

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 27, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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No Thrones, No Crowns, No Kings



St. Andrew members are invited to the No Kings 3 rally and protest being held at Beaverton City Park (on the northwest corner of 5th & Hall next to the Farmers Market) **this Saturday, March 28**, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

There will be live music, fun inflatable costumes, witty protest signs, and special speakers including Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty. You're encouraged to wear red, white, and blue to this peaceful protest sponsored by Indivisible Beaverton, the Direct Action committee of Washington County Democrats, Third Act Oregon, and Stand Strong Beaverton. You can learn more, RSVP, and find directions at mobilize.us/nokings/event/901805.

Bring Your Protest Signs for Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem surrounded by peasants waving palms as an act of resistance and opposition to the oppressive Roman authorities.

As people grounded in love of neighbor, we, too, stand in opposition to the oppressive systems we live within today. **This Sunday, March 29**, you are invited to bring protest signs that express love, hope, and opposition to oppression (e.g. Love > Hate, Welcome the Stranger, Christians Against Christian Nationalism). We will carry these signs along with our palm branches (which are provided) in our procession from Fellowship Hall into the sanctuary at the start of the worship service. To learn more about the political element of the first Palm Sunday, check out this article by Steve Christiansen: bit.ly/42sqG2M.



Easter Butterfly Decorating Ends Sunday

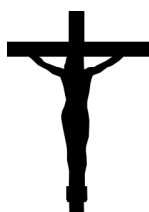


Over the past few weeks you've been invited to decorate butterflies, a symbol of resurrection, that will adorn St. Andrew's sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

As we enter Holy Week and prepare to celebrate again the Resurrection of Our Lord, you are asked to return your completed butterflies **this Sunday, March 29**, to the basket under the TV screen that is between the nursery and the coffee bar area.

Holy Week 2026 Worship Schedule

- ◆ Palm Sunday, **March 29**, at 9:30 am
- ◆ Maundy Thursday, **April 2**, at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Good Friday, **April 3**, at 8:00 pm
- ◆ Easter Sunday, **April 5**, at 9:30 am



Palm Sunday Faith Actions:

Reclaiming Christianity in the Public Square

Christians stand for loving our neighbors through healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger. We stand for telling the truth, and honoring the dignity and worth of every child of God.



This Sunday, March 29, Christians across the country will stand up to the rise of authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism by showing the country that our central commandments— to love God and love our neighbors—are our way forward.

On the day Christians celebrate as Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey in opposition to the greed, cruelty, and oppression of the Roman Empire. Join together with other Christians at one of the Palm Sunday Faith Actions listed below to draw a contrast to the values guiding the actions of the current administration by embodying and celebrating our love for God and love for our neighbors, regardless of where we come from or what we look like. Attendees are encouraged to bring palm branches and/or protest signs with hope-filled messages (e.g. Blessed are the Peacemakers, Love > Hate, Christians Against Christian Nationalism). If you'd like to register, you can do so at bit.ly/47doZsj. If you'd like to carpool to one of these events with other St. Andrew members, please reach out to Pr. Allison Bengfort. Nearby location options are:

- 12:00 pm at Wash. Co. Courthouse, 145 NE 2nd Ave, Hillsboro
- 3:00 pm at Terry Schunk Plaza, 431 SW Madison St, Portland

Intent Card Progress Update



Thank you to all who have submitted an intent card! As of printing, we have received 116 intent cards toward our goal of 125. Of these cards, 78% represent growth in generosity, either through increasing intended giving or submitting one for the first time. This is truly incredible! Total intended giving now exceeds last year by \$748 per week.

If you have not yet submitted your giving intention, we would truly appreciate your participation. **We only need NINE more intent cards to reach our goal of 125!** Intent cards are available in the narthex at St. Andrew, or can be submitted online by visiting standrewlutheran.com/give. This year, a generous donor will contribute a bonus \$100 for every household that submits an intent card for the first time or increases their intention by any amount. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church!

Birth Announcement

The flower on the Altar this Sunday celebrates the birth of Lucas, son of Casey Tkacz. Thanks be to God for Lucas' healthy and safe delivery, and congratulations to the excited (and maybe exhausted) parents!



March Council Corner



The Congregational Council meeting for March began with a review of St. Andrew's finances and fund balances, focusing on the monthly topic of benevolence. The Council was presented with a new Benevolence Giving report. Since July 1 of last year, St. Andrew has contributed \$49,520 to the Oregon Synod and \$8,926 to the St. Andrew Service Committee.

In addition, the congregation has supported other funds, including ELCA World Hunger and the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Overall, benevolence giving has totaled \$75,730, which represents about 13% of our total offerings.

Next, the Council reviewed the job description for the Church Administrator (formerly Parish Executive) as presented by the HR Committee. The primary responsibilities for this position include financial management, property and facilities administration, and office administration. This role will supervise five other staff members, highlighting the importance of supervisory experience. The position will be posted soon.


Following up on last month's discussion about the Council's governance role, we examined how the Council can stay informed about ongoing activities. The Council needs monthly updates from committees such as Finance, Facilities, and HR, while for others, updates are needed less frequently and at a more general level.

The Council received updates on the Stewardship Campaign and the budgeting process. The first high-level budget will be presented at the May meeting.

Additionally, the Council has scheduled a workshop for the morning of April 11 in the Children's Commons to discuss staffing models. Pr. Julia Nielsen, St. Andrew's Synod consultant, will lead this workshop.

Chuck Weswig
Council President

Earth Camp Registration Opens This Week

Registration for Earth Camp 2026 opens **this Thursday, April 2**, and is capped at 48 campers. All spots were filled in less than two weeks last year! St. Andrew members whose children have previously attended will receive a pre-registration link prior to this date so we make sure they get a spot. If you have a child who has not participated previously and would like to be on the list, contact Camp Director Kyler Vogt. 

It takes a village to make Earth Camp possible. If you are able to volunteer for Earth Camp 2026, please contact Kyler so he can find the right place for you! Five-day volunteers are always very much needed and appreciated, however, we understand not everyone has such availability. We ask that volunteers do their best, though, to participate for at least three days of the camp. Please talk to Kyler if you're interested in volunteering for the first time!

We are hiring an Assistant Director to work alongside the Camp Director to help with organizing and running Earth Camp 2026. The Assistant Director manages pre-camp administration, aids in volunteer coordination, and assists the director throughout the week of camp. The position is part time and pays a \$2,500 stipend. If interested, check out the description under the "Job Openings" tab on St. Andrew's website. Contact Kyler to apply.

To learn more about Earth Camp 2026, being held **June 22 - June 26**, visit the Earth Camp page on the St. Andrew website, or go to this link: standrewlutheran.com/earth-camp.

Donate Supplies to Fill LWR Care Kits

Our goal is to complete 200 Personal Care Kits and 30 Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). These kits show our love and kindness to those in need. Below are two lists—one for Baby Care Kits and the other for Personal Care Kits—of what supplies we already have and those we still need you to donate. **PLEASE** follow the directions carefully, as we must refuse and dispose of improper donations. Your attention to detail also shows respect for the less fortunate in our world. For an exhaustive list of directions regarding the items needed for each type of Kit, you can visit lwr.org/kits to download instruction sheets.

BABY CARE KITS	Have	Need
Light-weight cotton T-shirts (no Onesies®)	60	0
Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)	60	0
Receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with light-weight yarn, between 32" and 52" square or rectangular	58	2
Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred	16	104
Jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, or cape (with hood)	30	0
Pairs of socks	49	11
Hand towel, dark color recommended	30	0
Bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars	52	8
Diaper pins or large safety pins	60	0

PERSONAL CARE KITS	Have	Need
Light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52"), dark color recommended	40	160
Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars	127	473
Single adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging	124	76
Sturdy comb	200+	0
Metal nail clippers (attached file optional)	154	46

Buy Nothing Free Swap Event Coming Soon

St. Andrew is invited to join the local Buy Nothing Project for a free swap event on **Saturday, April 11**, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and take home as many items as they would like—all FREE!

Contributing items to the swap is welcome, but not required to take items. Details on what you may and may not contribute can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex, or in last week's edition of this publication. Early drop-off will be available **Friday, April 10**, from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, or on **Saturday, April 11**, one hour prior to the event.

For more information, and to volunteer for set-up or clean-up, please contact Lindsay Delaney.

Your Voice Is Needed

Have you had trouble finding a Primary Care Provider? Are you concerned about the safety of our immigrant neighbors? Please attend the next gathering of people from all Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) member institutions as we hear what has been happening and discern together where we go from here. The Delegate Assembly will be on **Sunday, April 19**, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at St. Andrew. Please register for the assembly at: forms.gle/p9tA7kosSg1GfhLb6.

Yes, we are the hosts again! You can help offer hospitality as people from the tri-county area gather in Fellowship Hall. We will need folks to set up tables and chairs, guide people as they park and help them find the entrance to the building, greet attendees as they arrive, give directions to Fellowship Hall and the restrooms, offer food and drinks, and clean up after the event.

Can you help? Look for a member of the Organizing Team with a clipboard during coffee time after worship on Sunday.



You can help share our facility with members of the community who are working toward common good for all.

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

Volunteer for the Ingathering

Your help is needed to make the Spring 2026 Ingathering a success! You can greet vehicles as churches drop off their boxes of kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), or load the shipping container with those same boxes (some of which may weigh up to 40 pounds). On **Friday, May 1**, volunteers will have their choice of a 2-hour shift between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, while on **Saturday, May 2**, a single three-hour shift starts at 9:00 am. The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets posted in the narthex, or email either Randy Sinn at sinn78home@gmail.com or Rochelle McIntire, at her LWR address, pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Palm Sunday Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign

Advocacy for the hungry through participating in the Bread for the World letter writing campaign has been a tradition for the people of St. Andrew. This year it is more important than ever to reach out to our representatives and ask them to support legislation that will alleviate hunger in the U.S. and abroad.



Globally, almost 45 million children suffer from severe hunger, and nearly half of all preventable deaths among children under five are attributed to malnutrition. In the U.S., millions of children live in households facing food insecurity.

Child hunger is a local and a global problem, but together, we can make a difference.

Join members of the Service Committee during the education hour on **Palm Sunday, March 29**, to ask your senators and representatives to protect, restore, and secure robust funding for global nutrition programs, and to fully fund and strengthen the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

In preparation, consider these tips to make your letter more effective:

- Ask for a specific action, using your own words or language from the sample letter below. Give reasons for your request and make it personal.
- Share a personal reason or story that motivated you to write.
- Show St. Andrew's commitment: "My church is helping by collecting donations for a local food pantry, but I also urge you to fully fund and strengthen these pro-family, life-affirming nutrition programs."
- Write your name and address at the end of your letter, and on the envelope, so your members of Congress know you are one of their constituents.
- Send your letters directly to your member's local office or DC office.

If you are unable to join us in-person on Palm Sunday you may participate by going online to go.bread.org/page/90711 or by following this sample letter:

SAMPLE LETTER

Hunger is rising and children are at risk. It's time to act.

As a person of faith, I believe every child is created in the image of God and deserving of dignity and opportunity. As your constituent, I urge you to make ending hunger a top priority.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Restore, protect, and strengthen U.S. nutrition programs—including SNAP and WIC—that help families put food on the table;
- Fully fund and strengthen global food, health, and development programs that promote human flourishing and help keep America safe, strong, and prosperous;
- Pass a strong, bipartisan Farm Bill that supports farmers, strengthens communities, and helps end hunger at home and overseas.

Hunger is not inevitable. It's a reflection of our priorities and policy choices. Cuts to SNAP and international assistance have already put millions at risk. We can and must do better.

In Matthew 14:16, when the disciples asked Jesus to send the hungry crowd away, he replied, "You give them something to eat." Today, that same call comes to us. As hunger grows in our midst, we must act. I look forward to hearing how you will prioritize legislation and funding to help end hunger—for our children, our communities, and our world.

Sincerely,

Your Name, City, State, ZIP Code

CONTACT INFORMATION (write to both senators and your representative)

Senator Ron Wyden 221 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510	Senator Jeff Merkley 531 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
Representative Susanne Bonamici 2231 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	Representative Maxine Dexter 1207 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515
Representative Andrea Salinas 403 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515	Representative Janelle Bynum 1508 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515



Easter
**VIGIL FOR
PEACE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 @ 7:00PM

SINGING | CANDLE VIGIL | STORYTELLING

**OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH FRONT PARKING LOT
15751 QUARRY RD, LAKE OSWEGO
CHAIRS WILL BE PROVIDED
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Martha (aunt)	Healing and recovery	Carol Hogan
Sue Cahlander	Healing and recovery	Pr. Allison Bengfort
McKenna Cross and baby, Elliott	Healing, recovery, and strength following premature birth	Wendy Hawthorne
Brian & McKenna Cross and family	Encouragement, guidance, and strength navigating Elliott's care	Wendy Hawthorne
Sharon Fako (mother)	Healing and recovery following knee surgery	Rebecca Uecker
Tim (brother-in-law)	Healing and recovery following knee surgery	Carol Hogan
Carol Hogan	Strength, guidance, and proper discernment of future	Carol Hogan
Gordon Teifel	Strength and healing following prostate cancer diagnosis	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Kevin (partner)	Successful cancer treatment	Camille Jackson
Lucas (son of Casey Tkacz)	Thanksgiving for birth	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially St. Luke (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, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website. Requests will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise specified.

Repair Fairs: Don't Throw It Out, Get It Repaired!

Information in this article is adapted from the Master Recycler handbook. The three photos included with this article are of Liz Hardy mending a comforter at a Repair Fair held in the Hillsboro library.

Repair Fairs and Repair Cafés are free community events where skilled volunteers help fix broken items, extending their life and keeping them out of the landfill. At these events, you can bring in small household items such as broken toasters, lamps, torn clothing or linens, broken zippers, malfunctioning bicycles, broken jewelry, or dull knives, to name just a few. If it's small enough to carry, there is a good chance someone at the event will be able to fix it and teach you about the repair at the same time. This is a great way to save money, learn new skills, and connect with your community. Not to mention keeping stuff out of the landfill!



Repair Cafés typically happen in Portland and Gresham, while Repair Fairs are held in Clackamas and Washington counties. They are the same thing, however, in spite of the different nomenclature. While your item is being fixed, you are encouraged to stay and watch, or even learn how to do the repair yourself. These events are friendly, welcoming events where neighbors help neighbors.

RepairPDX.org lists the regional Repair Fair and Café calendar for all the Portland Metro Area. I have been volunteering recently at several different Repair Fairs, and I really enjoy it! I enjoy meeting people, mending their things, and teaching them how they can do it themselves if they want to learn. I hope to see you at the next Repair Fair!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



My Song Is Love Unknown, ELW Hymn #343, Verses 1, 3 & 6

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to our king. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Carol Blomberg Memorial

A memorial service for Carol Blomberg will be held at 2:00 pm **this Saturday, March 28**, at Christ the King Lutheran Church on the corner of SW Pacific Hwy and SW Bull Mountain Rd. You are welcome to send cards to Pr. Harvey and his family, addressed as follows:



Pr. Harvey Blomberg & Family
c/o Christ the King Lutheran Church
11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd
Tigard OR 97224-2714

Caring Ministry

If you or another member of St. Andrew are hospitalized or homebound, please notify the Church Office or one of the pastors so that we may offer spiritual care. Spiritual care could include a visit, conversation, prayer, and/or home communion, as desired.



Pr. Colleen Nelson
Associate Bridge Pastor
of Caring Ministries



Meal Train®

For short-term moments of need create a free personal MealTrain®, or sign up to provide meals, at mealtrain.com/groups/standrewlutheranbeaverton.

For more information, or to notify when creating a new one, email mealtrain@standrewlutheran.com.

Preparing for Worship

Sunday, April 5, 2026
John 20:1-18

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	Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, March 27

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 28—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

1:00 pm Immigrant Story Storytelling Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sunday, March 29

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 – Bread for the World Offering of Letters Fellowship Hall

11:00 am String Trio Rehearsal Sanctuary

2:30 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 30—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Chapel

Tuesday, March 31

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 Immigrant Story Recording Session Children's Library

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

7:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm String Trio Rehearsal Chapel

Wednesday, April 1—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com

5:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Prep Sanctuary

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, April 2

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Constitution Update Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

1:00 pm Staff Meeting Chapel, Library (Main Level)

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

Friday, April 3

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm Good Friday Worship Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom

Saturday, April 4—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5

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

2:30 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal 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.