

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 25, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Ordination of India Jensen Kerr



India Jensen Kerr
Minister of Word
and Service

The congregation is invited to participate in the Ordination of India Jensen Kerr as Minister of Word and Service on Sunday, **June 25, 2023**, at 4:00 pm.

Because all of its baptized members share in Christ's ministry of love and service, the church equips and supports them for their ministries in the world. Within this context of ministry, the church calls some of its baptized members for specific ministries. The Ministry of Word and Service has New Testament roots in the ministry of diakonia: Stephen, Philip, and five others oversee the distribution of food within the church in Jerusalem; Phoebe and Priscilla are identified with diakonia in Paul's letters.

Although this ministry has taken different forms throughout the church's history, its emphasis has been this: Those called to the ministry of word and service speak God's word to God's world, and in turn they speak also for the needs of God's world to the church; they give leadership in the church's mission to witness to God's love through words and actions.

Come, celebrate with India as she reaches this important milestone in her life of ministry. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall immediately after the service.

Earth Camp!

The St. Andrew campus—both inside and out—will be hopping with creative energy next week as we welcome 44 young people for Earth Camp. The program for youngsters entering first through sixth grades runs from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with lots of classes, activities, snacks, games, songs, and skits.



It takes many, many willing volunteers to make this program possible for children in our area. From the teachers who spend hours creating lesson plans to snack makers, kid wranglers, organizers, crafters, song leaders, and more, Earth Camp happens because more than three dozen people volunteer. Thank you!

You've Met the Match!



Hats off to everyone who stepped up over the past few weeks to meet the challenge proposed by a generous donor! By offering to match all gifts up to \$30,000, this anonymous giver prompted many in the congregation to contribute a little bit extra to St.

Andrew's Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund. The M&M Fund is the operating budget of the church, which covers everything from benevolence to maintenance, staffing, utilities, worship, youth programs, and more. It keeps the lights on, the pastor paid, the garbage picked up, and our Internet running to connect us to remote worshippers and allow for hybrid meetings—and more. So, **THANK YOU**, one and all!

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!

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 log in 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 anything amiss.

Nifty Notters

Summer is the perfect time to check out new activities! Why not start by joining the Nifty Notters on **Saturday, July 1**, and **Saturday, July 15**. We meet in the air conditioned Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am-2:30 pm. You can bring a lunch and join us for all or part of the time as we work on quilts



for Lutheran World Relief and Beaverton Northwest Children's Outreach. We have things to do for everyone—those with no experience at all, as well as experienced sewers. There are also a number of projects that can be done at home. If you have questions, please contact Mary Brown at 503-297-1841 or Pam Farr at 503-626-6657. We hope to see you Saturday!

MACG Question for the Month

What experiences will this summer bring to you? Many of us take special trips during the summer months. Others stay closer to home but find their lives enriched by a good book, a visit to an attraction just down the road, or an encounter with the arts or nature.



St. Andrew's MACG Core Team invites you to explore this question with friends new and old: *What have you experienced this summer that you would like to bring back to St Andrew?*

Perhaps you attended a church service in a different place and were enriched by a particular practice. Or you heard someone's story and think our community could become involved in a new effort. Maybe you were inspired by a work of art and would like to incorporate it into the life of St. Andrew in some fashion.

Whether you travel far away or stay in town, we encourage you to reach out to others and ask what is stirring them this summer.

Pride Month Celebrations

Pride Month is under way across the country and people in the Portland area are joining in with many events in June and July.



In chronological order, here are some opportunities for Oregonians to mark Pride Month:

- **Friday, June 23**, 9:30 am-1:00 pm, Hidden Creek Community Center: Hillsboro is sponsoring a Pride 5K run.
- **Saturday, June 24**, 11:00 am-5:00 pm: If you're in the Bend area this weekend, consider supporting the Bend Parade.
- **Sunday, June 25**, 11:00 am-5:00 pm, Beaverton City Park: Pride Beaverton is hosting a parade and booths at its Pride Festival. Cheer on parade participants and explore the booths set up in the park.
- **Saturday, July 15**, Downtown Portland: Join or cheer on the parade in Portland. Rounding out Pride Parade weekend, the Gay Men's Chorus will perform two concerts on **June 24 and 25** at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Pride Month is an ideal time to show support for our friends in the local LGBTQIA+ community!

Where Does Amazon Plastic Packaging Really Go?

by Faye Park, President of PIRG (Public Interest Research Group)

Amazon claims that much of its packaging is widely recyclable, either through curbside recycling programs or store drop-off. But is it actually as recyclable as the retail giant claims? A group of PIRG volunteers decided to investigate. They found that the Amazon packaging they tried to recycle did not really get recycled.

When you receive an Amazon package in the mail, it often arrives in a cardboard box filled with plastic air pillows or in a paper or plastic bubble wrap envelope. All of these items are marked with the "chasing arrows" recycling symbol and direct



you to a website to learn more about how to recycle them. When you visit that website, you can plug in your zip code to find the closest store drop-off locations to recycle your Amazon packaging.

PIRG volunteers in California were directed to Target, Sprouts, and other stores across the Los Angeles area, and upon visiting those stores, they did in fact find bins accepting plastic recycling. To find out where the deposited plastic actually goes, the investigators put small electronic tracking devices in plastic Amazon bubble wrap envelopes and air pillows (which were labeled for store drop-off). They then dropped them in different plastic recycling drop bins across Los Angeles.

Of the 10 plastic items dropped off in recycling bins with an electronic tracker, four ended up in landfills, two ended up in a waste transfer center (meaning they're likely headed to a landfill), two went to out-of-state or out-of-country recycling centers, and two were last located at the Port of Los Angeles, headed to who knows where. None of them ended up in California recycling centers.

This small-scale experiment suggests that the store drop-off system for recycling Amazon packaging is failing—most likely because there is a very small market for recycling plastic film. (Note from Liz: A similar larger scale experiment that tracked plastic bags was conducted nationwide by ABC News with similar results. Most of those plastic bag drop-off stations at grocery stores are not being recycled! That's greenwashing. We've been lied to again!)

(Another note from Liz: Ridwell partners with a company that actually recycles plastic bags and Amazon bags to make TREX decking. And Washington County has started a program called Recycle+. All haulers in the county must offer this, but they don't advertise it well. Recycle+ takes plastic produce bags, shopping bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic padded envelopes including those from Amazon, and plastic overwrap for paper products such as napkins.)

So what should we do about it? We could push for improvements to recycling, but no matter how much Amazon and others want us to think recycling is the answer, for plastic it never has been and likely never will be. The better approach to plastic packaging is to just stop using it. That's why PIRG is calling on Amazon to eliminate single-use plastic in their shipments in the US, just as it's already committed to doing in Germany and India. PIRG is delivering thousands of petition signatures to Amazon urging it to act; and raising awareness of biodegradable and recyclable alternatives.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Flowers in Memory

Flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Carol Hogan in memory of her mother, Doreen Dwigans.

Flowers last week were offered by Bob & Cindy Stadel in gratitude for the life of Zack Stadel, 16 June 1978-22 April 2022.



Party Times to Come!

Please save these dates—

Sunday, July 16: Welcome Lunch
following worship

Saturday, August 26: Ice Cream Social
for congregation & community

Saturday & Sunday, September 23-24
St. Andrew's 70th Birthday
an occasion to celebrate



Stay tuned. Details to be shared soon.

Thank You to All Who Serve in Worship

Worship is not possible without the many volunteers who assist in worship throughout the year. Who are these volunteers? They are Acolytes, Assisting Ministers, Cantors, Communion Assistants, Audio and Video Technicians, Greeters, Lectors, Nursery Attendants, Ushers, and Worship Coordinators. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



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.

Butterflies Taking Wing

Check out the blue divider in the Narthex this weekend to see where our first traveling summer butterfly has gone. In God's "green season," the Worship Planning Team is encouraging St. Andrew people to stay in touch with each other by tracking their summer journeys.



Our first traveling butterfly chose to stay in the Pacific Northwest. Where is yours headed this summer?

Take a butterfly from the basket in the Narthex, maybe snap a photo of yourself at your travel destination, and then add your image to the maps that we hope will grow over the months ahead.

Or email your photo to Steve Christiansen at steveshome@comcast.net if you are willing to see it posted on the church website. Let's keep our community connected in this season when many hit the road for a well-deserved getaway.

Pledge Cards for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Given the pandemic and the transition to this interim time of reflection and calling a new pastor, St. Andrew has not collected pledge cards for a few years. These can be very helpful, though, in forecasting revenue to help shape the church budget. The simple task of filling out a pledge card also benefits donors in deciding where to direct their resources.

Pledge Cards are now available on the Communications Table in the Narthex. After filling yours out, please return the card in the offering plate or send it to the attention of the Financial Secretaries in the church office. Or, call the church office at 503-646-0629 and we'll send you one. We thank you for each and every gift!

American 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 as follow:

- **Pre-Convention Event - July 10, 2023 - 4 pm** - Duruflé 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.



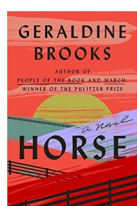
A flyer of these events is posted on the bulletin board in the coffee area. Copies are available outside the Music Ministry office across from the library. Contact Deacon Susan if you have any questions.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Jim Williams (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Jerry & Anne Williams
Family and friends of David Roth	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Carol Harker
Anne Newell	Wisdom, strength, and healing	Chaplain India
Camille Jackson	Successful treatment and healing	Chaplain India
Arvis Franks	Accurate diagnosis and treatment	Pat Hilliker
Tracey & Sandra Miller (parents)	Healing and support	Pastor Laurie Newman
Aaron & others affected by Gorge shooting	Healing and support in dealing with trauma	Staff
Chaplain India Jensen Kerr	Jubilation at her ordination and installation as Minister of Word and Service	Staff
Pride Events	Support and acceptance for all in the LGBTQIA+ community	Staff
Earth Camp Families & Volunteers	Energy and fun throughout the week	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
	Tandy Brooks, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Hal Douglas, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber	
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	
Zion Lutheran (Oregon City)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Community of Hope Lutheran (Wilsonville)		
Hoshanah Rabbah (Tigard)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff

Horse, by Geraldine Brooks

What a tail! What a horse! Said to be the fastest ever thoroughbred in history, this was some horse even before all the story evolved around him. His lineage was chosen by a black man, and from there on in promises were broken to several black men. Deals were made and broken as well by white men, and all over this splendid horse: but it was the black men who cared.



The author begins a bit before the arrival of this horse as a foal in the 1840s and carries his story forward into today. Well, you say, a horse can't live that long. Maybe not, but his bones can, as well as portraits of him. You see, he really wasn't just any horse. Owned by a rich Southern gentleman who fancied thoroughbreds and racing, his life was only good so long as he was good, and ran, and ran fast. These he did, but he also had a most unusual trainer. The black man? Well, yes, and no. Race horses of that day often had a black trainer, but this one talked to him, played games with him, slept with him, even stole him once....

And the bones – why did they keep the bones? The paintings, how do they fit in? The black man? Just like yesterday's news. . . .

Pam Farr, Adult Librarian

100 & Counting!



Happy Birthday, Del Mahler! Please join our family to celebrate Del's 100th 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

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Diane Reiner

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Preparing for Worship

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Matthew 10:40-42

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 25

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
4:00 pm	Ordination of India Jensen Kerr (followed by Reception in Fellowship Hall).....	Sanctuary

Monday, June 26

ALL DAY	Earth Camp!	St. Andrew Campus
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Tuesday, June 27

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)
ALL DAY	Earth Camp!	St. Andrew Campus
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 28

ALL DAY	Earth Camp!	St. Andrew Campus
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India)	St. Andrew Room

Thursday, June 29

ALL DAY	Earth Camp!	St. Andrew Campus
10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Foundation Meeting.....	Library
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 30

ALL DAY	Earth Camp!	St. Andrew Campus
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 1

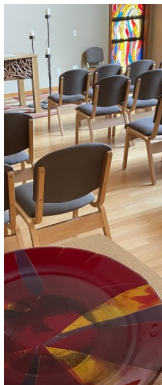
9:00 am	Nifty Notters.....	St. Andrew Room
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room

Sunday, July 2

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and 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 Hal

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.

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.

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 Natter 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.

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.