

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

November 14, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Final Days to Sponsor Thanksgiving Meals

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 drop-down menu below "Fund," or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew Lutheran 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 **this Monday, November 17**. If you have questions, contact LuAnn Staul or Linda McDowall.

## Weapons of the Spirit Movie Screening

*During a spiritual plague, there was a conspiracy of goodness.*

You're invited to come and watch an inspiring and exciting true story of faith, courage, and resistance to fascism during WWII. A documentary by Pierre Sauvage, *Weapons of the Spirit* recounts the saga of the French village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, during Nazi occupation—the mountain Huguenot community that provided the most dense, long-lasting, and successful haven of refuge from the Holocaust anywhere in occupied Europe.



This screening will take place on **Sunday, November 16**, at Spirit of Grace (7400 SW Scholls Ferry Rd). A light lunch will be served beginning at 12:30 pm with the film starting promptly at 1:00 pm. The runtime is just over an hour and a half, and will be followed by about thirty minutes of discussion. If you're able to attend, and especially if you plan to come for lunch, you're encouraged to RSVP at this link: [tinyurl.com/WeaponsSpirit](https://tinyurl.com/WeaponsSpirit).

## 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 on Sundays at 11:00 am through **November 23**.

## Support Our Community During the Holidays

This is our final weekend to collect donations for Community Action families. Although we do not yet have the final contributions, we are confident that we will have enough funds to provide 78 needy families with \$70 WinCo gift cards to purchase their Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you all for your generosity.

With Thanksgiving less than two weeks away, the Service Committee is looking ahead to again support families at Barnes School with our Christmas Giving Tree. The tree will be set up soon, decorated with "ornaments" requesting the purchase of a gift card. We suggest that the gift card purchases from various locations be for \$25.



We also welcome gifts of children's books and stuffed animals. As we will be distributing the gifts to Barnes School families prior to Winter Break, this community project will need to be completed by **Sunday, December 14**.

Let us know what questions you have by contacting either: LuAnn Staul ([ljstaul@gmail.com](mailto:ljstaul@gmail.com) / 503-314-6321), or Mary Smith ([dbits1@gmail.com](mailto:dbits1@gmail.com) / 503 332 9732).

## October 2025 by the Numbers

### Average Weekly Worship Attendance

In-person:	137
Online:	111
Total:	192

*No online attendance recorded on October 5 & 26, so total is skewed*

### Weekly Revenue

Average Weekly Revenue, including offerings, building use, etc.:	\$9,857
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Average Weekly Revenue needed to fully cover all budgeted expenses and end the year without a deficit:	\$15,115
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### Fiscal Year to Date Revenue

Actual:	\$260,100
Budgeted:	\$234,942

### Fiscal Year to Date Expenses

Actual:	\$227,107
Budgeted:	\$261,989

### Fiscal Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)

Actual:	\$32,994
Budgeted:	(\$27,047)

## Simple Swaps for a Green and Healthy Thanksgiving, Part I

Adapted from an Earth911 article originally posted November 4, 2025.

Trigger warning: This article includes descriptions of how turkeys raised for human consumption are treated on various types of factory farms.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and for many, this day symbolizes guilt-free gluttony. While merriment and raising a sustainable toast are more than encouraged, here are some simple swaps that will keep the pounds (and chemicals) off, while promoting animal welfare and a healthier, happier planet. This week I'll focus on the turkey.



Turkeys labeled USDA organic meet specific requirements of organic farming. Turkeys carrying this label may not receive antibiotics, arsenic compounds, or animal byproducts, and must eat 100% organic feed. The animals must have access to the outdoors or pasture, and GMOs are prohibited. You do have a choice when shopping, so why not buy a turkey that was raised as healthy food, not an industrial product? Purchase an organic turkey from a local farm or farmers' market and familiarize yourself with these labels in order of good to best:

**Pasture Raised** is not a regulated certification, but it may indicate that these turkeys were raised on pasture land rather than indoors.

**Certified Humane** indicates the turkey was treated humanely. Animals are not confined to cages or crates, poultry is not de-beaked, and animals endure minimal suffering before slaughter. Antibiotics are used only to treat sickness as prescribed by a vet. But these animals do not necessarily have access to pasture.

**Animal Welfare Approved** is granted by A Greener World to independently owned family farms that raise their animals outdoors on pasture, allowing them to perform their natural, instinctive behaviors. This label indicates:

- Continuous outdoor area that is covered with growing vegetation, and at least four square feet per bird
- Beak cutting and forced molting (which involves starving the birds) are not allowed
- Animals' diets cannot contain meat or animal byproducts
- No growth hormones are allowed, and animals must be insensible to pain before slaughter
- Animals being raised for meat can be given antibiotics only by a vet treating sickness, and antibiotics must be cleared from the animal's system prior to slaughter

If you are paying more for turkeys labeled "hormone-free," save your money, because no poultry in the U.S. is allowed to receive hormones. This label is greenwashing. Turkeys labeled "natural," "pasteurized," and "conventional meat" do not meet the same standards or undergo the same inspections as those labeled USDA Organic.



Also avoid "Free-range." While the government regulates this term and requires that turkeys have access to the outdoors, the area may be quite small. The frequency and duration of access aren't specified. No on-site review of operation is performed before issuing this label, and painful surgical procedures without pain meds are permitted.

Or skip the turkey altogether. Turkeys on factory farms are deprived of the simplest of pleasures like running, building nests, spreading their wings, and raising their young. Even worse, they are killed when they are only five or six months old. After their beaks and toes are burned off with a hot blade, they are crammed into grimy sheds. If you can't verify the source, opt for a non-GMO, vegetarian, or vegan alternative.

Next week I'll talk about the rest of the Thanksgiving meal. I promise it will be less gruesome!

Liz Hardy  
Earth Care Team

## Holiday Concert & Silent Auction This Sunday

St. Andrew's own Casey Tkacz, who plays clarinet in the Beaverton Community Band, invites you to the Band's fall holiday concert titled "Ye Old Holiday Season" at the Jesuit High School auditorium, 9000 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. This concert will be held **this Sunday, November 16**, at 3:00 pm, and will also include a silent auction, mystery wine purchasing event, and something special at the end.



It is bound to be a great time! Children ages 10 and under attend for free. Tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased online at [beavertoncommunityband.org/performances](https://beavertoncommunityband.org/performances).

## Finding Our Collective Power:

### Basics of Community Organizing



We are stronger together than we are alone. The Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) uses this fundamental principle to train leaders to take action on issues important to our community. Currently, MACG is focusing efforts on immigrant safety and access to healthcare.

Intrigued? Join us on **Sunday, November 23**, from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm and learn skills that will transform people into effective public actors. Topics include the Organizing Cycle, the art of building public relationships, building collective power, and much more. The training will be held at the SMART Local 16 Union Hall in NE Portland. Find directions and register for this event by visiting: [tinyurl.com/macg251123](https://tinyurl.com/macg251123).

Questions? Speak with Pat Christiansen or any member of the St. Andrew Community Organizing Team: Pr. Allison Bengfort, Sonja Ackman, Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Amy Peahl, or Lynn Santelmann.

## Save the Date: November 30 at 2:30 pm

Big Horn Brass and the St. Matthew Exaltation Handbell Ensemble invite you to their 2025 annual concert, "Christmas Joy," on **Sunday, November 30**, at 2:30 pm. This is a free community concert being held at St. Matthew Lutheran, 10390 SW Canyon Rd. in Beaverton. You can learn more about this free event by visiting: [erikweswig.com](https://erikweswig.com).



## In Need of Prayers...

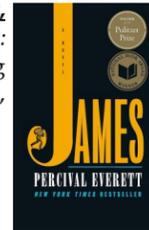
<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Gary Magnuson	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Pr. Colleen Nelson
Mary Brown	Accurate diagnosis and treatment	Carol Harker
Dori (cousin)	Comfort and peace while best friend is on hospice	Carol Hogan
Mary (sister-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Carol Hogan
Randy Schutt	Healing and recovery	Pr. Colleen Nelson
Curt Walters (son-in-law)	Healing and strength	Bill & Sharon Roos
Rebecca Uecker	Peace, hope, and mental wellness	Rebecca Uecker
Bob Brown	Peaceful transition to new living situation	Carol Harker
Those receiving ongoing pastoral care, including Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Bettye Eldridge, Margaret Herder, Vera Hutchinson, Glenath Moyle, Sharon Roth, Ira (Ike) Schab, Erin Tarum, Ida Trullinger	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Gethsemane Lutheran (Portland)	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.

## Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet in the upstairs library on **Sunday, November 23**, at 2:30 pm with Mary Smith leading the discussion on *James: A Novel* by Percival Everett. In 2024, this title won the Pulitzer Prize along with the National Book Award. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith.

"Huck Finn is a masterpiece. This retelling just might be, too. *James* takes Mark Twain's classic tale and places the enslaved sidekick, James, at its center." -New York Times review



**Future Reading:** The Spirituality Book Group will not meet in December. On **January 11, 2026**, Cathy Fallon will lead discussion on *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. And on **February 15**, Elaine May will lead discussion on *Invisible Boy: A Memoir of Self Discovery* by Harrison Mooney.

## Thank You from the President & CEO of Lutheran World Relief



Dear friends, I am so grateful for your gift to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) given through the Oregon Synod of the ELCA. I'd like to share a story with you about how your generosity changes lives.

Dilan Cabiroğcu was a typical 17-year-old girl who enjoyed spending time with friends. Then her home, along with her whole neighborhood, in Türkiye was destroyed by an earthquake. Longing for normalcy, she became depressed when her school was too damaged to reopen.

Then generosity like yours helped her find an LWR-supported community center for teens affected by the earthquake. The center offers games, sports, classes, and counseling to help young people find hope for the future. Today, in the wake of loss, Dilan has found her smile again. She attends counseling and robotics courses and dreams of becoming a nurse so she can help others in their time of need.

I can't wait to see whose life will be changed by your recent gift. Thank you! We are proud to carry your love to those who need it most...until your love reaches every neighbor.

*Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard*

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## Save the Date: Sat., Dec. 6

Get out those elf hats and Christmas sweaters, it's time for a St. Andrew Carol Sing-Along and Hanging of the Greens Party! Join us on **Saturday, December 6**, for a joyful afternoon of carols and community, led by our music minister, followed by the official decorating of the church for Christmas.



We'll need many hands (and ladders!) to hang wreaths, garlands, and greens throughout the sanctuary and narthex. Bring your holiday spirit, your singing voice, and maybe your favorite cookie to share! The Carol Sing-Along will begin at 2:00 pm, followed at 3:30 pm by the Hanging of the Greens.

## Food Pantry Update

Last Thursday, Mike & Mary Carroll delivered 128 lbs. of food donations from the barrel in the narthex to the St. Matthew Food Pantry. Thank you!



## Preparing for Worship Sunday, November 23, 2025

Colossians 1:11-20  
Psalm 46  
Luke 23:33-43

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Friday, November 14

10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall  
 1:00 pm Aging with Grace ..... Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, November 15—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

### Sunday, November 16

**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: Becoming an Intentionally Multigenerational Church ..... Fellowship Hall  
 11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth ..... Library  
 11:00 am High School Youth Group ..... Youth Room  
 2:30 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal ..... Fellowship Hall

### Monday, November 17—Church Office Closed

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

### Tuesday, November 18

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)  
 9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room  
 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 am Worship Planners Meeting ..... Library  
 12:00 pm Bridge Group ..... Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting ..... Chapel  
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal ..... Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, November 19—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  
 4:00 pm Sustainability Investigation Team Meeting ..... via Zoom  
 6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal ..... Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 20

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall  
 2:00 pm Eucharistic Ministers Meeting ..... Library  
 7:00 pm Council Meeting ..... Chapel, Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children’s Commons

### Friday, November 21

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

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

## 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.