

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 11, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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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.

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

Director of Next Generational Ministries—

Kyler Vogt, Upcoming in September!

Kyler has served as Director of Children and Youth Ministry for five years. He requested a change, and in May the Council voted “yes,” to give him a new position: Director of Next Generational Ministry. The job description and details are still to be worked out for the position to begin on September 1.

Some parts of the job are staying the same, namely his leadership and oversight of youth ministry to senior high youths, coordinating education for the Middle School Confirmation program, management and oversight of Earth Camp, and continuing to minister to the needs of youth and their families at SALC.

Some parts will be different. He will build a new ministry of congregational growth, including outreach to young adult-age people in the congregation, and he will initiate new points of connection. He will coordinate a new social media outreach.

What is not included in his new position is the coordination of Children’s Ministry. This year, we launched an exciting new children’s ministry program, The Roots. As we head toward fall we will be looking to continue this ministry. As your interim pastor, I’m meeting with parents and families to discern how best to move forward. We can’t answer all the questions right now about who will lead this, but I assure you that it is one of my number one priorities.

Meeting people where they are in their journeys of faith, (at all ages) is a very important part of the work of the church. We are exploring and experimenting right now, in order to best use the energy and resources available to us. (And, I want to thank Sonja Ackman for arranging volunteer nursery care two Sundays a month through August. Providing this support means a lot to our families and guests with children.)

Kyler’s creativity is an asset to the church that will help us to think outside the box and to make connections and growth across generations and across our wider community. Stay tuned for more details. And, if you have feedback about this change, please contact a member of Council.

Pr. Laurie
Interim Pastor

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.

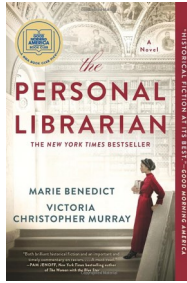
Pledge Cards for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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 that they’re called to evaluate their priorities and decide where to direct their resources.

Pledge Cards will be available at the Annual Meeting. After filling yours out, please return the card in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Alternatively, you’ll see these cards in the pew racks on a Sunday morning soon. If you worship remotely and prefer that we mail a pledge card to you, please call the church office at 503-646-0629. Thank you for each and every gift!

Spirituality Book Group

The Spirituality Book Group will meet at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, June 11** to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The novel is based on the historical figure Belle da Costa Greene, who was the personal librarian for J.P. Morgan. She is credited with building up the Morgan Library of New York City, handling acquisitions and organization of many rare books and artifacts. Remarkably, Greene was a Black woman, who passed for white throughout her tenure there.



The book is co-written by a Black author and a white author, and it offers a fascinating insight and commentary on early New York City society, scholarship, and racism.

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

Details:

Sunday, June 11: *The Personal Librarian*,

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Discussion Leader: Elaine May

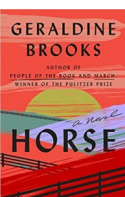
Location: Mary Smith's home

Future Reading:

Sunday, July 16: *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, by Clint Smith

Discussion Leader: Lynn Santelmann

Location: Dianne Zupunski's home



Sunday, August 20: *The Night Watchman*,
by Louise Erdrich

Discussion Leader: Lynn Santelmann

Location: Mary Ann Snider's home

September Date TBA: *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks

Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

Location: Fran Miller's home

Wing Chun Training Club

The Wing Chun Training Club is now meeting on the lower level of St. Andrew on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm.

A Chinese martial art originating in the late 1500s, Wing Chun focuses on sensitivity, relaxation, and simultaneous attack and defense. Instruction in Wing Chun is dynamic and interactive. We all help each other learn, so if you are interested in getting involved you can expect to receive instruction from multiple people.

Participation does require physical contact, some degree of physical fitness, and coordination. Anyone 16 years or older is welcome.

Please wear footwear that does NOT have black soles.

If you have questions, call Anthony Zimmerman at 503-830-7258.



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? The Worship Planning Team invites you to select a butterfly from the basket in the Narthex, take it with you when you travel, snap a photo posed with your butterfly, and email it to us with a short caption, such as "At Lincoln City." Please email your photo to Steve Christiansen at steveshome@comcast.net

Photos that you email may be posted to the church website. This is a public website 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. Look for a blue divider (Remember those from last summer's Timeline project?) with push pins available to post your photos. Questions? Ask Deacon Susan or any member of the Worship Planning Team.

Transition Team Report

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.



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

On Saturday, May 27th 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

Climate Corner:

Get Ready to Take Advantage of the High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act

From rewiringamerica.org, energy.gov, and Steve Hanley from Clean Technica

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that was signed into law last year includes \$8.8 billion in rebates for home energy efficiency and electrification projects via the High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA), which is part of the IRA.

Program highlights:

- Saves households money on energy;
- Dedicates a portion of funds for low- and moderate-income households;
- Improves homes for better comfort;
- Reduces indoor and outdoor pollution;
- Reduces reliance on fossil fuels.

The HEEHRA provides rebates on efficient electric appliances to low- and middle income families. These rebates are not yet available, but will be later this year. The Department of Energy (DOE) is still developing the program. Later this year DOE will make funds available via state and tribal energy offices.

Benefits of the HEEHRA:

- Lower energy bills. Upgrading the electric furnaces and water heaters in most homes by replacing them with heat pump-operated systems could save households an average of nearly \$500 per year on energy bills.
- Savings for low- and middle-income households. Because low- and middle income families are more likely to use outdated, energy-inefficient HVAC and water heating systems (because they are cheaper), they likely also spend more on repairs for older units. And being less efficient increases the operating cost. A new heat pump reduces funds needed for costly repairs.
- Economic growth. It is estimated that the home energy rebates will create over 400,000 jobs in the next several years in the U.S. as the demand for installation of newer energy-efficient systems increases.
- Reduced emissions. According to the DOE, HVAC and water heating make up 46% of residential building emissions. Research suggests that replacing natural gas heaters with electric heat pumps can decrease emissions by 46% to 54%, and switching from natural gas to electric water heaters could reduce emissions by 50% to 70%.
- Improved air quality. Electrifying appliances like gas stoves, furnaces, and hot water heaters can help improve indoor and outdoor air quality. Indoor air pollution especially impacts low-income communities which often have outdated appliances in homes with smaller square footage as compared to high-income households.

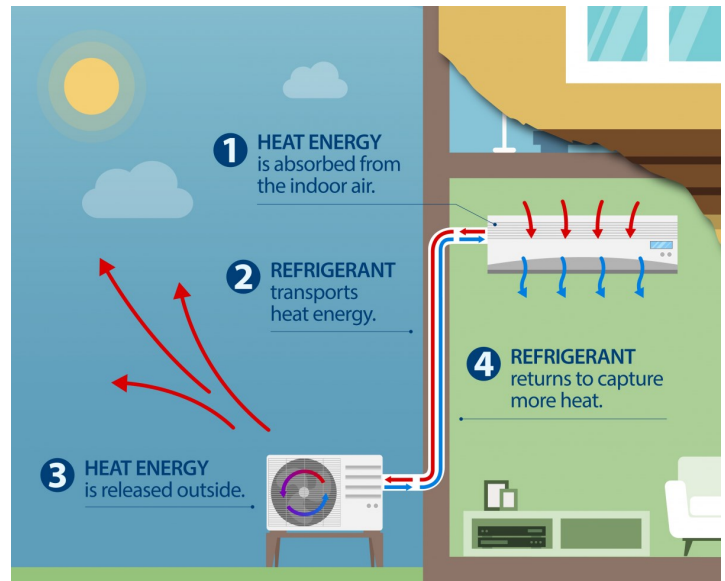


A contractor blows cellulose insulation into the walls of a home.

Which electrification purchases are covered by the HEEHRA?

HVAC heat pumps, circuit breaker panels, electrical wiring, heat pump water heaters, weatherization (insulation, air sealing, and ventilation), electric stoves and cooktops, and heat pump clothes dryers.

How a Heat Pump Cools Your Home



Preparing to utilize the HEEHRA rebate. Even though the rebate isn't live and ready to go, there are ways you can prepare your home now for the forthcoming perks of discounted electrification products and installations.

- Have a local energy auditor look at your home. They can help you determine ways to save money by making upgrades. They will recommend the best upgrades and local companies to use. Or do your own audit.
- Know which products you want in advance to avoid backorders. Once the rebate goes live, there could be a storm of homeowners eager to purchase these electrification products, likely lowering inventory nationwide.
- Vet top-rated contractors in your area. Just as there could be low inventory, there could also be fewer contractors available in your area. Stay on top of long waiting lists by having your contractors lined up and ready to go when the rebates become available.
- Keep in mind that it is still unclear if you will receive a retroactive rebate for purchases that take place from now until the program is fully up and running. Hold off on making purchases until the official start date of the rebate.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

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.



In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family and friends of Celso Flores (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Luis Flores & Margaret Westlund
Family and friends of Josh Ripley	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Judy Heindinger
Bob Brown	Accurate diagnosis	Mary Brown
Elsa (granddaughter)	Healing and recovery	Jim & Julie Aageson
Jan Morrell (mother)	Healing and an excellent prognosis	Amy Harker
Howard Christiansen	Successful treatment	Larry & Bonnie Bliesner
Linda Newby (daughter)	Successful surgery and healing	Joanne Zenger
Mary Beth Day & David Dillon	Joy, peace, and a healthy pregnancy	Judy Guist
William Parr & Alistina Vasquez	Blessings at their June marriage	Loretta Stroud
Satya Semenchalam	Blessings on her baptism and confirmation	Staff
St. Andrew Council Executive Committee Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
India Jensen Kerr and all theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
St. Stephen Lutheran (Gladstone) Our Savior's Lutheran (Lake Oswego)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation P'nai Or (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.

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.



More Jars Needed for Moss Gardens

Liz Hardy still needs more wide-mouth quart jars for the moss terrariums students will create at her Earth Camp class at the end of June. If you have any jars you're able 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. With a moss terrarium added to the bonsai they were able to plant at the Earth Care Fair in April, our young people will be learning valuable lessons in horticulture.

Bell Table Repair

Are you a welder or do you know someone who is? We need a minor repair to a leg support strut on one of the handbell tables. Please contact Deacon Susan if you can help.

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Preparing for Worship

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Matthew 28:16-20

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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
- 11:00 am Mindfulness Walk..... Sanctuary in the Firs
- 3:00 pm Spirituality Book Group Members' homes & via Zoom

Monday, June 12

- 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men's Book Club..... Library

Tuesday, June 13

- 7:00 am Men's Gathering and Bible Study Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 7:00 am Sunrise Women Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting.....St. Andrew Room
- 10:00 am Tai Chi..... Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 pm Bridge Group Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Annual Meeting of the Congregation**.....**Fellowship Hall**
- 6:30 pm Scout Troop 198 Children's Commons
- 7:45 pm Special Congregational Meeting to Call India**.....**Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, June 14—"Weekly News" deadline. Submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com.

- 1:00 pm Wednesday Book Group (with India)St. Andrew Room
- 1:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting Library
- 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting Children's Commons

Thursday, June 15

- 9:30 am Seekers of the Heart of God Bible StudySt. Andrew Room
- 10:00 am Strength & Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 pm Team Ministry Meeting Chapel/Library
- 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting St. Andrew Room & via Zoom

Friday, June 16

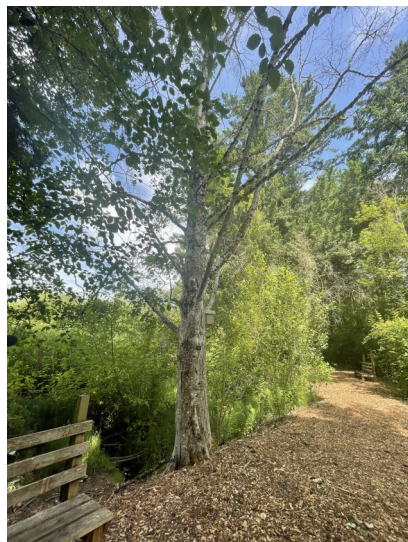
- 10:00 am Tai Chi..... Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 17

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

Sunday, June 18

- 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





Caution on the Trail

Don Nearhood reports that a fairly large red alder tree along the trail leading down to the Sanctuary of the Firs has been dropping limbs as it appears to be in the process of dying.

Please take care in the vicinity of this tree, particularly if it's a windy day. You'll see the red alder just across from the steps leading down to Little Springtooth Creek. It has an identification label and you'll see a birdhouse attached to the trunk.

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.