

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 19, 2022

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005  
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Worship Services:  
Sunday, 8:30 am  
Sunday, 11:00 am

## Flowers on the Chancel



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Joel & Beth Johnson in loving memory of their fathers.

## Reduce Gun Violence:

### Lift Every Voice Oregon (LEVO) Update

As of June 15, there are 1,025 circulators who have gathered 65,000 signatures in support of LEVO Common Sense Initiative Petitions (IP 17). Based on recent research, the most important law to save lives is one requiring a permit to purchase a gun. When Connecticut passed its law, the state saw a 40% decrease in gun deaths. This initiative is focused on permit to purchase and less lethal ammunition.



We need 140,000 signatures by July 8 in order to bring it to the ballot in the upcoming November 2022 election. I will be in the Narthex again on **June 19** between services to gather signatures. I invite you to stop by and add your signature in support. If you would like to volunteer to gather signatures, I will have information available or go to: [www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com](http://www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com).

Michelle Sinn

## Everyone Has a Nametag

While we have mixed feelings about wearing nametags, nothing helps us learn the names of the people we see at St. Andrew as much as seeing each name and associating it with the person we are getting to know. Sure, some of us left that nametag in the car or an old coat that is long lost. The good news is that we have updated nametags and they're alphabetized on the nametag "tree" at the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Look for your nametag there.

We also have blank tags for those we've missed. Please stop by the cabinet across from the Coffee Bar, where you'll find blank nametags and pens.

What's next? New pictures? Stay tuned for new pictures still to come in 2022.

## Horizon Team: What Is the Spirit Saying to the People of St. Andrew?

*In preparation for discerning what the Spirit is telling the Horizon Team, we considered Revelation 1-3 in which John the Apostle recorded messages proclaimed by Jesus and the Holy Spirit to seven of the churches in Asia Minor. Likewise, the Horizon Team has considered what the Spirit is telling the Angel of St. Andrew, the Church with the Solar Panels, following our Horizon Listening event. See what the Spirit is saying to the Horizon Team....*

I see you are worried about many things. You are deeply committed to keeping things going. And you are tired, wondering how things can keep going as they are, or better.

I see your faith active in love. I know your love for the church and for the earth. But I wonder how you are receiving my love, my Spirit Power, my Spirit Energy and Direction. You seem to have gone ahead on your own without me.

Stop. Give yourself a break. Let a void speak before it is filled. Let some silence sit before speaking. Let some grief surface without having to push it into a corner. Void, and Silence, and Grief are some of my best teachers. I worry that more people don't learn from them.

So, you're not what you used to be. You're not what you were once upon a time. But you are still a mostly healthy church, with lots of experience, lots of talent, lots of resources. Look within and among. Look to me. Look to the Spirit in hidden places. I'm looking out for you.



## Acknowledging Great Progress

It's appropriate for the congregation at St. Andrew to pause a little and recognize how far we've come in drawing down the mortgage. Ken Reiner shares the email he sent recently to Pastor Mark and Jeff Smith, chair of the Stewardship Committee.

*I was deleting old email and came across St. Andrew's Financial Team report from March 31, 2015. At that time, the mortgage balance was \$2,198,150 and the monthly payment was \$15,271. In addition, the M&M Fund owed the Mortgage Fund \$25,590.50 because of internal borrowing to meet monthly expenses.*

*Fast forward to Spring 2022. As of May 31, 2022, our Mortgage Fund balance is \$550,241.99 and the Monthly Mortgage payment is \$12,732 with about \$10,900 of that going to the principal of the loan with no internal borrowing.*

*All of you have been very generous with your contributions to St. Andrew to support the ministry and to retire the mortgage debt as soon as possible. THANK YOU!*

Ken Reiner



Wishing all dads weather suitable for a cookout this weekend. May the rains pause and the sun shine warmly while we celebrate our fathers and grandfathers.

## Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters will meet **Saturday, June 18**, from 9:00 am-2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and join us for all or part of the time. We have quilt projects for grade school age youth on up. You don't need any experience to learn to tie a knot or cut fabric, and, if you sew, we have several sewing machines available for your use. Plus, many projects can also be done at home, so if you prefer that, let us know. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

## Something to Nibble?

What's a hot cup of tea or coffee without something to nibble on? If you'd like to bring treats to share with the congregation on Sunday mornings, please sign up at the Coffee Bar. It's not necessary to take responsibility for both coffee and treats. Do one or both as seldom or as often as you wish.



## Coffee Host Signups



If you enjoy coffee and conversation on Sunday mornings, please check the Coffee Host signup sheet on the Coffee Bar to see if there's an upcoming service when you could volunteer. No long-term commitment is needed and Carol Hogan, Coffee Bar Manager, will be happy to provide you with any necessary training. Make coffee and make friends!

## Watershed Open House

Come to the St. Andrew patio on **Wednesday, June 22**, beginning at 5:30 pm to learn more about the Cedar Mill/North Johnson Creek Basin. Representatives from the cities of Beaverton and Portland, Clean Water Services, the Tualatin River Watershed Council, Washington County, and the Willamette Partnership will be on hand to share information, highlight accomplishments, and answer questions about future plans.



This project was launched when Betty Baldwin sought our assistance in advocating for a larger culvert under Butner Road, as well as a safe way to cross the street. Now we're eager to hear what the planners have in mind for future improvements. The open house is scheduled 5:30-7:30 pm.

### Preparing for Next Sunday

June 26, 2022

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



## Portland & Beaverton Pride

As we are moving out of COVID, our timing was late to sign up for walking in both the Portland and Beaverton events (June 19 and June 26, respectively). Nonetheless, our support and presence can still serve the LGBTQIA+ community.

We can wear our St. Andrew shirts and show up along the routes to cheer those who are walking and visit the festivals to support the vendors and community booths.

We can gather as a group for watching the parade. If you are interested, contact Jan Smith at 408-242-3838 or email [jansmith59@earthlink.net](mailto:jansmith59@earthlink.net).

## Leadership for Public Life

It's not too late! Join others from St. Andrew at the next Leadership for Public Life training event. Learn skills that will be useful in your life inside and outside of St. Andrew, including building a relational culture in organizations, organizing to address issues in our community, and planning actions to solve winnable issues.



A second opportunity is to be a part of a training session for an upcoming MACG campaign aimed at improving access to mental health services to all residents of Washington County, with a special emphasis on the Latinx community.

Both events are free to St. Andrew members, but registration is required:

### Leadership Institute for Public Life

**June 24**, 7:00-9:00 pm and **June 25**, 10:00 am-5:00 pm at St. Anthony Catholic in Tigard. In person!

Simultaneous translation in English and Spanish.

[Sign up here.](#)

### Washington County Mental Health Campaign Training

**June 26**, 1:00-3:00 pm

Simultaneous translation in English and Spanish.

Sign up coming soon!

Questions? Contact Pat Christiansen: [patchristiansen@comcast.net](mailto:patchristiansen@comcast.net) or any member of the MACG Core Team: Larry Bliesner, Scott Taylor, Lynn Santelman, Pastor Mark, Bob Stadel, or Victoria Kovalenko.



## Comments from the Congregation During the Horizon Listening Event

During the Horizon Listening Event we asked the participants 3 key questions. These images represent the comments that we heard. In each word cloud the larger the font of the word the more often participants used the word.

What the Congregation does well, should continue, adapt, and strengthen.



What St. Andrew needs to let go, grieve, and move on from.



What St. Andrew could imagine anew, plan for, and make happen.



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Chris Sinn (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Randy Sinn
Dorothy Moore	Peace and comfort	Pastor Mark Brocker
Dick Day (father)	Comfort	Amy Fiegenbaum
Annie Kasper (cousin)	Comfort and healing from cancer	Judy Scholz
Gerald Jensen (father)	Comfort and healing from cancer	India Jensen Kerr
Lavonne Bush (friend)	Comfort and healing from cancer	Anne Williams
Chase Isaacson	Healing and recovery from COVID	Amy Fiegenbaum
Karen Taylor (mother)	Strength and healing	Scott Taylor
Nathan Alvis (grandson)	Definitive test results	Ed and Linda Fransen
All those impacted by war and gun violence	Protection, justice, and end of conflict	Staff
St. Andrew Council, Executive Committee, and staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Karen Klingelhafer and all seminarians India Jensen Kerr and all theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Colton Lutheran Church (Colton, OR) St. Paul of Damascus (Damascus, OR) St. Stephen Lutheran Church (Gladstone, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Bethany Musallah (Portland)	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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.

**If you know anyone from St. Andrew who needs a Eucharistic minister or would benefit from a monthly visit or phone call, please contact India Jensen Kerr at [india@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:india@standrewlutheran.com) or 503-860-5377.**

## New Council Members and Officers

Congratulations to Pam Farr, Liz Hardy, Sue Lee, and Janet Vorvick, who were elected to the Congregational Council at the Annual Meeting. New Council officers for the coming year are: President Barton Robison, Vice President Laura Geczy-Haskins, and Secretary Rachel Roberts. The Council appointed Tim Duggan treasurer and Joel Johnson as transitional treasurer. The Financial Secretaries are Brian Cheney and Tammy Piscitelli. A complete listing of the Congregational Council will appear in next week's newsletter, with all members of Council and the Finance Team being installed during worship services on **Sunday, June 26**.

## Hymn to Time

by Ursula K. LeGuin

Time says "Let there be"  
every moment and instantly  
there is space and the radiance  
of each bright galaxy.

And eyes beholding radiance.  
And the gnats' flickering dance.  
And the seas' expanse.  
And death, and chance.

Time makes room  
for going and coming home  
and in time's womb  
begins all ending.

Time is being and being  
time, it is all one thing,  
the shining, the seeing,  
the dark abounding.

*Best known for her works of speculative fiction, Ursula LeGuin preferred to be known simply as an "American novelist." Though she was raised, as she put it, "as irreligious as a jackrabbit," in her teens and adult life she took a keen interest in Taoism, Buddhism, and ideas of balance, equilibrium, and ephemerality.*

## Your St. Andrew Staff

Council President, Barton Robison.....	317-695-9722
Lead Pastor, Mark Brocker .....	brockerm@standrewlutheran.com
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Children's Ministry Host, Donna Brocker .....	503-502-6156
Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner.....	503-201-4222
Tira Nasset.....	503-866-5099

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, June 19—Father’s Day & Juneteenth

- 8:30 am **Worship with Communion** .....Sanctuary and Livestreamed
- 9:30 am Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study..... Library
- 10:30 am Virtual Coffee Time ..... via Zoom
- 11:00 am Portland Taiwan Worship ..... Chapel
- 11:00 am **Worship with Communion** ..... Sanctuary and via Zoom
- 12:00 pm Virtual Coffee Time ..... via Zoom

## Monday, June 20

## Tuesday, June 21

- 7:00 am Men’s Gathering and Bible Study ..... Elmer’s Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 7:00 am Sunrise Women..... Elmer’s Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm BSA Troop 198 Meeting ..... Children’s Commons

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

- 5:30 pm Tualatin Watershed Enhancement Collaboration Open House ..... St. Andrew Patio
- 6:00 pm Earth Camp Team Meeting ..... Children’s Commons

## Thursday, June 23

- 9:30 am Long Term Care Ombudsman WA Co. Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 pm Team Ministry Meeting .....Chapel / Library
- 7:00 pm IT Meeting..... offsite

## Friday, June 24

- 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall


## Saturday, June 25

- 8:30 am Horizon Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room

## Sunday, June 26

- 8:30 am **Worship with Communion** .....Sanctuary and Livestreamed
- 10:30 am Virtual Coffee Time ..... via Zoom
- 11:00 am Portland Taiwan Worship ..... Chapel
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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.* Use the same link to see a recording of the service anytime after the livestream ends.

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

## Highlights from the Finance Team as of May 31, 2022

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Report Date 6/10/2022

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

M&M Giving is 89% of FYTD budget and 77% of monthly budget

Expenses are 89% of FYTD budget

We paid an additional \$2,000 towards the principle mortgage payment in May.

### Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total (Regular + Electronic)	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	106	95	21	222		
Monthly Total	528	476	106	1110	\$ 42,696	\$ 9,671
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 55,342	\$ 12,732

### 3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2021-2022	\$ 608,758.37	\$ 542,600	89%	
Expenses FY 2021-2022	\$ 622,617	\$ 554,394	89%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2021-2022	\$ 225,925	\$ 140,052	\$ 77,094	\$ 550,242	\$ 12,732
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 86,705	The Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to pay mortgage.		

Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 126,591	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 30,031	\$ 1,338	\$ 56,345	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$272			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2021

#### FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Gretchen Bancroft, Joel Johnson, Linda Sah Olshausen

Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney (Finance Team Chair), Tammy Piscatelli

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho