

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 15, 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

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

Mask Mandate Returns



The statistics don't lie: COVID-19 infections are on the rise in Oregon again, many of them the extremely contagious Delta variant. As of **Friday, August 13**, Governor Brown has reinstated a mandate on universal masking in public indoor spaces. **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. 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.

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.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Midweek Evening Prayer Services continue to be offered through the summer months via Zoom. Meditations will be drawn from *Devotional Classics*. All are welcome this **Wednesday, August 18** 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 the church email.

Western Farm Workers' Fiesta

The Western Farm Workers' Association is celebrating its 33rd anniversary, and you're invited! They would like to recognize the help that St. Andrew has provided over the years in its September donations of warm clothes and monies.

The free event, which includes dinner and a Mexican fiesta complete with music and dance performances, is this **Saturday, August 21** from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. They ask that our members sit together at a reserved table for us. If you would like to attend, please call Fran or Ted Miller at 503-641-6519.



Introducing: The Roots!

With the start of the school year comes something very exciting in our children's ministry! This year we are launching an entirely new Sunday morning children's program: **The Roots!** This program is designed to live into our vision for children's ministry by emphasizing our core values and increasing the percentage of our congregation that is involved in ministering to our kids. It takes a village!

Check out the insert in this newsletter to read about the origin of this program, its name, its goals, and how you can be a part of it by leading 15 minutes once every six weeks—a total of only one hour over the whole school year!

Kyler Vogt,
Children & Youth Minister

Guest Preacher Karen Klingelhafer

As Pastor Mark's sabbatical continues, we are still enjoying the wisdom of a wide variety of guest preachers on Sunday mornings. This week our own seminarian, Karen Klingelhafer, will be preaching on the commemoration of Mary, the Mother of our Lord. Karen has previously taught Adult Education courses on the women of the Bible, so we look forward to her perspective! Thank you for sharing your wisdom, Karen!

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 no later than August 29. You'll find 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

Preparing for Next Sunday: August 22, 2021

Tim Overton-Harris will preach.

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69



Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet in Fellowship Hall at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, August 15**. This month we won't be discussing a particular book, but will instead be selecting books to read and discuss for the next several months. We have a list of 20 books to choose from, generated by members. Please come and participate in the selection process. It's always fun to talk about books!

Welcome, Johanna

Please welcome our newest employee, Johanna Land, who is working Tuesday-Thursday as St. Andrew's office assistant. You can reach Johanna by emailing office@standrewlutheran.com or calling the church phone: 503-646-0629.

We're delighted that Johanna has joined our team! Please continue to send prayer and calendar requests, as well as material for the church newsletter, to the church office. Johanna will take care of you or forward your information appropriately.

And do stop by during Johanna's work hours to say "Hi" and to introduce yourself.

Leadership Training Planned for September

MACG will hold a two-day Leadership Training Institute in September. More details will be coming soon, but for now, please save the dates: **Saturday, September 18**, and **Saturday, September 25**, 10:00 am-4:00 pm, at Spirit of Grace in Beaverton.

Don't miss this terrific opportunity to learn how using organizing principles can strengthen relationships, build community, and work for common good in our community. Look for more information next week, but please contact any member of St. Andrew's MACG Core Team if you have questions: Pat Christiansen, Larry Bliesner, Lynn Santelmann, Scott Taylor, Bob Stadel, Jan Smith, and Victoria Kovalenko.



Contact Information for Phyllis Morris

If you would like to send mail to Phyllis Morris, here is her new address.

Phyllis Morris
Bridlemile Senior Home
9076 SW Monterey Place
Portland, OR 97225



Pam Renick (Phyllis's daughter)
503-292-2124

Time to Collect School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Even better results occur when we can ensure that girls attend school in places where their access to education is not a priority. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) school kits contain essential supplies to help children learn in the face of serious obstacles.

With many retailers currently offering back-to-school sales, now is the time to help us stock up on supplies for LWR School Kits. Our goal is to collect enough supplies to fill 75-100 school kits by early September.

We need the following supplies for each School Kit:

- 70-sheet spiral bound notebooks (4 per kit)
- 1 box (16- or 24-count) crayons
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 30-centimeter ruler (1 per kit)
- 1 pair blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue pens
- 2 ½ inch eraser (1 per kit)



Thank you for your generous donations.

St. Andrew Service Committee

Blessing for Travelers

On Sunday, August 8, we sent Maria Navarre on her way to Morocco for a year studying abroad with the following litany.

The Maker's blessing be yours on your road, on your journey guiding you, cherishing you.

The Son's blessing be yours, wine and water, bread and stories feeding you, challenging you.

The Spirit's blessing be yours: wind and fire, joy and wisdom, comforting you, disturbing you.

The Angels' blessing be yours on your house, on your living guarding you, encouraging you.

God's blessings be ours; the blessing of pilgrims all the nights and days of our journey home.

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall, and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as you go.

May God, who is with you when you sit and when you stand, encompass you with love and lead you by the hand.

May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting. Amen.



Iona Abbey Worship Book
Wild Goose Publications, 2001

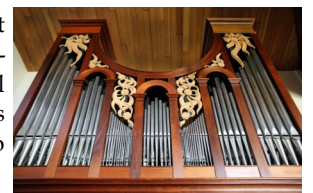
Organ Scholarship Applications Due

The St. Andrew Foundation is delighted to announce that it is continuing to offer a scholarship for organists ages 13-30. This award offers aspiring young musicians financial assistance to pay for organ lessons or other materials needed for their studies. For more information and to apply, please go to

<https://standrewlutheran.com/give/st-andrew-foundation/>.

If you have questions, email foundation@standrewlutheran.com.

The deadline for applications is **October 4**.



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Phyllis Morris	Peace and comfort in hospice care	Staff
Family and friends of Nancy Heidinger	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Heidinger (sister-in-law)
Diane Liefeld (mother)	Effective treatment and healing	Kim Moore
Steve Andersen	Accurate diagnosis and effective treatment	Liz Andersen
John Trom (father)	Strength and healing	Jennifer Trom
Carol Hogan	Healing and recovery	Staff
Lorraine (mother)	Salvation and healing	Phil Chavez
Steve & Jackie	Salvation and health	Phil Chavez (nephew)
Maverick Dixon (unborn nephew)	Complete healing in the womb	AJ & Rebecca Uecker
Raya (newborn great grandniece) and her parents	Strength while awaiting surgery for heart issues	Ginny Link
Those fighting or threatened by wildfires	Protection and safety	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
	Mareline Barnes, Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Douglas Hooke, Betty Horst, Dorothy Moore, Ed Pacey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele	
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (Eugene, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Eugene, OR)		
United Lutheran Church (Eugene, OR)		
Masjed As-Sabr (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 office@standrewlutheran.com Tuesday-Friday, prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com Saturday-Monday.



The Chapel Oak

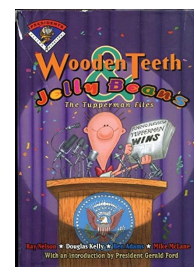
Don Nearhood continues to send us his lovely photos of plants living on our campus. This is a small Oregon White Oak (*Quercus garryana*). At five years old it is only about two feet tall but looking healthy.

This particular tree has several names: the Chapel Oak, the Coming Home to Earth Oregon White Oak, and the Preschool Oak. Charissa White and her preschoolers (known as the Oak Room) nurtured the sapling as it grew in a pot in their classroom through the winter of 2015-2016. In the spring of 2016, the class planted the tree on the slope below the garden beds, with a ring of black stones placed around the baby tree. Each stone had one word written on it: Charity, Inspire, Dream, Friends, Trust, Believe.

If anyone remembers nurturing this tree or would like to help it survive and grow, please contact Don Nearhood or Carol Harker.

Wooden Teeth and Jellybeans:

The Tupperman Files



Do you understand political stuff? Do you find it boring? Well, you won't find this book boring! It explains why people might run for office (and two that did) and

what some of the big words they needed to know mean. Then it goes on to tell you who won, and why.

It also gives really good, gossipy tidbits about all the presidents we've had — right up to Bill Clinton. Things like what Washington's teeth were really made of (Lead?! It's a wonder he didn't poison himself!) Who put the first pool table in the White House? When did the first woman run for president and who had a goat for a pet? Just think of all the name-dropping you can do!

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 15

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
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 16

6:00 pm	Human Resources Meeting	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Troop 618 Meeting	Garden Parking Lot

Tuesday, August 17

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	T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 18—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Yoga (both Chair Yoga & Floor Yoga)	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	COVID Care Team Meeting	Library
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 19

12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	St. Andrew Room (also via Zoom)

Friday, August 20

10:00 am	T'ai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, August 21

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, August 22

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

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.

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 [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!

The Roots

In one of my sermons approximately two years ago, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, I presented to the congregation something that was the culmination of months of hard work, deep thought, and contemplative prayer: Vision statements for the Children's and Youth Ministry programs at St. Andrew. According to those statements, which were adopted by the church council, our vision for Children's and Youth Ministry is:

"At St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we believe that Children's and Youth Ministry is a baptismal calling for the entire congregation. Based in the Gospel and reflective of our Lutheran tradition, our Children's and Youth Ministries are built around three practices: age-appropriate fellowship activities that help us build relationships with one another; educational opportunities that teach us to understand and live in response to our Core Values and our Affirmation of Welcome Statement; and the introduction to practical ways we can live out those values while working in service toward justice."

And, even more specific to this note, our vision for Children's Ministry is:

"To ground our children in the basics of our five core values – God Care, Earth Care, Self-Care, Neighbor Care, and Community Care – and help them practice recognizing and living them out in their daily lives so that above all else, they can be grounded in the truth that they are a beloved child of God, and that God loves them very much."

There is no doubt that the education hour on Sunday mornings is the centerpiece of our children's ministry, so this is the most crucial place to ensure we are putting this vision into action. The Sunday School program has been an incredible asset to this congregation's children and families, with all the thanks going to the volunteers who donated countless hours of their time and energy coordinating, preparing, and teaching. The biggest expression of gratitude must go out to Lisa Staul, who was the Sunday School Director for the last three years including throughout the pandemic. Now, the space created by the pandemic has given us the opportunity to transition to a new model for our kids on Sunday mornings.

Introducing: The Roots! The Roots is our new Sunday morning children's program, designed to emphasize the foundations of our faith, especially our core values. The Roots is also formatted to enable us as a congregation to widen our involvement in children's ministry with manageable commitments in the areas in which we are most passionate.

For The Roots, we have been reevaluating what Bible stories not only do the best job teaching our core values, but also those which are good entry points for our kids. So many famous "children's" Bible stories are dominated by violence and archaic/problematic understandings of God that can do more harm than good if they

are made the foundation of our faith. Sometimes this can even cause difficulties for teachers who find themselves teaching a story that they aren't sure about themselves. The Roots will be a space where kids and grown-ups alike can ask questions, while intentionally being focused on Bible stories that emphasize the love of God and the life and teachings of Jesus.

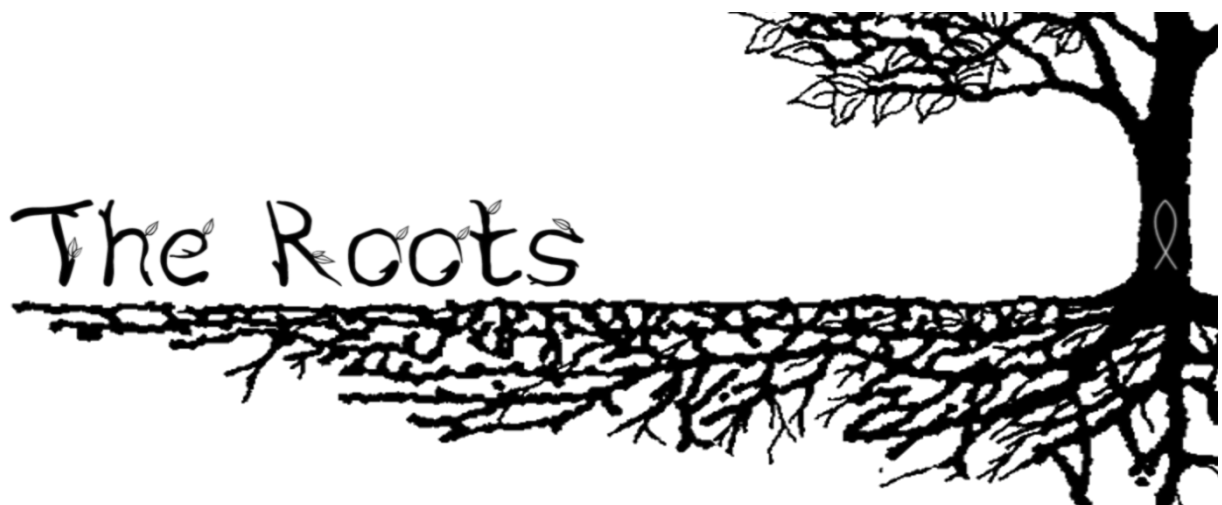
The Roots is a rotation-based program, and there will be six rotations in each unit. Each unit will be two weeks long and will focus on the same Bible story both weeks. This will allow us to do three rotations each week, making six per unit. The six rotations are: Bible Story, Games, Art, Music, Service/Justice, and Science. While story, art, music, and games have been a part of our ministry for a long time, the service/justice rotation will allow us to teach kids how to translate the lessons into real-life actions, and the science rotation will help us teach are kids that God is at work in and through science too!

Here is where you come in: a major goal of this new program is to introduce a wider portion of our congregation to our children's ministry. We want each rotation to have a team of three people who will take turns teaching on their rotation week. This means when we reach this goal of three people per team, each team member will only be leading for 15 minutes every six weeks, with each team member leading no more than five times over the school year. My hope is that this makes volunteering with The Roots an option for a lot of our church who were too constrained by time in the past. Ultimately, I am aiming to have 25% of the volunteers for The Roots be people who have never volunteered with our Sunday morning children's programs before. Let's make it happen!

If you want to join one of these teams, or if you just want some more information about The Roots and what it looks like to be a part of it, send me an email at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com. I am so excited to launch this new program, with your help, on September 19th!

Grace and Peace,

Kyler Vogt
Children's and Youth Minister



Highlights from the Finance Team as of 7/31/2021

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Report Date: 8/10/2021

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

M&M Giving is at 92% Budget YTD; 92% July 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 (Regular + Electronic)	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average					
Monthly Total				\$ 50,881	\$ 18,221

To Meet Budget \$ 55,342 \$ 12,732

3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M & M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	% of YTD Budget	The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship supplies, education supplies, synod benevolence, office supplies, staff and utilities.
Giving FY21-22	\$ 55,342	\$ 50,881	-8%	
Expenses FY21-22	\$ 56,602	\$ 51,585	-9%	

Mortgage Fund	Actual Giving YTD	Actual Expense YTD	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principle Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
Giving FY20-21	\$ 18,221		\$ 74,087	\$ 742,885	\$ 12,732
Expense FY20-21		\$ 12,732	Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to pay mortgage and payments to Capital Campaign (A Hope for All)		
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ -			

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 FY21-22			\$ 100,676	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 479	\$ -	\$ 29,674	
COVID Hunger Relief	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 1,323	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$10,272			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2021

Treasurers: Gretchen Bancroft (Finance Team Chair), Joel Johnson, Linda Sah Olshausen
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