St. Andrew Weekly News

September 17, 2023

St. Andrew Lutheran Church 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005 Worship Service: Sunday, 9:30 am

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Western Farm Workers: Food & Clothing Collection, Advocacy Need, and Car Donation

The Service Team is collecting food and clothing during September to support the Western Farm Workers (WFW). These are the workers who work 12-hour days, 7 days a week, to pick the fresh fruit and vegetables we enjoy.

This year, food is especially needed as the WFW food pantry is very low because of reduced harvests resulting from weather events this past spring. There is not enough work due to crop shortages, so workers are scheduled for fewer work hours. Many families are living on less than \$40 a day, which is insufficient to cover food and housing costs. The following food items are the highest priority at this time:

Cooking oil Canned tuna
Beans Pasta
Peanut butter Rice
Jelly

Clothing is also being requested by the WFW this fall. Contributions must be gently used or new—and clean! Clothing NOT needed includes sleepwear, swimsuits, and negligees. Clothing desperately needed at this time includes:

Men's winter coats
Sweatshirts
Sweaters

Men's work pants
Rain jackets
Men's work boots

Barrels to collect the food and clothing are in the Narthex.

Western Farm Workers are also looking for advocates to help fight high water rate increases in the county. These are a result of large data centers being built that require water to cool their equipment. Many Western Farm Workers are having their water cut off because they're unable to pay the bill. If you're interested, please contact Parker at WFW, 503-681-9399.

Finally, WFW are looking for the donation of a working vehicle to replace their automobile that literally blew up recently. If you can help, please contact Parker at the number above.

Deacon Susan

Job Opening at St. Andrew

St. Andrew is currently advertising to fill a Nursery Attendant position. If you know of qualified individuals who might be interested, please direct them to https://standrewlutheran.com/jobopenings/ for a complete job description and information on how to apply.

70th Anniversary

Based on RSVPs, we expect 150 people to gather next <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 23</u>, to celebrate St. Andrew's 70th anniversary. We've asked former pastors to recall an interesting incident or story from their time of ministry,



we'll sing hymns loved by the congregation over the decades, and we'll mingle and reminisce in happy hour fashion. If you're attending, what stories will you share with the people you see?

And, if you're unable to be there, do you have a favorite story that connects you to this special community? We'd like to invite people to share those stories. Just write up what you can't forget and email it to office@standrewlutheran.com or send it by snail mail to the church.

We're not so much interested in "We started doing Lenten Food Drives in 1989," but rather "To encourage people to meet our Lenten Food Drive goal one year we asked the pastor if he'd kiss a pig to commemorate our success...," and then continue by recounting what happened, who did the kissing, and how the congregation responded. In other words, send us a story.

If we receive a sufficient number of these sorts of anecdotes, we'll compile a scrapbook of 70th Anniversary Memories to chronicle St. Andrew's history and pass on to future generations.

Fall Collection Drive for LWR

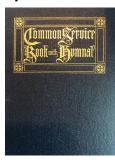
Thank you to everyone who's already contributed school supplies for the 200 school bags St. Andrew would like to donate this year! Just look at the teal rows in the chart below to check on what is still needed:



Please leave your contributions in the box labeled LWR in the Narthex. And thank you for helping kids around the world get the supplies they need to attend school!

Item & Number Needed	Already	Still Need
	Have	
800 spiral notebooks (70-sheet)	470	330
200 rulers	207	0
200 pencil sharpeners	196	4
200 blunt scissors	170	30
1,000 #2 pencils (unsharpened)	1,411	0
1,000 blue or black pens	731	269
200 boxes (16- or 24-count)	140	60
crayons		
200 erasers (2-inch size)	336	0

Special Worship Service for 70th Anniversary



Our worship service on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 24</u>, will be quite different from our usual worship service. The order for worship will be taken from the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church, published in 1918 by the United Lutheran Church in America. This is a liturgy that would likely have been used at the time St. Andrew was founded. Due to social norms in the Lutheran church at that time, this service uses exclusively

masculine and patriarchal language for God. Additionally, it refers to clergy in exclusively masculine terms. It is important to note that these are not values currently held by the community of St. Andrew, nor the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In the course of planning this service, much discussion was had about whether or not to alter the texts to reflect our current values. In the end, it was felt that retaining the historical language was important. This service gives us a peek into the liturgical life of St. Andrew 70 years ago, reminds us of ways we've grown and changed as the body of Christ, and, we hope, inspires us to continue seeking God's will for the church going forward.

It's understood that many people will not be familiar with the liturgy of the service. Deacon Susan has scheduled a time to sing through the liturgy on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 20</u>, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. You don't have to be in the choir to come have a taste of what is in store for Sunday, September 24. Please contact Susan if you have any questions.

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters will NOT meet on Saturday, September 16. Instead, please join the Nifty Notters on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 30</u>, and <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 7</u>, to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for children in local Beaverton families. We have tasks for people with no sewing skills, as well as those with experience. Drop in for a short time or bring a lunch to Fellowship Hall anytime between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm. All are welcome and supplies are provided. If you have any questions, contact Pam Farr (503-626-6657) or Peggy Thompson (451-517-9729).

Language Lessons & Beginning Anew

Amina Malik Zada, our friend and former geography teacher in her native Afghanistan, has headed back to school. From now through May 23, Amina will be enrolled in English classes sponsored by the Beaverton Literacy Council. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am-11:30 am at Beaverton Christian Church.

Because childcare is not provided, members of St. Andrew's Sanctuary Committee are requesting assistance with transportation for Amina and childcare at the Malik Zada home. If you want to demonstrate God's love through community and neighbor care, please contact either Cindy Stadel at cstadel@hevanet.com or Bonnie Bliesner at larrybliesner@comcast.net. Thank you for your help in supporting our refugee family.

The Sanctuary Committee

MACG Question of the Month

Luther's 95 Theses or Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences were posted almost 506 years ago on October 31, 1517. As the title suggests the main theme was the paying of indulgences for the reduction of one's sins. These 95 Theses were Luther's suggestions for reforming the Catholic Church to better reflect his beliefs on spirituality as reflected in the Bible. Since the beginning, Lutherans have recognized the Gift of God's grace rather than indulgences. As society has changed over the centuries, are there reforms in the church that you'd like to see?

Oregon Synod Lay School with Pastor Mark

Fall 2023 Course, Live on Zoom Coming Home to Earth:

An Evangelical Lutheran Perspective on Faith and Ecology
Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm

September 19-November 9, 2023



On Thursday evenings this fall, Dr. Mark Brocker will lead an eight-week live online course based on his book, *Coming Home to Earth*. It is urgent that we recognize that our well-being as humans is intimately connected with the well-being of Earth and all its inhabitants. Dr. Brocker is especially concerned about what will motivate people of faith to take action: love of God, love of neighbor, love of creation, and love of self are classic core values in our faith tradition that can motivate us to address pressing ecological issues.

Join Pastor Mark to explore our relationship with Earth and to find ways to take action, including in our congregations. Register for the course by going to www.oregonsynod.org and clicking on "Events."

Climate Optimism

Just as we human beings have added stresses to the ecosystems around us, we also have the power to improve the world—and we've already done it! A couple of weeks ago, the Earth Care Team shared a story about football players in smog-plagued Los Angeles who required oxygen on the sidelines in the 1960s in order to keep playing the game. Thanks to wise public policy, the smog issue is much better today. This week Liz Hardy shares her memories:

I grew up in Seattle. I remember as a kid, the overwhelming rancid unpleasant odor anytime we drove through Tacoma. It smelled like a combination of sulfur and rotten eggs. I can still conjure up that smell. It was called the aroma of Tacoma, and it was caused by pulp and paper mill pollution combined with rendering plants, chemical factories, petroleum processors, and aluminum smelters which popped up around the Port of Commencement Bay. Commencement Bay was one of the EPA's top priority superfund sites. I also remember the brown colored air in Tacoma. Today Commencement Bay has been cleaned up and is a vibrant community. Now when you go to Tacoma, the odor is gone, the skies are clear, and it is a pleasant community in which to spend time.

Comcast Email Addresses

Did you know that people with Comcast email addresses often report difficulty in getting messages from St. Andrew? Should you ever miss receiving Friday's email with links to the church newsletter and worship folder, please contact the church office (office@standrewlutheran.com or 503-646-0629).

We'll add you to our Comcast distribution list. It doesn't depend on our church database software for distribution and seems better able to sneak past spam firewalls.

In Transition

The Transition Team led an inspiring visioning event last Saturday. Together with those who attended, we identified key themes as we envisioned St. Andrew's future. These themes included welcoming and safety for all, joyful worship and music, education for our lifelong learners, and a safe place for children and youth. These themes will be considered by the Transition Team as they continue to discern where God is leading us.

We also need congregational thoughts as we work to complete the Mission Site Profile. Please complete the paper survey available in the Narthex or click on this link:

Congregation Survey for Mission Site Profile

to complete the survey online.

These are the questions from the Mission Site Profile for your consideration:

- · List three changes or trends within the congregation which have occurred in the last three to five years.
- List three ways that the community in which St. Andrew is located has been challenged by change and transition in the last three to five years.
- What is your congregation really excited about right now?
- · How does this congregation understand its reason for being in the light of God's call to mission and service? Who are you? Why are you here?

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

In Peace,

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

LWR Ingathering Volunteer Opportunities

We are preparing for our fall Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering and looking for volunteers. We have two opportunities:



On Tuesday, October 24, 5:00-7:00 pm, we Lutheran will be assembling school kits in Fellowship Hall, as well as packing the kits and quilts made by the Nifty Notters into boxes. This is a great event for families. Please

go to the article on page 1 of this newsletter to see items still needed for the school kits.

We also need volunteers to help with the Ingathering on Friday, October 27, and Saturday, October 28. On Friday, volunteers have a two-hour shift starting at 8:00 am. We end that day at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to fill a three-hours shift, 9:00 am-Noon.

The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. We have two types of volunteer assign-

- Load the shipping container with boxes weighing up to 40
- · Greet people from churches as they drive up to drop off their donations.

The box you help load at the Ingathering could mean the difference for refugees around the world, especially now as people are coping with so many catastrophic events.

Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Rochelle McIntire at 503-804-7967 or pacificnwlwrgroup@gmail.com.

A New Program Year Begins for Children and Youth!

September 17 is the first day of Christian education classes at St. Andrew, which means the beginning of an exciting new year for our children and youth. Keep reading to see how to register your students for classes and to see how you can get involved as a volunteer.

High school students are primed for a big year as they prepare for the National Youth Gathering to be held next July in New Orleans, LA! It's the first gathering since 2018, and we are poised to have a significant group representing St. Andrew next summer. On Sunday mornings, high school youth will be focusing on lessons about how the Bible has influenced the modern world and how we can get better at finding joy in our everyday lives. This group is in need of some volunteers, either as substitute teachers or as chaperones to fun fellowship events. If you'd like to get involved, email Kyler at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com.

Our Confirmands will focus on the New Testament this year, led by an amazing group of five teachers! Pat Christiansen, Pastor Laurie, Randy Sinn, Allison Katsufrakis, and Lynn Santelmann are taking turns teaching classes this year. Huge thanks to all of them! The teachers could use the help of a "Confirmation guide" - an adult who doesn't teach lessons, but helps guide the students as a co-learner. This is a great opportunity for someone who likes youth and is perhaps a new or non-lifelong Lutheran. You'll learn a lot and have plenty of laughs, too! Email Pat Christiansen at patchristiansen@comcast.net if you'd like to be a guide.

The Roots begins its second year this fall! The first year of this new children's ministry program was a huge hit and we are even more excited about the year to come. The Roots takes a ton of helpers to make it happen, and there is surely THE ROOTS a spot for you! We need storytellers, justice



teachers, craft makers, game players, and more. We also have a special need for folks to lead in the Pre-K class with our 3- and 4year-olds - there are more of them than you think! With enough volunteers invested, no one should have to serve more than once every month to six weeks. Anyone can do it! If you'd like to pitch in and invest in our kids, email

TheRoots@standrewlutheran.com

and we'll find a role that fits you.

Lastly, if you have children/youth to sign up for classes, you can register them at the links below:

High School Youth: https://rb.gy/jdssk

Middle School/Confirmation: https://rb.gy/qt0y8

The Roots: https://rb.gy/ptd3u

Adult Education 2023-2024

Kicking off the program year this Sunday, September 17, are Part I of Steve Christiansen's class on "Revelation" and Laurie Newman's two-week class on "The Poetry of Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry."



Spiritual formation classes for all ages at St. Andrew begin at 11:00 am. Please join Steve in Fellowship Hall to tackle what seems to be a violent, frightening book of the Bible; or develop your creative sensibilities with Pastor Laurie and a couple of master poets in the St. Andrew Room.

In Need of Prayers...

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NAME	PRAYERS FOR	<u>CONTACT</u>				
Family and friends of Aaron Miller (son)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Jan Smith & Sue Cahlander				
Family and friends of John Core	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Bev Briggs				
Lee Anne Knapp	Comfort and peace	Sister India Jensen Kerr				
Amy Fiegenbaum	Accurate diagnosis and healing	Staff				
Laurie (sister)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Mary Smith				
Susan Werner Reiser	Healing and recovery from surgery	Staff				
Camille Jackson	Comfort and healing from surgery	Sister India				
Steve and Glenda Claborne	Safety and effectiveness working with Mercy Corps	Tom and Pam Jelineo				
People in harm's way, especially Libyans dealing with disaster	Protection, safety, and support	Staff				
All travelers	Safe journeys					
Transition Team	Discernment with the congregation	Staff				
	Assurance of God's presence ardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwo y Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth	Staff ell,				
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff				
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff				
Ascension Lutheran (Medford) Zion Lutheran (Medford)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff				
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	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.

If you know anyone from St. Andrew who needs a Eucharistic minister or would benefit from a monthly visit or phone call, please contact Sister India Jensen Kerr at india@standrewlutheran.com or 503-860-5377.

Thanks for the Memories

Dear People of St. Andrew,

We just returned from our trip to Alaska and the Yukon. What an unforgettable experience—amazing scenery and wildlife, interesting and often tragic history, an opportunity to connect with an old internship friend and his wife in Juneau, exposure to ecological issues facing the north country, and so on! We are so grateful to the congregation for making this experience possible for us. Neither of us hit the mother lode when panning for gold near Fairbanks, so we will not be able to pay off the St. Andrew mortgage prior to the 70th anniversary celebration.

Blessings,
Mark and Donna

our St. Andrew Staff

Head Start Begins

Seventeen young families are excited this weekend, as they look forward to Monday and the beginning of the Head Start program located at St. Andrew! Parents and youngsters have already visited the facility to register, they've met the teachers, and they are eager for school to start.

Most of the Head Start children enrolled at this location are three years old, so this is their very first opportunity to experience pre-school. One child is five and will be here a year before moving on to kindergarten at another location. Welcome!



Preparing for Worship

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Matthew 20:1-16

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, Sep		
9:30 am	•	ouTube and via Zoom)Sanctuary
9:30 am		Chapel
10:45 am	•	Chapel
11:00 am		Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am		Adult Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: The Poetry of Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Revelation, Part I	Fellowship Hall
Monday, Sep	tember 18—Office Closed	
Tuesday, Sep	tember 19	
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)
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	
•	September 20	
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India	St. Andrew Room
Thursday, Se	ptember 21	
10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel/Library
1:00 pm	Habitat for Humanity Faith Relations Committee	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	St. Andrew Room & via Zoom
	mber 22—Office Closed, 1:00-4:00 pm	
10:00 am	·	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Se		•
4:00 pm		Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	, , , ,	St. Andrew Room
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Livestream link for John Core memorial service:

https://youtube.com/live/3fGpYdqi0fU

Cards for Christine Core

People wanting to reach out to Pastor Christine Core following the sudden death of her husband John are welcome to send cards to:

> Christine Core 2414 NW Stimpson Lane Portland, OR 97229.

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.



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 July 31st, 2023

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 09/07/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew M&M Giving is 132% of FYTD budget and 132% of monthly budget Expenses are 77% of FYTD budget

Principal Only Payment for Mortgage \$880 was paid this month

Monthly Attendance & Giving						
Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom /	Total Service	M&M Fund	Mortgage Fund
Date	iii r ei soii	TouTube	Call In	Attendance	Monthly Total	Offering
Sunday Average	94	66	22	169		
Monthly Total	469	264	112	845	\$ 65,318	\$ 10,149

To Meet Budget \$ 49,357 \$ 5,013

3 Main Funds: Current Status						
Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund		Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and		
(AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget FYTD \$		% of FYTD Budget			
Giving FY 2023-2024	\$ 49,356.58	\$ 65,318	132%	office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence staff; and utilities.		
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 56,523	\$ 43,414	77%			
Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment	
Mortgage Fund FY 2023-2024		Expense		Principal	Mortgage	
	Giving	Expense	Hand \$ 38,538	Principal Balance	Mortgage Payment \$ 5,013	
FY 2023-2024	Giving	\$ 5,013	Hand \$ 38,538	Principal Balance \$ 362,961	Mortgage Payment \$ 5,013	

Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving				Balance on Hand	
Total Designated Funds				\$	74,814	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 2	280	\$ -	\$	17,699	

Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.

		Actual FY Giving	& Expenses	
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Giving FY 2021-2022	\$ 34,882
Giving FY 2022-2023	\$ 65,318
Expenses FY 2021-2022	\$ 47,052
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 43,414

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson

Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari

Financial Secretaries: Tammy Piscatelli, Susan Jacobi

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho Parish Manager: Carol Harker 132%