

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 4, 2023

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## What Is the Diaconate? (Part 2)

In 2023, the ELCA is still calling Deacons to ministry. Currently, there are two paths for rostered ministry in the ELCA. One path is Word and Sacrament, which is the most familiar to people. These are the pastors – senior pastor, associate pastor, pastors in specialized ministry such as chaplaincy and campus ministry. They are the folks who are called to consecrate the eucharist and baptize.



## THE DEACONESS COMMUNITY ELCA

Deacons are Ministers of Word and Service. This path can include service to congregations,

but it can also include other ministries out in the world such as education, family ministry, social services, or chaplaincy in hospitals, prisons, colleges, hospice, or churches. The ELCA defines this roster as connecting “the church with the needs of the world” and working “to equip others to lead a living, active, and caring Christian life.” The difference between Word and Service and Word and Sacrament is that Word and Sacrament consecrates the eucharist and baptizes, which ministers in Word and Service must be authorized by the bishop to do. But Word and Service Ministers can do any other type of ministry.

Both of these rosters are now ordained once they have been approved by the Synod and accepted into a call. Ordination is new for Ministers of Word and Service as the result of a church-wide vote in 2019. They were consecrated in the past. While there was some controversy about the change, one of the strongest arguments for ordaining Word and Service Deacons is that not all organizations, such as the U.S. Military, recognize consecration. That can cause problems with employment for people working as chaplains, so this was a welcome change.

In addition to call within the Synod, there is also a Deaconess Community in the ELCA that has existed in the United States since the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This is a community of women that started in Germany and settled in Philadelphia. They were often confused for Catholic nuns as these women wore a garb and lived in community in a motherhouse. A few years after the group in Philadelphia was formed, another group began in Baltimore. In the 1970s, Deaconesses were allowed to marry and continued to respond to their call to intentional community and servant leadership. The Deaconess Community is an intergenerational group of women, who are compelled by the love of Christ to work in congregations, hospitals, social services, and there is even an attorney who works with underprivileged people. They are an amazing group of folks who work hard to connect by phone, mail, email, Zoom, and in person. Anyone who identifies as female and is an ordained Word and Service Minister can go through the process to become a part of the Deaconess Community. Just as there are steps one must take to become a rostered leader with the Synod, one must take separate steps to join the Deaconess Community.

*Chaplain India Jensen Kerr*

## This Sunday!

Please note that the Nursery will be staffed with two trained volunteers on the first and third Sundays of each month, beginning this **Sunday, June 4**. This is a small way to show our support and welcome to all families.



Also this Sunday, the second of two pre-Annual Meeting forums will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship, beginning about 10:45 am. Treasurer Tim Duggan will lead the presentation on finance and church budgeting for the coming fiscal year.

Since the congregation as a whole is charged with approving the budget during the Annual Meeting, this is background information that will be invaluable in informing your vote.

## Confirmation Sunday



This **Sunday, June 4**, the congregation will affirm the baptism of four confirmands who have participated in Confirmation Classes for three years. Each year of instruction is focused on a certain topic or portion of the Bible: Old Testament, New Testament, and Luther’s Catechism and Lutheran living.

Congratulations to **Gloria Au, Evan McGarvey, Tanner McQueen, and Keegan Ragan** for their hard work. In April, these youth, joined by **Satya Semenchalam**, who will be officially confirmed following her baptism on June 11, presented their Statements of Faith to members of the Congregational Council. You may read these statements on the [church website](#). Following confirmation, they become voting members of the congregation and will be entitled to cast their votes with all other members at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Confirmation does not represent the conclusion of anyone’s faith journey, but is another step on a path that begins with baptism and continues throughout life.

Everyone is invited to join our confirmands and their families in a cake celebration following worship.

## 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

## 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!

## 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.

## Mindfulness Walks

What type of walker are you? Do you rush to get where you are going? Do you walk with your head down, unaware of what is going on around you? Do you get your steps in by multitasking on the phone? Members of the Earth Care Team are inviting people in the congregation to participate in at least one Mindful Walk this summer. Take the time to breathe, listen, smell, see, and connect to the Spirit in our beautiful Sanctuary of the Firs.



Walks are scheduled for:

**Saturday, June 10**, 10:00 am

**Sunday, June 11**, approximately 11:00 am

**Sunday, July 2** (after worship in Sanctuary of the Firs)

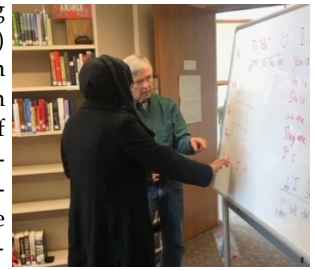
**Sunday, August 6** (after worship in the Firs)

**Sunday, September 10** (after worship in the Firs)

Who knows? You may encounter a deer or find yourself.

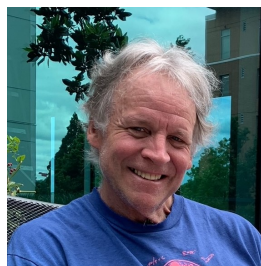
## English Language Lessons

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.



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

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.



which Lloyd Meyer creates from scratch each week.

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

## 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 contact Deacon Susan to learn more. Thank you!

## 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 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.

## Transition Team Report



*Systems Engineer Jan Smith led the group in figuring out how to put the puzzle pieces together for various committees.*

The Transition Team is responsible for getting the Congregation ready before the Call Committee begins. This is also a time for considering whether patterns of involvement, communication, and processes in the church are healthy or unhealthy, empowering or disempowering, or functioning optimally for the congregation. The task is to see that leadership develops in positive and creative ways for the good of the whole church.

On Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> the Transition Team led key leaders from the Executive Committee, Finance, Human Resources, Stewardship, and staff in an examination of our systems, communication, and processes. We worked together to explore the current state of roles and processes in order to identify gaps and issues. The group clarified roles and responsibilities, agreed to formally establish the Stewardship Committee in the Congregational Bylaws, and suggested improvements to be made by the Finance Committee to improve communication.

Over the next months we will be planning a Visioning Event to formalize a Congregational Vision statement that creates an ideal, unique image of the future for the common good. We pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us in this work.

*LuAnn Staul*  
Chair



## God's Green Season—Staying Connected

Summer is a time for family vacations. It's also a time of year when church attendance tends to decline. With AAA predicting that more than 35% of Americans plan to take a family vacation this year, we're likely to see fewer faces in church over the next few months. Since we can't rely on meeting as many of our friends in the pews on Sunday mornings, connecting with our fellow congregation members during the summer will be a bit more challenging. While this may feel discouraging, there are ways to stay connected even as people are traveling this summer.

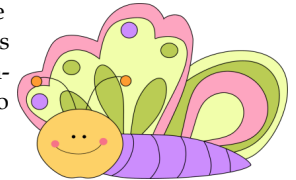
Remember "Flat Marty"? A few years ago, we printed black and white drawings of Martin Luther for people to cut out and color. They would take the drawings with them on their vacations and take photos with their families posed with "Flat Marty" and then send those photos back to St. Andrew to connect with the rest of us back here.



This is the year of the butterfly. We made butterflies and hid them away for Lent. They came out again for Easter, but butterflies fly away. To what destinations do they fly? Make a butterfly, take it with you when you travel, take a photo of your family with the butterfly, and email the picture to us with a short caption, such as "At Lincoln City." Please email your photo to Steve Christiansen:



[steveshome@comcast.net](mailto:steveshome@comcast.net)



Photos that you share may be posted to the church website. This is a public space and we are aware of privacy concerns, so please do not feel obligated to email photos if you are concerned about privacy issues. If you prefer, bring a paper copy of your photo to the church. We'll provide a place to post it there.

*Will your butterfly be simple or sophisticated—cartoonish, cute, or classic? The choice is entirely up to you. Make it your own and enjoy the summer in the company of a uniquely special insect.*

## Baby Rose



The rose on the altar this Sunday celebrates the birth of Everly Ann McKay, beloved daughter of Danny & Emily and granddaughter of Chris & Liz Hardy. May blessings abound for Everly and her entire family. Welcome to the world, little one!

## 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.

## Flowers on the Chancel

The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Eric & Jan Luttrell, who will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in San Antonio on June 17. Congratulations!



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Josh Ripley	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Judy Heidinger
Aaron (son)	Comfort and healing during chemo	Sue Cahlander & Jan Smith
Bob Brown	Accurate diagnosis	Mary Brown
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
David (Dorothy Moore's son-in-law)	Peace and comfort	Chaplain India
Elsa (granddaughter)	Healing and recovery	Jim & Julie Aageson
Anne Newell	Healing and recovery	Chaplain India
Chanti Dahl (friend)	Healing and recovery	Karen Mallari
Jan Morrell (mother)	Healing and an excellent prognosis	Amy Harker
Howard Christianson	Successful treatment	Larry & Bonnie Bliesner
Linda Newby (daughter)	Successful surgery and healing	Joanne Zenger
Everly Ann McKay (granddaughter)	Blessings on her birth	Liz & Chris Hardy
Eric & Jan Luttrell	Joy and blessings on their 60th wedding anniversary	Staff
St. Andrew Confirmants	Blessings on their continuing faith journey	Staff
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	Strength and support	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff23
Christ Lutheran (Aurora) St. Paul Lutheran (Damascus)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Bilal Masjid (Beaverton)	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.

## 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](mailto:larrybliesner@comcast.net). Thanks!

## Yoga at St. Andrew

St. Andrew's volunteer yoga teacher Geetha Kumar will be taking June and July off this summer. All yoga students, please be sure to *mark your calendars!*



Yoga classes will resume on **Wednesday, August 2**, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to volunteer teachers like Geetha, St. Andrew is able to offer exercise classes for seniors four days each week. Enjoy Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays and Strength & Stretch with Susanne on Thursdays. All classes begin at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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## Preparing for Worship

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

# Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## 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 & Resources	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Rasika Concert	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, June 5

## Tuesday, June 6

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
10:00 am	Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes	Offsite
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild & Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall and Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

## Wednesday, June 7—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India)	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	HR Meeting	via Zoom

## Thursday, June 8

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
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	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library

## Friday, June 9

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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## Saturday, June 10

10:00 am	Mindful Walk	Sanctuary of the Firs
10:00 am	Seasonal Worship Planning	Library
11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting	via Zoom
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room

## Sunday, June 11

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Members' homes & via Zoom

## 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.