ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS The Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021

St. Andrew Lutheran Church 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005 www.standrewlutheran.com; 503-646-0629 Worship Services: Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 11:00 am

Our church community is OPEN and gathering ONLINE and BY TELEPHONE. We welcome you to meet up with us there!

Scholarships for High School Seniors



LAST CALL: The deadline for graduating high school seniors to submit their scholarship applications to the St. Andrew Foundation is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 1</u>. The award is available to any St. Andrew youth going on to a community college, college,

university, or trade school. The <u>application</u> is available on the church website. If you have questions, contact Foundation President Sonja Ackman, <u>foundation@standrewlutheran.com</u>.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Midweek Evening Prayer Services will continue to be offered through the summer months via Zoom. Meditations will be drawn from *Devotional Classics*. This <u>Wednesday</u>, June 2, we will focus on Martin Luther's reflections on what it means to "Pray in Faith." Look for links to this worship service at midday on Wednesdays in Allison's email.



Connecting Community: The Ties that Bind

Our effort to contact everyone in the congregation has concluded successfully. We believe we've contacted everyone in our faith community by talking on the phone, leaving a message, sending an e-mail, or sending a short note. If we missed you, perhaps the church office needs an update. If you were not contacted this time around, please call the office at 503-646-0629 to be sure we have your correct number on file. If you were able to speak with someone, we hope it helped you feel more connected during these disconnected times. Thank you to all who made calls and wrote notes. And thank you, everyone, for remaining in our faith community!

St. Andrew's MACG Core Team and Caring Ministries Team

Reformation Earth Garden

Recently we've planted 47 native shrubs representing 15 varieties that complement the five native trees planted last fall in our Reformation Earth Garden. These shrubs seem small now but will grow quickly; some will be several feet tall in a couple of years. Eventually we will label the shrubs and trees.

Our work now is to design and add a temporary irrigation system to keep the trees and shrubs watered for the next two summers. Watering now is manual.

We've scraped the location of a future path that enters the garden from the sidewalk and invite you to look at our new plantings. Alongside the path you'll see a number of small shrubs. The path proceeds around the cedar tree and then around an open area, the site of a planned pollinator meadow filled with native perennials and annual flowers and grasses; we plan installation of those flowering plants this fall and spring.

Preparing for Our Annual Meeting

Ministry Forum: <u>Sunday, June 6</u>, 10:00 am Ministry Support Forum: <u>Sunday, June 13</u>, 10:00 am

Annual Meeting of the Congregation <u>Tuesday, June 22</u>, 2021, 6:30 pm

On the Sundays prior to the Annual Meeting, people are invited to gather via Zoom between Sunday worship services to learn more and share their questions/opinions about St. Andrew's ministry focus for the coming year and the proposed budget for 2021/2022. Voting to approve these items, as well as the nominations for new Council members and next year's Nominating Committee, is conducted during the Annual Meeting itself, which will also be held remotely this year via Zoom.

Nifty Notters



The Nifty Notters are now back on our regular schedule (hurray!). We will meet <u>Saturday, June 5</u>, and <u>Saturday, June 19</u>, from 9:00 am-2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and join us for all or part of the time as we work on quilts for LWR and Virginia Garcia Clinic. Because of some generous donations we have a lot of fabric to cut, as well as many tying and sewing projects to complete. All supplies are provided.

If you are vaccinated and willing to show us your vaccination card, you will not need to wear a mask. Please bring a picture/ copy of your vaccine card so we can keep a record for the office. If you have questions, contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Lydia Circle

You are invited to join Lydia Circle for Bible study and fellowship **Tuesday June 8**, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room, where we will again be able to serve coffee. If you've been fully vaccinated you don't need to wear a mask. Please bring a copy/ picture of your vaccine card so that the office can record it.

The Bible study is taken from the June issue of *Gather* magazine and is the first of a three-part study entitled "Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is for Everyone!). The first session is "Just Wisdom" and is taken from Proverbs 8. We will meet Woman Wisdom and explore what wisdom means in ways we haven't done before. You are welcome to come even if you haven't read the lesson. For questions, contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Many Thanks to Brad

Our Evening Facility Manager, Brad Barclay, recently resigned his position so that he can spend more time with his family. St. Andrew was blessed with Brad in this position, where he proved to be completely reliable and instrumental in keeping the building clean and secure in the evenings. It was a pleasure to work with him! In addition, Brad and Carol worked especially well together, including cleaning the carpets last year during the closure so the building is ready to welcome people back in as we slowly reopen. With Brad's resignation, Scott Taylor has graciously stepped in for a few weeks to cover until the position is opened to hire the next Evening Facility Manager.

Filling the Food Barrel

Things are beginning to return to something closer to normal. We learned recently that St. Matthew Lutheran Church is once again accepting packaged and canned food for its food bank. Now that St. An-



drew's doors are unlocked during office hours, feel free to donate non-perishable food to the food barrel in the Narthex. We are resuming deliveries to St. Matt's and know that there are many hungry people who will benefit from our gifts.

Western Farm Workers Assoc.

Each year our church has supported the Western Farm Workers with donated clothes and food to help low-wage workers. The agency is seeking volunteers to do a variety of jobs, many of which can teach you new job skills. Learn desktop publishing from graphic designers to create leaflets about Farm Workers' programs and events, for example. Training is also available to learn advocacy skills, enabling volunteers to work on legal issues such as stolen wages, illegal evictions, etc. Others are needed to help with monthly food gathering and distribution. If you can help, call Foster at 503-681-9399. To receive the quarterly newsletter, send a \$20 donation to 725 SE 7th Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

St. Andrew's Service Committee is also looking for a member to lead the September Western Farm Workers donation drive to gather and deliver clothing and food.

Fran Miller for the Service Committee

Preparing for Next Sunday

June 6, 2021

Reading: Genesis 3:8-15 Gospel: Mark 3:20-35



A Thank You from Beyond the Boundaries

Dear Ms. Reiner, Reverend Brocker, and to the Congregation of St. Andrew Lutheran,

In writing this letter to you, I am proud and grateful to represent families in the McKinley Elementary School community. It is my pleasure to thank your congregation for the generous donations you have contributed to our school's families, over the course of time.

In truth, I am only now beginning to explore the connections between your church and our school, and this process of exploration has helped me to reflect on the commonalities that we share as people, beyond boundaries and circumstances. From a strictly artificial perspective, your church lies far from McKinley. Your neighborhood is served by Ridgewood Elementary, which is on the opposite, eastern end of our school district. Even two more elementary schools, Barnes and Elmonica, reside in between you and us. And yet, your congregation has reached across these manmade dividing lines and brought real and needed relief from suffering among families in my school community.

Donations from your congregation helped close the gap that arose when our district's clothing program fell short of our needs. Your funds helped us provide gift cards to families suffering from COVID-19 quarantine that went towards food items and over-the-counter medications. For one family with a large number of Beaverton school district children, your contributions helped support their critical WiFi needs so that each child could remain connected with their individual teachers and classmates as they learned from home. I see that among your church's five core values are "Community Care" and "Neighbor Care." I thank you for bringing breath and life to these values in the form of meaningful support for my families.

McKinley has the highest "mobility rate" among all the elementary schools in Beaverton. This means that families move in and out of our boundary, and in and out of our classrooms, in significant volumes every year. With all this movement comes opportunities, but also needs, and often suffering. We have used every dollar that you have donated to us to provide relief to such families and children who need it dearly. Thank you again for building bridges with us. If there is ever a suitable opportunity for me to visit any of you in person, please let me know, as I would be honored to do so.

> *Aki Mori,* Principal McKinley Elementary School

Godspeed!

This Sunday we say "Godspeed!" to Parish Manager Jennifer Trom as she steps down from her role as chief operations executive at St. Andrew after nine years and more than ten years as a paid employee at St. Andrew. All are invited to join the Tribute to Trom via Zoom between services at 10:00 am on **Sunday, May 30**.

In her role as parish manager, Jennifer has managed staff people and budgets, improved our use of technology, enabled the church to transition quickly and professionally into offering worship online, and much more. She directed Drama Camp for several years, oversaw the Learning Center, and even took a group of young people to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit a few years back.

Jennifer and her family will continue to keep St. Andrew as their church home, but she is stepping back from volunteering for a while to get the respite she needs.



In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Deborah Townsend (mother)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Holly Bishop-Perdue
Family and friends of Marvel Lund	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Staff
Carol Grover (sister)	Peaceful passing	Nan Thompson
Mira Nieman (mother of our organ scholarship recipient Jesse Nieman)	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment	Staff
Barton Robison	Effective treatment and pain relief	Staff
India Jensen Kerr	Successful surgery (June 2) and a quick recovery	India Jensen Kerr
Jan Morrell	Healing and recovery	Amy Harker
Bernie Doering (friend)	Healing and recovery	Jennifer Hooson
Madeleine (granddaughter)	Continued strength through increased chemo	Mary Smith
Preston Robert McCrory	Blessings on the birth of great grandchild #21	Bob & Mary Brown
Everyone affected by COVID-19	Strength and support	Staff
Victims of gun violence in San Jose and elsewhere	Care in times of crisis	Staff
Jennifer Trom	Thanksgiving for her faithful service	Staff
Christ Lutheran Church (Aurora, OR) Macksburg Lutheran Church (Canby, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Beth Israel (Portland, OR)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones in need of prayer	Whatever they most need; say their names in your heart or aloud	Staff

If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629 or e-mail <u>office@standrewlutheran.com</u> Tuesday-Friday, <u>prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com</u> Saturday-Monday.

Celebrating Juneteenth and the End of Slavery

What's special about June 19th?

June 19th, also known as Juneteenth, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. On June 19th, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that enslaved people were now free. For black people trying to establish a new status, annual celebrations of Juneteenth were times for reassuring one another, for praying, and for gathering remaining family members. Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas in 1980 and in Oregon last month.



This Juneteenth at 10:00 am, the Oregon Remembrance Project (<u>www.oregonremembrance.com</u>) will be installing an historical marker in Coos Bay remembering the story of the only documented lynching in Oregon, that of Alonzo Tucker in 1902. The St. Andrew Reckoning with Racism cohort invites you to participate in person or via Zoom at 10:00 am on June 19th. [Details to follow.] We hope to find reconciliation and communal healing through a sober reflection on history.

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Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner

Camp Lutherwood Is Hiring

June 23-August 17 Starting Salary for Summer: \$2,890

Deepen your faith and sense of adventure while growing personally and professionally. Visit Camp Lutherwood online to learn more:

www.lutherwoodoregon.org/ employment.

If you have questions, please contact the camp office for more information. Call 541-998-6444 or email jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org.



Memorial Service for Marvel Lund

Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:30 am Willamette Cemetery



Pastor Susan Kintner is officiating.

Members Vote to Become a Sanctuary Congregation

In a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 23, 84 members and two others gathered via Zoom to consider the proposal put forth by the Sanctuary Team that St. Andrew follow the lead of the Oregon Synod and ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) to declare itself a Sanctuary Congregation. After members of the team reviewed the proposal and entertained questions, members were asked to vote by show of hands. The result was overwhelming approval, with 74 members voting in favor, one against, and three abstentions.

Earth Camp Needs "Shadows"

The Earth Camp team needs a couple more people to volunteers as "Shadows" for camp week, <u>July 12-16</u>. The camp will consist of five groups of seven kids, with each group accompanied by two youth "Guides." The Shadow's role is to be an adult presence with one of the five groups throughout the week. It's the easiest volunteer role in Earth Camp! If you'd like to volunteer or have more questions about this opportunity, please contact the camp's program director, Kyler Vogt, at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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•	listen/watch via telephone or online
9:30 am Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
10:00 am Tribute to Trom	via Zoom
11:00 am Online Worship	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
Tuesday, June 1	
10:00 am Worship Planners Meeting	Zoom
	Garden Patio of former Orchards in Petercort Shopping Center
7:00 pm MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room
Wednesday, June 2— <u>Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm</u>	
6:30 pm Informal Gathering Time	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Prayer	participate via Zoom
7:30 pm Centering Prayer	participate via Zoom
Thursday, June 3	
12:00 pm Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting	Zoom
Friday, June 4	
10:00 am T'ai Chi	Garden Patio of former Orchards in Petercort Shopping Center
Saturday, June 5	
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Sunday, June 6	
••	listen/watch via telephone or online
	via Zoom
	participate via Zoom
•	participate via Zoom

Connecting to Worship at St. Andrew

8:30 am: Watch the livestream of worship on YouTube. The link will be sent to you via e-mail and the church app.

- The same link will bring you to the recording of the service to watch anytime after the livestream ends.
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- If you have a Facebook account and are a member of the "St. Andrew Lutheran Church Beaverton" Facebook Group, please note that a link to the YouTube livestream will be posted on Sunday mornings.

An audio recording of the 8:30 am service will be available Sunday afternoon by simply dialing **503-643-9416**.

11:00 am: Participate in worship via Zoom. *The link will be sent to you via e-mail and the church app.* To participate via "Zoom" you can use a computer, smart phone, tablet, or a telephone.

Ways to Give: Thank you for supporting our ministries!

As we maintain social distancing for physical health, it is important to support the fiscal health of St. Andrew. We thank you for your support of the ministries of St. Andrew. If you are able, please give now using any of the following options:

Postal Mail

Simply mail a check to the church office. Let us know if you'd like giving envelopes mailed to your home each month by calling 503-646-0629 or e-mailing office@standrewlutheran.com.

Text Giving

Text 503-386-9646 with the amount you wish to give. You can give a onetime donation or set up a recurring donation. Text "funds" to receive a list of funds.

Online at <u>www.standrewlutheran.com</u>

Click on "Give Now" on the church website. You can also view your giving.

NEW! Church App (https://app.ministryone.com/landing/nBv)

The newest way to stay connected—and to give—is by using St. Andrew's new church app! Download "Church by Ministry One" from the App Store and use it to watch St. Andrew videos, submit a prayer request, and give a one-time or recurring gift.

Direct Deposit / "Simply Giving"

Request a form from the <u>church office</u> to enable automated giving from your checking or savings account through the "Simply Giving" program.

Stock Transfer

The required form is available through the church office or website and should be submitted at the <u>beginning</u> of the process.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. Andrew!