

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 16, 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

Thanksgiving Is Coming

The Service Committee is once again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families and we need your help. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education.



Our goal is to collect \$2,500, enough to buy fifty \$50 WinCo gift cards for these families. Any donations that exceed our goal will be donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community needing food assistance.

If you wish to give online, select the Thanksgiving Food Drive fund, or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the memo line.

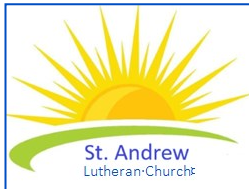
This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving a needy family the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Our donation deadline is November 15 to give us time to purchase gift cards and get them to these families.

If you have questions, please contact:

LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com or 503-314-6321) or
Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com or 503-649-5091).

Reformation: Not Just for 1517

A huge thank you to the more than 75 people who attended this month's Horizon Discernment Circles. There were many rich conversations and new connections were made. You will be hearing several of the prayers that were written during those gatherings during worship on Sunday mornings.



October 30 will be a festive day for St. Andrew. We'll celebrate Reformation Sunday (wear red!) at ONE worship service at 9:30 am. Then, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall (11:00 am-12:30 pm) for an event that will mark the end of the Horizon Team's work and the beginning of the next step in our continuing reformation journey. Come be a part of discerning what the Spirit is revealing to us as we explore ministry opportunities in 2023 and beyond.

Light refreshments will be served and there's no need to sign up in advance. Whether you've been a member since the beginning or are here for the first time, you are a part of this faith community and can be a part of shaping its future. Childcare provided.

Flowers on the Chancel



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are dedicated to the glory of God by Carol Hogan in loving memory of her father Bernie Dwigans, who would have celebrated his 93rd birthday on October 11.

Adult Education: Grounded in Grace

In his Adult Education class this Sunday, Pastor Mark will focus on "The Church Turned Inside Out." How can the church look out into the world in addition to focusing internally on its own community? This is not simply a matter of perspective, but one of Christian responsibility. As it says in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

LWR: Just One Item Needed

With the Ingathering just two weeks away, the Lutheran World Relief team reports that St. Andrew is down to only one item on our shopping list to meet the goal of preparing 250 school kits!



ITEM	NUMBER STILL NEEDED
70-sheet spiral bound notebooks	34

That's right! We need fewer than three dozen notebooks to reach our goal. Thank you for supporting Lutheran World Relief and the young people around the world who will be able to go to school because of your generosity. Your gifts change lives.

Volunteer Opportunities for the Ingathering

We are preparing for our next Lutheran World Relief Ingathering and looking for volunteers. We have 2 opportunities for you to volunteer:

Tuesday, October 25, 5:00-7:00 pm

We'll assemble school kits and pack them, as well as the quilts made by the Nifty Notters, into boxes for shipment. This is a great event for families.

Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29

We also need volunteers to help with Ingathering on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29. Volunteers have a 2-hour shift starting at 8:00 am-4:00 pm Friday. On Saturday, we need volunteers to fill a 3-hour shift (9:00 am-Noon).

The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

1. Load the shipping container. The boxes weigh up to 40 pounds.
2. Greeting people in vehicles as churches drop off their donations.

The box you help load at the Ingathering could mean the difference for a refugee in Ukraine or other countries in need. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Rochelle McIntire at 503-804-7967 or pacificnwlrwgroup@gmail.com.

Designated Funds Updates

Now that the worst of the pandemic seems to be behind us, things are getting closer to what we once considered normal. Once again, we are posting monthly updates of Designated Funds balances in the church office.

If you head a ministry, such as Nifty Notters, the Service Committee, RIC, Children's Ministry, or one of the dozens of others that receive designated gifts, you can always check your fund balance. Monthly updates are posted on the angled wall of the cabinet above the large paper cutter.

Thank You for Hope

Dear St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

"We felt safe, and we felt like we could be ourselves." These words from our participants Jay and Christian and their young son Cameron—about the moment the future finally began to fill with hope—offer a glimpse into the success you make possible as part of the Outside In family.

Your \$450 cash donation, and items from your annual event including underwear and T-shirts valued at \$2,700, for a total of \$3,150 received, help Outside In serve thousands in Portland each year. Your contribution heals, feeds, educates, houses, inspires, and renews lives. Gifts like yours make it possible for us to:

- Provide more than 10,000 appointments to help people address their physical and mental health needs
- Support more than 1,000 youth experiencing homelessness to access services, develop skills, and build futures;
- Conduct more than 9,000 telehealth appointments;
- Fill more than 14,000 prescriptions at our in-house pharmacy;
- Ensure primary care for 3,394 patients including those who are in poverty (86%), LGBTQIA+ (33%), unhoused (25%), and trans or gender nonconforming (18%);
- Deliver harm reduction services to more than 3,000 patients, including the reversal of 296 overdoses.

You save lives. You support our neighbors, including families like Jay and Christian and Cameron. You help provide the tools they need to succeed. We join them in saying: "That is something we will be thankful for forever."

With warm gratitude,
Aaron Ketzenberger
Annual & Digital Giving Manager
Outside In

Preparing for Next Sunday

October 23, 2022

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

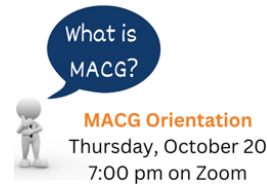
Psalms 84:1-7

Luke 18:9-14

What Is MACG?

Our society seems to run on acronyms, separating those in the know from others who don't have a clue what those pesky initials mean. Here at St. Andrew, we know what ELCA and LWR stand for, but not everyone is familiar with MACG. Have you ever wondered what MACG is and how it works?

If so, this orientation is for you!



Everyone is welcome to come to our free two-hour orientation, where you'll learn the answers to these questions:

- What is MACG?
- What is institutional organizing?
- How does it strengthen my institution?
- How does it reduce isolation and build connection?
- How does it lessen polarization and strengthen the center?
- How does being part of the MACG alliance lead to real positive changes in the public arena?

[Register here](#)

Table Talks: The Language of Worship: Welcoming or Unwelcoming?

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm, in Person, 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 next Table Talk in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, October 27**, 7:00-8:00 pm

Tom Mehlhorn recently sent me an email expressing concern about the emphasis on earth care in worship this summer. Tom supports St. Andrew's core values including earth care. But he wants St. Andrew to be a church that welcomes people of diverse political views. He wrote: "By replacing the Creed by the Words of Lament and Turning, as well as emphasizing Earth Care in the confession, final blessing and throughout the service, I am concerned that St. Andrew is sending the message that only liberal/progressives are welcome in our church. This is antithetical to our status as an RIC (Reconciling in Christ) congregation. If everyone is truly welcome, then those with conservative political opinions should be also welcomed—especially in these times of polarization." Over the years I have also had people raise concerns that our traditional worship language can be unwelcoming to people who are new to our faith tradition.

At the beginning of this Table Talk, we will all have a chance to read Tom's email. To prepare you may want to spend some time thinking about our worship language and how it is welcoming or unwelcoming. We will probably need to spend some time discussing what our priorities are in worship and how our worship language fits with those priorities.

EMO Voters' Guide on Oregon Ballot Measures

For nearly 50 years, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) has used its voice to advocate for policies and legislation that help create an Oregon that works for everyone, not just those at the top. With the mid-term election less than a month away, EMO has released its "Voters' Guide to 2022 Oregon Ballot Measures." For thoughtful background on why the organization recommends approval of four ballot initiatives—on health care, removing slavery as punishment, government accountability, and reducing gun violence—go to <https://emoregon.org/advocacy-action/>.



CLIMATE CORNER: From Stones to Bamboo

A Brief History of Toilet Paper

Adopted from article by Scott Barry, April 8, 2022



Ancient Greek TP

Humans are the only species on the planet that wipes. What did people use before toilet paper? Over the last several millennia, people have used all kinds of tools to get the job done. Ancient Greeks used stones and shards of ceramic inscribed with the names of their enemies; Romans used bits of sea sponge fastened to sticks, which they stored in bowls of salt water.

In the 9th century CE, Tang Dynasty emperors began using large sheets of soft fabric to wipe. Five hundred years later, French aristocrats caught on to the idea, but used pieces of fine lace to get the job done. More recently, and more accessibly, corncocks, newspapers, Sears Catalogs, phonebooks, and pages from unloved books of poetry were used. Is that where we get “rough as a cob”?

It wasn't until the mid-19th century that Joseph Gayetty, an American inventor, created the first commercially available toilet paper. Made of Manila hemp, a versatile fiber derived from the leaf-stems of a species of banana tree, Gayetty's Medicated Paper was a leading toilet paper brand until the early 1900s.

In the late 19th century, the Scott Brothers commercialized toilet paper made from trees. Unlike Gayetty's banana leaves, trees required the use of harsh chemicals and huge amounts of water to break down hard wood into soft paper. But with ready access to trees and little understanding of the deleterious effects of such chemicals on the human body, not to mention the planet's ecosystems, the Scott Brothers forged ahead, eventually making their way into homes across America.

More than a hundred years later, not much has changed. Toilet paper is still stuck in the early twentieth century. There's been no meaningful innovation in the industry, except that it's gotten all the more efficient at destroying old-growth forests. In other words, streamlining the tree-to-toilet pipeline.

Making toilet paper from trees is an idea whose time should have long since passed. It simply does not make sense to start with a fiber so strong it requires harsh chemicals such as bleach and formaldehyde, a gallon of them per roll, to turn it into paper. The fluffier and whiter the toilet paper, the more likely it is to contain high amounts of harsh, damaging chemicals.

There is a better way. We are beginning to see more and more bamboo toilet paper. Bamboo is a renewable resource and one of the world's fastest growing plants that needs less water to grow and can be harvested again and again, making it a good choice for a product we use every day. It takes few to no harsh chemicals to make and is extremely soft and strong. It also degrades more readily when flushed. It is more expensive than regular toilet paper, but it is also sturdier than regular toilet paper, so you don't have to use as much. Target carries a brand called Reel that does not come in plastic packaging, making it both tree-free and plastic-free! Other brands, such as Seek Bamboo and Plant Paper, are also not packaged in plastic, but to my knowledge, they have to be ordered online.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



Once a month, people are convening at Spirit of Grace for coffee-house-style gatherings that feature a storyteller sharing how being queer has affected their relationship with faith, the Bible, church, God, and themselves. The storyteller is then joined by a panel of mostly queer conversation partners before opening up to a Q&A session.

This month, on **Sunday, October 23**, 7:00-8:30 pm at Spirit of Grace (7400 SW Scholls Ferry Rd), Pastor Brett, a gay Methodist pastor of a local Lutheran church will share his story.

All are welcome whether you are queer or straight/cis! Refreshments provided. RSVPs are appreciated but not required to:

PastorRobyn@spiritofgracepdx.org.

Next month's gathering is scheduled for **Sunday, November 20**—same time, same place.

Bach Cantata Choir Presents Free Concert

The Bach Cantata Choir will present a concert featuring J.S. Bach's Cantata #80 "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott" ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") on **Sunday October 30**, at 2:00 pm at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, located at NE Sandy Blvd and NE 44th in Portland. The free concert will also include "Cantate Domino" by Claudio Monteverdi and Bach's Cantata #106 "Gottes Zeit is der allerbeste Zeit" ("God's Time Is the Best Time.") Ralph Nelson conducts the 45-voice Bach Cantata Choir, 12-piece orchestra with soloists Vakare Petroluinaite, soprano; Sarah Beaty, alto; Leslie Green, tenor; and Jacob Herbert, bass.

At this Reformation Sunday concert, the Bach Cantata Choir, including St. Andrew's own Kristie Gladhill, will celebrate the Reformation with Bach's great Cantata No. 80, "Ein Feste Burg" which is based on Luther's familiar hymn "A Mighty Fortress." Advance reservations and tickets are not required. For more information go to <http://www.bachcantatachoir.org>.

It's a Party!

Plan now to come and celebrate 20 years of organizing for the common good with other members of MACG institutions. On **Sunday, November 6**, from **3:00-5:00 pm**, we will gather at **St. Andrew's Catholic Church** (yes, there is another St. Andrew's church!) to celebrate what we have accomplished and look ahead to the future.



During these divisive political times, come and see a different way to address issues through building relationships and training leaders. Hear about what is ahead, including a new Lead Organizer and some new member institutions. A registration form will be included in next week's Weekly News, but for now please mark your calendars and plan to come and represent OUR St. Andrew at this festive, fun event.

Questions? Contact Pat Christiansen or any member of the MACG Core Team: Larry Bliesner, Jan Smith, Scott Taylor, Lynn Santelmann, Victoria Kavalenko, and Gretchen Bancroft.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Ron Olshausen	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Linda Olshausen
Family and friends of Gordon Carlson (cousin)	Peace and God's comfort at the death of his wife	Carol Hogan
Family and friends of Barbara Kratz (sister)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Ed Pacey
Laura Geczy-Haskins	Healing and recovery from a broken foot	Laura Geczy-Haskins
Claudia Parsons	Healing and recovery from surgery (Sept. 28)	Staff
Aaron Cahlander	Healing and recovery	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
Carol Hogan	Proper treatment and healing	Carol Hogan
Lloyd Meyer	Adjustment to life's health challenges and changes	Staff
People impacted by extreme weather events	Safety, protection, and recovery	Staff
Those confined to their homes Mareline Barnes, Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth, Margie Schindele	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Madras, OR) Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Prineville, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Shaarie Torah (Portland)	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.

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm
 For a Send-off Dinner & Program
 honoring Pastor Mark & Donna Brockner
Look for the invitation arriving in your mailbox soon!

Plan to come early to experience the joyous sounds of the season.
 3:30 pm, Brass Concert of Advent & Christmas music in the Sanctuary



**Something Told
the Wild Geese**
by Rachel Field

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go.
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered, – 'Snow.'
Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned, – 'Frost.'
All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembered ice.
Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly, –
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.

Rachel Field, daughter of a New England clergyman, won both the National Book Award and the Newbery Medal for Children's Literature.

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	Evening Facility Manager, Scott Taylor	503-646-0629
	Children's Ministry Host, Donna Brockner	503-502-6156
Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner	503-201-4222	
Tira Nesset	503-866-5099	

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 16

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:30 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study	Chapel
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
12:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Time	via Zoom

Monday, October 17

Tuesday, October 18

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)
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Lydia Circle	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, October 19—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

10:00 am	Video-led Yoga	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	The Gift of Years	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 20

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	Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 21

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, October 22

Sunday, October 23

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:45 am	The Roots	Children's Commons & Classrooms, Children's Library
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Lutheran World Relief (LWR) volunteers smiled for the camera this week after stringing all the school bags that will be sent around the world later this month. Stuffed with supplies, these bags fulfill dreams. They enable kids without a pencil to their names to go to school and benefit from an education that can lift them out of poverty.

Thank you to everyone who supports Lutheran World Relief. To the young people who receive your gifts, you are super-heroes!

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 September 30, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 10/7/2022

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

M&M Giving is 78% of FYTD budget and 69% of monthly budget.

Expenses are 83% of FYTD budget.

We did not make an additional payment toward mortgage principal in September due to a shortfall of \$2,096. By not making an additional payment, we ensured that a 5-month mortgage reserve would remain on hand following the October 1 payment.

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	114	64	21	199		
Monthly Total	457	256	84	797	\$ 37,305	\$ 13,639

To Meet Budget \$ 53,992 \$ 12,732

69%

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	\$ 161,974.98	\$ 127,023	78%	
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 168,855	\$ 140,380	83%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 35,719	\$ 38,196	\$ 74,296	\$ 500,651	\$ 12,732
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ -	Fund for contributions 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, Refugees, Racial Justice, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 92,703	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 1,478	\$ 5,317	\$ 30,333	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$0			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson

Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari

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

St. Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho