

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 18, 2023

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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

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

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 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. If you worship remotely and prefer that we mail a pledge card to you, please call the church office at 503-646-0629. We thank you for each and every gift!

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.

God’s Green Season—Staying Connected

Summer is a time for family vacations. It’s also a time 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 Christensen 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.

Ordination of India Jensen Kerr

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.

Juneteenth & More



June 19 became the newest of U.S. federal holidays, when President Joe Biden signed legislation in 2021 making it so. Known as Juneteenth, Emancipation Day, or Freedom Day, June 19 commemorates the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, one of the southernmost outposts of territory where slavery continued following President Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. Thus June 19, 1865 symbolically marks the end of enslavement in the United States.

June 19 is also the day the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed by the U.S. Senate. Generally seen as the most significant civil rights legislation since Reconstruction, the act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin when it comes to employment, voting, and the use of public facilities.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Grilling to Sustain Our Planet

With many families preparing to celebrate Father's Day this weekend, it's time to get out the grill for an old-fashioned barbecue. But, are you aware that the kind of grill you use makes an enormous difference in the amount of emissions cooking your meal will release into Earth's atmosphere?

Environmental website Earth911 reports that there are clear winners and losers when it comes to choosing a grill. In one season of cooking 45 meals for a family of four, these emissions will result:

- Charcoal: 1,260 lbs. of CO₂, plus other pollutants
- Wood Pellets: 170 lbs of CO₂, plus some other pollutants
- Propane: 90 lbs of CO₂
- Natural Gas: 78 lbs of CO₂
- Solar: No CO₂

Clearly, charcoal briquettes represent the most polluting option. Although solar grills are expensive and natural gas requires installing a utility gas line, propane is an option for most people.

Once we know the facts, it's easier to make wise decisions when it comes time to purchase a grill! Now you know.

Carol Harker

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

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 their assignments to 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:

1. Copy and paste the following link to see our Signup on Signup: <https://signup.com/go/GRHfNuv>.
2. Review the options and choose the spot(s) you like.

3. 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 one of us and we can sign you up manually.

Questions? Please send an email to:

worshipvolunteers@standrewlutheran.com.

Deacon Susan & Janet Vorvick

Your Congregational Council for 2023-2024



President	Sue Lee
Vice President	Liz Hardy
Secretary	Lee Anne Knapp
Treasurer	Tim Duggan

Council Roster for 2023-2024

Tim Duggan	Noelle Mehlhorn
Pam Farr	Rachel Roberts
Liz Hardy	Barton Robison
Laura Geczy-Haskins	Cindy Stadel
Lee Anne Knapp	Janet Vorvick
Sue Lee	

According to St. Andrew's Constitution, the Council:

- Shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
- Shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

At the first council meeting following the Annual Congregation Meeting, the president, vice president, and secretary are chosen by ecclesiastical ballot from the elected membership of the Congregation Council.

Treasurers

↓
Tim Duggan
Joel Johnson (transitional)

Financial Secretaries

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Brian Cheney
Susan Jacobi
Sue Lee
Tammy Piscitelli

- Keep the books of account of the congregation
- Receive records of receipts from the financial secretaries
- Disburse funds
- Communicate monthly to the Council on the monetary status of the church
- Serve as members of the Finance Committee
- Receive and record income from contributing members and other sources
- Ensure all receipts are disbursed to the appropriate funds
- Prepare a report of individual giving at the close of the year
- Serve as members of the Finance Committee

At the first council meeting following the annual congregation meeting, members of Council appoint at least one Treasurer and one Financial Secretary.

The Parish Manager attends Executive Committee Meetings and Council Meetings in the role of support and "key context holder" and supports Council as it holds meetings of the congregation, including preparation, execution, and follow-up of the Annual Meeting and Special Congregation Meetings.

In Need of Prayers...

NAME	PRAYERS FOR...	CONTACT
Family and friends of David Roth	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Carol Harker
Family and friends of Celso Flores (brother)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Luis Flores & Margaret Westlund
Anne Newell	Wisdom, strength, and healing	Chaplain India
Linda Newby (daughter)	Successful surgery and healing	Joanne Zenger
Mary Beth Day & David Dillon	Joy, peace, and a healthy pregnancy	Judy Guist
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
	Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth	
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church		
King of Kings Lutheran (Milwaukie)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Prince of Life Lutheran (Oregon City)		
Muslim Educational Trust (Tigard)	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.

Earth Care Team

Environmental, Social, & Governance (ESG) Investing

From Forbes Advisor and Sarah Lozanova at Earth 911

Many investors want to build a more ethical portfolio that reflects their social and environmental values. That's where environmental, social and governance (ESG) investing, also known as socially responsible investing comes in. ESG investing considers non-financial factors such as racial justice, gender equality, environmental performance, and animal rights in addition to traditional financial performance. If you are concerned about the warming of the planet, avoid investing in companies having anything to do with the use of fossil fuels.



This from the website [Forbes Advisor](https://www.forbes.com/advisor/investing/best-esg-funds/) on June 6, 2023:

"ESG funds are exploding in popularity, and have even become a feature of political debates in Washington, D.C. Exhibit A: President Joe Biden recently vetoed a Congressional proposal to bar 401(k) plans and other workplace retirement plans from offering ESG funds.

"While some condemn the environmental, social and governance approach as 'woke' investing, regular investors can't get enough of ESG funds, which consider the social and environmental impact of portfolio companies along with financial

fundamentals. Leading consultancy PwC forecasts that total investment in U.S. ESG funds should more than double to \$10.5 trillion by 2026.

"To help you find the right ESG funds for your portfolio as well as your values, Forbes Advisor has selected what we believe to be the best ESG funds available in the market today. Our picks include both mutual funds and exchange-traded funds in a range of equity and fixed-income centric options."

To see Forbes' list of best ESGs as of June 2023, go to [The Best ESG Funds Of June 2023 – Forbes Advisor](https://www.forbes.com/advisor/investing/best-esg-funds/)

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



Flowers on the Chancel

Flowers today are offered by Bob & Cindy Stadel in gratitude for the life

Preparing for Worship Sunday, June 25, 2023

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Highlights for the Weeks at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 18—Father's Day

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

Monday, June 19—National Holiday: Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, June 21

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India)	St. Andrew Room
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Thursday, June 22

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
6:00 pm	Earth Camp Team Training Event	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	IT Meeting	Offsite

Friday, June 23

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, June 24


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


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



Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

 **YouTube** **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.

 **zoom** People participating in worship via Zoom are invited to join worship at 9:30 am. To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am. Anyone using YouTube for livestream worship may access the service at 9:30 am or any time after the livestream ends.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of May 31, 2023

Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 06/15/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew.
 M&M Giving is 92% of FYTD budget and 119% of monthly budget.
 Expenses are 84% of FYTD budget.

Principal Only Payment of \$31,500 was paid for Mortgage this month.

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	105	71	20	196		
Monthly Total	421	284	78	783	\$ 64,158	\$ 6,255
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 53,992	\$ 12,732

119%

3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.	
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget		
Giving FY 2022-2023	\$ 593,908.32	\$ 548,177	92%		
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 623,147	\$ 525,885	84%		
Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2022-2023	\$ 136,981	\$ 177,659	\$ 34,110	\$ 375,319	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 76,200	Fund for contributions to pay mortgage		
Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.	
Total Designated Funds			\$ 77,044		
PIPE Fund †	\$ 5,198	\$ 19,028	\$ 19,057		

† Includes \$8,400 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson
 Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari
 Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney, Tammy Piscatelli, Susan Jacobi, Sue Lee
 St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho
 Parish Manager: Carol Harker