

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

January 23, 2026

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Annual Sign Ups Begin for Supper Clubs

It's the start of a new year, which means it's time once again to sign up for one of our Supper Club groups! These groups serve as a wonderful fellowship opportunity to forge closer relationships with your fellow parishioners. There are two sign-up sheets available in the narthex.



The pink sheet is for those who wish to dine in homes. This option is better for those who prefer to meet in quieter, more intimate, and less over-stimulating environments. Meeting in each other's homes also offers a bit more flexibility with the time and menu than restaurants might provide.

The yellow sheet is for those who would prefer to dine out with their group. This option is better for those who are wanting to experience more of the food scene in and around the area. Maybe you'll even find that "hidden gem" restaurant that you didn't know you needed in your life!

Feel free to sign up on either list or even both. Please be careful that you sign up on the correct sheet, as—once the groups are assembled—we're unable to make any changes. If you worship online and would like to sign up, you are asked to email or call Pam Jelineo ([pjelineo@hotmail.com](mailto:pjelineo@hotmail.com) / 971-221-2600) with which list, the name or names of those wishing to be added, along with your contact information and any preferences (eg. cuisine styles, dietary restrictions, accommodation needs). If you have any questions, or want to learn even more, feel free to reach out to Pam, or find her at coffee hour after worship on Sunday.

## Contemplative Prayer

Our weekly Contemplative Prayer gathering, led by Seminarian Kim Taylor-Blakemore, continues on Mondays at 7:00 pm in the chapel.



We will continue our shared practice of *Lectio Divina*, listening deeply for God's living Word and making space for stillness, reflection, and prayer, in community. Whether this practice has long been part of your spiritual rhythm, or you are curious to try it for the first time, you are warmly welcome.

For more information, please contact Kim Taylor-Blakemore by email at [kimtaylorblakemore@gmail.com](mailto:kimtaylorblakemore@gmail.com).

We look forward to gathering again in quiet, holy attentiveness.

## Continuing the Conversations that Nourish

An annual popular event at St. Andrew, Nourishing Conversations, continues **this Monday, January 26**. At this event, we prepare plant-based dinners on Monday evenings through the end of the month. Join us for food preparation, set up, and clean up. This year we will start at 4:00 pm with food prep so we can eat by 5:30 pm and then be done with clean up by 7:00 pm for those wanting to participate in Contemplative Prayer.



No worries if you can't be there to help prepare; come for dinner and conversation. Please sign up in the narthex so we can ensure we have enough for everyone. Goodwill donations will be accepted. Any funds collected that exceed costs will be donated to the Lenten Food Drive. Contact Parish Nurse, Tira Nessel, for more information.

## Community Warehouse Collection Drive

The Service Committee continues to collect quality, gently used and new items. Purple bins are available in the narthex through **January 25** for your donations of kitchen wares and linens. Guidelines for what you can and cannot donate are listed on the wall above the donation bins. This information can also be found in the previous two issues of Weekly News. Prefer to donate monetarily? Visit [communitywarehouse.org](http://communitywarehouse.org) and click on "Give Funds." Use that same link to learn more about all the good work being done by Community Warehouse.

## Preparing for Ike's Memorial Reception

We need your help preparing for the reception following the Memorial Service for our late parishioner, Ike Schab, who died last month at the age of 105. We're anticipating quite a large turnout for Ike, so all available hands are needed to set up Fellowship Hall for this event. If you're free to assist on **Friday, January 30**, at 11:00 am, please use the sign-up sheet on the coffee bar.

## Ira "Ike" John Schab, Jr.



Memorial Service  
Saturday, January 31  
10:30 am, Sanctuary

Reception to follow  
in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4:30p-6:30p

# The Cosmic Story

A powerful ritual of storytelling, meditation, and celebration

Join us for the telling of the  
**COSMIC STORY**  
as we currently know it today

**REFLECT TOGETHER**  
on its impact on our lives and faith  
and the life of our planet home

**CELEBRATE HOPE**  
in the unfolding Divine revelation  
and awesome mystery of existence

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall | 12405 SW Butner Rd. | Beaverton

Please sign up to attend at: [ruthnickodemus@gmail.com](mailto:ruthnickodemus@gmail.com)

Questions can also be addressed to Ruth Nickodemus at this email.

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family of Matthew Brown (nephew)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Beverly Briggs
Jill Hansen and Hans Hansen (relatives)	God's guidance and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit	Alex Stinekraus
Bob Stadel (husband)	Healing and recovery	Cindy Stadel
Dave Harms (husband)	Healing and recovery	Cindy Harms
Criss Robinson	Guidance regarding a new career	Criss Robinson
Yolanda (mother-in-law)	God's comfort as she mourns the death of a friend	Casey Tkacz
Lee Anne Knapp	Healing and peace	Lee Anne Knapp
Mary Brown	Healing, recovery, and peace	Beth Johnson
Nathan Alvis (grandson)	Healing and recovery	Ed & Linda Fransen
Shari Alvis (daughter) and her family	Strength and peace during Nathan's illness	Ed & Linda Fransen
Roger Sandquist	Healing and recovery following surgery	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Pat Sandquist	Peace of mind and God's assurance	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Nurses at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center	Thanksgiving for excellent care during hospitalization	Roger Sandquist
Those receiving ongoing pastoral care, including Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Bettye Eldridge, Margaret Herder, Vera Hutchinson, Glenath Moyle, Sharon Roth, 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	Blessings on their ministry	Staff

## The Cosmic Story | Sunday, February 1, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

"Universe as story is the most stunning discovery of the 20th Century. The ability to be stunned by beauty is what will take us into the next form of human—it will lessen our need for commodities. We are beings here to house magnificence." - Brian Swimme

We are living in challenging times: ecological crisis, economic uncertainty, and political division. Tensions, violence, and constant change all make it difficult to keep grounded and hopeful. Like our ancient ancestors, we long to know: Why are we here, how did we get here, and what are we to do? Origin stories have been told in all cultures and religious traditions since the beginning of language. These stories have provided significant meaning and purpose, and have impacted how we perceive the world and God's presence in our lives.

The Cosmic Story opens us to a deeper understanding of our evolving lives as human beings through a powerful ritualized telling of the 13.8-billion-year unfolding story of the Universe. This origin story is based in cosmology, specifically the book, *The Universe Story*, by cosmologist Brian Swimme and geologist Thomas Berry. As the story is told, candles are lit to mark significant events that evolved into life through the spiral of time and space. The story becomes a liturgical meditation to awaken to the mystery and beauty of creation, and to provide hope for these ecologically, spiritually, and politically challenging times.

You are invited to participate in this sacred time of unfolding awareness, quiet reflection, sharing possibilities, and trusting God's presence. This event will be held on **Sunday, February 1**, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join the circle, please RSVP with Ruth Nickodemus by emailing her at [ruthnickodemus@gmail.com](mailto:ruthnickodemus@gmail.com).

## New Fiction Books in Upstairs Library

"Check out" these new titles now available to borrow from the upstairs library at St. Andrew:

- *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto
- *So Shall You Reap: A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery* by Donna Leon



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## St. Matthew Food Pantry

Throughout the year, St. Andrew collects donations of non-perishable food to be distributed by the St. Matthew Food Pantry to those in need. Members of St. Andrew also volunteer their time to work at the food pantry and assist in its operation. This past Monday evening, while a team of volunteers from St. Andrew were present, they noticed that some items which are typically in stock were absent and are being requested. So, here's where you come in! Please consider donating bags of sugar and wheat flour (not corn). St. Matthew's is also seeking toothbrushes and toothpaste, for both adults and children. Donations can be dropped in the barrel in the narthex, and will be delivered to the St. Matthew Food Pantry. Any help to restock these items would be appreciated!

## Rest for the Weary

Our former administrative assistant, Rhonda Powell, continues her struggle with terminal cancer. As the spread of her cancer speeds up, the time is nearing for her daughter, Charlee, to enter into an adult foster care home. These group homes are expensive, but are necessary for Charlee as she lives with profound disabilities. Please consider donating to provide for Charlee's future when the time comes that she can no longer live with her mother, Rhonda. Give online by visiting [gofund.me/d9a92c15](https://gofund.me/d9a92c15).

## This Week at St. Andrew

### Friday, January 23

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

**Saturday, January 24** (Sunday worship announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com))

### Sunday, January 25

9:30 am Worship with Children's Church .....Sanctuary, YouTube livestream, and Zoom

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

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

11:00 am Adult Ed | The Faithful Middle: Lutheran Theology in a Polarized Extremist World ..... Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth ..... Main Library

11:00 am High School Youth Group ..... Youth Room

### Monday, January 26

 (Church Office Closed)

4:00 pm Nourishing Conversations ..... Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer ..... Chapel

### Tuesday, January 27

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

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting..... Chapel

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

### Wednesday, January 28

 (Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com))

11:00 am Alzheimer's Support Group..... St. Andrew Room

6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

7:00 pm High School Youth Game Night..... Youth Room

### Thursday, January 29

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

1:00 pm Staff Meeting ..... Main Library

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

7:00 pm The Waters Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

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 **YouTube** **Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship**

 **zoom** **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.*

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