

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 22, 2026

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Praying in Your Own Tongue for Pentecost



On Pentecost we recall the story of the disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit and gaining the ability to spread the gospel by speaking in the native languages of all those in Jerusalem. To celebrate that festival this Sunday, and to reenact the cacophony heard that day, you are invited to recite the Lord's Prayer in another language during our liturgy.

English, French, German, and Spanish translations of the prayer will be printed in this Sunday's bulletin. However, you are also welcome to pray to "our Father in heaven" using whatever other language you may speak. May this day remind us of the unity we share, all praying to the same God, regardless of the words we say or the names we use. Amen.

## Book Sale This Sunday Following Worship!

You're encouraged to stop by Fellowship Hall after worship this Sunday, May 24, for a book sale! Proceeds from this event will go to support the St. Andrew Library. Books (and more!) will be available, each for less than \$1. You might even be able to snag four for a dollar! A special box, with selections tailored to Adult Education Class teachers, will also be available. And then there's the free box!



It's not too late to get your donations in under the wire! Bring in your old or unwanted titles so you can make room for something new. Have you checked your basement or attic? Don't forget the spare bedroom! Pam Farr isn't at all picky about your gifts of books—or even quilting magazines! She will be accepting final donations until noon on Saturday.

## RSVP by This Sunday for the WFWA 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.

## Food Pantry Donations Update for May

Thanks to your generosity, St. Andrew was able to donate a total of 71 pounds of food to the St. Matthew Food Pantry during the month of May. Our thanks also goes out to Mary & Mike Carroll, who deliver the goods collected by St. Andrew to the pantry.



## Wear Red to Worship This Sunday!

Throughout our Christian year, you may notice that we use different colors for each season, and sometimes just for a single, special Sunday. Before we begin the long season of green being our liturgical color, this Sunday we get to celebrate Pentecost with red! We don't tend to use red as often as some of the other colors, so we encourage you to make the color red a part of your outfit this Sunday! With warm temperatures expected, maybe a red T-shirt would be in order.

**Why do we wear red on Pentecost?** Red is the liturgical color associated with the Holy Spirit. As we read again the story with tongues of fire resting on the apostles and them being filled with the same Spirit, we celebrate that fire that continues in the Church today by adorning and outfitting St. Andrew in red. Pentecost is also considered the day the Church began, so let us say, "Happy Birthday!"



## 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.

## MealTrain™ for Christina and Robert

Christina Mantey and Robert Casteel welcomed baby Isaiah last Tuesday. Let's help them transition to a family of three by providing yummy meals! Sign up at [mealtrain.com/813d44](http://mealtrain.com/813d44) to provide meals.



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.

## Birth Announcement

As noted in the article above, Christina Mantey and Robert Casteel became a family of three this week! The flower on the Altar this Sunday celebrates the birth of Isaiah Mathias Mantey Casteel, born late in the day last Tuesday, May 19. Thanks be to God, and congratulations to the new parents!



## Ecumenical Event for Young Adults: May 31

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 in joining the discussion!

## Join EMO for Its 2026 Collins Lecture

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) presents the 2026 Collins Lecture with John Fugelsang, author of *Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleeing Frauds*. His book is touted as a "biblically correct takedown of far-right Christian authoritarianism" by EMO.



Fugelsang is well known for using humor and biblical scholarship to challenge Christian Nationalism. He hopes through this lecture to give people the tools for responding to far-right stances on immigration, LGBTQIA2S+ rights, poverty, feminism, and more, in a way that aligns with Jesus' core teachings of love, mercy, and service.

This lecture will be held at 7:00 pm on **June 6**, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (NW 19<sup>th</sup> & Everett, Portland), and tickets are \$30. Virtual options for attendance are also available. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [emoregon.org/events](http://emoregon.org/events).

## Earth Camp for Everyone: Sunday, June 14

You are never too young, or too old, to come home to Earth. The Earth Care Team is offering an opportunity for everyone to spend an afternoon experiencing the fun and learning that occurs at St. Andrew's annual Earth Camp for elementary-aged children. "Families Coming Home to Earth" will be the theme of this event being held **Sunday, June 14**, from 11:00 am to 2:15 pm.

Earth Camp for Everyone will engage the St. Andrew community in multi-generational activities that will guide participants in ways to connect and appreciate our relationship with Earth. This will include interactive teaching stations such as storytime, crafts, composting & earth worms, and Earth discovery. Lunch will be provided for those who sign up in advance, and the day will end with closing music and celebration!



Whether you're young-at-heart or an old soul, join us for an afternoon of summer-camp-style fun! If you plan to attend, please use the sign-up sheet located on the Earth Care bulletin board, across from the coffee bar in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

*LuAnn Staul*  
Earth Care Team Chair

## 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

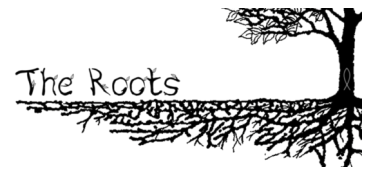
In addition, the windchimes have a wooden slice of a tree branch that will be used to hang the keys and chime bars. We need someone with a drill press to drill holes in these for the twine to thread through. We need approximately fifty wood pieces drilled with three additional holes (they came with one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

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

## 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.

You'll see 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, contact Kyler Vogt, Director of Next Generational Ministries.



## Are You Interested in Serving at Worship?



Liturgy means "work of the people," and our worship on Sunday mornings would not be possible without the many volunteers who help with everything from greeting worshipers as they arrive to assisting in leadership of the service alongside clergy. To learn about what opportunities are available and how to sign up, go to [standrewlutheran.com/helping-with-worship](http://standrewlutheran.com/helping-with-worship).

## Reverend Randy Schutt



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

*Reception to follow  
in Fellowship Hall*

## Reasons for Hope: Reforesting Malaysia and Protecting the Forests of Guatemala

Article is adapted from the Forests episode of Shared Planet, a PBS series. You can view the episode at [pbs.org/video/forests-kb1p1a](https://pbs.org/video/forests-kb1p1a).

Forests regulate our climate, create oxygen, absorb carbon dioxide, protect the soil, and are essential to the global water supply. While we are losing forests around the world, some of us are learning to share the forest, creating better lives for both animals and humans.



**Malaysia:** On the island of Borneo, the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, in East Malaysia, is home to one of our closest relatives, the orangutan. Most of this forest has been cut down and replaced with palm oil plantations by people who are just trying to feed their families. Palm oil is used in about half of the products sold in our supermarkets.

Orangutans depend on the different varieties of trees in the native forest for food, shelter, and traveling through the canopy. They need the different types of flexible trees to get around. Small patches of native forest are protected, but, because these small patches are surrounded by palm oil plantations, the orangutans who live there become marooned and cannot get to the other orangutans. Palms do not work for orangutan travel.



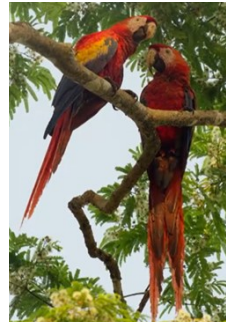
Hutan, a Malaysian conservation group, is working on a reforestation project to restore the orangutan habitat. Hutan is partnering with the local palm oil plantation owners to connect isolated patches of native forest by planting corridors of native trees through the plantations. Using 26 different species, they have planted 70,000 native trees. Things grow so quickly in the forests of Malaysia that, after only three years, orangutans are already using the corridors to travel from forest to forest! These plantations have become part of the orangutan conservation program.

The plantations also benefit! When only palms are planted—which have a lifespan of just 50 years—the soil is quickly depleted of nutrients. Adding natives to the plantations adds nutrients and regulates temperature, extending the life of the palms. Over the course of 15 years, conservation groups have planted and kept alive more than 200,000 diverse native trees. The Malaysian government plans to add 100 million trees back into the region to create a shared landscape for both palm oil plantations and orangutans. People in Malaysia are rebuilding once-lost habitat!

**Guatemala:** The Maya Biosphere Reserve is Guatemala's largest protected area. It is a critical sanctuary for biodiversity, ancient Mayan sites, and sustainable community development. This is the last large tract of rainforest left in Central America.

Inside the Reserve lies the village of Washaktum. Descendants of the Mayan dynasty have lived there for thousands of years. Villagers make their livings from the protected forest by harvesting a small number of the Maya nuts that grow on trees there, and, in turn, protecting the forest. Maya nuts are a superfood, high in antioxidants and anti-inflammatories.

The government of Guatemala has given the village the rights to 200,000 acres of the reserve to take what they need to survive. The income from one tree can feed a family for months.



The forest is also a refuge for much of the region's wildlife, and home to the last of Guatemala's scarlet macaw; there are fewer than 200 left. The macaws raise their young in Maya nut tree hollows, which means their survival depends on large, old-growth trees. The villagers carefully evaluate each and every tree before cutting it down. While the commercial value of a tree might be high, the value of what it will produce in the future may be greater.

While uncontrolled clear cutting can be lucrative for a year, it steals from future generations. Also, selective tree harvesting protects the scarlet macaw by preserving most of the trees that the birds rely on for survival.

Drug cartels in Central America set fires to forests and have destroyed five million acres; they use the land for cattle operations as a way to launder drug money. Teams from the village work to spot the fires early so they can create fire breaks by cutting vegetation around the fire to prevent it from spreading into the forest. So far, they have stopped every fire set at the edge of the refuge.

Since the whole community lives off the forest, they are very united to protect the forest. These community-run forests also increase biodiversity because the selective timber harvesting creates more varied habitats. In Guatemala, it's not the national parks that are most effective at safeguarding the forest, it's the people who live and work there.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
All who have recent sought aid from St. Andrew, especially Anjenette, Autumn, and Summer Priscilla (friend)	Strength and better horizons	Amber Sterlinski
Lee Anne Knapp	Comfort, pain relief, and manageable treatment plan	Judy Scholz
Bill Roos (husband)	Continued healing and recovery following dog bite	Lee Anne Knapp
Beverly Briggs	Continued healing and recovery following kidney stones	Sharon Roos
Patty Jones	Healing and recovery following hernia operation	Beverly Briggs
Brian (son)	Healing and recovery following surgery on May 22	Patty Jones
Kurt Walters (son-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Dianne Zupunski
Steven Jacobi (brother)	Healing and recovery	Bill & Sharon Roos
Jeff Steinkeler	Healing and stable housing	Susan Jacobi
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Healing and successful cancer treatment	Gary Grafwallner
Susan Jacobi	Relief and strength while awaiting start of cancer treatment	Judy Scholz
Isaiah Mathias Mantey Casteel (son)	Safe travels	Pr. Allison Bengfort
	Thanksgiving for his birth on May 19	R. Casteel & C. Mantey
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry	Strength and wisdom	Staff
ELCA Church Council and Staff	Courage and wisdom	Staff
Ecumenical, interfaith, and secular partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff
Loved ones in need of ongoing prayer, including Tandy Brooks, Stacye Erickson, Rhonda Powell, Arden Tarum, Megan Webber	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Hopeful Saints (Heppner), and Grace & Mercy (Hermiston)	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.**

## Let Us Pray...

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*-For the human family, Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

We praise you, eternal God, for the devoted sacrifice of your servants who have laid down their lives that we might live. Into your holy keeping we commend them and humbly pray that we, like they, may give generously and never count the cost, asking no reward except the knowledge of your abiding love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*-For those who have given their lives, Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*-For peace among the nations, Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

Eternal God, your Word brought forth creation, and your Spirit brings order out of chaos and confusion. You breathe upon us, and we are able to hear one another with language we can understand. Pour out your Spirit upon us now, that even when we disagree on the way forward, we may remain united in Jesus Christ, in whom we are known and accepted with a single love. Amen.

*-For faithful living in society, All Creation Sings*

## We Need Your Help to Make Earth Camp 2026 a Success!

With 48 campers registered, we need ALL the members of St. Andrew to pitch in and make this year's Earth Camp a success. Multiple day volunteers are most needed, but even if you can only help for a day, please still reach out! We can't run the camp without everyone's help, so check your availability for the week of **June 22-26**, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each day. Contact Camp Director Kyler Vogt to volunteer so he can find the right role for you!



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).

## Preparing for Worship Sunday, May 31, 2026

2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Psalm 8  
Matthew 28:16-20

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# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

## Friday, May 22

10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Aging with Grace – Aging in Place .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Preparation for St. Andrew Book Sale .....	Library (Main Level)

## 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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## Sunday, May 24

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship .....</b>	<b>Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service .....	Chapel
10:30 am	St. Andrew Book Sale .....	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering .....	Chapel

## Monday, May 25

## Tuesday, May 26

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
11:30 am	FellowshipOne GO Wrap-up 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 27—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) & [assistant@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:assistant@standrewlutheran.com)

11:00 am	Alzheimer's Support Group.....	St. Andrew Room
4:00 pm	World Fusion Concert Rehearsal.....	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, May 28

10:00 am	Strength + Stability with Susanne .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Earth Care Team Meeting .....	Library (Main Level)
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting .....	Library (Main Level)
4:00 pm	World Fusion Concert Rehearsal.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	IT Meeting.....	Offsite
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class.....	Children's Commons

## Friday, May 29

10:00 am	Tai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	World Fusion Concert Rehearsal.....	Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, May 30—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

2:00 pm	Pr. Randy Schutt Celebration of Life & Reception .....	Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall
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9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service .....	Chapel
10:30 am	End-of-Year Brunch Potluck .....	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering .....	Chapel

## 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.