St. Andrew Weekly News

October 30, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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"Fall Back" before Worship This Sunday



Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time ends **this Sunday, November 1**, at 2:00 am. So set your clocks back one hour before going to bed this Saturday night, and enjoy that extra hour of sleep before coming to worship on Sunday morning, lest you show up an hour early and wonder why no one else is here yet!

Our neighbors to the north in British Columbia will not be "falling back" with us this weekend, however, so keep that in mind should you find yourself travelling across the United States' northern border in the next couple of months. As it stands, Oregon and U.S. law still has us changing our clocks twice each year. Daylight Saving Time will resume on the **Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 14, 2027**, at 2:00 am local time.

Join the Advent Planning Session on Sunday!



You have already seen the evidence in stores: Christmas is on the way. In the Church, we prepare for Christmas with the season of Advent, a time of waiting, of watching, and of wondering. This year, St. Andrew will once again be using resources from *A Sanctified Art* to guide our celebration of this season. ASA's theme for this year is "Until the Dawn." The resources include ideas for worship, art projects, children's activities, and more.

The Worship Planning Team would love to hear your input about how we will observe this important time. Please join us **this Sunday, November 1**, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall as we look over the materials and decide which ideas are a good fit for our community. Vegan tortilla soup will be served (with cheese and sour cream available separately), but you are also welcome to bring your own lunch if you prefer. Questions? Ask Pr. Allison Bengfort or John Gladen.

New Adult Ed Series Begins Sunday: God's Presence in Nature

Join us as we open to deepening our relationship with all living beings in creation. We will explore God's Presence within the evolving, dynamic, creative process of our Universe and especially our planet home. God is not separate from Earth but Present in the reality of what is happening all around us. Come find hope, grounding, and trust as we open to Mystery and Wonder amidst the chaos, uncertainty, and fear in these times. Join us as you are able, for one session or all. Dr. Ruth Nickodemus will lead this four-week course beginning **this Sunday, November 1**, at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.



Bring a Photo or Memento for All Saints' Day

> *"Since its earliest centuries, the church has set aside a day to remember the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in the faith, stretching across the centuries and around the globe. However hard it might seem to follow the way of Jesus in our own time and place, this is a day to remember that we may be crazy, but we are not alone."*
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> *–Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*

Following Jesus is hard. It involves dying to old ways of being, becoming vulnerable in active love, and boldly risking the new and unknown. Luckily, we are not alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, both living and dead, whose legacies continue to shape our lives and offer comfort and inspiration. **This Sunday, November 1**, we will remember these saints, giving thanks for their lives and grieving those we have lost.

I invite you to consider a saint who has made an impact on your life. Maybe it is a loved one or other individual you know personally, a Bible character who has shaped your thinking, or a historical or modern figure who has inspired your passion for love and justice. Select an item—it may be a photo or memento—that represents this person, and bring it with you to worship on **Sunday, November 1**. You may bring more than one item if there are multiple saints you'd like to honor this year.



During the worship service, you will be invited to place your item/s on one of the altars of the saints that will be set up in the sanctuary. You will have the opportunity to pray and light a candle in honor of the saint/s you are remembering this year.

Those worshiping online are encouraged to create an at-home altar for your mementos. Be sure to include candles that can be lit during the candle-lighting portion of the worship service.

A Prayer for All Saints' Day, from
Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals:



Lord, your saints come from every nation and every tribe. Such is the beauty of your kingdom, where every race and people are honored and recognized as being made in your image. Help us live lives of peace and reconciliation that pay homage to the diversity of your great cloud of witnesses. Amen.

A Note of Thanks from Teri Brosh

Thank you to my St. Andrew friends for your visits, your phone calls, your gifts, and your beautiful flowers after my fall. With your encouragement, I am healing well.



Seven Generations Principle: Healing the Past and Shaping the Future

Excerpts from article by Breanne Smith at The Indigenous Foundation.



What if I told you that the choices we make today could shape the lives of those who come seven generations after us? Or that we are the bridge between our ancestors' resilience and our descendants' future?

This powerful philosophy comes from the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy or the League of Five Nations, which is recognized as one of the oldest participatory democracies on Earth.

Fun fact: The Great Law of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy is also credited as being a contributing influence on the U.S. Constitution.

The first written concepts of the Seven Generations principle can be traced back to the Great Law of Peace, with estimates placing its origin between AD 1142 and AD 1500. That means that this isn't some fleeting trend, this is ancient wisdom with lasting relevance.

So What Is the Seven Generations Principle? At its core, the Seven Generations Principle teaches that the decisions we make today should create a sustainable world for the seven generations that follow. As Oren Lyons, a Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation, explains, Haudenosaunee leaders are guided by the idea that when they sit in council, they must not think only of themselves, their families, or even their immediate communities. Instead, they must consider the well-being of those who will come after them.

I know seven generations feels like a long time, but consider this: If you were able to meet your great-grandparents—which I remember doing as a child—and you are able to meet your great-grandchildren one day, that's seven generations right there. Your great-grandparents, your grandparents, your parents, you, your children, your grandchildren, and your great-grandchildren. It doesn't feel so distant when you realize that you could see seven generations in your lifetime. The actions you take today will impact seven generations to come. The healing, the change making, the growth, and the protection of our land and resources will all shape their world.

Each of us holds the power to be the shift. Every choice, every moment, every action is an opportunity to build a future that honors the past and strengthens what's to come. Let's make it count.

Because, on the flip side, ignoring our impact means repeating cycles of harm, perpetuating environmental destruction, deepening systemic injustices, and passing down unhealed trauma. If we choose inaction, future generations will inherit the consequences of our neglect, forced to bear the weight of problems we refused to address.

This isn't about guilt or feeling overwhelmed; it's about empowerment. Recognizing our role as caretakers of the future gives us agency to shape a better world. As Rick Hill, Sr., of the Tuscarora Nation beautifully stated, "We inherit a duty and a responsibility to work hard so that the future can enjoy the benefits of a healthy planet and a thriving society."



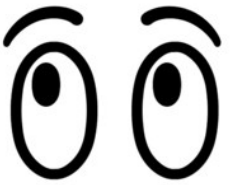
We stand at a pivotal moment. We have the awareness, tools, and power to heal the wounds of the past and redefine the future. Imagine a world seven generations from now—one that looks back on our time as the turning point when we chose to acknowledge history, foster unity, and build a foundation of respect, equality, and sustainability.

We are the change. The responsibility and opportunity are in our hands. With gratitude for our ancestors and hope for future generations, we have the power to create a legacy of healing and transformation.

So let's choose to make decisions today that will echo positively through the next seven generations and beyond. It's a profound way to honor the past, live with purpose in the present, and build a brighter future for those to come.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Your Facility Management Team Has Been "Looking Up" Lately, and You Need to, Too!



If you look up at the ceiling by the Anniversary quilts (across from the upstairs library), you see a repaired, repainted ceiling. If you keep looking up, you will notice the stairwell light fixtures are lit! They have been redone with LED lights for energy efficiency. If you look up in the library, the St. Andrew room, the hallway by the restrooms, or the offices, you will also see new LED lights. Many of the offices now have dimmer switches so that the lighting levels can be adjusted. We plan to continue switching to LED lights, which will reduce our electricity use and carbon footprint. Also in the "looking up" category, you may have seen roof repairs. Based on a roofing consultant's recommendations, we repaired several sections of the roof that caused our leaks. If you walk by the offices at night and look up, you will see a new solar motion-activated light over the sidewalk.

Other projects in progress include a new video camera and keypad system to improve safety and security for staff, Head Start, and the congregation. This project includes rekeying the building to improve security and access control. A generous donor is funding this project. Another project in progress is a proposal for new playground equipment. Head Start is providing significant funding for this project. Once the details are finalized, we will present this proposal to the Council.

The Facility Management Team is looking for hosts to serve during events at St. Andrew. If you're interested, please email events@standrewlutheran.com. It should be a fun opportunity, and you'll learn how to turn the lights on and off, and more!



The Facility Management Team is responsible for building maintenance, improvement, and use. Team members include Clay Gustafson, Rick LeRoy, Carl Malmstrom, Jim McGarvey, Martin Mills, Arden Tarum, Chuck Weswig, and Kacey Woodbridge. If you would like to join the team or help with a project, please let us know!

Mea culpa…



You may be thinking that you missed the August 2026 by the Numbers report. Due to an unfortunate oversight, Martin neglected to include it last month in Weekly News. You will find it printed just below. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

August 2026 by the Numbers

Average Weekly Worship Attendance	
In-person:	112
Online:	103
Total:	215
Weekly Revenue	
Average Weekly Revenue, including offerings, building use, etc.:	$14,615
Average Weekly Revenue needed to fully cover all budgeted expenses and end the year without a deficit:	$15,115
Fiscal Year to Date Revenue	
Budgeted:	$126,663
Actual:	$114,869
Fiscal Year to Date Expenses	
Budgeted:	$131,751
Actual:	$112,839
Fiscal Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)	
Budgeted:	($5,089)
Actual:	$2,030

Volunteers Needed: Event and Kitchen Hosts

St. Andrew is looking for individuals interested in helping us welcome the various community groups and organizations that use our facilities!



We're hoping to build a team of **Event Hosts** who can assist with occasional gatherings by opening the building, ensuring rooms are set up appropriately, adjusting thermostats, and being available to answer questions or provide assistance during events.

We're also interested in identifying **Kitchen Hosts** who can help support those events that require use of our kitchen facilities.

Opportunities will vary depending on the size and needs of each event, and **some may include compensation for your time.** There is no regular schedule or ongoing commitment. You can simply help when your availability allows!

If you're interested in serving as an Event Host, Kitchen Host, or both, or you have any questions, please email the Facility Management Team at events@standrewlutheran.com.

We'd love to hear from you!

Facility Management Team

Thanksgiving Meals for Community Action



Supporting families in need so they can truly celebrate Thanksgiving is a wonderful way to live out your faith. To that end, the Service Committee continues its collection of $6,525—enough to buy eighty-seven $75 WinCo gift cards—for Community Action families. Any donations that exceed the goal will be used for St. Andrew's upcoming Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree or donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding our neighbors in need.

If you wish to give online, select "Thanksgiving Community Action Donation" in the drop-down menu below "Fund," or you can send a check payable to St. Andrew with "Thanksgiving Donation" written in the memo line. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Deadline to receive donations is **Monday, November 16**.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

- LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com / 503-314-6321), or
- Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com / 503-649-5091).

Latest News from the Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will meet again on **Monday, November 9**, at 2:00 pm to discuss *My Ántonia* by Willa Cather. Tim Holte will host the discussion at his home.



On **December 14**, Ted Miller will host the discussion on *Diamond Doris: The True Story of the World's Most Notorious Jewel Thief* by Doris Payne with Zelda Lockhart.

Let's Talk

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.



A small group at St. Andrew has been talking about the challenges of ministering to those impacted by suicide. In April 2027, the group plans to hold a training for St. Andrew members that will explore ways of ministering to this population. What can we do for those who have lost someone to suicide? What can we do for those experiencing suicidal thoughts? There isn't an easy list of dos and don'ts, but we can learn skills and approaches. You'll hear more about this upcoming event as time passes. Please consider attending, as ministering to people who are impacted by suicide is important.

Upcoming Performances by John Gladen



Hi all, John here, your Minister of Music. There are a number of opportunities to see me either conduct or perform out in the wider world coming up. Here are the upcoming performances in which I'll be involved:

I am the music director for Grant High School's production of Newsies. I'll be conducting the pit orchestra on these dates: **November 5–7** & **November 12–14**; all shows start at 7:00 pm. Find directions and buy tickets at tinyurl.com/2b37tveu.

I also sing with Oregon Repertory Singers (ORS) and the Northwest Vocal Arts ensemble (NWVA). Both have holiday concerts coming up; dates are listed below with links to purchase tickets:

- ORS | The Glory of Christmas, **December 6, 12, & 13**, with all performances beginning at 4:00 pm. tinyurl.com/3s5z2w47
- NWVA | Voices of Winter: Peace On Earth, on **December 19** at 3:00 pm, and on **December 20** at 7:00 pm. tinyurl.com/bdf9s7kb

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR…	CONTACT
Dee Piscitelli and Michelle Poole (granddaughters)	Peace and God's comfort at the death of their father	Linda Fransen
Jenn Z. (friend of a friend)	Accurate diagnosis, proper treatment, and full healing	Rebecca Uecker
Jerry Entrikin	Comfort and healing	Jerry Entrikin
Alan Jacobs (father)	Comfort, healing, and effective treatment	Sonja Ackman
Sharon T. (friend)	Continued healing and the strength to return home	Rebecca Uecker
Russ Spear (husband)	Comfort and peace on hospice	Barbara Spear
Teri Brosh	Healing and recovery	Teri Brosh
Sonny Papajack	Healing and recovery	Patty Jones
Greg & Linda Jones (son & daughter-in-law)	Healing and recovery following car accident	Patty Jones
Nora Duggan (daughter)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Tim & Sharon Duggan
David Saxton (nephew)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Donna & Warren McAlpine
Cory (cousin)	Peace and a desirable outcome	Carol Hogan
Pr. Katherine Brick	Peace and strength	Gretchen Bancroft
Sylvia Lei & James Brooks (daughter & her fiancé)	Thanksgiving for their engagement	Tira Nesset
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod Council and Staff	Courage and wisdom	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, esp. Emmanuel (Willamina) & Immanuel (Woodburn)	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.

Young Adults All Saints' Costume Party Is This Sunday!

On All Saints' Day, young adults will gather to celebrate the heroes of faith, get to know each other, and have some fun along the way. Come dressed as your favorite saint: Thomas (for the doubters), Martin Luther King, Jr. (for the activists), or any hero of the faith who inspires you. All saints—past or present—are welcome!



Activities will include costume contests, dinner, and more! Child care will be available for children ages five and under. Join us in Fellowship Hall **this Sunday, November 1**, at 5:00 pm for a festive night of faith, friends, food, and fun!

Volunteer to Deck the Halls at the Hanging of the Greens!

St. Andrew's annual Hanging of the Greens is being planned for **Sunday, November 29**, and we're looking for a small group of people willing to take on the coordination of this much-loved tradition. In past years, many different individuals and ministry groups have helped carry this work, but there is currently no designated team overseeing it. We'd love to find a few people who are able to help with the Hanging of the Greens.

The coordinators would help organize the greenery, gather volunteers, guide the decorating that prepares our church for Christmas, and coordinate the take-down and storage thereafter. This is not a one-person job. We're hoping to build a small team that can share the work and help carry the tradition forward. If you would like to help, please email administrator@standrewlutheran.com.



Oregon International Ballet Academy: *The Nutcracker*

St. Andrew's very own Reese Schafer will be performing with the Oregon International Ballet Academy as they present *The Nutcracker*. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex for more information and to purchase tickets, or visit oiballet.org/events.

Totals from LWR Ingathering

Last weekend, a dedicated team of volunteers from St. Andrew hosted an ingathering of supplies from throughout the Oregon Synod (and beyond!). Boxes of donations go to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed across the globe. Listed below are the total number of items that filled our LWR shipping container. We're part of a large movement to help those in need!

- 2,306 Quilts
- 2,712 School Kits
- 467 Personal Care Kits
- 47 Fabric Kits
- 300 Baby Care Kits

LWR Team

Meal Train®

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.

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Tira Nesset	503-866-5099

Preparing for Worship
Sunday, November 8, 2026

Amos 5:18-24 | Psalm 70
1 Thessalonian 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, October 30
10:00 am HR Team Meeting ..... via Zoom
10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm Hoffman School of Music Fall Recital ..... Chapel
Saturday, October 31—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com
Sunday, November 1
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 | God's Presence in Nature ..... Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth ..... Library (Main Level)
11:00 am High School Youth Group ..... Youth Room
12:00 pm Advent Seasonal Worship Planning Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Young Adult Group All Saints' Costume Party ..... Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 2
7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting ..... via Zoom
Tuesday, November 3
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
10:00 am Worship Planners Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)
12:00 pm Bridge Group ..... Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)
5:00 pm Evening Prayer ..... Chapel
7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
7:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild ..... Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 4—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit to office@standrewlutheran.com & administrator@standrewlutheran.com
5:00 pm Stewardship Team Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)
6:00 pm Bells of Grace Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
7:00 pm Al-Anon Family Group Meeting ..... Chapel
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
7:30 pm High School Youth Parents' Meeting ..... via Zoom
Thursday, November 5
10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Suicide Awareness Group Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm Staff Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)
7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting ..... via Zoom
7:00 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children's Commons
Friday, November 6
10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 7—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com
9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 8
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 | God's Presence in Nature ..... Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Confirmation for Middle School Youth ..... Library (Main Level)
4:00 pm West Side Youth Collective Gathering ..... Valley Community Presbyterian Church (8060 SW Brentwood Street, Portland)

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.