

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 26, 2022

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

Installation of Council and Finance Team

Members of St. Andrew's Congregation Council, new officers, and members of the Finance Team will be installed during worship services this **Sunday, June 26**.

Sign Online to Reduce Gun Violence: Lift Every Voice Oregon (LEVO) Update

If you missed the chance to sign the petition at St. Andrew these past two weeks, you may take advantage of the "sign from home option." Simply go to www.lifteveryvoiceoregon.com/sign-ips-from-home.

You'll be directed to print the signature page. Then sign the form as instructed and mail it to the address given.



Additionally, Ted & Fran Miller have signed up as "circulators" and have gathered more than 50 signatures at their home at Beaverton Lodge! If you are interested in becoming a circulator, please contact me via phone or email and I will be happy to sign you up! We have until July 8 to gather 140,000 signatures to get this initiative on the November ballot.

Many hands make light work,
Michelle Sinn

Beaverton Pride



Join us this **Sunday, June 26**, for the Beaverton Pride Parade and Festival! St. Andrew will be walking in the parade with Spirit of Grace. If you would like to join us, we will line up between 9:00 and 10:00 am. We'll celebrate communion with Pastor Robyn at 10:30 am. The parade steps off at 11:00 am at 5th and Hall Street.

Let me know if you want to join us, or if you have questions (Jan Smith, 408-242-3838, jansmith59@earthlink.net). Plan to park early as officials will block off streets at 10:00 am.

If you can't walk with us, grab your folding chair and cheer from the sidelines. It's nice to see friends along the route!

Wear your St. Andrew shirts, bring noise makers, percussion instruments, and bubbles to make a joyful noise with our friends from Spirit of Grace. Let's celebrate and have some fun! The world needs more joy!

Flowers on the Chancel



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Carol Hogan in loving memory of her mother Doreen Dwigans.

Horizon Team Report

Over the next 5 weeks, the Horizon team will be sharing its report to the Council via "Weekly News." This report includes feedback we heard from the Day of Listening event, and it includes themes our team members have discerned through a season of reflection and openness to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. We do not believe our work is complete, but we believe that we are being called by God to help guide St. Andrew through a time of change, transition, and renewal.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Horizon Team to continue its work through October 31, 2022.

After a successful five months of engagement, it feels like there is still important work to be done by our team. Some of this work includes expanding the circle of who we're listening to so that we're able to better understand how St. Andrew might fit into and serve our greater community (e.g. public schools, government leaders, nonprofits, external partners, non-member facility users, etc.). To that end, we'd like to explore ways to invite our neighbors to "come and see" what we're up to at St. Andrew.

We want to continue to find ways to engage the people of St. Andrew in our work, too. We're interested in engaging children, youth, and young families in a more specific way to understand their specific thoughts and feelings about how St. Andrew can serve and support them. And we'd like to host another couple of church-wide events in support of the Horizon Team's mission. One of those could be a St. Andrew History event, where we invite members to share their memories and experiences of St. Andrew on a big timeline as a way for us as a body to understand where we fit into the St. Andrew story. We also want to host a large event based around discernment, potentially aligned with Reformation Sunday in October.

After this next phase of work, we envision sunseting the Horizon Team. This will lead us into the Advent season, after which St. Andrew will need to establish a call committee to hire new pastoral staff. The activities proposed above are intended to provide understanding and some form of vision that can be helpful to our call process.

We have benefited greatly from the leadership, guidance, and wisdom of Pastor Terry Moe, and we would explicitly ask that he be funded to continue working with our team through this next phase of work.

Baby Rose



The rose on the altar this Sunday celebrates the birth of Cassian Conner Blackburne, son of Preston & Kethrie Blackburne of Billings, Montana. Preston's parents are Rebecca & AJ Uecker. Cassian's great-grandparents are Dan & Sharon Fako. Welcome to the world, little one, and congratulations to all!

Event Coordinators Named

Many thanks to Tom & Pam Jeleneo, who have agreed to be St. Andrew's new Event Coordinators. That means if the Horizon Team is planning a gathering or there's an anniversary to celebrate, they will organize the event and recruit volunteers to make it happen successfully. Tom is a seasoned event planner, who organized meetings and conferences for business and religious groups at the Oregon Convention Center for 14 years, and everyone who knows Pam is aware of her impressive organization skills, too.

The Jeleneos will be instrumental in planning things such as St. Andrew's 70th anniversary event, Pastor Mark's farewell celebration, or any memorial receptions at the church. If you have a gathering to plan, please contact Tom or Pam at pjelineo@hotmail.com well in advance to get your event on the church calendar and to allow plenty of time for recruiting volunteers.

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters (quilters) are alive and well despite being on the Horizon Team's "grieve and let go" list. Our closet is filled with donated fabric ready for volunteer hands to turn into warm quilts for local children and Lutheran World Relief. Join us **Saturday, July 2**, and **Saturday, July 16**, from 9:00 am-2:30 pm to see how you can take part in this important ministry. No experience is required and all materials are supplied. Bring a lunch and stay for all or part of the time. If you have questions, call Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.



Creating a Nametag Habit

Keeping track of who's who at church and meeting new people is a lot easier when we wear our nametags. Let's train ourselves to get in the habit again. Nametags really help visitors and other fairly new people in our community make connections. They're also indispensable when we see someone out of context or draw a blank when trying to connect a name to a face.

If you don't find your nametag on the rack at the entrance to Fellowship Hall, wander over to the counter across from the Coffee Bar and create one for yourself. There's a list there, too, where you can ask us to make an "official" nametag for you.

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

Preparing for Next Sunday

July 3, 2022

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

It's Vacation Season; Let's Travel Sustainably!

The following comes from an article in zerowastestore.com:

According to the World Tourism Organization, sustainable travel has three main aspects: Environmental, Economic, and Socio-Cultural. When sustainable travel is done correctly, a balance is created among all three. In short, it's about minimizing your impact on the environment when you travel, making sure the local population benefits from the tourism and isn't left to clean up your mess, creating fair employment, and—most importantly—taking care of the destination so its inhabitants and future generations can continue to enjoy it. When done well, sustainable travel actually creates a better experience for the traveler because you get to learn about a new culture and meet fascinating people.



Think about it this way: When you go to a destination, you're going to someone's home. Someone lives in that place, works there, commutes there, gets their food there, and has family there—perhaps going back generations. So, while it's a beautiful beach to you or an old building that feels like Harry Potter, your vacation destination is home for someone else.

Unsustainable travel results in effects that you can see in the moment and others that linger even after you've left. The effects of over-tourism are not pretty. They include pollution from cars, an overwhelmed electric grid, skyrocketing rents for local residents, more waste than the local system can manage, overcrowded roads and bridges, and disappearance of local animals and wildlife when habitat is destroyed to make room for resorts.

What can you do to travel more sustainably?

1. Look for cool locations that are off the beaten track.
2. If you must see a popular location, go during the off season when it doesn't put as much pressure on the local economy. It's generally cheaper to travel in the off season as well.
3. Choose a destination based on a location that needs your help—both economically and physically.
4. Explore closer to home first to reduce your carbon footprint. There are many places in the Pacific Northwest that I have yet to explore!
5. Consider a Homestay instead of hotels or an Airbnb. With Homestay, you stay in someone's home. The host provides affordable and safe accommodations. Some might even help you learn a new language, show you around town, or tell you where to rent a bicycle. See www.homestay.com.

Other companies touting sustainable travel include Regenerative Travel (www.regenerativetravel.com), Responsible Travel (responsibletravel.com), and Wayaj (<https://wayaj.com>). These organizations generally point people to more expensive options farther afield, but they do so by keeping the sustainability of Earth in mind.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Updated Plans for Sunday, June 26

On Thursday morning, Pastor Mark did a home test for COVID that came back positive. He was running a fever with other symptoms including a scratchy throat and congestion, similar to having a head cold.

Following COVID protocols, Pastor Mark will not be at church on Sunday morning, but worship services will proceed as planned. Pastor Terry Moe will step in as presiding minister and install the Council and finance officers, while Chaplain India will read Pastor Mark's sermon.

If you had contact with Pastor Mark on Wednesday, please stay alert to your health and if you develop symptoms, be sure to do a home test for COVID.

Your Congregational Council for 2022/2023

Members of St. Andrew's Congregational Council have been duly elected, have selected officers for the coming year, and are ready to serve the congregation. If you have concerns, questions, or ideas, please feel free to reach out to these lay leaders of the congregation:

President Barton Robison
Vice President Laura Geczy-Haskins
Secretary Rachel Roberts
Treasurer Tim Duggan



Council Roster for 2022/2023:

Tim Duggan
Pam Farr
Liz Hardy
Laura Geczy-Haskins
Dwight Jerde
Sue Lee

John Reiser
Rachel Roberts
Barton Robison
Jeff Smith
Janet Vorvick

Treasurers

Tim Duggan
Joel Johnson

Financial Secretaries

Brian Cheney
Tammy Piscitelli

According to the Constitution adopted by St. Andrew in 2014, the **Council:**

- shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation

The Bylaws adopted in 2015 clarify the duties of:

Treasurers

- keep the books of account of the congregation
- receive records of receipts from the financial secretaries
- disburse funds
- communicate monthly to the Council on the monetary status of the church
- serve as members of the Finance Committee

Financial Secretaries

- receive and record income from contributing members and other sources
- ensure all receipts are disbursed to the appropriate funds
- prepare a report of individual giving at the close of the year
- serve as members of the Finance Committee

June 19 Mission Moment from the Stewardship Committee

Good Morning,

Let me introduce myself. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Dwight Jerde. My wife Debbie and I have been members here at St. Andrew since the mid 1980's. Debbie and I have served in many different capacities for almost 40 years at St. Andrew. Currently, one of my roles is a member of the Stewardship Committee. In that capacity, I am here to speak to you today about giving. My message to you today will be the first of several shared in the coming weeks by members of the Stewardship Committee. This being the first message, our committee agreed that my message would focus on "foundational" or "fundamental" issues of giving.

When Pastor Mark reached out to me a few years ago about joining the Stewardship Committee, I agreed to so on the condition that I would never speak to anyone about giving more money to this congregation. I told Mark that I would be glad to speak about the role that giving plays in our spiritual growth and our relationship with God. It would be extremely presumptuous of me to think that I might know how much each of you should give or whether you give enough to be satisfactory to God.

Pastor Mark, the financial team and treasurers, the Council, and some of my fellow Stewardship Committee members might cringe when they hear what I am about to say, but on a very fundamental and foundational level, I believe it must be said. Are you ready for this?

God doesn't need your money. That's right, God doesn't need your money. If we really believe that God is an all-powerful, all-knowing being, God can do anything God wants to do, without a single cent of your money or mine. Giving isn't about what God needs, it is about what we need to do to show how much we appreciate what God has done for us. Giving is quite simply about our need to give, not God's need to receive.

On a fundamental or foundational level, Debbie and I give—because we have received. We have received so much in our lives from God that no amount of money will ever equal what we have received from God. I could, but don't have time here, list all of the gifts that we have received from God. Honestly the list would be endless. I have spoken in the past about some very personal experiences involving "gifts" from God. I'd be happy to share those experiences with you later in conversation.

In the Fall of 2021, the Stewardship Committee presented a series of adult forums on the topic of "Giving". The title of that series was *"Making Giving More Meaningful, W to the 5th + H, The Who, What, Why, When, Where, & How of Giving."* In that series we identified that there is a broad spectrum of the reasons why people give. At one end, people give, because they give. It's as simple as that. At the other end of the spectrum, people give for very specific reasons and issues, things that need to be paid for and accomplished. We explained that no matter where on the spectrum a giver, or a gift falls, it is right and acceptable to God. That is of course on one condition. That condition is spelled out in 2nd Corinthians 9:6-8. It reads,



"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

The second sentence of this passage is key,

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

In our first session of this series we shared some interesting information about giving. I did a Google search about the most commonly used words in the Bible. A site, VizWiz.com popped up on my initial search. I found the following quote at this site:

"In the Pastor's message in the March newsletter from my church, Dr. Tom Davis noted that 'love' is mentioned 714 times in the Bible, yet 'giving' or 'possessions' is mentioned 2,172 times."

After thinking about this, I came to the personal conclusion that "Giving" is a physical action of our "Love." And while love is extremely important, especially as we struggle through the very emotional and tragic issues we face in our world today, love without action is somewhat empty.

Now I am not naive enough to forget that our congregation has bills to pay, salaries and wages for the staff, projects to complete, programs to support, a mortgage to pay, and many other things that cost money. But fundamentally, and at a basic foundational level, giving isn't about any of these issues.

I believe that God calls us to action. One way we can turn our love for the world, for others, for St. Andrew, and for God, into action, is to give.

My hope is that, prayerfully and thoughtfully, we all are called to put our love into action as is outlined in 2nd Corinthians. That each of us,

"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion...."

Because,

"...God loves a cheerful giver."

Thank you.

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
Amy Marks	Peace and comfort	Judy Scholz
Dorothy Moore	Peace and comfort	Pastor Mark Brocker
Dick Day (father)	Comfort	Amy Fiegenbaum
Annie Kasper (cousin)	Comfort and healing from cancer	Judy Scholz
Dave Newell	Healing and recovery	Anne Newell
Anne Newell	Healing and recovery	Anne Newell
Jessica Garrison (stepdaughter)	Healing and recovery	LeeAnn Knapp
Pastor Mark	Healing and recovery from COVID	Staff
Chase Isaacson	Healing and recovery from COVID	Amy Fiegenbaum
Karen Taylor (mother)	Strength and healing	Scott Taylor
Bre DeLao (grandniece)	Proper treatment and healing	Ginny Link
Nathan Alvis (grandson)	Definitive test results	Ed and Linda Fransen
Cameron Conner Blackburne (grandson)	Blessings on his birth	Rebecca & AJ Uecker
Earth Camp leaders and campers	Blessings for the week	Staff
All those impacted by war and gun violence	Protection, justice, and end of conflict	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Ian MacDonald, Gary Magnuson, Gerald Jensen, Hugh Mason, Brian McKiernan, Carol Means, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Suzanne Warnes		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Our Savior's Lutheran (Lake Oswego, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
King of Kings Lutheran (Milwaukie, OR)		
Prince of Life Lutheran (Oregon City, OR)		
Congregation Kesser Israel (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 email office@standrewlutheran.com Tuesday-Friday, 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 or 503-860-5377.

11:00 am Worship on Sunday, July 3

PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday, the 11:00 am service will be held in the Sanctuary of the Firs and available via Zoom. The 8:30 am worship service will be held in the Sanctuary and livestreamed on YouTube.

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Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

Earth Camp 2022

Summer has arrived and it's time for Earth Camp! All next week, **June 27-July 1**, about three dozen youngsters and a similar number of guides, teachers, snack providers, and other volunteer leaders will take over the church campus for hours of fun and learning about the Earth. A weather forecast including lots of sunshine promises to echo this year's theme of "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

If you have a camper enrolled or are simply curious about the camp, go to the church website for photos that will be posted daily:

<https://standrewlutheran.com/helping-children-bloom-through-earth-camp/>.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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 Lutheran Worship Chapel
11:00 am **Worship with Communion** Sanctuary
12:00 pm Virtual Coffee Time via Zoom

Monday, June 27

ALL DAY **Earth Camp**..... St. Andrew Campus

Tuesday, June 28

ALL DAY **Earth Camp**..... St. Andrew Campus
7:00 am Men's Gathering and Bible Study Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am Sunrise Women..... Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (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 29

ALL DAY **Earth Camp**..... St. Andrew Campus
10:00 am Yoga Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 30

ALL DAY **Earth Camp**..... St. Andrew Campus

Friday, July 1

ALL DAY **Earth Camp**..... St. Andrew Campus
10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall


Saturday, July 2

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 3

8:30 am **Worship with Communion**Sanctuary and Livestreamed
10:30 am Virtual Coffee Time via Zoom
11:00 am Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship Chapel
11:00 am **Worship with Communion** Sanctuary of the Firs and via Zoom
12:00 pm Virtual Coffee Time via Zoom

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

 **YouTube** **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.

 **zoom** **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.*