

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters’ Guild Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm HR Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 5—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & 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, November 6

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

7:00 pm Contemporary Band Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class Children’s Commons

Friday, November 7

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 8—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

Sunday, November 9

9:30 am Worship with Children’s Church Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel

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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

12:00 pm Safety Team Orientation Fellowship Hall

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.