

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 28, 2023

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Good News on Nursery Care!

We have good news for parents of young children who would like the option of worshipping in the Sanctuary while their little ones receive care and attention in the St. Andrew Nursery! **Beginning June 4**, the Nursery will be staffed with two trained volunteers on the first and third Sundays of each month. This is a small way to show our support and welcome to all families.

What Is the Diaconate? (Part 1)

There is a long history of the Diaconate in the Christian church, which has included both Deacons and Deaconesses. Deacon means "servant" in Greek and so a Deacon is called to serve. *Diakonein* is used to describe Jesus's way of doing service in the gospels. This term can be translated "to serve," but it can also be translated as "to minister, to provide for, or to help." Before there was an office of Deacon in the Christian church, the term was used to refer to ministry or service.

In Acts 6:1-4, 6, the disciples chose seven men to manage resources for those in need: *"In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.' They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them."* NIV Version

While the term "Deacon" is not used to speak of these men, by the 2nd century Irenaeus will be referring to them as the first Deacons and the dominant tradition in the church has supported this understanding. Paul refers to Phoebe as a Deacon in Romans 16:1-2 and 1 Timothy 3:8-12 describes the way Deacons are expected to behave. 1 Timothy 3:11 seems to imply that women were also Deacons although some have argued that this really refers to Deacons' wives: *"In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything."* NIV

Therefore, a Deacon, as a servant and minister of the church, goes back to the very beginning of the Christian church.

Annual Meeting Notice/Calling Deacon India

Immediately following the 6:30 pm Annual Meeting of the Congregation on **Tuesday, June 13**, the congregation will enter into another very brief, special Congregational Meeting with the sole purpose of calling India Jensen Kerr to Deacon Ministry at St. Andrew. India will continue the job she currently has, but will now be a rostered Deacon in the ELCA. We hope all members will participate in this important vote.

Upcoming Budget Forum:

Sunday, June 4, 10:45 am, Fellowship Hall

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Your Financial Gift to Ministry & Mission Will Be Matched by Up to \$30,000!

In the ten weeks I've been part of St. Andrew, I've witnessed an active and inspiring ministry: We helped to process and provide thousands of pounds of personal care kits and hand-tied quilts to Lutheran World Relief. These gifts are changing lives in Ukraine, Sudan, and other parts of the world. Prior to that we donated 681 pounds of food and \$9,400 for the Lenten Food Drive. Confirmation youth led us in worship on Earth Sunday and helped us celebrate God's good creation with humor and creativity. We had an Earth Care Fair that brought in guests and provided much good information. In just two months, we've had a wide range of classes—from Pilgrimage, Christianity and Buddhism, and the History of the Devil, to a Table Talk on White Supremacy and Christianity. We've celebrated a memorial for the life of Jim Heiden and are anticipating the day that five confirmands will join the congregation as voting members in just a couple of weeks. Earth Camp for elementary age kids is happening next month, with about 48 children registered.



These are just a few of the ways that the vibrant life of this congregation is educating, uplifting, consoling, praying, and making a difference in the lives of people of all ages. It's a special congregation. But, we've seriously fallen behind on funding these ministries.

In order to continue these ministries and more, St. Andrew needs reliable monthly income. Right now, we are aiming to fill in a financial gap and build a viable budget for next year. With your pledge, we are better able to create a budget based on a realistic income projection. Pledge cards will be available at the June 13 Annual Meeting, but don't wait. If you can donate now to help decrease our deficit, please write "Matching Gift for M&M" on your check or choose that option in the drop-down menu if you give online. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, your gift will be matched up to \$30,000! This doubles the impact you make. When it comes to pledging, there is no such thing as "too small" because it's what we do together.

May God's Spirit multiply our collective gifts!

Pr. Laurie

Jars Needed for Moss Gardens

Liz Hardy still needs about two dozen wide-mouth quart jars for the moss terrarium classes she'll be teaching at Earth Camp at the end of June. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the church office.

The kids love it when their hands are busy and this is a project that will go home with them.



Wear Red for Pentecost



This **Sunday, May 28**, is the 50th day after Easter Sunday, commonly known as the Day of Pentecost. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem. At St.

Andrew, many in the congregation **wear RED** on this special day to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit.

Update on Yoga Classes

Because of declining attendance, yoga instructor Geetha Kumar is considering taking the summer off. She'll teach **Wednesday, May 31** and hopes to see more people participating. If that happens the program can continue this summer. But it's up to you!



Although "yoga" might seem intimidating, the class at St. Andrew focuses on gentle, adaptable moves that help people improve strength, flexibility, and balance—even if they prefer practicing the moves from a chair. Geetha volunteers her time to teach this Wednesday morning class, which runs 10:00-11:00 am, and is free and open to the public. Invite a friend to join you in Fellowship Hall this month and see what you think. No affiliation with St. Andrew is required.

LWR Spring Ingathering Results

We had a successful Spring LWR Ingathering! Thank you for your generous donations and for those who volunteered at the Kit Assembly night and at the Ingathering itself. St. Andrew donated 41 quilts, 186 School Kits, and 23 Baby Kits.

The total collections from churches in Oregon, Idaho, Southwest Washington, and Northern California include:

- Quilts: 2,557
- School Kits: 365
- Personal Care Kits: 664
- Baby Care Kits: 328
- Fabric Kits: 2
- Fabric Yardage: 11

In total, we collected 11,469 pounds of supplies for people who have very little or nothing.

These gifts will make a large impact in the lives of those in need around the world. Thank you!

The next LWR Ingathering will be held on **Friday, October 27**, and on **Saturday, October 28**, 2023. Mark your calendars!

Clothes for Kids

St. Andrew people have volunteered for many years at the Beaverton School District's Clothes Closet, now called Clothes for Kids. The volunteer coordinator of the program is alerting volunteers that the program has already exceeded the number of visits from the year prior, with 2,805 visits to date.



In addition, there are several upcoming work shifts in June without staffing. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Bliesner at 503-830-7001 or larrybliesner@comcast.net. Thanks!

English Language Lessons



Amina works with Joel Johnson on the lesson of the day...

The Sanctuary Team began providing English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction to Amina Malik Zada in February of this year. Recent Afghan immigrants, the Malik Zada family of six (mom, dad, and four young children) is sponsored by Lutheran Community Services Northwest, and the SALC Sanctuary Team has been assisting with resettlement since their arrival in August 2022.

Lessons are developed and led by Lloyd Meyer, who has been teaching ESL for 20 years. Lloyd has taught in China and Latin America, as well as the U.S., and he is assisted at St. Andrew by Susan King, Scott Taylor, Joel Johnson, and Bonnie Bliesner. Lessons are typically held on Tuesday mornings at St. Andrew with Amina's youngest two children cared for in the Nursery by a team member.



while her youngest child plays.

Lloyd said he creates the lessons from scratch, building them around a theme and designing them to address real-life situations. Vocabulary is introduced, sentences formed, and questions asked to encourage Amina to wrestle with the language. Lloyd said he views teaching as performance art, and this week he used folk-singer Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land" to work on phonics and articulation. "Today's class was actually a choir lesson and a poetry seminar!" Lloyd told team members on Tuesday. Those of us who've interacted with Amina see growing confidence in her English conversational skills.

Amina is a trained teacher who taught geography in Afghanistan. I recently formed a Reading and Writing Study Group with Amina to focus more intentionally on English literacy, and we've included Husna, another Afghan woman who, unlike Amina, is not literate in her native language of Dari. I'm employing materials I've used in adult literacy programs, infusing them with ESL resources and relying on Amina's adept use of a Dari-English translation app to assist Husna. A young mom, Husna is from the same Afghan village as Amina's husband, Nasir. Like too many Afghan women, she did not have opportunity to attend school as a child. We began meeting at St. Andrew, but now often find it convenient to meet in Amina's warm and welcoming home.

Bonnie Bliesner and I often provide childcare as a component of assisting the Malik Zada family with medical and education appointments. We would welcome assistance! Please talk with one of us if you can help.

Cindy Stadel

Verify Your Giving

The end of St. Andrew's fiscal year is approaching and that means that volunteers and staff who work on the Finance Team are busy ensuring that the church's financial records are accurate. Please log into your personal account in Fellowship One Go, go to the "Giving" tab, click on "Ways to Give" or "Click to give." The next screen asks you to login with your username and password. Once you've taken that step, please select the "History" option to see a list of your giving by year.

On that list, you'll note that each of your contributions is directed to a fund, such as Ministry & Mission, PIPE, or Mortgage. Please verify that your gifts for this fiscal year (July 2022-Present) have been directed as you requested.

It is very difficult to make changes after the year closes. Please check your giving now and contact the church office if you see something amiss.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Aaron (son)	Comfort and healing during chemo	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
Henry Stevens (husband)	Comfort and healing during chemo	Bev Briggs
Bev Briggs	Courage and strength on her journey	Bev Briggs
Jase McAlpine (great-grandson)	Accurate diagnosis and healing	Warren & Donna McAlpine
Tina (daughter)	Comfort and healing from cancer	Irma Jayaweera
Sue Heiden	Comfort and healing	Chaplain India
Mikki Rogers (friend)	Comfort and healing	Karen Mallari
Ramona & David (Dorothy Moore's daughter and son-in-law)	Comfort and healing for Ramona Peace and comfort for David	Chaplain India Chaplain India
Brianna McCoy	Healthy pregnancy and safe delivery	Judy Scholz
Virginia Steeves	Healing and comfort and strength for family	Carol Hogan
Anne Newell	Healing and recovery	Chaplain India
Emily McKay (daughter)	Healing and recovery	Liz Hardy
Chanti Dahl (friend)	Healing and recovery	Karen Mallari
Pr. Sue	Healing	Pr. Laurie Newman
Jan Morrell (mother)	Successful surgery (June 2) and excellent prognosis	Amy Harker
All those providing care for loved ones	Strength, support, and comfort	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence Dave Bumgardner, Jean Frederickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Oregon Synod of the ELCA	Blessings and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church		
St. Mark's Lutheran (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
St. Paul Lutheran (Portland)		
Congregation Chabad (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff

More Volunteer Opportunities

Deacon Susan Werner Reiser needs a few volunteers to inventory, repair, and launder the assisting minister and acolyte robes. Have you noticed that they could use some attention? Through trial and error, Susan has figured out a process that works to remove wine stains that have accumulated over time. The good news is that we can take care of these robes ourselves; they do not require dry cleaning.

Another project Deacon Susan would appreciate help with is filing music. The multiple file cabinets in her office are filled with music, but even more is waiting to be sorted and put away. If you have some hours to spare, please let her know. St. Andrew's various musicians, choir members, and those ringing for the Bells of Grace will benefit greatly if their music is appropriately organized. Please contact Deacon Susan for details. Thank you!

Seasonal Worship

Planning

There will be a Seasonal Worship Planning meeting on **WORSHIP** **Saturday, June 10**, at 10:00 am in the Adult Library. Please join worship planning team members as they look ahead to the fall worship season. During the meeting, we will discuss a theme for the fall, possible liturgy settings, and other aspects of worship at St. Andrew. In addition, we'll discuss the possibility of resuming the volunteer position of Sunday Worship Coordinator. Please join us that morning as your input is valued! Contact Deacon Susan for more information.

Preparing for Worship

Sunday, June 4, 2023

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

Matthew 28:16-20

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Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 28

- 9:30 am **In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)**Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....Chapel
- 10:45 am Taiwanese Lutheran Church Fellowship GatheringChapel

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

- 10:00 am Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes Offsite

Tuesday, May 30

- 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 Scout Troop 198 Children’s Commons

Wednesday, May 31—“Weekly News” deadline. Submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com.

- 10:00 am Gentle Yoga Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Wednesday Book Group (with India)St. Andrew Room
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting Children’s Commons

Thursday, June 1

- 10:00 am Strength & Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 pm Team Ministry Meeting Chapel/Library
- 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children’s Commons
- 7:00 pm Executive Council Committee MeetingSt. Andrew Room

Friday, June 2

- 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 3

- 9:00 am Nifty Notters..... Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 pm Reading English Study GroupSt. Andrew Room

Sunday, June 4—Confirmation Sunday

- 9:30 am **In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)**Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....Chapel
- 10:45 am Congregational Forum: Budget Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm Rasika Concert..... Fellowship Hall



Commemorating Memorial Day

At a time when the entire population of the United States was 18.5 million, roughly 620,000 people were killed in the Civil War – claiming more lives than any other conflict in our history. This Monday, May 29, we remember all those who have died in our country’s wars. This national holiday was originally called Decoration Day, because it was a day to decorate the graves of lost loved ones.

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



9:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary, watch the livestream of worship on YouTube, or participate in worship via Zoom.

Links for remote worship will be sent to you via email and the church app.



People participating in worship via Zoom are invited to join worship at 9:30 am. To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am.

Anyone using YouTube for livestream worship may access the service at 9:30 am or any time after the livestream ends.