

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 1, 2021

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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www.standrewlutheran.com; 503-646-0629

Worship Services:
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

NOTE: Face masks are now required inside the church building at all times. Please see the article below for details.

Masking Up in Love

The statistics don't lie: COVID-19 infections are on the rise in Oregon again, many of them the extremely contagious Delta variant. Following the recommendations of the Oregon Health Authority and the Centers for Disease Control, **St. Andrew now requires EVERYONE—even vaccinated individuals—to wear a mask inside the building.** Disposable masks are available at the Narthex entry if you need them.



As Pastor Susan reminds us, "we are building this ship as we sail." We have made a few changes to worship, beginning this Sunday, that will help our community stay safe. You will find more information on these changes in your worship folder on Sunday, and on the St. Andrew website at <https://standrewlutheran.com/the-post-pandemic-worship-experience/>.

We understand that some people may feel more apprehensive about worshipping in the Sanctuary. As always, make the decision that is best for you and your household. Thankfully, we have a variety of worship options. 11:00 am worship in the Sanctuary of the Firs makes use of our outdoor space, and we are blessed with a talented team of technology wizards who make remote worship possible.

We can do this to protect each other and especially to protect our children who are not yet able to receive the vaccine. Masking is a profound and visible sign of our commitment to neighbor and community care.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

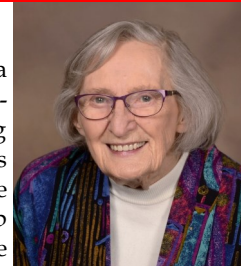
Midweek Evening Prayer Services will continue to be offered through the summer months via Zoom. Meditations will be drawn from *Devotional Classics*. All are welcome this **Wednesday, August 4** for social time at 6:45 pm and service at 7:00 pm. Centering Prayer follows at 7:30 pm. Participate in all or part of our scheduled time together. Look for links to this worship service at midday on Wednesdays in Allison's email.

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will meet **Tuesday, August 2** at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew room. This month's study is from the August *Gather* magazine and is entitled "Just Hope". It is based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 and Ezekiel 37:1-14. With guided discussion, we will see that through the gift of the body of Christ our hope is bigger than our human situation. Any are welcome to join us and you need not have read the lesson to take part. If you have questions, contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Celebrating a Century

Helen Rogers turns 100 on July 31. What a milestone! Please join us after early worship on **Sunday, August 1**, when we'll sing Happy Birthday and share our best wishes with her. Helen's family is providing the cake and we'll have coffee and tea set up and available on the front patio (please wear a face mask if you are inside the building). We'll have a card basket for Helen, too, so she can enjoy reading any messages you'd like to share with her.



Happy Birthday, Helen! Many of us pray we could be as pinochle-sharp as you are at any age.

Gratitude for a Good and Faithful Servant

Phyllis Vachal has led and participated in the Service Committee for over 30 years. (She will tell you that she has done it forever!)

Through her service on behalf of St. Andrew, thousands have been fed and cared for due to her dedication. Over the last several years, she has been responsible for distributing the local benevolence funds of the congregation to non-profit organizations that help the hungry, houseless, survivors of domestic violence, and children and families in poverty. Her contributions have also included coordination of the collections of school bags, personal care kits and baby supplies for Lutheran World Relief. She has truly lived out the words of our Lord: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Phyllis has decided now is the time to take a much-deserved rest from this important work. The Service Committee wishes thank her for years of service and contributions. Blessings to her in the next chapter of her life.

Luann Staul
Service Committee

Community Carbon and *All Creation Sings*



Who knew our Community Carbon team were such music lovers? (Well, me, but it's my job to know such things, isn't it?)

Anyway, the Music Ministry was grateful to receive a generous gift from the Community Carbon team of ten copies of the new hymnal *All Creation Sings* (abbreviated as ACS in our worship folders).

You've seen songs and liturgy from this hymnal in worship all spring and summer, and now we have enough copies that the Sanctuary Choir will be able to use them! Thanks for helping us further enhance worship with these new hymnals.

Allison Katsufraakis,
Minister of Music & Media

Nifty Notters

Come join the Nifty Notters **Saturday August 7 and Saturday August 21** from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be working on twin sized quilts for LWR and Safeplace youth shelter and baby quilts for Virginia Garcia Clinic and Birthright of Hillsboro. We just recently started making donations to Birthright, and they were so excited to be able to give new baby quilts to their new moms.

Bring a lunch and join us for all or part of the day. No experience is needed and all supplies are provided. We had several wonderful fabric and supply donations these past months, and now need people to cut that fabric into squares. This can be done either at church or at home. If you'd like to help, or have any other questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Sock It to Me—Outside In

Once again we, the St. Andrew Community, have an opportunity to demonstrate Community and Neighbor Care by improving the lives of young people in our city. Since 1968, the Outside In has transformed lives by helping break the cycles of chronic homelessness, poverty, and poor health among Portland's LGBTQA+ community, people of color, those experiencing homelessness, and the underserved.

Currently, the Outside In is in high need of socks. Please consider contributing to this request by purchasing **new** men's and women's socks and bringing them to church between July 25 and August 29. There will be a barrel in the Narthex and the socks will be delivered to Outside In at the end of August. Both staff and clients of Outside In appreciate this congregation for all of our support over the past years and send their thanks once again for your contributions. Thank you,

Service Committee



Feeding a Multitude

Driving around Portland this summer, it's clear that the hunger and homelessness crisis prompted by COVID-19 continues to trouble many people in our community. The saints of St. Andrew have already shown generosity in offering assistance. Given the uneven state of recovery, it's no surprise that some individuals and families are still in desperate straits. All contributions to the food barrel in our Narthex are delivered to the St. Matthew Food Bank for distribution to people suffering from food insecurity. Thank you for caring for others!

Prayer for Putting On a Face Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds be filled with your love.

In your name and in that love I pray. Amen.



Rev. Richard Bott,
Presbyterian Church of Canada

Sabbatical Blessings

Gracious God, Loving Lord,
Psalm 1 declares that those who delight in the Word of the Lord shall be like trees, planted near streams of water, which yield their fruit in due season.

Bless Pastor Mark in this sabbatical time,
that your river of love and delight will bring deep rest and renewal,
bless his writing, and protect his solitude.

May this be a time to receive your spacious grace.

Return him to us in September ready to share his sabbath lessons with us.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Gracious God, Loving Lord,
Bless St. Andrew in this sabbatical time as well,
that as we pray for Pastor Mark,

we also embrace this time to receive your spacious grace.

We also need deep rest and renewal as we recover from the last 18 months.

Walk with us in these weeks, as you walked with the disciples to Emmaus,
listening to their grief, that we will recognize you in the breaking of the bread
and be fed and repaired by your resurrection love.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Yoga Class Returns in August

After more than a year's hiatus due to COVID-19, yoga class is coming back to St. Andrew! If you participated in earlier classes or are curious whether a yoga discipline might be good for you, mark your calendar for 10:00 am on **Wednesday, August 11**, and plan to check it out.

The St. Andrew community is so fortunate that certified teachers Geetha, Gloria, and Barbara are willing and able to continue this program. All skilled instructors, they give their time freely to help the rest of us maintain balance, flexibility, and mobility.

The class is free, no experience is required, and the teachers offer guidance for people of various levels and abilities. Instruction is provided for both chair and floor yoga, so if you find it difficult to get up from floor positions, don't worry. Chair exercises are always an option. If you'd like to try floor yoga, please bring your own mat. Class lasts about an hour and is open to the public, so bring a friend. All are welcome.



Preparing for Next Sunday

August 8, 2021

Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51



Pastoral Care

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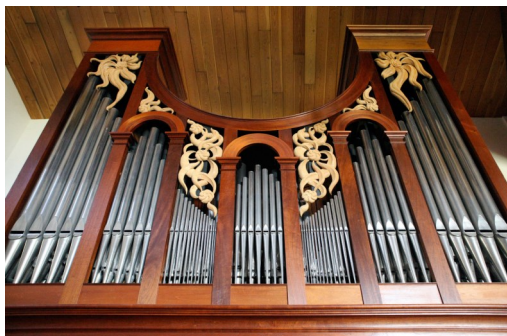
In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Steve Andersen	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment	Liz Andersen
John Fritz	Healing and recovery in rehab	Staff
Steve Yi (nephew)	Healing and recovery from COVID-19	Kelly Wise
Paul (friend)	Healing and recovery	Sonja Ackman
Breanna (grandniece)	Uncomplicated delivery of baby Raya	Ginny Link
Baby Raya	Healthy birth	Ginny Link
Craig Evans and Carrie Myers (daughter)	Blessings on their marriage (July 24)	Sharon Carlson
Those fighting or threatened by wildfires	Protection and safety	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Dawson Dethlefs, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Willamina, OR) House of Zion Lutheran Church (Woodburn, OR) Immanuel Lutheran Church (Woodburn, OR) Bethesda Lutheran Church (Eugene, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Muslim Educational Trust (Tigard, 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 office@standrewlutheran.com Tuesday-Friday, prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com Saturday-Monday.**

Organ Scholarship Applications Due

Please note that applications for the St. Andrew Foundation's church organ scholarship are due no later than **Monday, October 4**. To address the critical shortage of church organists, the fund awards \$800 towards organ lessons with a recognized organ teacher. Applicants from age 13 through 30 are invited to apply. Go to the [Foundation page](#) on our church website and scroll to the Organ Lesson Scholarship Fund section to download the 2021 Scholarship Announcement and Application. Applicants from a variety of faith traditions are encouraged to apply.



Worship Feedback

For the past month, people have been worshipping online and in person at St. Andrew and we continue to fine-tune the details.

8:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or attend via YouTube. Access this service at any time via the link distributed in Friday emails or the church app notifications on Sunday mornings at 8:15 am.

11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary of the Firs or via the Zoom link distributed in Friday emails or the church app notifications at 8:15 am on Sunday mornings.

Please note that the outdoor service presents unique challenges to our tech team, which continues to work on improving the quality of the worship experience for remote participants. If you prefer to worship at 11:00 am but want better sound quality, simply connect via the YouTube link rather than Zoom.

Minister of Music & Media Allison Katsufrakis welcomes your feedback. Simply call the church office to leave a message or contact her at allisonk@standrewlutheran.com.

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 1

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Livestream Worship	listen/watch via telephone or online
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary of the Firs
11:00 am	Online Worship	participate via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
7:00 pm	Scout Court of Honor Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary of the Firs

Monday, August 2

6:00 pm	Troop 618 Meeting.....	East Parking Lot
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Tuesday, August 3

7:00 am	Sunrise Women	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Men's Gathering & Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes.....	Offsite
10:00 am	T'ai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planning Meeting.....	Library
1:30 pm	Service Committee Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room/Patio
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, August 4—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

6:45 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, August 5

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Zoom

Friday, August 6

10:00 am	T'ai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, August 7

9:00 am	Nifty Notters.....	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, August 8

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary
8:30 am	Livestream Worship	listen/watch via telephone or online
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	participate via Zoom
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary of the Firs
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Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



8:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or watch the livestream of worship on YouTube. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*

- The same link will bring you to the recording of the service to watch anytime after the livestream ends.
- An audio recording of the 8:30 am service will be available Sunday afternoon by simply dialing **503-643-9416**.



11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary of the Firs or participate in worship via Zoom. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*

To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone.

Ways to Give: Thank you for supporting our ministries!

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 one-time donation or set up a recurring donation. Text "funds" to receive a list of funds.

Online at www.standrewlutheran.com

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

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 [church office](#) 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 [beginning](#) of the process.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. Andrew!

Highlights from the Finance Team as of 6/30/2021

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Report Date: 7/13/2021

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew

M&M Giving is at 92% Budget for FY 2020-2021; 74% June 2021

We made a Principal Only payment of \$3,000 in June 2021

Video streaming services attended by people via Facebook, YouTube and the St. Andrew Website Zoom.

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average					
Monthly Total				\$ 40,018	\$ 11,954
<i>To Meet Budget</i>				<i>\$ 54,167</i>	<i>\$ 12,732</i>

3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M & M) Fund	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship supplies, education supplies, synod benevolence, office supplies, staff and utilities.
Giving FY20-21	\$ 647,000	\$ 594,493	
Expenses FY20-21	\$ 674,495	\$ 625,822	

Mortgage Fund	Actual Giving YTD	Actual Expense YTD	Balance on Hand	Balance Due on Mortgage	*Monthly Mortgage Payment
Giving FY20-21	\$ 287,965		\$ 73,542	\$ 753,217	\$ 12,732
Expense FY20-21		\$ 152,784	Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to pay mortgage and payments to Capital Campaign (A Hope for All)		
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 192,400			

Designated Funds	Actual Giving YTD	Actual Expense YTD	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, disaster relief, etc.
Total Designated Funds FY20-21			\$ 103,995	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 6,845	\$ 329	\$ 28,457	
COVID Hunger Relief	\$ 4,755	\$ 8,457	\$ 1,073	
Earth Camp	\$ 1,710	\$ 817	\$ 2,083	
ECE loan balance from Designated = \$11,272				

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2020

Treasurers: Gretchen Bancroft (Finance Team Chair), Joel Johnson, Linda Sah Olshausen
 Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney, Tammy Piscatelli, Tracie Semenchalam
 Boy Scouts & Foundation: Johanna Au, Bill Beavers