

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 18, 2026

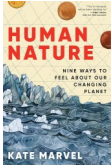
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book group will meet this Sunday, September 20, at 2:30 pm to discuss the book *Human Nature: Nine Ways to Feel about Our Changing Planet* by Kate Marvel.



This wonderfully balanced book "offers clear and detailed scientific information, which logically ties all the climate clues together, while at the same being unashamedly and unapologetically a personal account of the range of feelings that the climate crisis brings."

—Brian Hugh, *Climate Thoughts with Brian*.

All are welcome to join the discussion, which is to be held in the upstairs library. Mary Smith leads this month's book group.

Next month, on October 25, Fran Miller will lead discussion on *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali.

Then, on November 22, discussion will be on *Born Survivors: Three Young Mothers and Their Extraordinary Story of Courage, Defiance, and Hope* by Wendy Holden.



What's Next for the Leadership of Children and Youth Programming?

The St. Andrew Congregational Council has asked the HR Committee to develop a 30 hours-per-week Youth Director position (the exact title of this position is to be determined). This will replace the Director of Next Generational Ministry role, held by Kyler Vogt, until his departure last July. We are in the process of formulating a job description and we want your involvement!!

Pr. Allison Bengfort is meeting with high school youth this Sunday, September 20, to get their input on programming and this new position.



Congregation members are also invited to give us their thoughts via this Google Form at tinyurl.com/StAndyYD. If interested in sharing opinions, please take five minutes to complete the form online by Sunday, October 4. If you need help navigating or completing this form, please reach out to Beth Johnson at 971-570-3417 for assistance.

Finally, members of the HR Committee will host a Zoom forum for parents and volunteers to give input. Parents of children and youth, along with volunteer teachers and leaders who work with the Roots Program, Confirmation, or Youth Group, will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:30 pm. Parents and volunteers, please watch your inbox for a Zoom link.

We look forward to hearing your ideas!

St. Andrew HR Committee

Living the Liturgy: The Hows, Whys, and Wherefores of Lutheran Worship



Why do we stand, sit, sing, confess, and share the peace? Explore the heart of Lutheran liturgical worship—its biblical and historical roots, the shape of the service, and how Word and Sacrament form us week after week into a people sent for the sake of the world—in this four-week adult education series led by St. Andrew's Field Education Seminarian Kim Taylor-Blakemore, beginning this Sunday, September 20, at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

LWR School Kits Supply Collection Complete!

Thanks to your generosity, St. Andrew has met its goal of completing 300 school kits to be donated to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for the support of those all around the world who are coping with poverty, disaster, conflict, and more.



In fact, we have received enough supplies to exceed our goal of 300! Final tallies will be announced in the coming weeks. Our thanks also go out to those who helped sew and serge more than 350 bags. Will we be able to fill them all? Stay tuned!

Annual WFWA Collection Continues



The St. Andrew Service Committee is collecting clothing and food for the Western Farm Workers Association (WFWA) through Sunday, October 4, this year. Who are the western farm workers? They are the people who work the farmlands during planting, growing, and harvesting seasons. They work 12-hour days, seven days a week, during the seasons.

This year, the WFWA has requested we collect coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, work pants, rain jackets, and work boots. **All clothing must be new or gently used, in good repair, and not soiled.**

In addition to clothing, the WFWA needs the following food items for its food pantry: tuna, beans, rice, peanut butter, jam, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and cooking oil. Your donations of non-perishables to its food pantry will help support the WFWA families when there is no work in the fields.

Please place clothing items in the tall barrel in the narthex. Food items should go in bags or boxes nearby. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Reiser.



E-Cycling in Oregon

Article is adapted from the Master Recycler Handbook.

E-waste is defined as old or unwanted electronics—such as phones, computers, and TVs—that are thrown away, recycled, or reused.

Because electronics contain both valuable materials (like gold and copper) and toxic chemicals (like lead and mercury) how we dispose of them matters a lot. Some electronics are considered hazardous waste and are regulated by state and federal laws.

In Oregon, a law was passed in 2010 that bans computers, laptops, monitors, and TVs from going into the landfill. If someone throws these items away improperly, they can be fined up to \$500 per item.

E-waste recycling and global impacts: Recycling (or reusing) electronics helps reduce the need to mine for new materials. It also saves energy and can recover valuable metals like gold and copper. Recycling e-waste, however, isn't always safe or fair. Because handling toxic materials is expensive, a lot of e-waste is sent to countries with low wages and poor working conditions. In 2010, the EPA estimated that 50–80% of U.S. e-waste was exported.

Oregon E-Cycles: According to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), it's free and easy to safely recycle TVs, computers, laptops, printers, monitors, and tablets. The Oregon E-Cycles program is free and ensures harmful materials—like lead and mercury, which are often found in older electronics—are kept out of our air, soil, and water. When we recycle our unwanted electronics, we are each doing our part to keep our state clean, safe, and sustainable.

Anyone can take up to seven items at a time to the more than 200 convenient locations across Oregon. Accepted items include:



DESKTOPS



LAPTOPS



PRINTERS



TVs/MONITORS



TABLETS



KEYBOARDS



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You can find a collection site near you by going to this website: deqapps.oregon.gov/lq/ecsearch. You may also call the Oregon E-Cycles hotline for more information at 1-888-532-9253.

If your television, computer, monitor, or printer is in working condition, consider reuse, repair, or donation.

Remember: Oregon residents and businesses can no longer put computers, monitors, and TVs in the garbage, nor take them to a transfer station or landfill to be thrown away. They must be recycled.

Prolong the life of your products: Taking care of your electronics and batteries can make a big difference. For smartphones, the EPA recommends choosing a phone with only the features you need, protecting it with a case, avoiding extreme temperatures, and managing battery use by limiting location services, reducing screen brightness, and closing unnecessary apps. Small habits like these help extend device longevity.



Fix your electronics: Many devices are easier to repair than manufacturers let on, but manuals and repair info are often hard to access. Resources like iFixit.com provide repair guides, tools, and community support. Community events such as Repair Fairs provide in-person opportunities to fix broken items, teach valuable repair skills, and learn from listening and doing. Local repair shops can often fix devices more affordably than buying new ones, and repairing is a great way to reduce environmental and social impacts linked to electronic waste. Here are some upcoming repair fairs in the area:

- ◆ Tigard library, **Sunday, September 20**, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- ◆ Cedar Mill library, **Saturday, September 26**, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- ◆ Tualatin library, **Saturday, October 17**, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Out of Darkness Walk



The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is holding a fund-raising walk on **Saturday, October 3**. Check-in opens at 9:00 am and the walk starts at 11:00 am. The starting location is 2555 N Cannel Ave., Portland. A team from St. Andrew is being formed. The walk is one to three miles, and it is not a race.

If you are interested, you can sign up for this walk using the sheet on the coffee bar in the narthex or by emailing Cindy Stadel at cstadel@hevanet.com.

Let's Talk

A small group at St. Andrew has been talking about the challenges of ministering to those impacted by suicide. One key element of working with someone who has lost a loved one to suicide, or someone who has suicidal thoughts, is listening. It is a myth that talking about suicide will encourage people to attempt or complete it. Actually, compassionate conversation can really help.

Let's make St. Andrew a place where the issues of mental health and suicide can be openly discussed. If someone speaks to you about thoughts of self-harm, listen compassionately, if you can. If you feel that you are not the right person for the conversation, help them get connected with one of the pastors. Let's listen.



If you or someone you know is struggling with depression or suicidal ideation, you can call or text 988 for support. You are not alone.

Why Isn't This Printed on Yellow Paper?!



If you usually pick up a printed copy of this publication, rather than reading the digital version on our website, you may be wondering why the heck it isn't printed on the yellow pages like normal. We are no longer able to source the ledger-sized canary-colored paper from our typical supply company, and were unable to secure an alternate source before running out of our current stock.

That said, for at least the next couple of weeks, look for Weekly News (sometimes called "the yellow pages") on white paper in the narthex. We appreciate your understanding!

Martin Mills
Administrative Assistant

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family of Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Scholz
Family and friends of Pr. Lenny Duncan	Peace and God's comfort at Lenny's death	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Cory (cousin)	Healing and recovery	Carol Hogan
Mary Lou (mother of Tracy Powell)	Healing, strength, and comfort	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Tracy Powell and siblings	Strength and guidance	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Eric & Maria	Safe travels and easy transition	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Stacye Erickson	Successful surgery and healing	Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Tom Erickson (Stacye's husband) and	Comfort and support as they accompany	Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Dana Taylor-Blakemore	Stacye Erickson on her healing journey	
Dianne (cousin)	Successful treatment and healing	Mary Smith
Bethany (daughter-in-law)	Thanksgiving for health	Mary Smith
Those receiving ongoing pastoral care, including	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Bettye Eldridge,		
Margaret Herder, Vera Hutchinson, Glenath Moyle,		
Sharon Roth, Erin Tarum, Ida Trullinger		
People experiencing hopelessness, desperation,	Healing, strength, and support	Staff
or suicidal thoughts		
All who imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod,	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
esp. Faith (Roseburg) and Springfield (Springfield)		

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.

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) Leadership Academy: A Deep Dive into One-to-One Relational Meetings

"How do I build a meaningful relationship across differences?"

One-to-one conversations are the backbone of community organizing. To lead collectively, we need to be able to build relationships of trust across the differences that often divide us. When we make the effort to dive below the surface of, "Hey, how's it going?" and instead share the stories that shape us, we can discover strengths and shared interests in working together for the common good.

Having a meaningful conversation with someone new is countercultural and can bring up feelings of discomfort. (What will we talk about? How much of my personal story do I have to share? How do I end the conversation?) Join us at this training to learn the skills needed to allay these fears, strengthen your practice, and open up the possibility for transformation latent in every interaction. It will be held on **Sunday, October 4**, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at Havurah Shalom, 825 NW 18th Ave., Portland.



This training is intended for those who are already familiar with the basics of organizing—if you have been to a MACG training, or one of the classes led by St. Andrew's Community Organizing Team, you're good to go.

The holidays are coming—wouldn't it be great to practice how to have a good conversation with that new family member or that relative with strong points of view?

Please register in advance by visiting forms.gle/N4bow6smTmfesb9t6.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the St. Andrew Community Organizing Team: Pat Christiansen, Amy Peahl, Gretchen Bancroft, Lynn Santelmann, Sonja Ackman, or Pr. Allison Bengfort.

Food Pantry Donation Totals

Thank you to everyone who supports the St. Matthew Food Pantry by leaving non-perishables in the wooden barrel in the narthex at St. Andrew!

Here are the recent weight totals of food donations delivered:



August: 64 lbs.

September: 37 lbs.

"Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry."

—Psalm 146:5-7



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, September 27, 2026

Psalm 104:1-2, 10-15

Revelation 7:13-17

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, September 18

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 19—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Mindful Nature Walk Sanctuary of the Firs and beyond

Sunday, September 20

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 | Living the Liturgy: The Hows, Whys, and Wherefores of Lutheran Worship 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)

4:00 pm West Side Youth Collective Kick-off Gathering First Congregational UCC, Hillsboro

6:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22

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 Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm Bridge Group Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm Constitution Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

5:00 pm **Evening Prayer** Chapel

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 23—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit to office@standrewlutheran.com & administrator@standrewlutheran.com

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

6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Al-Anon Family Group Meeting Chapel

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Thursday, September 24

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

11:00 am Earth Care Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

1:00 pm Staff Meeting Library (Main Level)

7:00 pm IT Meeting Offsite

7:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

Friday, September 25

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 26—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

Sunday, September 27

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 | Living the Liturgy: The Hows, Whys, and Wherefores of Lutheran Worship Fellowship Hall

11:00 am West Side Youth Collective Information Session (for Middle & High School Youth) Youth Room

6:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



YouTube

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.



zoom

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.