St. Andrew Weekly News

November 6, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Urgent: Only Ten Days Remain to Help Feed Families in Need This Thanksgiving!

Your support is necessary to make this Thanksgiving special for those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet! With just ten days left to receive donations, we're only a third of the way to meeting this year's goal. Would you consider living out your faith in a wonderful way by donating to support Community Action families in need?



The Service Committee is attempting to collect $6,525, which would be enough to buy eighty-seven $75 WinCo gift cards. Every little bit helps, so please consider contributing however much you are able. Should we be fortunate enough to exceed the goal, remaining funds 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).

Meeting Monday, Monthly Men's Book Club



The Men's Book Club will meet again **this 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. Titles already selected for the new year include *The Place We Make: Breaking the Legacy of Legalized Hate* by Sarah L. Sanderson and *Theo of Golden: A Novel* by Allen Levi. To learn more or inquire about joining, contact Larry Bliesener or Tim Holte.

Oregon Int'l Ballet Academy: *The Nutcracker*



St. Andrew's own Reese Schafer will be performing in the Oregon International Ballet Academy's upcoming show, *The Nutcracker*. For more information and to purchase tickets you can scan the QR code on the flyer pinned to the bulletin board in the narthex or visit oiballet.org/events.

Office Closed on Wednesday, November 11



The Church Office will be closed **this Wednesday, November 11**, in observance of Veterans Day. Any scheduled meetings will continue as planned. The deadline to submit articles for next week's edition of this publication will remain as usual (4:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to print). As a reminder, article submissions should be sent to both members of St. Andrew's administrative staff, Martin Mills and Kacey Woodbridge. You can find their email addresses in the St. Andrew Contacts box on the penultimate page of each newsletter. The office will reopen at 9:00 am on **Thursday, November 12**.

Looking ahead, the Church Office will be closed **November 26 – 27** for Thanksgiving. With the shortened workweek, there will not be a new edition of Weekly News published on that Friday. Worship links will be sent as usual, however. That said, please be aware, if you need to get the word out about an event, meeting, or something else that's happening prior to the first weekend of December, the deadline to submit articles before the Thanksgiving break is **4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 18**.

Aging with Grace: How to Honor and Prepare for Your End-of-Life Journey



You're invited to join Aging with Grace, the senior adult ministry group of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, for a presentation featuring Aerlyn Pfeil, founder of Death Doulas NW. Have you ever heard of a "death doula?" Do you have any idea what one does? For the answers to these and many other questions, attend this ecumenical gathering being held in St. Andrew's Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, November 12**, at 1:00 pm. The presentation is **free**, and all are welcome! For questions, please contact Aging with Grace Leader Hilary Hutchinson at hilaryhutch@yahoo.com.

Mary Brown

Celebration of Life
Saturday, November 14
2:00 pm, Sanctuary

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall



Please consider providing treats for the reception. Sign-up sheets for snacks and to help with set up and clean up are on the coffee bar in the narthex.

"Blessed be God, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows."

Recent Changes to Recycling in Oregon

Information in this article is copied from recycleon.org/oregon.



Thanks to the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA), Oregon now has one list for what you can recycle in your mixed recycling bin at home or work, and another list for recycling that can be dropped off at RecycleOn Centers.

The mixed recycling list is officially called the Uniform Statewide Collection List, or USCL. It identifies what Oregonians can place together in their mixed recycling bins. The goal of a single list is to make recycling simple no matter where you are in Oregon.

The USCL includes the most familiar recyclable materials, such as paper boxes, plastic bottles, and cans. Other items accepted on the list include:

Paper products

- Corrugated cardboard: Uncoated cardboard boxes, including flattened boxes, and pizza boxes without food residue (no sauce or cheese, but a little grease is now OK).
- Kraft paper: Paper bags and paper mailing envelopes.
- Paperboard packaging: Cereal, cracker, and medicine boxes.
- Cartons: Milk and juice cartons, as well as containers used for things like soy milk, broth, or soup.
- Molded pulp packaging: Paper egg cartons and protective paper wine or electronics packaging.
- Office paper and mail: White and colored paper, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, and non-metalized gift wrap and tissue paper without glitter. No shredded paper, however, as the fibers are too short.



Plastic & Containers

- Plastic bottles & jugs: Plastic containers used for beverages, juice, peanut butter, milk, laundry detergent, and more. Caps, too, but only if they screw on securely (eg. bottle caps).
- Plastic tubs: Plastic containers that measure at least 2" x 2" in size. These often package yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese, tofu, and over-the-counter medicine bottles. Keep the lids off and drop them off at a RecycleOn Center (unless they screw on to the tub like the example above—not loose).
- Plastic buckets: Buckets and pails similar to cat litter buckets.
- Nursery packaging: Rigid plastic plant pots (thicker, sturdy plastic that holds its shape; not the flimsy crinkly ones). Make sure they are empty and free of soil.

Metal

- Aluminum and steel cans: Food and beverage cans, plus empty metal paint cans.
- Scrap metal: Small household metal items such as pots and pans. Must be less than 10 pounds and 18 inches. No hoses, chains, or wires, as these tangle in the recycling machines.

Glass

- Glass bottle and jars: Empty glass bottles and jars can be placed in a separate curbside glass collection bin or dropped off at a glass recycling depot. Pour out liquids and food; labels can stay on.

Next week, I'll talk about the list of items accepted by RecycleOn Oregon. It is different in that it is a list of hard-to-recycle items.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Without Your Help, St. Andrew Will Remain Undecorated This Christmas!



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 building 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 make this Christmas special, please email Kacey Woodbridge at administrator@standrewlutheran.com.

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:

As music director for Grant High School's production of Newsies, I'll be conducting the pit orchestra **November 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14**; all shows start at 7:00 pm. Find directions and purchase tickets by going to 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

Did You Know?



This Wednesday isn't just Veterans Day. For the Church, it happens to be the commemoration of Martin (of Tours), a fourth-century saint. Martin Luther, who was baptized on November 11, 1483, at just one day old, was named after Saint Martin. This followed a medieval tradition of naming children after the saint being commemorated on the day of their baptism. At that time, newborns of Christian families did not necessarily receive a name until they were baptized, which would typically occur within a day or two of birth, due to Roman Catholic teaching.

As for the saint, Martin, Bishop of Tours, was enlisted in the Roman army by his pagan father. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop. He died in 397 after 26 years of his episcopate.

Food Pantry Update



St. Andrew collected and delivered 17 pounds of food in October to the St. Matthew Food Pantry. You contributions of non-perishable food may be placed in the short wooden barrel found in the narthex. Thank you!

[Jesus] said, "I have compassion for [them] because...they have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint[.]" –Mt 15:32



Big Horn Brass and the
St. Matthew Exaltation Handbell Ensemble
Invite You to Our

2026 Annual Concert

A Vintage Christmas

Sunday, November 29 2:30 pm

St. Matthew Lutheran Church,
10390 SW Canyon Rd. Beaverton, OR

This is a Free Community Concert

Beaverton Oregon

sponsored by
Beaverton Arts Program, The Erik Weswig Memorial Fund,
and St. Matthew Lutheran Church Foundation

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR…	CONTACT
Family and friends of Mark Franke (uncle)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Family and friends of William Ware (Cathy's father)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Tom & Cathy Fallon
Jenn Z. (friend of a friend)	Accurate diagnosis, proper treatment, and full healing	Rebecca Uecker
Sharon T. (friend)	Continued healing and the strength to return home	Rebecca Uecker
Russ Spear (husband)	Comfort and peace on hospice	Barbara Spear
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
Rhonda Powell (predecessor)	Peace and comfort on hospice care	Martin Mills
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
St. Andrew Council and Staff St. Andrew Foundation Board	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
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 Christ (Aurora) and Macksburg (Canby)	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.

Green Thumbs Needed for Friends of Trees Planting Event

On **Saturday, November 21**, St. Andrew will be the staging site for the Friends of Trees Cedar Hills & Cedar Mill planting event. During this event we will be planting trees at St. Andrew as well as helping Friends of Trees re-home trees that are growing in the wrong place. Friends of Trees inspires people to improve the world around them through a simple solution: Planting trees—together.

Volunteers are needed for planting at St. Andrew and in the community. If you're interested in planting trees at St. Andrew, please arrive by 9:00 am, dressed for the weather, with sturdy shoes or boots, gloves, and tools. If you are interested in planting with Friends of Trees around the Cedar Hills/Cedar Mill community, register to save your place by going to tinyurl.com/FoTNov2026.

We need trees more than ever. Heatwaves, flooding, and all the increasingly catastrophic effects of climate change make it clear that every day needs to be the day for climate action, and planting trees is a key part of a comprehensive climate strategy. For questions about this project, you can email Don Nearhood at dnearhood@gmail.com or LuAnn Staul at ljstaul@gmail.com.

Help St. Andrew Be Good Hosts for Community Events

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

No regular schedule or ongoing commitment. You can simply help when your availability allows! If interested, or have questions, please email events@standrewlutheran.com.

Let's Talk

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.

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.

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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Preparing for Worship
Sunday, November 15, 2026

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 | Psalm 90:1-8, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, November 6
10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 7—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit 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
10:30 am Celebration of John & Tillie Gladen's Marriage ..... Narthex
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)
Monday, November 9
2:00 pm Men's Book Club ..... Home of Tim Holte
Tuesday, November 10
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
12:00 pm Bridge Group ..... Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm Service Committee Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)
2:00 pm Worship at The Springs ..... Chapel @ The Springs at Tanasbourne
5:00 pm Evening Prayer ..... Chapel
7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary
7:00 pm Community Organizing Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room
Wednesday, November 11—Church Office Closed
10:00 am Sanctuary Team Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)
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, November 12
10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group ..... St. Andrew Room, Children's Library
1:00 pm Aging with Grace: How to Honor and Prepare for End-of-Life ..... Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Staff Workshop ..... Library (Main Level)
7:00 pm Foundation Team Meeting ..... Library (Main Level)
7:00 pm Wing Chun Class ..... Children's Commons
Friday, November 13
10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 14—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com
2:00 pm Mary Brown Celebration of Life ..... Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 15
9:30 am Worship with Children's Church ..... Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
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11:00 am High School Youth Group ..... Youth Room

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.