

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 9, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Connecting with the St. Andrew Woods & Wetlands



We are blessed at St. Andrew not only to have a beautiful place to worship and enjoy each other's fellowship, we also have more than seven acres of riparian forest and wetlands. This is your chance to see the beaver dams, the growing wetlands, and how the habitat is changing this fall.

Please consider joining us for our final Season of Creation event:

Habitat Restoration & Woodland Stewardship. This event will be held this Saturday, October 10, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. We will be cutting back brush and limbs to open the sky for our native oak trees down the slope from the community garden. Bring weed removal and cutting tools, garden or work gloves, closed-toe shoes or boots, a 5-gallon bucket, and water to drink. We will provide coffee and cookies, advice on native plants and invasive species, and extra tools, buckets, and gloves.

LuAnn Staul
Earth Care Team Chair

Staying Safe Online Class Is Cancelled

Due to a scheduling conflict, "How to Stay Safe Online," the class scheduled for this Sunday afternoon, October 11, has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to you joining us in the future!



Men's Book Club



The Men's Book Club will meet this Monday, October 12, at 2:00 pm to discuss *Soul Mountain* by Gao Xingjian. Steve Claborne will host the discussion at his home.

Next month, on November 9, Tim Holte will host the discussion on *My Ántonia* by Willa Cather. And Ted Miller will lead discussion on *Diamond Doris: The True Story of the World's Most Notorious Jewel Thief* by Doris Payne with Zelda Lockhart on December 14.

A Note about Pastoral Care & Emergencies

Pr. Colleen Nelson, St. Andrew's Associate Bridge Pastor for Caring Ministries, will be out of town starting tomorrow, October 10, through the beginning of November. She will be in Chicago helping her son, David, and her grandson, Luca, through a difficult time. For pastoral care needs during this time, please reach out to Pr. Allison Bengfort at 563-210-6304 or seminarian Kim Taylor-Blakemore at 503-545-6133.

Two Weeks to Go until Fall LWR Ingathering



Don't forget: Your help is needed this week to thread cords through the bags used to make school kits. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

The **Fall Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering** will be held on Friday, October 23, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, and on Saturday, October 24, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help unload vehicles delivering boxes and then load and stack said boxes into the shipping container to be delivered via LWR. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets in the narthex, or contact either Rochelle McIntire by emailing PacificNWLWRgroup@gmail.com or Randy Sinn by emailing sinn78home@gmail.com.

We are also in need of small- and medium-sized boxes, used or new, for packing the quilts and school kits from St Andrew. These boxes can't be too large lest they be over the weight limit. An example for size is either the small or medium boxes available from places like U-Haul or Home Depot. If you can save and donate any used boxes, please contact Mike McDowall at mcdowall.ml@gmail.com or 503-869-5685. Thank you!

Volunteers are also needed to help assemble St. Andrew's school kits on the evening of Tuesday, October 20, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm; food will be provided. This is a great opportunity for all ages to volunteer, and to teach the children of our congregation about the work of LWR and the importance of volunteering.



Apply for Earth Camp Director 2027



The HR Team is currently in the process of hiring for a new youth director at St. Andrew. We expect that person to join the staff in 2027. In the meantime, planning for Earth Camp 2027 needs to begin now! We have created a one-year 2027 Earth Camp Director position with a stipend of \$5,000.

St. Andrew community members who have familiarity with Earth Camp are encouraged to apply! The position posting can be found on the St. Andrew website under "Job Openings," and will remain open until October 25, 2026.

Celebrating Fourteen Years of Tai Chi!

Last Tuesday, October 6, was the 14th anniversary of the Tai Chi classes held at St. Andrew! The free sessions are open to everyone, and we have members, neighbors, and others who regularly participate. Thanks to Keith Ehrensing for leading the group! If you're interested, please join us on Tuesdays or Fridays at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.



Are You Using Your Dryer in the Most Efficient Way?

Did you know that clothes dryers use more energy on average than any other appliance, even your refrigerator? Here are some tips to reduce energy used by your dryer:

Start by washing your clothes less often. Most people over-wash and over-dry their clothes. Yes, underwear, socks, workout clothes, or anything sweaty or stained needs to be washed every time. But try to get out of the habit of washing everything after wearing it only once. Dress shirts, sweaters, pants, and especially jeans can be worn several times before they are actually dirty. Also, your clothes will last much longer if they are washed less often, and it will save you money!

Spin it. Make sure your clothes washer completes the spin cycle to extract as much water as possible from the clothes before drying. Less moisture means shorter drying times.

Fill it up. Drying full loads makes better use of the energy used for drying. Resist running the dryer with only your favorite socks in there. However, don't stuff the dryer too full, either. Very large loads do not dry efficiently. Check your dryer's manual for recommendations on the optimal load size. You can also save energy by drying similar types of clothes at the same time. If you have two loads of laundry to do, try saving the first load of wet clothes in a clothes basket until the second load is washed. Then, dry one load right after the other. Drying two or more loads in a row takes advantage of the dryer's retained heat from dryer-load to dryer-load.



Dry just enough. Check out your dryer's settings for more efficient options. If your dryer offers a "less dry" setting, choose this option whenever possible. For most dryers, this setting will dry the clothes 95% and your clothes will feel dry. This saves energy and is better for your clothes.

Using the low-heat setting also saves energy. It takes a bit longer to dry, but will save you money on your energy bill by using less heat, and will reduce wear and tear on your clothes.

See if your dryer knows when to stop. Check to see if your dryer has a moisture sensor. A moisture sensor tells the dryer when your clothes are dry and when to stop drying. If your dryer doesn't have a moisture sensor, it is likely over-drying your clothes by as much as 20-30 minutes. This wastes energy and money, and puts extra wear & tear on your clothes. Check your dryer's manual to find out if you have a moisture sensor. You can usually find the manual online if you search for your dryer's make and model number. If you don't have a moisture sensor, consider upgrading to a new Energy Star dryer. You can also prevent over-drying by checking the loads 20-30 minutes before the cycle finishes, and stopping the load early if clothes are dry. You may find that you can routinely set the dry time for 45 minutes instead of an hour.

Maintain your dryer. Maintaining your dryer and making sure it is properly installed will help keep energy use and costs down. First, empty that lint trap every time! Cleaning your filter regularly improves air circulation and keeps drying times down. It is also an important fire-prevention measure. Make sure your dryer is vented properly. Check your dryer's manual for more information. Finally, think about where your dryer is located. Installing it in a heated space – rather than the garage, if possible – will keep it from having to work extra hard to heat up and dry your clothes.



Extra credit: Line-dry your clothes. Consider skipping the dryer and line-dry your clothes instead. Line-drying extends the life-time of clothes and is the best way to save money, energy, and emissions on drying. I've found that putting a load in the dryer for only 5-10 minutes before hanging them to dry keeps the clothes (and especially towels) from feeling stiff when they dry on the line.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Thank You for Supporting the WFWA!

The Service Committee's fall food and clothing drive was successful! We collected 193 articles of clothing and 125 food items to benefit the Western Farm Workers Association. This included coats, sweatshirts, fleece jackets, sweaters, pants, gloves, rain-gear, shirts, socks, and shoes. Food donations included beans, cooking oil, soup, rice, pasta, peanut butter, jam, and tuna. All the collected items were delivered to the WFWA headquarters in Hillsboro on September 8. Thank you to the members of St. Andrew and friends who made this a success!



Food Pantry Update

The St. Matthew Food Pantry serves about 300 families a month and has provided food to more than 10,000 members of our local community so far this year, as of September. St. Andrew supports the pantry with food donations, funds, and volunteers. The pantry is a shopping-style food bank where clients choose what their families need. Volunteers assist clients to "shop," which St. Andrew members volunteer for on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. St. Andrew members have helped with deliveries, food collections, restocking, and purchasing. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Chuck Weswig.

Barak Teifel

Celebration of Life
Saturday, October 17
2:00 pm, Sanctuary

*Reception to follow
in Fellowship Hall*

**A sign-up sheet is on the coffee bar in the
narthex for those who are planning to bring
refreshments for the reception. Thank you!**

Barak,
Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May a choir of angels welcome you, and where Lazarus is poor no more, may you have everlasting rest.

—ELW #222

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Gordon & Carolyn Teifel	Peace and God’s comfort at death of son, Barak	St. Andrew Staff
Elizabeth (daughter)	Accurate diagnosis and healing	Rick & Sandy Koch
Mary Brown	Comfort and peace at end of life	Beverly Briggs
Darryl Eldridge	Continued healing	Darryl Eldridge
Sharon T. (friend)	Continued healing and the strength to return home	Rebecca Uecker
Cory (cousin)	Healing and adequate accommodations	Carol Hogan
Emily (daughter)	Healing and recovery following surgery	Liz Hardy
Francine Cach	Healing and recovery following surgery	Francine Cach
Stacy Erickson (cousin-in-law)	Strength and healing	Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Tom Erickson (Stacye’s husband) and Dana Taylor-Blakemore (Stacye’s cousin)	Comfort and support as they accompany Stacy Erickson through health complications	Kim Taylor-Blakemore
Nora Duggan (daughter)	Successful surgery on October 28	Tim & Sharon Duggan
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 Grace (Corvallis), Our Saviour (Lebanon), Christ the Good Shepherd (Salem), and Holy Cross (Salem)	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.		

Thanksgiving Meals for Community Action

The Service Committee is again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families, and we need your help. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education. It also runs the Head Start program here at St. Andrew. Our goal is to collect \$6,525, which is enough to buy eighty-seven \$75 WinCo gift cards for these families. Any donations that exceed our goal will be used for our upcoming Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree or donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community who needs food assistance.

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” in the memo line. This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving families in need the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Our 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).



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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for you generous support of Meals on Wheels People. Because of you, older neighbors in our community are receiving relief from food insecurity and social isolation. We are so grateful for your support and all that you do!

With gratitude,
Meals on Wheels People

Note to St. Andrew congregation: One and a half percent of the St. Andrew Ministry and Mission funds are designated as Local Benevolence, and are distributed by the Service Committee to support local nonprofits that address hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, and people in poverty. St. Andrew donates \$500 to each of several local organizations annually, including Meals on Wheels People.

**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.

Preparing for Worship
Sunday, October 18, 2026
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96
Matthew 22:15-22

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, October 9		
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 10—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com		
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 11		
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
11:00 am	West Side Youth Collective Gathering	Christ UMC Cedar Mill (12755 NW Dogwood St, Cedar Mill)
Monday, October 12		
2:00 pm	Men’s Book Club	Home of Steve Claborne
Tuesday, October 13		
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 Meeting	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Community Organizing Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
Wednesday, October 14—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit to office@standrewlutheran.com & administrator@standrewlutheran.com		
9:00 am	School Kits Bag Preparation	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library (Main Level)
5:00 pm	Immigrant Story Storytelling Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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
Thursday, October 15		
10:00 am	Strength + Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Library (Main Level)
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	Chapel, St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class.....	Children’s Commons
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11:00 am	Worship Leader Training.....	Sanctuary, 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.