

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 4, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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High School Youth Programming Update



Though we are in a transition time between youth directors, we are happy to share that we will be continuing to offer robust programming for high school youth this school year. If you are interested in helping with any of our high school youth programming by serving as an adult volunteer, please reach out to Pastor Allison. We would very much appreciate your support!

High School Youth Group

Youth Group will resume on Sunday, Sep 13. The September schedule will be:

- Sun, September 13, 11 am: Congregation-wide Fall Kick-Off event, followed by the first day of Youth Group. We will begin with middle and high school students together to nominate a youth representative to serve on the Council. Then, the middle schoolers will return to the library while the high schoolers begin to make plans for the year. Pastor Allison will facilitate.
- Sun, September 20, 11 am: Youth Group Brainstorming. This will be a day of brainstorming what qualities we'd like to see in a new youth director and what we'd like to do as a group this year. Pastor Allison will facilitate.
- Sun, September 27, 11 am: West Side Youth Collective Info Session for Parents and Students. Pastor Jess Putland will lead. See below for more info.

West Side Youth Collective

The West Side Youth Collective is a one-year-old ecumenical youth group for middle and high school students, led by Pastor-Organizer Jess Putland of [Together Lab's Youth Solidarity Movement](#). This year, St. Andrew will be joining Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Christ United Methodist Church, Hillsboro United Church of Christ, and Valley Presbyterian in taking part in this youth collective. Activities include bimonthly gatherings on Sunday afternoons, service projects, justice and solidarity work, two overnight retreats, and social/fun events. There is a student and parent info session on Sun, Sep 27, at 11 am in the youth room with Pastor Jess to learn more about this.

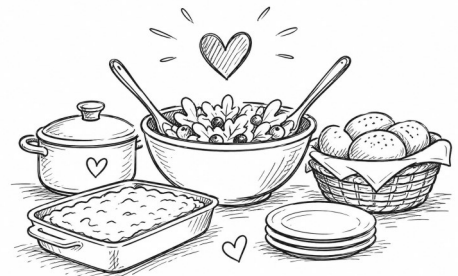
ELCA National Youth Gathering

The [2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering](#) is scheduled for June 27-July 3 in Minneapolis, MN. We will be collaborating with the other West Side Youth Collective churches (including those who are not ELCA!) to travel to Minneapolis together as a large group.

Thanks to all our youth for their participation and to those who support them! Please reach out to Pastor Allison with questions.

Fall Kickoff!

A new program year is beginning at St. Andrew, and what better way to kick things off than with good food, good company, and a chance to discover what's ahead?



Join us Sunday, September 13, following worship for our Program Year Kickoff Party in the Fellowship Hall!

We'll gather for a congregational potluck and celebrate the start of another year of learning, growing, and connecting at St. Andrew. Come enjoy lunch together, catch up with familiar faces, meet someone new, and learn more about the educational opportunities available in the coming year.

Whether you already know exactly where you want to plug in, or you're simply curious about what St. Andrew has to offer, this is a great opportunity to explore, ask questions, and find something that interests you.

And, of course, **it wouldn't be a potluck without the potluck!**

Stop by the **Coffee Bar** to find the signup sheet, and let us know what you're planning to bring. Main dishes, sides, salads, desserts, and other favorites are all welcome. Bring something you love to share and come hungry! And please come whether or not you bring a dish! There will be plenty to share. Your presence at the table is far more important than what you bring to it. There's a lot to look forward to in the year ahead. Come help us kick it off together.

Western Farm Workers



The service committee is collecting clothing and food for the Western Farm Workers Association during the month of September. Last year we collected over 250 food and clothing items. This year they have 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, they need the following food items for their food pantry; tuna, beans, rice, peanut butter, jam, pasta, spaghetti sauce and cooking oil. Please place the clothing items in the barrel in the Narthex and the food items in bags or boxes nearby.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Reiser.

Climate Corner

Some of you have asked me about backyard composting. Our small backyard is landscaped mostly with native plants, so I wanted a composting system that wouldn't detract from the landscaping. My solution was simple: three garbage cans tucked behind a tree.



Throughout the day, we collect kitchen scraps in a bowl by the sink and empty it into the compost every day or two. We've never had trouble with odor or fruit flies.

My Simple Composting Method

I use three old 33-gallon garbage cans with lids, with plenty of holes drilled in the bottoms for drainage and to allow earthworms and other decomposers to enter. Used cans can often be found at places like Habitat ReStore.

Place the cans directly on soil in a shady spot. Fill one can until it is full, or for up to a year, then leave it covered and undisturbed for about two years. No turning, stirring or mixing required! Because this "cold composting" method is slow, having three cans allows me to keep composting while the other cans decompose.

What Goes In?

Compost needs both "green" nitrogen-rich materials and "brown" carbon-rich materials.

Greens: fruit and vegetable scraps, spoiled produce, coffee grounds, tea leaves and grass clippings.

Browns: dry leaves, straw, torn cardboard, shredded paper, paper towels, coffee filters and non-plastic tea bags.

Crushed eggshells can also be added. I aim for about one part green to two parts brown. Because I often run short on browns, I shred newspaper and junk mail, removing any plastic windows first.

Keep the lid on year-round. This prevents the compost from drying out in summer or becoming waterlogged during rainy weather.

What Stays Out?

Avoid meat, bones, dairy and foods containing animal products, which can smell and attract rodents. Also leave out weed seeds, plants treated with pesticides or herbicides, pet waste, cigarette butts, dryer lint and items labeled "compostable" that require commercial composting facilities.

And remember to remove produce stickers. They don't decompose. Ask me how I know!

It's an easy, low-maintenance way to keep organic material out of the landfill and eventually create something useful for your garden.

If you have composting questions, feel free to ask me!

Liz Hardy, Earth Care Team

LWR School Kits Supply Collection Update

St. Andrew continues to collect donations for school kits that, once assembled, are boxed up and shipped by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to those all around the world coping with poverty, disaster, conflict, and more.

A sign-up sheet is available on the coffee bar if you would like to help pin and sew the remaining bags needed. Signing up gives us an idea of the days and times people are available to help with this project. Below you will find what supplies are still needed to accomplish St. Andrew's goal of filling 300 bags. These numbers are updated every week until the goal is met.

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLY LIST	Have	Need
Notebooks, 70-sheet of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper	1,260	<u>0</u>
Crayons, box of 16 or 24	424	<u>0</u>
Pencil sharpener	236	70
Ruler, 30 centimeters long, or a ruler with inches on one side <u>and</u> centimeters on the other	233	67
Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)	448	<u>0</u>
#2 pencils with erasers (preferably unsharpened)	2034	<u>0</u>
Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)	1666	<u>0</u>
Eraser, 2 ½ inches	345	<u>0</u>

No Place to Grow Old:

Documentary Screening

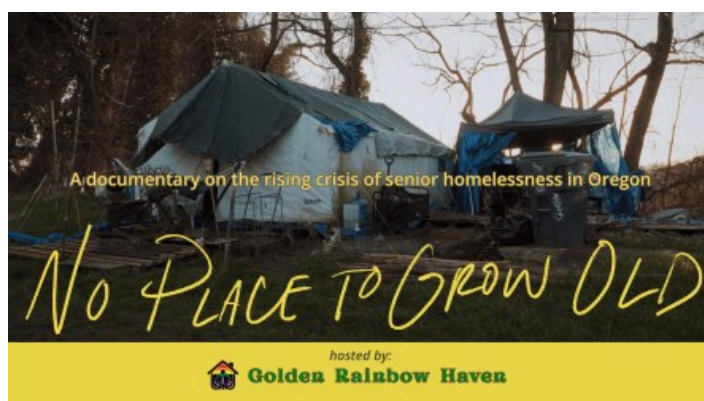
Join our neighbors at Cedar Mill Christ UMC on **Thursday, September 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for a free screening of *No Place to Grow Old*, a documentary filmed in Portland exploring the growing crisis of senior homelessness in Oregon.

Following the film, a panel of local experts will discuss the challenges of finding and providing safe, affordable housing. The evening will also include a community resource fair and silent auction benefiting Golden Rainbow Haven. Refreshments and childcare will be available.

Cedar Mill Christ UMC

12755 NW Dogwood St.

Free to attend. Registration encouraged, but not required.



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
The Family and Friends of Dan Fako Shelley Jelineo and Scotty Dickson Kay Kratzer Lee Anne Knapp The Hanchett Family	Comfort as we approach the anniversary of his passing. Prayers of Joy and Blessing for their new marriage. Support and Encouragement. Strength and Support. Healing and strength for a young man following a serious self-inflicted injury. Comfort and peace following the death of a son. Strength and wisdom. Courage and wisdom.	Rebecca Uecker Staff Alex Stinekraus Lee Anne Knapp Lee Anne Knapp Lee Anne Knapp Staff Staff
Jenn Palm and her family Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod Council and Staff		
Refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brocker, Carly Keyser, Clay Keyser, Kodi Miller	Safety and guidance	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Our Savior's (Eugene) and United (Eugene)	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.


**CONNECTING WITH THE
ST. ANDREW
WOODS AND WETLANDS**



MINDFUL NATURE WALKS


ADVENTURE WALK


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
10 AM • Led by Michelle Sinn


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
10 AM • Led by Susanne Wells


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
10 AM • Led by Liz Hardy


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
10 AM - NOON • Led by Don Nearwood


MAY BE STRENUOUS AND WET


 Look for more information about these events on the Earth Care bulletin board, across from the coffee bar.

Lutheran Community Services Northwest Thanks SALC!

Dear St. Andrew
Lutheran Church,



Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation to support Lutheran Community Services Northwest's critical mission to bring health, justice and hope to our communities. **Hope** is the operative word. Your gift aids us in providing life-affirming services to those in need.

We are passionate about helping our clients find opportunities for growth and improvement. We seek to energize them with the tools they need to thrive. LCSNW works with individuals, families and communities to face the future with vision, support and resiliency. Your generous giving helps us to make this mission a reality. Thank you!

Celebrate the Season of Creation by connecting with the beautiful St. Andrew Woods and Wetland. The Earth Care Team is offering several opportunities this fall to experience this special part of our property, from mindful walks connecting mind, body and spirit with nature to a more adventurous exploration of the wild and rugged areas of St. Andrew.

LuAnn Staul, Earth Care Team Chair



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 6, 2026

Romans 13:8-14
Psalm 119:33-40
Matthew 18:15-20

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, September 4

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 5 —Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, September 6

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
6:00 pm	Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 7

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Mtg	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee	Main Library
2:00 pm	Worship at The Springs	Chapel @ The Springs at Tanasbourne
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Community Organizing Team Mtg	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal	Children's Commons

Wednesday, September 9—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to administrator@standrewlutheran.com

7:00 pm	Finance Team Mtg	Main Library
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Thursday, September 10

10:00 am	Strength + Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall/Chapel
12:00 pm	Alzheimer's Support Group	St. Andrew Room/ Children's Library
1:00 pm	Staff Workshop	Chapel/Main Library
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Main Library
7:00 pm	Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 11

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 12 —Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

Sunday, September 13

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	Fall Kick-off	Fellowship Hall
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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.