

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 19, 2017

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
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Worship Services:  
Sunday, 8:30 am  
Sunday, 11:00 am

## Hospitality 2017

Is hospitality any different in 2017 or is this title just an attempt to get attention? The best way to find out is to join us **Sunday, March 19** for lunch and conversation in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 pm. We will be finished by 2:00 pm.

This invitation includes those who have agreed to help with hospitality on Sundays by serving as hosts, ushers, and as welcomees. Our roles are distinct, but also have elements in common. We have never met as a group to look at what we do and how we help guests feel more comfortable. Hospitality is not limited to those listed any given Sunday and we have plenty of seats at our table March 19 for anyone who reads this and wants to join us.

What are people looking for when they walk through our doors? How do we help them know that they are welcome in a way that is authentic and hopefully comfortable? Do we enjoy welcoming guests?

Bring your questions, ideas, and appetite for lunch. Even if you did not RSVP for this event, please come.

## Lenten Food Drive 2017: "Food Flood!"

Let's bring the waters of justice rolling in and flood our Narthex with food during Lent this year. Please bring packaged foods and place them in the boat in the Narthex. Can we create a 10,000 pound flood of food? We hope so!

You can also donate money to the food drive and it will be counted as one dollar equals one pound. Write

your checks to St. Andrew and indicate "Lenten Food Drive." All donations go to the St. Matthew Lutheran Church food pantry.

## Wednesday Eve Gatherings

Our mid-week Lenten Gatherings continue **Wednesday, March 22**, 6:00-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The gathering will begin with a soup supper and include a reflection from our own Julie Aageson's book, *Benedictions*.

## Table Talk: To Be or Not to Be a Sanctuary Church

Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked with his colleagues and students about faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion, Pr. Broucker invites you to gather for a Table Talk on "To Be or Not to Be a Sanctuary Church" in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, March 30**, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm.

One of the key ministry initiatives for 2017 that the St. Andrew Council adopted at its February meeting is to "explore what it entails for St. Andrew to be a sanctuary congregation." As an initial step in this exploration, the Council wants interested persons to engage in conversation at this next Table Talk. At the Synod Assembly in Eugene last spring a resolution was passed declaring the Oregon Synod a "Sanctuary Synod" and encouraging ELCA congregations and ministries to become "sanctuary churches" (<http://www.oregonsynod.org/news/oregon-lutherans-declare-themselves-sanctuary-church>). A memorial was sent on to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August requesting that the ELCA become a "sanctuary denomination" (<http://oregonsynod.org/sites/default/files/>

[Oregon%20Synod%20Sanctuary%20Memorial.pdf](http://oregonsynod.org/sites/default/files/Oregon%20Synod%20Sanctuary%20Memorial.pdf)). The Synod website includes information on the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrj), formerly the Oregon New Sanctuary Movement (ONSM) (<http://imirj.org/>). At its January meeting the Beaverton City Council unanimously passed a resolution declaring Beaverton a sanctuary city (<http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16852>).

To begin this Table Talk, we will read the sanctuary memorial to the ELCA mentioned above and the City of Beaverton sanctuary resolution. Participants will be free to offer insights, raise questions, and share whatever concerns they may have on St. Andrew becoming a sanctuary church. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Pr. Broucker ([brouckerms@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:brouckerms@standrewlutheran.com)) or call 503-646-0629.

## Congratulations

Kudos to Pr. Emily Johnson, daughter of Joel & Beth Johnson, who has been chosen as one of ten international finalists to preach at the closing worship service at the Lutheran World Federation gathering in Namibia in May. Pr. Johnson is serving at Christ Lutheran Church in Louisville, Nebraska.

## Meal in the Upper Room

On Maundy Thursday, **April 13** at 7:00 pm, you are invited to the "Meal in the Upper Room," when we will remember the last meal Jesus ate with his disciples. Eating together has been part of the rhythm of God's people from the very beginning.

The Lord's last meal with his disciples was a Passover meal in remembrance of God's deliverance of the people of



Israel out of slavery in Egypt. We will be eating many of the same foods that Jesus and his disciples ate. It was in the context of this Passover meal that Jesus instituted what we call Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper. The Meal in the Upper Room is a great way to teach children about the Lord's Supper.

If you plan to participate, please RSVP by registering online, signing up in the Narthex, or calling the church office. Each place setting will be carefully prepared so we need as accurate a count as possible. There is no cost to attend, but, again this year, we are asking people to sign up to donate food for the meal and to volunteer. See the binders on a table in the Narthex for more information and to sign up. Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation, setup, and cleanup.

## LWR Spring Ingathering

Spring will soon be here (we hope!) and so will the spring Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering. On May 6 and 7, a 53-foot railroad container will be parked in the back parking lot at St. Andrew and churches from all over the State of Oregon, southwest Washington, and southwest Idaho will be bringing their boxes of quilts and kits that will go in the container to be shipped to Baltimore. St. Andrew will also be contributing boxes for the container that will contain quilts, personal care kits, baby care kits, and fabric kits.

The Nifty Notters are busy all year long making the quilts, and congregation members contribute the items that make up the kits. Here's how it works: A Thrivent Action team grant will be obtained for the purchase of towels, combs, and clippers that go in the Personal Care Kits. Action Team grants will also be obtained to help purchase items for the Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits. The congregation can help out by purchasing kit items or donating money. Please see the following lists for an inventory of items that make up the kits:

### Baby Care Kits (sizes 6-24 months)

- Lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
- Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (no feet)
- Medium-weight cotton or flannel receiving blankets (can be crocheted or knit with lightweight yarn)
- Cloth diapers
- Socks
- Hand towel, dark color
- Bath-size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping
- Diaper pins

### Personal Care Kits

- Bath-size bar soap
- Adult-size toothbrush  
(Towels, clippers, and combs purchased with a Thrivent Action grant will complete these kits)

## Fabric Kits

The St. Andrew Nifty Notters recently received a large donation of fabric, some of which will be used to make up five fabric kits. What we need to complete those five kits is sewing thread—10 spools of neutral-colored thread (250-300 yards each).

If you have fabric and thread and would like to make up additional kits, please note the following specifications:

- Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards per spool
- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knit or 100% polyester, no stains or holes). Pieces do not need to match in size, color, or pattern:
  - 2 1/4 yards of 58"-60" – or –
  - 3 yards of 42"-45" – or –
  - 4 yards of 34"-37"

Beginning **March 26**, a collection box will be available in the Narthex for kit items. The following week, we'll begin reporting where we stand regarding collection of items in "Weekly News."

Please also mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 2**, at 5:30 pm, when we will assemble the kits. No one is too young or too old to help with this project. A light meal will be provided.

## Silver Saints to Attend Play

The Silver Saints will attend the Encore Senior Players' production of Ivan Mitchell's *The Cemetery Club* at the Elsie Stuhr Center on **Friday, March 31**. St. Andrew's own Judy Haas Montague is a member of the cast.

We will depart from the church at 1:00 pm. Please indicate if you plan to attend on the signup sheet in the Narthex. Let us know, also, if you can provide transportation or need a ride to the Stuhr Center, which is located at 5550 SW Hall Blvd.

There is no cost for the play, but donations are gratefully accepted. For additional information, contact Mary Nell Mahler at 503-524-1835.

## Helping the Alajrab Family

When Ali, Foussa, Ahmad, Omar, and Ahed traveled from Jordan to Portland last May, we were at the airport to greet them. That is, six of us from St. Andrew were there and many more were praying for the family and offering support in many ways, including cleaning their apartment, moving furniture, donating household goods, and setting up an account for further needs. We have left most of the money donated by your generosity in the account at St. Andrew so it could be available to supplement what they earn to provide for their needs.



In November, the family received a bill for the cost of their airfare. It became due six months after arriving, but they

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Ellean Nassir	Comfort and a peaceful passing	
Tandy Brooks	Healing and correct diagnosis and treatment	Tracie Semenchalam
Margie Schindele	Healing and recovery	Mary Smith
Christine Core	Healing and recovery	Bev Briggs
Bobby Yuen	Healing and recovery	Susan Maxwell
Karin Graves	Healing and recovery	Mona Whited-Poppert
Lee Kaul	Comfort and healing	Carol Hogan
Kathi	Strength and comfort	Mona Whited-Poppert
Ian MacDonald	Thanksgiving for successful transplants	Bruce & Marlene Maxwell
All who are imprisoned, especially Dee Piscitelli	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Homeless, unemployed, those put in distress by the economy	God's assurance of hope and care	Staff
St. Luke, Portland First, St. Helens	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff

**If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629  
or e-mail [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.**

did not recall that this would happen and we were also unaware that this would come. We spoke with a representative from Lutheran Immigration Services and were able to postpone payment until May 2017. As this date approaches, we see the family managing their monthly bills as well as they can with the income earned by their son and monthly DHS assistance. The father, Ali, has been approved on a medical basis for additional assistance through Social Security.

At this time, we are inviting those who wish to do so to help this family pay off their \$5,000 in airfare costs. While we have money in the account, it is not enough to satisfy the amount owed.

We will continue to provide family updates and to look for creative ways we can help this inspiring family.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS (8:30 AM/11:00 AM)

Presider.....Pastor Mark Brocker  
 Preacher.....Pastor Robyn Hartwig  
 Minister of Music..... Allison Katsufrakis  
 Assisting Minister..... Hal Douglas/India Jensen-Kerr  
 Lector ..... Jane White/Lee Anne Krause  
 Acolyte.....Riley Mitlehner/Jennifer Mitlehner  
 Organist .....Susan Friesen  
 Musicians ..... The Waters  
 Welcome Team..... Carol Harker, Geoff Harker/Dan & Sharon Fako  
 Ushers..... Dwight & Debbie Jerde, Linda McDowall/  
 ..... Ted Miller, Tom & Barb Lane  
 Hosts ..... Max & Susan Maxwell/Mary Brocker, Abby Weiss  
 Minister of the Altar ..... Mariellen Flood  
 Worship Coordinator ..... Cheryl Caines/Pat Christiansen



The flowers on the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Larry & Phyllis Vachal in honor of Reed McIntire's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Save the date!

**Sunday, April 23**

**5:00 pm**

**"Springtime with Bach  
and Friends"**

**Organ Recital with  
Cheryl Will**

*A freewill offering will support the  
organ maintenance fund.*

**Memorial Service for  
Hall Simons**

**Monday, March 20**

**10:30 am**

**Beautiful Savior**

**12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd**

**Vancouver, WA**

***(catered luncheon)***

Hall Simons was a charter member of St. Andrew. Please RSVP to Phyllis Morris at 503-644-0757 if you plan to attend.

**Lutherwood Day Camp**

**at St. Andrew**

**July 17-21, 2017**

*Save the date!*

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

For the most complete and up-to-date information, please visit the online calendar at [www.standrewlutheran.com](http://www.standrewlutheran.com).

## Sunday, March 19

8:30 am	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School: The Greatest Commandment.....	Children's Commons, Classrooms, Children's Library
10:00 am	Confirmation Class: Justification by Faith, The Cross .....	Library
10:00 am	High School Youth: Immigration and Sanctuary Cities.....	Youth Room
10:00 am	Adult Education: Following Jesus 101: The Evangelical Lutheran Course .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Adult Education: Windows on Early Christianity: Part II.....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Adult Education: Books of the Old Testament .....	Chapel
11:00 am	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Taiwan Lutheran Church Worship and Sunday School.....	Chapel, Children's Commons, Classrooms
12:15 pm	Hospitality 2017 .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, March 20—Church Office CLOSED

6:00 pm	Boy Scout Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
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## Tuesday, March 21

7:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study .....	Elmer's Restaurant
7:00 am	Women's Sunrise Spirituality Group .....	Elmer's Restaurant
10:00 am	Beginning T'ai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
5:30 pm	Girl Scout Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer.....	Chapel
7:30 pm	Worship, Music & the Arts Committee Meeting .....	Library

## Wednesday, March 22—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:15 am	Chapel for All Learning Center Children .....	Chapel
10:45 am	Gymnastics for Learning Center Children.....	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Hospitality Team Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	<b>Wednesday Lent Gathering</b> .....	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
7:15 pm	Advanced T'ai Chi .....	Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

## Thursday, March 23

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Taiwan Fellowship .....	Library
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting .....	Chapel, Library
7:00 pm	Meet the Relatives Training.....	St. Andrew Room

## Friday, March 24

10:00 am	T'ai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, March 25

9:00 am	Nifty Notters .....	Fellowship Hall
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## Sunday, March 26

8:30 am	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School: Baptism Workshop.....	Children's Commons, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Confirmation Class: Pentecost Worship Planning .....	Library
10:00 am	High School Youth: Bread for the World Sunday.....	Youth Room
10:00 am	Adult Education: Following Jesus 101: The Evangelical Lutheran Course .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Adult Education: Windows on Early Christianity: Part II—NO CLASS TODAY .....	
10:00 am	Adult Education: Books of the Old Testament .....	Chapel
11:00 am	<b>Worship with Communion</b> .....	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Taiwan Lutheran Church Worship and Sunday School.....	Chapel, Children's Commons, Classrooms

### Preparing for Next Sunday

Scripture Lessons for March 26

Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

