

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 21, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

www.standrewlutheran.com ■ Telephone: 503-646-0629

Backyard Habitat Tours

Did you know that your yard could be an important link in the nationwide effort to provide sanctuary for native plants and animals? National parks are just part of the network needed to support ecosystems from which we all benefit.

This **Saturday, May 20**, 1:00-4:00 pm, the Earth Care Team and four St. Andrew members are inviting the congregation to tour the church property and their neighborhood yards to learn more about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. Each location is different, but all illustrate the possibilities available when homeowners decide to remove invasive species, manage stormwater, and support wildlife—the birds, bugs, frogs, bats, and butterflies that should be able to thrive in our environment.

Please pick up a brochure in the Narthex, discover some lovely alternatives to all-lawn landscapes, and plan to participate on **Saturday, May 20**. How we manage our yards can transform urban landscapes and make our cities a healthier place for all living things.



Rob Dieffenbach's fruit trees are both beautiful and a productive part of the urban landscape around his home.

Adult Education Classes

Two classes are being offered during education hour (beginning at 11:00 am) to end the academic year at St. Andrew. You may choose between Buddhism and the devil! Actually, because these classes are recorded and later posted to the church website, it's possible to follow both classes through a combination of in-person attendance and observing a class online—or even choosing to access both classes at your convenience via computer.

The History of the Devil

During his class in the St. Andrew Room, Steve Christiansen is considering some weighty questions: Why is there evil in the world? Where does it come from? Does it emanate from a single source? Throughout history, imagined depictions of evil have been used to try to answer perplexing questions, but they have also been used to demonize others.

Buddhism and Christianity:

Double Belonging

The final session of the adult education class "Buddhism and Christianity: Double Belonging" will take place this Sunday at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall, led by Janet Vorvick. We will discuss whether dual belonging is really possible in light of the fact that Jesus says no one comes to God but by him. Please join us.

Ministry Forum This Sunday

What's ahead for ministry at St. Andrew in the coming year? Interim Pastor Laurie Newman will present some of the programs she and other staff hope to continue or launch in our next fiscal year. Come to the Sanctuary at 10:45 am on **Sunday, May 21**, with your dreams, hopes, and questions. Join the conversation! There will be plenty of time to ask questions.

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,

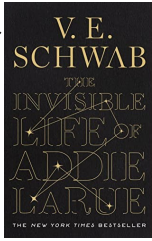
but don't wait. If you can donate now to help decrease our deficit, please write "Matching Gift for M&M" on your check or choose that option in the drop-down menu if you give online. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, your gift will be matched up to \$30,000! This doubles the impact you 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

Spirituality Book Group

The Spirituality Book Group will meet at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, May 21**, to discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, by V.E. Schwab. Called “the most joyous evocation of unlikely immortality,” the novel tells the tale of a woman who makes a deal with the devil allowing her to live forever. The price she’ll pay is the curse of being forgotten by everyone! Kristin Sacks will lead the discussion.



The group will meet in person at Dianne Zupunski’s home and also via Zoom. A link will be sent to those on the Spirituality Book Group email list who will be attending remotely. If you’d like to receive a link, please contact Mary Smith.

Future Reading

June 11: *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murphy
Location: Mary Smith’s home
Discussion Leader: Elaine May

July 16: *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, by Clint Smith
Location: Dianne Zupunski’s home
Discussion Leader: Lynn Santelmann

August 20: *The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdrich
Location: Mary Ann Snider’s home
Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako

September (date TBA): *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks
Location: Fran Miller’s home
Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

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.

Mark your calendars for two forums prior to the Annual Meeting:

Sunday, May 21, 10:45 am, Ministry Forum, Sanctuary

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

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

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.



If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery, approximately once every two months, please contact Sonja Ackman at Sonja.ackman@gmail.com. Adults, middle-, and high-schoolers are all needed for this ministry and are welcome to participate in providing Nursery Care.

Many thanks to Sonja for soliciting volunteers and to those who have already stepped up on behalf of young families.

Empowering Ourselves for Mother Earth

The plethora of climate alarms ringing around the world are frightening—even paralyzing, and it can be tempting to simply party on, living as we’ve become accustomed, doing what we’ve always done.

While fears of future climate disasters can be frightening for everyone, they’re particularly alarming for the young people who will live out their lives on a warmer and more unstable planet. A survey of 10,000 youth around the world was conducted in 2021 and revealed that nearly 60% of young people suffer from eco-anxiety, an existential dread about the state of the planet.

How can that stress be alleviated? It turns out that when people learn about the challenges of a changing climate, but also some solutions, they feel empowered. A student-developed class at UC-Berkeley has succeeded in offering an alternative to “scare to care” tactics. Sage Lenier’s curriculum focuses on alternatives to the status quo, introduces the notion of a “circular economy,” and offers a peek into a more livable future.



Eco-anxiety is real, but we can fight it by taking action.

“It’s really about getting people excited about what a better world can look like,” Lenier said. Her class suggests ways for students to limit consumption, switch to plastic-alternative products, and engage in the circular economy by doing small things such as mending clothing, resoling shoes, or starting a compost system.

St. Andrew’s Earth Care Team has focused on the same approach of taking personal responsibility for our actions as the first thing we can do to make change. It’s certainly not everything that’s needed, but it’s a start. And, when our hands are busy doing things for the health of the planet, all that stress is tempered, too.

Carol Harker
Earth Care Team

A Baker’s Dozen of Things Almost Anyone Can Do for Our Planet



Herbs enhance the food we eat.

- Grow some food—if you don’t have space for a garden, plant some herbs or lettuce in a pot
- Eat more plants and less meat
- Shop at farmers’ markets; buy organic when you can
- Take reusable produce and shopping bags along when you shop
- Refuse straws at the drive-through window
- Forego fast fashion to invest in classic, long-lasting options
- Mend those expensive jeans and make a style statement
- Plant a tree, a bush, a native meadow plant; if you don’t have a yard, keep a houseplant or several to improve indoor air quality
- Reduce the size of your lawn with mulch (ask an Earth Care Team member how mulch makes a difference)
- Replace polluting gas yard equipment with electric alternatives
- Instead of always hopping on a plane to get away, explore the magic of your own surroundings
- Learn more about solutions; start with Kristin Ohlson’s *The Soil Will Save Us* because it’s filled with hope (copies available in library)
- Team up with others to take collective action

Seasonal Worship Planners

There will be a Seasonal Worship Planning meeting on **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.



MACG Question for the Month

What are your plans to engage with St. Andrew this spring and summer?

There are many opportunities: attend worship or assist in a leadership role; participate in education hour; volunteer for a property work party; experience a mindful walk on **Saturday, June 10** or **Sunday, June 11**; attend the Annual Meeting (**Tuesday, June 13**); help with Earth Camp (**June 26-30**), and more.



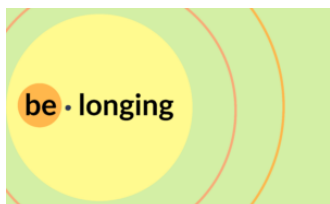
The Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) is a regional group in the Pacific Northwest that works with partner groups (faith-based and secular) to organize and

take action for the common good in our region. One of MACG's goals is to strengthen its individual member organizations because strong members lead to a stronger community.

The Horizon Team began the work of gathering our community together toward our future. To continue that work, St. Andrew's Core MACG Team is generating a "Question of the Month" that we can use in conversation together.

Guild Announces Summer Classes

If you're ready for a refreshing change of seasons and some creative refreshment of your spirit, you need look no further than the Grünewald Guild. With a focus on learning, creating, and community, classes span the gamut of art forms.



The Grünewald Guild invites people to come explore **be*longing** within a spirit-infused community of creativity, learning, and play.

The guild is an arts education non-profit retreat center in the Cascadian woodland along the Wenatchee River in Washington. From surrounding mountain peaks to the rushing waters of the river, Nature herself creates an inspiring environment where people come to learn, grow, and explore relationships between art, faith, and community.

To learn more about the guild's 10 weeks of rich summer course offerings, go to:

<https://grunewaldguild.com/summer-program-2023/>

Volunteer Opportunity

Do you like to make people's lives a little easier? If so, you might be the perfect volunteer coordinator to manage the sign-up of those who lead in Sunday worship. Leaders include acolytes, assisting ministers, cantors, lectors, nursery attendants, ushers, and other volunteers needed each week to support our worship services.

This volunteer will use the online software package signup.com to easily manage the sign-up process. The beauty of the software is that it automatically emails reminders to volunteers three days before the assignment for which they've signed up.



Deacon Susan has set up the process for St. Andrew and will train and help support the volunteer, who will be needed by mid-June to begin managing the sign-up process for July going forward. Please see Deacon Susan for details.

Happiness

by Jane Kenyon

There's just no accounting for happiness,
or the way it turns up like a prodigal
who comes back to the dust at your feet
having squandered a fortune far away.

And how can you not forgive?
You make a feast in honor of what
was lost, and take from its place the finest
garment, which you saved for an occasion
you could not imagine, and you weep night and day
to know that you were not abandoned,
that happiness saved its most extreme form
for you alone.

No, happiness is the uncle you never
knew about, who flies a single-engine plane
onto the grassy landing strip, hitchhikes
into town, and inquires at every door
until he finds you asleep midafternoon,
as you so often are during the unmerciful
hours of your despair.

It comes to the monk in his cell.
It comes to the woman sweeping the street
with a birch broom, to the child
whose mother has passed out from drink.
It comes to the lover, to the dog chewing
a sock, to the pusher, to the basket maker,
and to the clerk stacking cans of carrots
in the night.

It even comes to the boulder
in the perpetual shade of pine
barrens,
to rain falling on the open sea,
to the wineglass, weary of hold-
ing wine.



As the good people at SALT* noted in their email to subscribers earlier in the week, this poem is "a playful, profound meditation on happiness from the incomparable Jane Kenyon, a poet who struggled with depression throughout her life, and who frequently wove spiritual threads throughout her work." Imagine that even a boulder can be awakened by delight. So much of life and faith is a mystery that just happens.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Ethel Ritchey	Peace and comfort	India Jensen-Kerr
Linda Newby (daughter)	Peace and a positive diagnosis	Joanne Zenger
Henry Stevens (husband)	Comfort and healing during chemo	Bev Briggs
Bev Briggs	Courage and strength on her journey	Bev Briggs
Mikki Rogers (friend)	Comfort and healing	Karen Mallari
Emily MacKay (daughter) and baby	Comfort and good health	Liz Hardy
Brianna McCoy	Healthy pregnancy and safe delivery	Judy Scholz
Virginia Steeves	Healing and comfort and strength for family	Carol Hogan
Pr. Sue	Healing	Pr. Laurie Newman
Carlie (daughter of friend)	Successful back surgery and healing, with prayers for peace for her family and friends	Rebecca Uecker
Bill Richtman (brother-in-law)	Effective treatment and healing	Lynn Santelmann
Planet Earth and all living things	Protection and care	Earth Care Team
Societies infested with guns and violence	Common-sense controls, calm, and safety	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
	Dave Bumgardner, Jean Frederickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Dave & Sharon Roth	
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

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.

Update on Yoga Classes



Because of declining attendance, yoga instructor Geetha Kumar is considering taking the summer off. She'll teach the remaining Wednesdays in May (**May 24 & 31**) and hopes to see more attendance. 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.

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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 May and June without staffing. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Bliesner at 503-830-7001 or larrybliesner@comcast.net. Thanks!

Preparing for Worship

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

John 29:19-23

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 21

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 Bible Study	Chapel
10:45 am	Congregational Forum: Ministry	Sanctuary
10:45 am	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Confirmation	Library
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Buddhism and Christianity: Double Belonging	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Adult Ed: The History of the Devil	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Off Site and via Zoom

Tuesday, May 23

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
12:15 pm	Earth Care/Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, May 24—"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

Thursday, May 25

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
7:00 pm	IT Meeting	Offsite

Friday, May 26

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, May 27

9:00 am	Transition Team Budget Meeting	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room

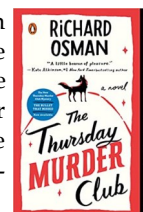
Sunday, May 28

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 Gathering	Chapel

The Thursday Murder Club

Looking for some light reading this summer? Check out what's available in our St. Andrew Libraries!

This book by Richard Osman is quite a romp. Rather like a British cozy, only these people are not so polite. A classy old folks home full of old, but by no means inactive, folks – some of whom can be snooty enough to be annoying. Except they've channeled their nosiness into a murder club to investigate old cases, and so move their urges into a fun and maybe useful goal. Not always appreciated by the police, they carry on anyway.



But this time a new murder happens near their stomping ground and they can't resist trying to investigate it and hopefully trick the police into allowing them in on it, or at least sharing what they know. They are a wily bunch with some very interesting history of their own and they work well together. Maybe they can get the police to talk.

So, who was murdered? The owner of the old folks home. How was he murdered? Well, that would be telling....

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

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.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of April 30th, 2023

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 05/17/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
M&M Giving is 90% of FYTD budget and 92% of monthly budget
Expenses are 84% of FYTD budget

Principal Only Payment for Mortgage \$5,100 was paid this month

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	145	99	15*	257		
Monthly Total	727	496	60*	1283	\$ 49,636	\$ 11,401

*Zoom records are for 4 weeks, not 5 To Meet Budget \$ 53,992 \$ 12,732

92%

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	\$ 539,916.67	\$ 483,625	90%	
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 562,850	\$ 475,598	84%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 130,727	\$ 141,145	\$ 65,389	\$ 410,043	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 44,700	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, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 89,742	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 3,443	\$ 12,713	\$ 24,902	

† Includes \$8,400 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022

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