

## Saint Anselm of Canterbury: How to Help

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Saint Anselm Episcopal Church is an inclusive and welcoming community that ministers to the spiritual needs of the academic community in a variety of ways.

- We hold regular worship services with Holy Communion based on the Book of Common Prayer. Sunday school is also provided.
- We have a strong music program. In addition to congregational singing there are frequent performances by members of the congregation. The music director trains and encourages young musicians and gives others the opportunity to perform for services. She has also composed a substantial body of hymns and liturgical music for general use.
- The Chaplain, who has special training in counseling, is available for consultation and pastoral ministry.
- We have a large (over 7000 volumes) library specializing in theology and church history. The books are card-cataloged and available for loan.
- There are occasional Saturday seminars led by distinguished teachers.
- There are various social opportunities including monthly dinners, hiking trips with the Via Media Hikers, and tours with the Bibliomaniacs to used book stores around Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.
- The Chaplain, in the course of years of college teaching, has written numerous articles and study guides available online for private study and classroom use.

Like any church, St. Anselm is primarily dependent on the help and financial support of its members and friends. Here is a list of ways you can help and a list of new projects you can support with your donations. An anonymous donor has offered up to \$25,000 in matching funds this year. Any donation (over and above regular pledges) will be matched from these funds.

- Our church is located in an old house that is in constant need of maintenance, house cleaning, landscaping, and repair. Call the Chaplain for the dates of the next work party.
- There is a large body of sermons and academic material that require routine editing to make them available online. Clerical skills are badly needed.
- We need secretarial help with such things as mailing lists and newsletters.

In addition to these perennial jobs, there are some new projects that need help as well as funding.

- We need to upgrade the house lighting and wiring. The Chaplain's office in particular is dark and gloomy, and the wiring is a certified fire hazard.

- The city of Corvallis has given us a marvelous opportunity to advertise our ministry by placing a bus stop in front of the church! We don't want St. Anselm to look like an inconspicuous house with an overgrown lawn, but a Church with an entryway that intrigues and welcomes the community. We are looking for ideas and money to make this transformation possible.
- The library books are available for loan, but the card catalog is only accessible at St. Anselm. We would like to put the catalog online so the library would be generally available to readers and scholars in the area.
- Much of the Chaplain's teaching material is only available on old computer files and floppies. We need someone to take charge of this material and arrange it for general use.
- We would like to hire a part-time house coordinator. He or she would be available to greet visitors and do the many clerical chores required to keep the ministry running.

Finally, please consider contributing to the St. Anselm endowment fund. This money is essential to provide financial stability and carry us over when there is a "rainy day" in church funding.

Check out our website at [www.SaintAnselmOregon.org](http://www.SaintAnselmOregon.org)  
Send an email to the Chaplain at [jon@saintanselmOregon.org](mailto:jon@saintanselmOregon.org)  
Join us for worship Sundays at 10:00 AM.