

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

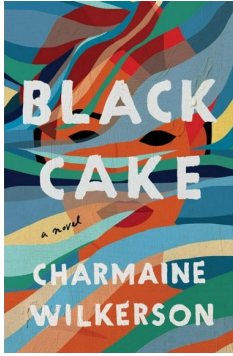
May 15, 2026

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Spirituality Book Group News



The Spirituality Book Group will meet in the upstairs library **this Sunday, May 17**, at 2:30 pm, with Mary Smith leading the discussion on *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.

This novel tells the story of how the inheritance of betrayals, secrets, memories, and even names, can shape relationships and history. It takes the reader on an extraordinary journey through the life of a family changed forever by the choices of its matriarch.

Next month, on **June 7**, Lindsey Trowbridge will lead discussion on *A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband Master* by Rachel Held Evans.

## Join a Discussion on Cooperative Housing!

With affordable housing hard to come by, more people are exploring cooperative housing as a creative way to share resources and nurture community.

**This Thursday, May 21**, at 1:00 pm, **Fumi Tosu** (pictured at right) from Dandelion House, a Catholic Worker community in Portland, will facilitate a discussion on housing in Fellowship Hall. A panel of St. Andrew members engaged in different cooperative housing models will share dreams, goals, and experiences.



**Pr. Colleen Nelson** is a resident of Trillium Hollow, a multi-generational cohousing community covering four acres in the Cedar Mill neighborhood. According to its website, it “combines private homes with shared indoor and outdoor spaces designed to support an active and interdependent community life.”

**Pr. Allison Bengfort**, formerly part of the Metanoia Community Peace House, recently purchased a home in NE Portland. She is now part of the Second Home Program sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and hers is a Host Home to an unaccompanied high school student experiencing homelessness.

For **Bob & Cindy Stadel**, cohousing is an outgrowth of their involvement with the Sanctuary Team. A Malik Zada–Stadel housing co-op scheduled to begin in early 2027 will address mutual housing needs: The Malik Zadas will gain the additional rooms and yard that their family of six needs, while converting the garage to an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) will allow the Stadels to age in a familiar place with a supportive family.

Join the conversation on **May 21** for more information and resources on cooperative housing.

## Children’s Space in Worship

The Root’s Children’s Church is taking a break during the summer months, opening up the opportunity for us to experiment with making additional space for our children inside our worship experience.

Starting this Sunday, there will be a space in the back of the sanctuary where children can go to enjoy a variety of quiet activities during the worship service. This is something we have seen a number of other churches do successfully for their kids in worship, and it is an idea that generated some traction during the listening season this last fall and winter. We are excited about this new way to show our kids that they are welcome with us! If you have any questions about this new experiment, or would like to help it succeed, please contact Kyler Vogt, Director of Next Generational Ministries.



## Aging with Grace in Place

Aging with Grace, a small faith group of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, invites you to join the discussion about growing older at home while maximizing health, safety, and happiness! Elaine Lawrence will be sharing “Aging in Place: Creating a Safe Haven.” Key topics in this session include finding trusted information, in-home care options, home safety and accessibility, financial management and assistance, transportation programs, and more.



This presentation will be **next Friday, May 22**, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. It is free to attend, no registration is required, and all are welcome! If you have questions, contact Hilary Hutchinson at [hilaryhutch@yahoo.com](mailto:hilaryhutch@yahoo.com).

## Western Farm Workers Association

### Anniversary Dinner, May 30 at 6:00 pm



Members of St. Andrew are invited to attend the anniversary dinner for the Western Farm Workers Association (WFWA) on **Saturday, May 30**, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church (937 NE Jackson School Rd) in Hillsboro. This is an evening of Mexican food and entertainment that is a joy to attend.

Please let Susan Reiser know by **May 24** if you are planning to attend. She will send in an RSVP for St. Andrew, as the WFWA reserves a table for us each year.

*WFWA is an association of more than 15,000 farm and other low-income workers throughout the Willamette Valley and beyond. Through strong organization, members gain control of their living and working conditions, and reverse the policies that kill and disable them.*

## A Stylish Investment: Making Fashion Sustainable

Adapted from article originally posted to [Earth911.org](https://earth911.org), April 2026.

As discussed the last couple of weeks, fashion is a major sustainability challenge worldwide, and it has faced little regulation. That is beginning to change. Recently, California passed the first U.S. law for extended producer responsibility (EPR) for textiles. France approved strict anti-fast-fashion laws, and the EU set a 2027 deadline for all member states to have a textile EPR program.

Every second, a garbage truck's worth of clothing ends up in a landfill or is burned somewhere in the world. The fashion industry produces about 92 million metric tons of waste each year. However, the resale market is growing about three times faster than traditional retail!

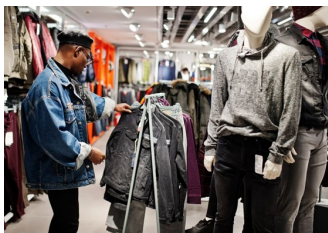
### What "donating" actually does:

The mental model in most American closets is that the donation bin is the recycling bin. It is not. Goodwill, Salvation Army, and other second-hand chains typically sell only 10–30 percent in-store of the total donations they accept. The rest go to wholesale markets in West Africa, Eastern Europe, and Central America. What can't be sold to those markets gets baled as wiping rags or insulation, or ends up in the landfill. Some countries are restricting or refusing low-grade used clothing imports because of the amount of unsellable fast-fashion.

While the cost of everything else has gone up in the last few decades, the price of clothing has dropped by 30 percent since 1995. This is due to ultra-fast-fashion brands, like Shein or Temu, whose products are not made to last. These clothes are often thrown out after being worn only 10 (or fewer!) times. Each year, 80 to 100 billion new garments are produced; most of which are cheaply made. While the price of clothing has dropped, clothing production has doubled since 2000.

### The new regulatory landscape – recent developments:

- California's Responsible Textile Recovery Act was signed into law in September 2024. The law shifts responsibility for end-of-use management of apparel, footwear, and household textiles from consumers to the companies that put the products on the market. Large producers with more than \$1 million of annual revenue must join a Producer Responsibility Organization that finances collection, repair, reuse, sorting, and recycling of used textiles. Full enforcement begins in 2030, with fines of up to \$50,000 per day for noncompliance.
- France's anti-fast-fashion law is the most aggressive such law in the world. The law imposes a per-item eco-tax, bans advertising and influencer marketing of ultra-fast-fashion brands, requires point-of-sale environmental disclosures, and carries fines of up to €100,000 for violating the ad ban.
- The EU Waste Framework Directive requires every member state to collect textile waste separately from other waste, and have a textile extended producer responsibility system (see first paragraph above).
- In the U.S., the states of New York, Massachusetts, and Washington are considering similar laws to California's new law that would make clothing manufacturers cover the costs of fast fashion waste.



**Sustainable fashion:** Worldwide, the second-hand clothing market is growing two to five times faster than traditional retail! This is especially true for younger generations who buy second-hand items through social media platforms like Instagram or TikTok Shop. While the second-hand clothing market is growing faster, new clothing sales still far outnumber used clothing sales.

The standards of companies such as Patagonia, Eileen Fisher, and Pangaia strive to use fibers that need less water and chemicals, create lower emissions, manufacture with renewable energy, ensure fair wages and safe working conditions, make products that last longer and can be repaired, and recycle materials into new clothes instead of turning them into insulation or sending them to landfills in places like Ghana or Chile.

**What can you do?** Buy fewer new clothes, shop second-hand thrift stores, look for clothing made of natural fibers instead of polyester, repair clothing before replacing it, take care of your clothes by washing less frequently and in cold water so they last longer, avoid the harsh chemicals of dry cleaning, and support new ecological textile policies.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## End-of-Year Brunch Potluck at St. Andrew

It's almost time to celebrate the successful completion of another academic year. You are invited to a brunch potluck in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, May 31**. We'll start after worship and end by 12:30 pm. As you are able, please bring something brunchy—deviled eggs, scones, fruit, pastries, cheese, muffins, etc. If bringing a dish is beyond your means or bandwidth right now, please come anyway and celebrate with your St. Andrew family! At this year-end brunch, we will especially be thanking the many, many volunteers who make our various ministries possible.

As always, help with clean-up is much appreciated. Can you stay for a few extra minutes to take down tables and chairs, help with washing dishes, or other general clean-up? Everyone involved will be most grateful.



## Donate Old Keys for Earth Camp Crafts

Do you have a bag of keys that you no longer use? These could be from cars you no longer have or from previous locks. Luggage keys will work, too. The campers this year will be making windchimes, and the keys will be used as clappers. Each camper needs four keys for their wind chime. We already have fifty, so we still need another 150 keys. Check your junk drawers; this is an opportunity to repurpose those unused keys! There is a basket on the coffee bar in the narthex to drop them into.



**Earth Camp 2026**

In addition, the windchimes have a wooden slice of a tree branch that will be used to hang the keys and chime bars. We need someone with a drill press to drill holes in these for the twine to thread through. We need approximately fifty wood pieces drilled with three additional holes (they came with one hole drilled). If you can assist with this task, contact Susan Reiser.

*Susan Reiser & Beth Johnson*  
Earth Camp Arts & Crafts Leaders

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
All who have recent sought aid from St. Andrew, especially Anjennette, Autumn, and Summer	Strength and better horizons	Amber Sterlinski
Lee Anne Knapp	Continued healing and recovery following dog bite	Lee Anne Knapp
Caroline Dixon (birth mother)	Healing and recovery following cervical ablations	Rebecca Uecker
Beverly Briggs	Healing and recovery following hernia operation	Beverly Briggs
Brian (son)	Healing and recovery	Dianne Zupunski
Frank Cannon (husband)	Healing and recovery	Ann Cannon
Stacy Mann (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Jerry Entrikin
Bill Roos (husband)	Healing and recovery	Sharon Roos
Kurt Walters (son-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Bill & Sharon Roos
Steven Jacobi (brother)	Healing and stable housing	Susan Jacobi
Jeff Steinkeler	Healing and successful cancer treatment	Gary Grafwallner
Susan Jacobi	Safe travels	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Aaron Smith (son)	Thanksgiving for successful surgery, and healing & recovery	Mary Smith
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, especially St. Timothy (Portland) & Zion (The Dalles)	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.

## Last Chance to Discuss the Integration of Our Faith & Science



You are invited to join the conversation about how our relationship with God and our relationship with Earth are intertwined and essential to the future of our planet. *ProFuture Faith*, a curriculum developed by Rev. Michael Dowd, features video presentations and group discussion. Author of the highly acclaimed book, *Thank God for Evolution*, Rev. Dowd was a well-known lecturer and passionate advocate for ecotheology. Join Pr. Colleen Nelson and Dr. Ruth Nickodemus in Fellowship Hall **this Sunday, May 17**, at 11:00 am.

## Thank You!

To the St. Andrew Lutheran Community,  
Thanks for the prayers, texts, cards, visits, and phone calls after my triple bypass surgery at St. Vincent's on April 17. The surgery went well and I'm in recovery mode (a three-month process). Your outreach was most greatly appreciated.



Pax,

Larry (& Bonnie) Bliesner

## MealTrain™ for Christina Mantey & Robert Casteel

Let's help Christina & Robert transition to a family of three by providing yummy meals! To provide meals, sign up at [mealtrain.com/8l3d44](http://mealtrain.com/8l3d44). If you would rather contribute monetarily, you can have gift cards delivered via email to [cmantey36@gmail.com](mailto:cmantey36@gmail.com) or transfer funds directly to Christina via Venmo: @Christina-Mantey. Thank you in advance for your support!



## Ecumenical Event for Young Adults, May 31 at 5:30 pm!

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Last month was our first attempt at an ecumenical event for young adults, combining forces with Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, Spirit of Grace, and Christ United Methodist Church Cedar Mill. The next installment in this series of experimental events will be at 5:30 pm on **Sunday, May 31**, at Christ UMC Cedar Mill (12755 NW Dogwood St, Portland). This month's host is Pr. Paul Richards-Kuan, who will be leading a discussion entitled "Would Jesus Be a Capitalist?" Join us for food and fascinating conversation together as we build relationships with young adults from these other similar faith communities. We can arrange for child care, hosted at St. Andrew, if that would be helpful for you to be able to attend. Contact Kyler Vogt to let him know if you are interested!

## New Address for Bob Brown

Bob loves getting cards and notes, so keep sending them to him, now at this address:

Bob Brown  
c/o Springs of Joy Care Home  
15155 SW Kilchis Ct  
Beaverton, OR 97007



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

For more information, or to notify when creating a new one, email [mealtrain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:mealtrain@standrewlutheran.com).

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## Preparing for Worship Sunday, May 24, 2026

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
John 20:19-23

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Friday, May 15

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

### Saturday, May 16—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

8:00 am Search Team Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)

9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, May 17

**9:30 am Worship ..... 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 – ProFuture Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home ..... Fellowship Hall

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

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

2:30 pm Spirituality Book Group ..... Library (Main Level)

### Monday, May 18

5:00 pm Immigrant Story Recording Session ..... Children’s Library

### Tuesday, May 19

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

10:00 am Worship Planners Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)

12:00 pm Bridge Group ..... Fellowship Hall

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

7:00 pm Adult Education Team Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)

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

### Wednesday, May 20—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) & [assistant@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:assistant@standrewlutheran.com)

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

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

### Thursday, May 21

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

1:00 pm Cooperative Housing Panel Discussion ..... Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm Staff Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)

7:00 pm Council Meeting ..... Chapel, St. Andrew Room

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

### Friday, May 22

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

1:00 pm Aging with Grace – Aging in Place ..... Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, May 23—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

10:00 am Set-up for St. Andrew Book Sale ..... Fellowship Hall

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## Reverend Randy Schutt




Celebration of Life  
**Saturday, May 30**  
2:00 pm, Sanctuary

*Reception to follow  
in 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.