

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 8, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Adventure Walk This Saturday in the St. Andrew Woods and Wetlands

At St. Andrew, we are blessed to not only have a beautiful place to worship and enjoy each other's fellowship, we also have more than seven acres of riparian forest and wetland. For those who wonder what lies beyond the well-worn path to the Sanctuary of the Firs, the Earth Care Team is offering an Adventure Walk **this Saturday, May 9**, at 10:00 am, led by member Don Nearhood.



See how beavers have shaped the wetland, and appreciate the ongoing work of volunteers from St. Andrew and our community partners to restore the property to its native state. Don has been busy clearing paths for this adventure, which will be dry, but you will need sturdy shoes.

This Adventure Walk will begin at the Sanctuary of the Firs trailhead. We hope you'll join the adventure!

LuAnn Staul
Earth Care Team Chair

Only Two More Weeks to Join Discussion on Integration of Our Faith and Science

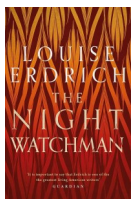
You are invited to join the conversation about how our relationship with God and our relationship with Earth are intertwined and essential to the future of our planet. *ProFuture Faith* is a curriculum developed by Rev. Michael Dowd which features video presentations and group discussion.



Rev. Dowd was a minister and author of the highly acclaimed book, *Thank God for Evolution*, as well as a well-known lecturer and passionate advocate for ecotheology. Join Pr. Colleen Nelson and Dr. Ruth Nickodemus in Fellowship Hall **this Sunday and next, May 10 & 17**, at 11:00 am.

Men's Book Club Meets This Monday

The Men's Book Club meets **this Monday, May 11**, at 2:00 pm to discuss *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. Randy Sinn will host this discussion at his home.



Based on the extraordinary life of the author's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman.

Next month, on **June 8**, Ted Miller will host the discussion on *Squeeze Me* by Carl Hiaasen. And Gary Grafwallner will lead discussion on *Here One Moment* by Liane Moriarty on **July 13**.

How Much Do You Know about the World's Second-Most Polluting Industry?

This quiz is adapted from the Climate Action Now app.

- Big Oil is the world's most super-polluting industry. Emitting twice as much greenhouse gas as all of Russia, what is the world's second-most polluting industry?
 - The car industry.
 - The clothing industry.
 - The sports industry.
 - The film industry.
- In just the past decade, the amount of clothing produced worldwide has grown by how much?
 - 8%.
 - 15%.
 - 29%.
 - 60%.
- Now producing nearly 200 billion articles of clothing per year, why is the clothing industry growing at such a staggering rate?
 - The rise of "fast fashion."
 - The need to clothe the growing population.
 - Massive growth in the global economy.
 - Everyone started needing 50 shirts instead of 5.
- On top of all of the emissions, what is the cost of rampant "fast fashion" to the planet?
 - 70 million trees chopped down for fibers.
 - 16 trillion gallons of fresh water turned to wastewater.
 - Millions of tons of waste that take two centuries to decompose.
 - All of the above.
- What can YOU do to stop the destruction of the planet by the clothing industry?
 - Wear your clothes for their entire life-cycle, and repair them to extend their life-cycle.
 - Get clothes second-hand, and hand your old clothes down to others.
 - Demand change in the fashion industry by buying only certified Climate Neutral brands.
 - All of the above.



The answer key can be found on the next page.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

A Prayer for the Stewardship of Creation

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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AARP Smart Driver™ Course This Wednesday

Editor's note: Please be aware that the start time has been changed.

You never forget how, but it never hurts to refresh your driving skills and knowledge, especially when it could save you money! You do not have to be a member of AARP to attend its award-winning Smart Driver™ course being hosted by St. Andrew **this Wednesday, May 13**, beginning at **9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. This is a single, six-hour course, with an hour break for a sack lunch. Call 503-594-5024 to sign up. Cost is \$25, to cover the supplies distributed during the course. AARP members receive \$5 off.



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.



On **Thursday, May 21**, at 1:00 pm, **Fumi Tosu** 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.

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.



Answer Key for Fast Fashion Quiz on Page 1

1. **b.** The clothing industry. The clothing industry generates more than three billion tons of emissions per year, which is a full 10% of the world's total annual emissions.
2. **d.** 60%. In less than a decade the clothing industry has grown by an incredible two thirds, a rate much faster than the economy as a whole.
3. **a.** The rise of “fast fashion.” In this era of “fast fashion,” people buy new clothes, wear them only a few times, and then toss them to be replaced by the latest new style.
4. **d.** All of the above. The rise of “fast fashion” is costing the planet on every conceivable count.
5. **d.** All of the above. It's time to use the power of our choices to change how our clothes are made. Our planet is counting on us; together, we can do this!



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

Spirituality Book Group Meets on May 17

The Spirituality Book Group meets in the upstairs library on **Sunday, May 17**, at 2:30 pm, with Mary Smith leading 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.

Reverend Randy Schutt



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

Reception to follow
in Fellowship Hall

In Need of Prayers...

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>PRAYERS FOR...</u> | <u>CONTACT</u> |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Becky Wright (cousin) | Peace and comfort on hospice | Claudia Parsons |
| Priscilla (friend) | Accurate diagnosis and treatment | Judy Scholz |
| Lee Anne Knapp | Continued healing and recovery following dog bite | Lee Anne Knapp |
| Joyce Bianucci (sister) | Healing and proper discernment of cancer treatment plan | Judy Scholz |
| Caroline Dixon (birth mother) | Healing and recovery following cervical ablations | Rebecca Uecker |
| Rob Casteel (husband) | Healing and recovery following surgery | Lori Casteel |
| Brian (son) | Healing and recovery | Dianne Zupunski |
| Frank Cannon (husband) | Healing and recovery | Ann Cannon |
| Stacy Mann (daughter) | Healing and recovery | Jerry Entriokin |
| Jeff Steinkeler | Healing and successful cancer treatment | Gary Grafwallner |
| Greg & Bonita (friends) | Peace awaiting medical results for Greg | Linda Fransen |
| R.U. | Peace and strength | Lee Anne Knapp |
| Anjenette | Strength, resilience, and contentment following difficult times | Anjenette |
| Carol Hogan | Success of new medication, & thanksgiving for no side effects | Carol Hogan |
| Aaron Smith (son) | Thanksgiving for successful surgery, and healing & recovery | Mary Smith |
| Luis Flores | Blessings and safe travels | Pr. Allison Bengfort |
| St. Andrew Council and Staff | Wisdom and discernment | Staff |
| St. Andrew Foundation Board | | |
| Portland Taiwan Lutheran Church | Blessings on their ministry | Staff |
| All who are caregivers for a loved one | Strength and support | Staff |
| Seminarians and theology students, especially Kim Taylor-Blakemore | Encouragement and support | Staff |
| Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Pilgrim (Portland) and Resurrection (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.

Check Out These New Additions to the St. Andrew Library!

Editor's Note: Thank you to Pam Farr who serves as librarian for St. Andrew's upstairs' collection.

Fiction titles:

- *The Flying Circus* by Susan Crandall

Non-fiction titles:

- *The Stowaway: A Young Man's Extraordinary Adventure to Antarctica* by Laurie Gwen Shapiro
- *My Friend Anne Frank: The Inspiring and Heartbreaking True Story of Best Friends Torn Apart and Reunited Against All Odds* by Hannah Pick-Goslar
- *The Dos and Don'ts of Parenting Adult Kids: Practical Ways to Keep Your Relationship Healthy and Long Lasting, Even When Challenges Arise* by Ann Marie Sorenson
- *Call of the Wild: How We Heal Trauma, Awaken Our Own Power, and Use It for Good* by Kimberly Ann Johnson
- *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine
- *Womanspirit Rising: A Feminist Reader in Religion* by Carol P. Christ & Judith Plaskow
- *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*, edited by Edward Engelbrecht



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



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, May 17, 2026

Ephesians 1:15-23
Psalm 47
Acts 1:1-11

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, May 8

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 9—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

10:00 am Earth Care – Adventure Walk..... Trail to Sanctuary of the Firs

1:00 pm Immigrant Story Storytelling Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sunday, May 10

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 – 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

Monday, May 11

2:00 pm Men’s Book Club Home of Randy Sinn

7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Chapel

Tuesday, May 12

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)

9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

11:30 am FellowshipOne GO Meeting Library (Main Level)

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

2:00 pm Worship at The Springs..... Chapel @ The Springs at Tanasbourne

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

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

7:00 pm Community Organizing Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, May 13—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & assistant@standrewlutheran.com

9:30 am AARP Smart Driver™ Course Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, May 14

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Earth Care – Mindful Walks Trail to Sanctuary of the Firs

12:00 pm Alzheimer’s Support Group..... St. Andrew Room, Children’s Library

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

2:00 pm Communion Ministers Meeting St. Andrew Room

7:00 pm Foundation Team Meeting Library (Main Level)

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

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

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

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 17

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 – 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)

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.