

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 2, 2023

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Transition Team Work Continues



You may be wondering about the work of the Transition Team and how it relates to the Horizon Team and the upcoming Call process. Horizon Team work focused on listening and discernment, much of that work providing a foundation for the Transition Team. The work of the Transition Team is preparation; the work of the Call Team will be search and discernment.

During our preparation, we are following the Synod-provided detailed resource for [Congregations in Transition](#); it outlines the work required during the Transition in preparation for the completion of the Mission Profile, which must be submitted before the Synod puts forward candidates.

The [Mission Profile](#) is a 10-page document that describes our congregational ministry and mission, and what characteristics we are looking for in a Lead Pastor. Over the past three months, the Transition Team has been setting the groundwork for completion of the Mission Profile. The input of the congregation is instrumental in completing this document. In July and August, we will be asking for your insight as we describe our Ministry Site Characteristics. Look for the yellow poster in the Narthex. It has statements that could describe our congregation. We ask you to use a sticky dot to select the ONE term you believe best describes St. Andrew. (*That's one dot per person per row!*) July's poster will feature statements about our Community and Leadership; in August we will consider our Programming and Theological Perspective.


Links to these documents are embedded in the article.

Please let any of the team members know what questions or concerns you have as we move forward.

In Peace,

*Steve Christiansen, Allison Katsufraakis, Mike McDowall,  
Amy McQueen, Tom Mehlhorn, Jan Smith,  
Mary Smith, LuAnn Staul*

## July's MACG Question of the Month

Is St. Andrew inspiring you to engage in Earth care practices? 

Earth care has long been one of St. Andrew's core care values. Our church building has solar panels on its roof and the congregation has long embraced the practice of reducing, reusing, repurposing, and recycling to reduce consumption and waste.

This year already, our Earth Care Team has sponsored an Earth Care Fair, Backyard Habitat Tours, and Mindful Walks. Earth Camp brought 44 campers and their families to our campus this past week and we continue to advocate for bee-friendly habitats and ecosystems that allow all of God's creation to flourish.

Has awareness or involvement with St. Andrew's Earth-friendly focus changed your behaviors? Let's share with one another.

## You've Met the Match!

Between May 17 and June 19, the people of St. Andrew contributed \$39,995 to the M&M Matching Gift Fund—more than enough to meet the goal of \$30,000 suggested by an anonymous donor! You are amazing. Given a target to hit, you stepped up and made it happen, going above and beyond what was expected. **THANK YOU!**

What does this mean for the church? The M&M Fund is the operating budget of St. Andrew, which covers everything from benevolence to staffing, maintenance, utilities, worship, youth programs, office supplies, and more. It keeps the lights on, the pastor paid, the garbage picked up, and our Internet running to connect us with remote worshipers and allow for hybrid meetings—and more. Because of the M&M Fund, St. Andrew can create programs such as Earth Camp, learning opportunities that not only serve our own youth, but also kids in our community.



## Another Chance to Make School Bags

Every fall, we collect items to put in school bags for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). To be ready to have available bags, we need to start soon. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on **Monday, July 10**, at 9:30 am (latecomers welcome). We have 7 bags to start the count and we can consider how many more we can create. Will it be 100 or 400 or somewhere in between?

First, we want to assess how much we need to collect in supplies to fill the bags. While we do have material and cord for stringing some bags, we don't have enough if we're eager to make lots of bags. Note: Even if you aren't working on bag construction, you can be on the lookout for attractive, sturdy fabric and bring it to church. Donations of sturdy cloth are much appreciated!



*Join the team of bag ladies and bag men who have made school bags in past years for Lutheran World Relief.*

If you have never tried making bags, consider coming on July 10 to see how this works. We will have experienced hands to help newcomers. Also, even those who made bags in other years may want to check out how measuring and sewing can vary and what that means when it comes to stringing cord to complete the bag.

We may meet again after July 10, but this date is set and we will have lots of ideas and encouragement for first timers.

## Flowers in Memory



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Deacon Susan Werner Reiser in memory of her mother, Martha Werner.

## 100 & Counting!

Happy Birthday, Del Mahler! Please join our family to celebrate Del's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at his home at The Springs at Tanasbourne. The celebration will be held in the Middle Sister Room on the first floor. We hope you can join us to visit with Del & Mary Nell and to offer your birthday greetings. No gifts, please.



**Friday, July 7, 2023**

1:00-2:00 pm

The Springs at Tanasbourne  
1950 NE 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Hillsboro, OR 97006

*Diane Reiner*

## A CARES Act Tax Advantage

This past November, a savvy member of the congregation alerted Council that St. Andrew may be able to take advantage of the Employee Retention Credit, or ERC. This tax credit, passed as part of the CARES Act during the onset of COVID, rewarded businesses for keeping people employed during the pandemic by refunding employee taxes for as long as the state's public health mandates affected business. In Oregon, where we were able to keep our staff employed for a full 18 months, St. Andrew qualified for all five quarters of available refunds.

Council hired a CPA in December to look into the credit opportunity and prepare filings for us, and we mailed in the prepared ERC forms in December 2022. We did not announce anything publicly because we wanted the IRS to verify our eligibility—but as of this week, our quarterly refund checks have begun showing up. Over the course of the coming weeks, we anticipate receiving five checks that add up to a total of just over \$135,000.

This is a momentous occasion for celebration! And extra special thanks to the congregant-who-asked-not-to-be-named for alerting Council to this opportunity. Our financial future is looking bright!

## Preventing Product Returns from Going to the Landfill

*by Sandi Schwartz from Earth 911*

Online shopping has become the way of the world. It's easy and convenient. But when you can't try on an item, or feel and examine it before buying, it may not be a keeper. Many retailers today make it easy to return items and you get your money back. But what happens to the products when you return them to the retailer?

**The reality of product returns.** We like to think that those returned items go back on the shelves for other customers to buy. But that is often not the case. Frequently retailers throw away that perfectly good merchandise; it is estimated that **9.5 billion pounds of returns ended up in US landfills in 2022 alone!** Staff need to inspect and test every returned product before reselling it, so it can be easier and cheaper to send it to the landfill. Some companies will send some items to liquidation warehouses, but most gets tossed.

**What you can do.** While you probably won't know the fate of the items you return, there are a few things you can do to help minimize the waste of product returns.



*Think before buying to limit the number of returns you send back. Consider giving items away instead of relegating them to a landfill.*

- Think before you buy. Ask yourself if you truly need or want the item. Prioritize higher quality goods that will last longer.
- Use size charts to avoid ordering the same item in multiple sizes and returning the sizes that don't fit.
- Instead of returning an item right away, consider gifting, donating, repurposing, or reselling it through sources such as Facebook Marketplace or eBay.
- Support companies that have responsible practices for returns. You may be able to find this information through a web search or by checking the company website.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## Transportation Assistance Needed



Assistance is needed to help transport new immigrants to and from an Afghan Women's Event on July 9. The event, sponsored by Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), will be held here at St. Andrew on **Sunday, July 9**, from 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. in the Children's Commons. LCSNW used the Commons in April to help women and their children celebrate the conclusion of Ramadan; pleased with the accommodations, LCSNW has asked to use the area again.

The women are part of an Afghan Women's Support Group, coordinated by Amena Qadami of LCSNW. The group, which meets weekly via Zoom, is gradually returning to in-person gatherings following the pandemic, but transportation continues to be a barrier. Rarely allowed to drive in Afghanistan, immigrant women often remain house-bound here in the U.S., caring for children while their spouse works outside the home. **In Afghan culture, a driver's license is seen as an empowerment tool, and the Sanctuary Team is working with LCSNW, the St. Andrew Foundation, and a local driving school to help Afghan women gain access to driver education training and an Oregon license.**

If you can help with transportation on July 9, please contact Cindy Stadel ([cstadel@hevanet.com](mailto:cstadel@hevanet.com), 503-888-7043).

*You're Invited!*

## to an Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, August 26 @ 1:30 pm**

in front of

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Rd  
Beaverton**

Come for new friends, community,  
music, dancing, games, AND  
**FREE ice cream!**



*Parking will be available in the lot on the east side of the church.*

## Worship Leaders Volunteer Signup

Up until now, only Acolytes, Assisting Ministers, Cantors, and Lectors have been able to sign up electronically for opportunities to serve at worship services. The SIGNUP.com signups for worship volunteer opportunities have been expanded and will now include the following volunteer activities:

Acolytes	Lectors
Altar Guild	Nursery Volunteers
Altar Flowers	Tech—Audio
Assisting Ministers	Tech—Video
Cantors	Ushers
Communion Assistants	Worship Coordinators
Greeters	

### Why this change?

- All the names of worship volunteers will be available in one location. This will help with preparing the list of Worship Participants in the Worship Folder.
- Two days prior to the service, an email reminder will be sent to remind those who signed up of their role.

### What hasn't changed?

- Acolytes, Assisting Ministers, Cantors, and Lectors will continue to use SIGNUP.COM as they currently do and they are familiar with the software. They may find it easier to use as all the signups for a Sunday will be listed under that day. If you are interested in signing up for more than one worship volunteer activity on a particular Sunday or you don't want to overbook yourself, it will be easier to manage.
- Greeters, Nursery Volunteers, and Ushers will still have a personal touch. The schedules for Greeters will be prepared by Sharon Fako, the Nursery Volunteers by Sonja Ackman, and the Ushers by the McDowalls and Lanes. Those schedules will be entered into SIGNUP.COM by the new Worship Leader Scheduling Coordinator, Janet Vorvick.
- The Audio and Video Techs will continue to use their spreadsheet, which Janet will monitor and re-enter on SIGNUP.COM.
- Altar Guild can sign up via the lists in the Sacristy and Deacon Susan will add them to SIGNUP.COM.
- Altar Flower sign-up sheets are still available on the bulletin board near the entrance to Fellowship Hall and that information will be entered into SIGNUP.COM.

### What's New?

- We are reinstating the Worship Coordinator role for Sunday services. Worship Coordinators will be responsible for ensuring that the worship leaders who have signed up are present. If a leadership role needs someone, they will look for volunteers prior to the start of the service. More information on the Worship Coordinator role is available from Deacon Susan or Beth Johnson. This role resumes as of the July 2 Sunday service, and volunteers interested in serving will be signing up via SIGNUP.COM.

### Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- Copy and paste the following link to see our Signup on Signup: <https://signup.com/go/GRHfNuv>.
- Review the options and choose the spot(s) you like.
- Sign up! It's easy: you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on Signup. Note: Signup does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Janet Vorvick or Deacon Susan and one of us can sign you up manually.

Questions? Please send an email to:

[worshipvolunteers@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:worshipvolunteers@standrewlutheran.com).

## Guild of Organists Regional Convention, July 10-13

The 2023 West Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists is being held in Portland this year from July 10-13, 2023. Deacon Susan, a member of the Portland Chapter, is serving as registrar for that convention. There are opportunities for the public to attend some of the events. Those open to the public are:

- **Pre-Convention Event - July 10, 2023 - 4 pm** - Durufle Requiem and Choral varié sur le Veni Creator at Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Portland OR. The choir, Cantores in Ecclesia, will be directed by Blake Applegate, with organist Hanna Brewer. This event is in memory of Richard Bond, organ builder. A wine and cheese reception follows the concert in the parish hall. This event is open to the public at no charge.
- **Opening Evensong - July 10, 2023 - 7 pm** - Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choir directed by Music Canon Katie Webb at Trinity Episcopal, 147 NW 19th Ave., Portland, OR. This event is open to the public at no charge.
- **Organ Recital - July 11, 2023 - 2 pm** - Cathedral organist Seung Min Oh at St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1716 NW Davis Street, Portland, OR. This event is open to the public; freewill offering.
- **Organ Recital - July 11, 2023 - 7:30 pm** - "A Dance Through Time" features organist Kimberly Marshall, who will play the Fritts organ at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR. This event is open to the public; freewill offering.
- **Greek Vespers - July 12, 2023 - 3 pm** - Capella Romana, a Portland based choral group, directed by Cantor Photini Downie Robinson, will lead sing the service in Greek at The Mary Chapel at the Grotto, 8840 NE Skidmore, Portland OR. This event is open to the public at no charge.
- **Silent Film Accompanied by Theater Organ - July 12, 2023 - 7 pm** - Organist Jonas Nordwall will accompany the 1920 silent movie, *The Mark of Zorro*, starring Douglas Fairbanks and Noah Beery. This event is at Cleveland High School, 3400 SE 26th Avenue, Portland, OR. It is open to the public; cost is \$20.00 at the door.
- **Organ Recital - July 13, 2023 - 2:30 pm** - Seattle-based organist Susanne Valleau, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 375 NE Clackamas Street, Portland OR. This event is open to the public; freewill offering.
- **Evening Recital - July 13, 2023 - 5:30 pm** - "A Kaleidoscope of Song and Dance" features organist Pamela Decker, who will be joined by members of the Oregon Ballet Theatre. This concert is at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson Street, Portland OR. It is open to the public; cost is \$20.00 at the door.

A flyer of these events is posted on the bulletin board in the coffee area. Copies are available outside the Music Ministry office across from the library. Contact Deacon Susan if you have any questions.



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Jim Williams (brother) Camille Jackson Arvis Franks Sam Harker (grandson)	Peace and God's comfort at his death Successful treatment and healing Accurate diagnosis and treatment Safety and protection fighting wildfires	Jerry & Anne Williams Deacon India Pat Hilliker Carol Harker
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Courage and support	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Good Shepherd Lutheran (Albany) Grace Lutheran (Corvallis)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Masjid As-Saber (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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.

## Special Upcoming Services

### Sanctuary of the Firs & Sanctuary Worship

July 2    August 6    September 10

Worship is scheduled in two places on these three upcoming Sundays – both in the Sanctuary of the Firs and in the Sanctuary via Zoom. Deacons India Jensen Kerr and Susan Werner Reiser will be providing communion for individuals who gather in the Sanctuary, with Pastor Laurie presenting communion in the Sanctuary of the Firs. Everyone will enjoy the same service.

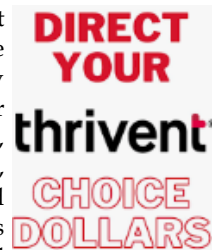
Please note that this Sunday, July 2, Pat Christiansen from the Earth Care Team will lead a Mindful Walk in the Sanctuary of the Firs following worship.



## Thrivent Choice Dollars: What They Can Do

What are Thrivent Choice dollars and how can they support St. Andrew ministries? Find out on Sunday, July 2, in Fellowship Hall following worship. Each year people with a certain level of investments in Thrivent are invited to direct “choice dollars” to a nonprofit of their choosing and each year, the Thrivent investors from our church meet to decide where to put those funds.

Come find out what these dollars have meant to Nifty Notters, the Prayer Shawl ministry, youth, our libraries, the PIPE Fund, and welcome activities (including mugs and candy). All are welcome to ask questions and suggest projects we might support, giving a helpful boost to new or ongoing ministries; however, voting on which specific programs to support is limited to those who have delegated Thrivent dollars to St. Andrew.



## Quilt Sunday: July 23

Seniors graduating from high school receive special recognition from St. Andrew on this academic achievement. Please mark Sunday, July 23, on your calendars when we'll recognize Miriam Au, Amy Peahl, and Logan Uecker during worship. Not only will they be wrapped in special quilts made by Nifty Notter seamstresses to take with them on their future adventures, but they will receive a scholarship from the St. Andrew Foundation to put toward the studies they plan to enter. This is a beautiful tradition marking a milestone in the lives of our youth.

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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Tira Nasset.....	503-866-5099

## Preparing for Worship

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

# Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, July 2

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also via Zoom) .....	Sanctuary of the Firs and Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
11:00 am	Mindfulness Walk.....	Sanctuary in the Firs
11:00 am	Review of Choice Dollars/Plan Support .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, July 3

Tuesday, July 4 - Holiday; Church Closed

## Wednesday, July 5

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India) .....	St. Andrew Room
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## Thursday, July 6

10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne .....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Transition Team Meeting .....	Library
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting .....	Chapel / Library
6:30 pm	Foundation Meeting.....	Library
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class .....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Executive Council Committee Meeting .....	via Zoom

## Friday, July 7

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, July 8

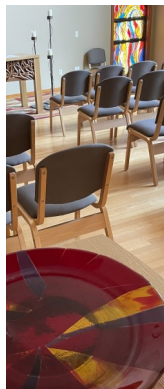
11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting.....	via Zoom
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group .....	St. Andrew Room

## Sunday, July 9

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom).....	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel

## Altar Guild

We thank those who serve on the Altar Guild. This small but dedicated group prepares those items needed for communion each week, changes the eternity candle, changes the altar paraments (those cloths draping the altar and ambo), cleans the font, and cleans the Eucharistic Ministers' kits. They make sure there is sufficient wine, grape juice, and communion bread on hand for worship services. They maintain and order altar candles, change the battery in the eternity candle in the chapel, and wash linens used during communion and on the altar.



Thank you to Patty Jones, Liz Hardy, Noelle Mehlhorn, and Deacon Susan who faithfully serve St. Andrew in this capacity. We also thank our bread bakers - Carolyn Teifel, Liz Hardy, and Libby Calhoun, as well as St. Andrew's housekeeper, Carol Hogan, who cleans the font in the chapel. If you are interested in serving in the Altar Guild, please contact Deacon Susan.

## Upcoming Dates to Put on Your Calendar

### Welcome Luncheon, Sunday, July 16, after worship

St. Andrew is hosting a Welcome Luncheon in Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, July 16. If you're fairly new to our community and would like to meet some folks and learn more about St. Andrew, please plan to come. And, if you've been around for some time but feeling a bit out of touch following three years of a pandemic, please come, too. Child care will be available in the Nursery.

### Ministry Fair: Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am-Noon

Are you involved in one or more of the many ministries of St. Andrew? The MACG Core Team is organizing a Ministry Fair for Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am – Noon. Details will follow, but for now please think about what you'd like to display that explains your area of ministry. Are you looking for new people to join you? Plan on having a way for people to contact you if they are interested. Watch for the opportunities in the next few weeks to reserve a table and learn more about the Ministry Fair. Contact any member of the MACG Core Team for more information: Pat Christiansen, Scott Taylor, Jan Smith, Lynn Santelmann, Larry Bliesner, and Gretchen Bancroft.

## 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.