

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 11, 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

Christian Education Open House

After a couple of years of interruption and uncertainty regarding scheduling of in-person events, we're excited to be able to once again host a Christian Education Open House to start the program year. Between services this **Sunday, September 11**, the congregation is invited to come and see all the education events going on at St. Andrew. Specifically,

- stop by the Nursery to see where our youngest children receive care;
- investigate treasures available in the Children's Library, check out some books, and learn how to access the online catalog;
- visit the Children's Commons and classrooms on the lower level for a glimpse into the much-anticipated Roots program for pre-school and elementary students;
- check out the Library on the upper level to learn more about Confirmation for middle schoolers;
- visit the Youth Room (lower level) to see what's on the agenda for high school students; and
- stop by Fellowship Hall, the location for many Adult Education classes.

Adult Education booklets outlining the coming year's classes will be available for pickup on Sunday, too.

Registration is online-only. See links below the calendar on the last page of the newsletter to enroll.

Work Party for Children's Space!



THE ROOTS the lower level.

The action begins at 10:00 am and people will be assembling furniture, putting up decorations, and organizing the space. Please bring your tools—having enough screwdrivers, drills, pliers, and box cutters will definitely speed up the work.

This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for families, because the kids will be able to help. Coffee and snacks will be provided and lunch, too, if we need to work past 1:00 pm. Let Kyler know if you can attend (kvogt@standrewlutheran.com).

Ringers and Singers

Music has a treasured role in Lutheran worship. Even if you missed the initial rehearsals of the Bells of Grace and the Sanctuary Choir this past Wednesday, you are welcome to participate. Ringers rehearse at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, with members of the Sanctuary Choir beginning their rehearsal at 7:00 pm that same evening. Both rehearsals take place in the Sanctuary. We are always looking for new ringers and singers and no experience is required! Please let Deacon Susan Reiser know if you'd like to join either of the choirs.

Horizon Discernment Circles

So, what exactly are Horizon Discernment Circles? Excellent question! They are small group meetings scheduled from September 25-October 7 to share stories, dream dreams, and consider what kind of leadership St. Andrew should look for in 2023 and beyond. Some gatherings will be in homes, some at church, and some on Zoom. Each meeting will be led by a Horizon Team leader or other qualified person. Wonderful themes emerged at the May 15 listening event. But what is the Spirit's vision for St. Andrew? Come and help discern what our future at St. Andrew looks like! Signups will be coming soon.



Beth Johnson
Horizon Team Member

Acolytes and Acolyte Coordinator Needed

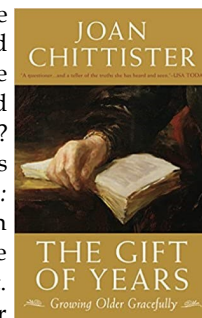
St. Andrew has a shortage of acolytes. If you'd like to light the candles for worship, join us! We'll provide training so you're comfortable in your role as one of the worship leaders on Sunday mornings. Acolytes are scheduled according to availability and serve during either the 8:30 am or 11:00 am service, not both, so the time commitment is limited.

We also need an Acolyte Coordinator to recruit, train, and schedule acolytes. If you have never done something like this before and know nothing about acolyting, no worries! We will make sure you are prepared to train and schedule acolytes. The time commitment should not be that hefty. It will probably only be five to ten hours a month!

If you are interested in being an acolyte or being an acolyte coordinator, contact Chaplain India at india@standrewlutheran.com or call 503-646-0629, ext. 211.

Finding Purpose as the Years Go By

Have you been struggling with new purpose now that many of us are growing older and unable to do all the things that were possible when we were 25? Are you finding you need to redefine your life or find new meaning? Join Chaplain India in a group that will focus on Joan Chittister's book *The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully*. If you're interested in participating in this in-person group, please contact Chaplain India at 503-646-0629, ext. 211, or email india@standrewlutheran.com. Our meeting time will be determined based on interest and what days folks are available.



Flowers on the Chancel



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are dedicated to the glory of God by Linda Dodds in honor of her son Greg's birthday and in remembrance of the horrific events of 9/11. Greg, a fireman paramedic, asks that the flowers remind us to pray for all wildland firefighters on the front lines.

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle is changing its meeting date. We will now meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the St. Andrew Room. This will ensure that our *Gather* magazine arrives before we meet. Any and all are welcome to join our small group Bible study on Tuesday, September 20. Questions? Contact Mary Brown at 503-439-3917.

Nursery, Pre-K Volunteers Needed

Help show our little ones—the babies, toddlers, and pre-K kids—the love in our faith community. We need volunteers to staff the nursery and the pre-K classroom for our children's ministry launch on September 18 and following. As always, the more people we have sign up to help, the smaller everyone's individual commitment. Here is what we are looking for:

For the Nursery: We're in the process of hiring a Nursery Attendant for Sunday mornings, and we'll introduce her next week. Still, our safe child policy (and the number of babies we have in our congregation) requires two adults to be present with our kids. So we need parents and other adults to take their turn assisting the Nursery Attendant during each worship service and during the education hour. Please let Kyler know when you can help welcome and care for the next generation of precious little Lutherans!

For Pre-K: Our Pre-K class is our education-hour class for kids from 3 years old until they are entering Kindergarten. The class will be mostly free-play, with an emphasis on building relationships between the kids and the teachers. We want them to know that church is safe and fun! There will also be a very short story time, reading the week's Bible story from a children's Bible. Again, we need two adults for this class each Sunday, so the more helpers we get, the better!

If you can volunteer, please contact Children & Youth Minister Kyler Vogt:

kvogt@standrewlutheran.com.

Thank you for supporting children's ministry!

Weekend Prayers

Sue Cahlander, weekend prayer volunteer, will be traveling until September 21. During this time, please do not call her directly with prayer requests. Instead, send all prayer requests to the office. If your request is urgent, please contact Chaplain India at 503-860-5377 or email her at india@standrewlutheran.com.

Time to Collect School Supplies for LWR

Our shopping list is getting shorter by the day! Thank you to everyone for all the unsharpened pencils, erasers, rulers, and blunt scissors you've contributed. We've met our goal on those items and just need what you see in the list below. Our goal is to collect enough supplies to fill 250 school kits by mid-October.

To make 250 kits, we need the following supplies:

ITEM	NUMBER STILL NEEDED
70-sheet spiral bound notebooks (4 per kit)	221
Crayons (16- or 24-count box)	14
Pencil sharpeners	66
Black or blue ink pens (5 per kit)	467

This is a big goal, but we know the generous hearts of St. Andrew people can achieve this goal! Please bring your donations and place them in the barrel in the Narthex labeled LWR School kits. Thank you for your generous donations.

Faith and Democracy in Crisis:

Resisting Authoritarianism, Protecting Human Dignity

Wednesdays, September 14-October 26, 2022; 7:00-8:15 pm (PDT) on Zoom

All are invited to join this seven-week series hosted by Spirit of Grace for the wider ecumenical community. Learn about the theological dimensions of the anti-democratic insurgency attempting to take over our federal government. With foundational Christian teachings on church and society from Catholic, Lutheran, and United Church of Christ traditions, we'll talk about this authoritarian insurgency and formulate visions for Christian resistance that protect human dignity as created in the image of God. We'll conclude with opportunities to carry that vision into action through ecclesial and civic networks.

Each session will include time for presentation, small- and full-group discussion, and a spiritual practice to sustain us through challenging times. Many sessions will have advance readings of 6-12 pages. More information can be found at SpiritofGracePDX.org. Registration is required by September 12. Additional questions can be directed to PastorRobyn@spiritofgrace.org, series coordinator.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Primary Presenters:

Brian Brandt, PhD, is a retired ELCA pastor with a doctorate in Christian Ethics (Dissertation on MLK, Jr.'s doctrine of redemptive suffering), who considers himself a theologian of the cross.

Janet Parker, PhD, is a United Church of Christ pastor, Christian Ecofeminist, and Social Ethicist currently serving as Interim Pastor at Smyrna UCC in Canby, OR.

Guest Presenter on Catholic Social Teaching:

Anna Floerke Scheid, PhD, is an associate professor of theology at Duquesne University focusing on ethics at the intersection of politics and religion.

Retreat on Engaged Spirituality

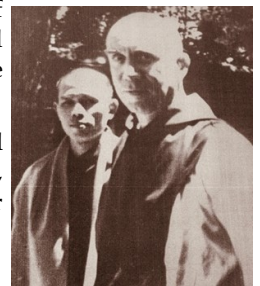
Meditating with Thich Nhat Hanh and Thomas Merton, September 24

Join Pastor Terry Moe and Peggy Lindquist, Order of Interbeing, for a daylong retreat exploring the spiritual practices of two monks from separate corners of the world.

To register, call Benedictine Sisters, 503-845-2446, or send a check to Benedictine Sisters, 840 S. Main St, Mt. Angel, OR 97362, Attn: Sr. Dorothy Jean, at least three days prior to the retreat.

More information is available online at:

<https://www.benedictine-srs.org/events>.



September 24, 9 am-4 pm, Benedictine Sisters Chapter Room, Mt. Angel, \$65 (includes lunch), scholarships available

Table Talk: Resisting Christian Nationalism

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely and openly with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion we have a tradition at St. Andrew of gathering for Table Talks. Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the first Table

Talk of the new program year in Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, September 27**, 7:00-8:00 pm.

The rise of Christian Nationalism has been a cause for concern for many in our faith tradition. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, recently joined numerous other church leaders in signing a statement entitled "Christians against Christian Nationalism." Part of the challenge for us is to discern what are the most faithful and effective ways to resist Christian Nationalism. We need to be very aware of the context in which we are resisting. To prepare for this Table Talk, you are encouraged to read the statement Bishop Eaton signed:

<https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/>.

We will also have copies available at the Table Talk.

If there is enough interest, it may be possible to schedule an additional Zoom session to discuss this topic. Let Pastor Brocker know if you're interested.

Climate Corner: Good, Better, Best Cutting Carbon from Home Appliances

When Americans overcompensated for shortages during World War II in a burst of post-war spending, an appliance-filled kitchen became a worldwide aspirational symbol of American wealth and consumer culture. Appliances are still major purchases that use a lot of household electricity, making them a significant source of Americans' carbon emissions. Today we consider those appliances to be necessities rather than luxury goods. If you are considering a new appliance, take a few steps to choose wisely for the planet and for your family.

As I have discussed before, on average each American generates 18.55 tons of CO₂ emissions each year, 3.5 times the global average of 5.3 tons! Transportation is the largest component of most households' carbon footprint at 28%, followed by the stuff we buy at 26%, followed by the heating and cooling of our homes at 17%, followed by the energy it takes to run everything else in our homes at 15%. That 15% powers our appliances and electronics and is an area where we have lots of room for improvement!

Good: It's always good to start with the easiest changes. Most people have already made the switch from incandescent to compact fluorescent light bulbs. Next it's time to switch to LED lights which is just as easy, but more energy efficient.

How you use your appliances can make them more efficient. Turn off the lights and the TV when you leave the room. Unplug electronics when you are not using them. Vampire power is the energy an appliance continues to use even when it is turned off, and it does add up. Do you really need the TV to be plugged in all day long? You can get a free Tricklestar power strip from PGE that eliminates or reduces the amount of vampire power being used in your house.

There are many ways to make your refrigerator more efficient from how you fill it to where you place it. (More on this next week.) Laundry hacks include running full loads of laundry and washing with cold water. Instead of dryer sheets, use wool dryer balls in the dryer for soft static-free clothes and to cut down on drying time. Lower your household water heater temperature to use less energy and reduce the risk of burns. I have mine set at 110°, which is plenty warm for all our needs. Install low-flow faucets to use less hot water.

Smart technologies and some small appliances can help you make your home less wasteful. But most of us have bought appliances we didn't really need in the first place. Save money and resources by resisting the urge to buy unnecessary appliances. Do you really need that bread machine or seltzer maker?

Better: Start your path to doing better by redefining your ideas about what is "necessary." In Europe and Asia, clothes dryers are considered superfluous. Find ways to boost your food security without putting an extra freezer in your garage, such as canning and gardening. The one appliance that really does use less water and energy is the modern energy-efficient dishwasher since it heats its own water and uses less water than washing by hand.

Buy the most efficient models of whatever you do need. Instead of coffee pods, use a regular coffee maker; instead of a regular coffee maker, use a French press. Laptops use less energy than desktop computers. There are now Energy Star models of many appliances and also tech devices. When shopping for routers, smartphones, and stealth electronics, don't forget to consider efficiency, repairability, and recyclability. Although new appliances are more efficient than your old ones, manufacturing also generates a lot of CO₂, so before you buy, make sure the efficiencies justify the upgrade.

Best: Very few of us are willing to avoid technology altogether, but there are some appliances that don't use any energy, such as foot-powered washing machines (sounds like a workout!), solar cookers, and hand-cranked kitchen tools such as food grinders. Solar water heating systems are an investment, but they can slash your home energy use.

For the energy your home still uses, signing up for green energy and purchasing carbon offsets will reduce the impact of the electric power you pull from the grid. And if you're willing to make a really big change, you can achieve net-zero energy use at home by generating your own solar power.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Western Farm Workers (WFWA) Collection

The Service Committee is collecting clothing and food for the Western Farm Workers Association during the month of September. Last year we collected over 330 food and clothing items. This year the WFWA has requested that we collect coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, work pants, rain jackets, and work boots. All clothing must be new or gently used, in good repair and not soiled. In addition to clothing, tuna, beans, rice, peanut butter, jam, and cooking oil are needed to stock WFWA's food pantry. Please place the clothing items in the barrel in the Narthex and the food items in bags or boxes nearby. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Susan.



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Joanne Rieke (Sue's mother)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Jeff & Sue Smith
Carol Hogan	Increased energy and platelet recovery	Pam Meredith
Rick LeRoy	Guidance and healing following a small stroke	Rick LeRoy
Stan Sivesind (friend)	Comfort and healing after a stroke	Pat Hilliker
Katherine and Bartt Brick	Comfort and healing after eye surgeries	Gretchen Bancroft
Lisa Staul	Comfort and a positive surgery outcome (9/14)	LuAnn Staul
Aaron (son)	Healing and good health after biopsy	Jan Smith and Sue Cahlander
Barb Floyd	Healing and good health	Lynn Santelmann
Lindsay (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Linda Swan
Teri Brosh	Healing and recovery	Teri Brosh
Linda Sah Olshausen	Healing and recovery	Linda Sah Olshausen
Teachers and students	Blessings at the beginning of the school year	Staff
Wildland firefighters	Safety and protection	Staff
St. Andrew Council	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Executive Committee		
Staff		
Karen Klingelhafer and all seminarians	Encouragement and support	Staff
India Jensen Kerr and all theology students		
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Hope Lutheran Church (Klamath, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Klamath Lutheran Church (Klamath Falls, OR)		
Muslim Educational Trust (Tigard)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	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 Chaplain India Jensen Kerr at india@standrewlutheran.com or 503-860-5377.

September Leadership Training

Join us for our two-day Leadership Institute for Public Life training! Learn our organizing model and be part of our work for the common good.

Two Sundays, September 18 & 25, 1:00-5:00 pm
In person at Bethel Lutheran Church

Free for participants from MACG member institutions, like St. Andrew. Questions? Contact Pat Christiansen (patchristiansen@comcast.net) or any member of St. Andrew's MACG Core Team:



Larry Bliesner, Lynn Santelmann, Scott Taylor, Victoria Kovalenko, Jan Smith, and Pastor Mark.

[Register here!](#)

The Institute provides content based on the philosophy and practices developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation in over 70 years of organizing experience.

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Preparing for Next Sunday

September 18, 2022

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
Luke 16:1-13

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 11

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:45 am	Christian Education Open House	Children's Commons, Library, Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Library

Monday, September 12

7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	Library

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library

Wednesday, September 14

10:00 am	Yoga	Lower Level
6:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 15

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel / Library 7:00 pm

Friday, September 16

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	High School Youth Park Night	Foothills Park

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am	Congregation Council Retreat	Fellowship Hall, Chapel
10:00 am	Sanctuary English Class	St. Andrew Room

Sunday, September 18

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:45 am	The Roots	Children's Commons & classrooms, Children's Library
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Ethics Forum: Grounded in Grace	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Confirmation	Library
10:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
10:30 am	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
11:00 am	Portland Taiwan Lutheran Worship	Chapel
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and via Zoom
11:45 am	Finance Lunch Meeting	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom
4:00 pm	River John Brocker Baptism	Sanctuary in the Firs, Fellowship Hall

Baptism of River John Brocker

Sunday, September 18, 4:00 pm
Sanctuary of the Firs

Attendees are invited to participate in the Gathering of the Waters by bringing a small amount of water from an area waterway.

Light supper to follow at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Registration Links for Christian Education

[Nursery/Pre-K](#)

[The Roots](#)

[Middle School / Confirmation](#)

[High School Youth](#)

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

Highlights from the Finance Team as of August 31, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 9/8/2022

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

M&M Giving is 83% of FYTD budget and 99% of monthly budget

Expenses are 91% of FYTD budget

We did not pay an additional principle mortgage payment in August.

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	94	82	23	199		
Monthly Total	370	326	90	786	\$ 54,836	\$ 13,967
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 55,342	\$ 12,732

99%

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 2022-2023	\$ 107,983.32	\$ 89,718	83%	
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 112,570	\$ 102,988	91%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 22,108	\$ 25,464	\$ 69,667	\$ 511,699	\$ 12,732
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ -	The Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to		

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			\$ 104,509	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 901	\$ -	\$ 35,013	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$0			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Joel Johnson, Tim Duggan

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

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho