

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 24, 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

Western Farm Workers Collection

Thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Andrew and the members of our community who come into the building to participate in activities during the week, the Service Team's collection for the Western Farm Workers (WFW) is going very well! We will continue to collect clothing and food through October 1.



The following food items are the highest priority at this time:

Cooking oil	Canned tuna
Beans	Pasta
Peanut butter	Rice
Jelly	

Types of clothing being requested by the WFW this fall are listed below. These contributions must be gently used and clean or new! Clothing NOT needed includes sleepwear, swimsuits, and negligees. Needed items include:

Men's winter coats	Men's work pants
Sweatshirts	Rain jackets
Sweaters	Men's work boots

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

Deacon Susan

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

Warmest Thanks

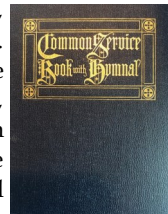
Dear St. Andrew Friends,

My family and I cannot thank you all enough for the incredible hospitality you extended to us last weekend during John's Memorial Service. In such a sad time, we felt so much care and compassion. Your extension of love is the balm that soothes our aching hearts. We will always remember your kindness and support.

Christine Core

Special Worship Service for 70th Anniversary

Our worship service this Sunday, September 24, will be different from our usual worship service. The order for worship was 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 was 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. A special thanks to Allison Katsufraakis and Libby Calhoun for the design and preparation of this liturgy.

Job Opening at St. Andrew

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

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. Thank you!

Item & Number Needed	Already Have	Still Need
800 spiral notebooks (70-sheet)	504	296
200 rulers	207	0
200 pencil sharpeners	205	0
200 blunt scissors	178	22
1,000 #2 pencils (unsharpened)	1,411	0
1,000 blue or black pens	1,091	0
200 boxes (16- or 24-count) crayons	140	60
200 erasers (2-inch size)	342	0

Adult Education 2023-2024

Adult learners have two choices this Sunday morning: Part I of Steve Christiansen's class on "Revelation" or Pr. Laurie Newman's class featuring the poetry of Wendell Berry this week.



It's your choice! Poetry or Perdition.

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.

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?

Nifty Notters

Please join the Nifty Notters on Saturday, September 30, and Saturday, October 7, 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).

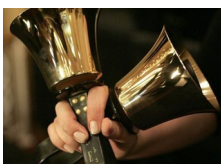


Comcast Email Addresses

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.

Choir Rehearsals Resume Wednesday



Weekly rehearsals of the handbell choir, Bells of Grace, and the Sanctuary Choir resume this Wednesday, September 27. The bells rehearse in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm and the Sanctuary Choir at 7:00 pm. The bells participate in a worship service once a month and for festival services.

The Sanctuary Choir sings at two services per month, as well as on Christmas Eve and Easter. Contact Deacon Susan if you have any questions or are interested in joining the choirs.

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 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 assignments:

- Load the shipping container with boxes weighing up to 40 pounds.
- 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.

In Transition

On Saturday, people will share many memories of former St. Andrew pastors. Memories of pastors that have influenced you can shape what you visualize as the ideal pastor. Each of us has our own idea and expectation of what that person should be. On Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm, Pastor Susan Kintner will lead us in a Table Talk as we share those ideas and consider what it might mean for St. Andrew to call a pastor who defies our stereotypes. Please join the Transition Team for this important discussion.

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 Katsufakis, Mike McDowall,
Amy McQueen, Tom Mehlhorn, Jan Smith, Mary Smith, LuAnn Staul*



You're invited to spend a
A CLASSY AFTERNOON
 with Big Horn Brass and the Exaltation Handbells
 October 7, 2023
 3:00 pm
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 10390 SW Canyon Rd
 Beaverton, OR

This is a free community concert

Sponsored by
 The St Matthew Lutheran Church Foundation
 The Erik Weswig Memorial Fund

Climate Corner: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

It's no wonder that there's been a growing movement to ban gas-powered leaf blowers across the country, including in Portland. The noise they make might be the most immediate issue, but their environmental impact could be worse. Read below for more on what damage they cause—and for possible alternatives available to us in the Portland area.

Worse Than Noise: Even people who use leaf blowers acknowledge that they are obnoxiously loud. The sound level for the person holding a leaf blower exceeds 100 decibels which exceeds the World Health Organization's outdoor daytime standards of 55 decibels for up to 800 feet, which is about 2 blocks away.



But leaf blowers do more harm than just making noise. Gas-powered landscape equipment has an outsized environmental impact. In California, leaf blowers contribute more to pollution than vehicles do. Most models utilize a 2-stroke engine where only 70% of the fuel completely combusts. As a result, 2-stroke engines produce nearly 300 times the greenhouse gas emissions of a pickup truck!

Blowers blast air up to 280 miles per hour which can erode topsoil and disperse pollen, fertilizers, and herbicides into the air. Insects can be blasted from their habitats and birds are driven away.

Environmental Justice: The people using the machines experience the most impact. While the noise is an irritation to neighbors, the user (even with ear protection) is at risk for permanent hearing loss from cumulative exposure to high volume. The machine operator is also at ground zero for exposure to the pollutants (carbon monoxide and unburned fuel) that are released. Landscape workers running a leaf blower inhale 10 times more ultra-fine particles than someone standing next to a busy road. A homeowner may choose that risk for an hour on the weekend, but the people who are most affected are landscape workers. Nationally, 46% of landscape workers are Latino, a group that already suffers disproportional impacts of environmental injustice.

Better Blowers and Landscapers: There is already growing momentum across the country to ban gas-powered blowers; more than 100 municipalities already have some restrictions. While electric blowers used to be less effective than gas-powered blowers, today they are just as effective. It's true that landscapers who use electric blowers are more expensive because the batteries are expensive, but what you are paying for is worker safety, less noise pollution, and less environmental damage. If you hire a landscaper, make sure they provide high quality dust masks, safety goggles, and ear protection for their workers.

Alternatives: Several yard maintenance contractors in the Portland area provide "Quiet and Clean Yard Services." Check the Earth Care kiosk in the Narthex for descriptions and contact information for 23 yard service providers.

portions of this article taken from Gemma Alexander
 in Earth 911, October 25, 2022

Christmas Caroling

Would you be interested in gathering for Christmas caroling on a Sunday afternoon in December? I would love to know who might enjoy singing carols. Please contact Sister India at

india@standrewlutheran.com

if you'd like to be part of a caroling group!

It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas

Not really—although decorations are starting to show up in stores. This is the time of year, though, when families begin making plans for the holidays. This year, St. Andrew is adjusting its Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship plans as follows:

- **Sunday, December 24:** The Fourth Sunday of Advent.
Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:30 am.
- **Sunday, December 24:** Christmas Eve.
Candlelight Service at 9:00 pm.
Please note that there will be ONE service so we can all celebrate the birth of Jesus together. As has become our practice, this service will be available on Zoom and Livestream.
- **Monday, December 25:** Christmas Day.
Pre-Recorded Service available from our normal Livestream link. There will NOT be a service in person on Christmas Day.

Stay tuned for details about our Christmas Eve Family Service, which is geared toward families with younger children.

Christmas
for **Christ**

We have enjoyed worshipping together at one service on Sunday mornings, joined by our Zoom community of friends. Having one candlelight service will bring the joy and energy of a full sanctuary to this holy day.

St. Andrew Worship Planning Team

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Claris Poppert	Comfort and peace	Staff
Anne Newell	Peace and courage	Anne Newell
Dennis (brother)	Accurate diagnosis and treatment	Judy Heidinger
Cindy Stadel	Comfort and healing	Sister India
Gabriel Steele	Comfort and healing	Kyler Vogt
Relative	Successful intervention and healing	AJ & Rebecca Uecker
People in harm's way, especially those impacted by climate change	Protection, safety, and support	Staff
All travelers	Safe journeys	
Transition Team	Discernment with the congregation	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Tandy Brooks, Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Hal Douglas, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason, Carol Means, Doug Morrell, Jan Morrell, Claris Poppert, Corky Poppert, Jolie Reyna, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber		
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Trinity Lutheran (Tulelake)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Nativity Lutheran (Bend)		
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.

Game Night



The MACG Core Team is organizing another game night, this time on **Saturday, October 14**. Join the fun from 7:00-9:00 pm as we play board games, card games, or whatever type of games you like. We'll have some games available, but please feel free to bring a favorite if you have one. If you like, bring a snack to share, too.

Whether you're newer to our community or a charter member, this is a great way to connect with others in a low-pressure, fun atmosphere. Questions? Contact any member of the MACG Core Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, Jan Smith, or Scott Taylor.

Ethel Ritchey Birthday!

Ethel Ritchey's 98th birthday is coming up on October 2. If you'd like to help her celebrate the day, send cards to: Garden Home Care, 8150 SW 80th Ave, Portland, OR 97223. Ethel also welcomes short, 30-minute visits, but please call first: 503-719-5933.

Sister India

Alzheimer's Meeting

Caregivers, if you face challenges in providing care for a loved one with dementia—while also managing to take care of yourself—please mark 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 3**, on your calendars. St. Andrew is hosting a program that afternoon to help caregivers learn about resources that are available to them. And, if there's sufficient interest, an ongoing support group may grow out of the gathering. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Blessing of the Animals

Sister India is going to host a Blessing of the Animals for pets or stuffies! Bring your animal, a picture of your animal, or your stuffed animal for a blessing to the Sanctuary of the Firs on **Saturday, October 7**, at 11:00 am, where we'll celebrate all of God's creatures. Who knows? We may even come across the Sanctuary of the Firs deer that day!



Your St. Andrew Staff

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Parish Nurses Diane Reiner	503-201-4222
Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

Preparing for Worship Sunday, October 1, 2023

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Matthew 21:23-32

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion: Commemorating 70 Years (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Confirmation	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, September 25—Office Closed

Tuesday, September 26

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
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Earth Care / Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Table Talk	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 27

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India.....	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 28

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	IT Meeting	Offsite

Friday, September 29—Office Closed, 1:00-4:00 pm

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 1

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	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
11:00 am	Confirmation	Adult Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Eight Kinds of Meditation: Which Is Right for You?	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Revelation, Part I.....	Fellowship Hall



Sharing Your Stories

Do you have a favorite story that connects you to St. Andrew? Former pastors had the opportunity to offer theirs at the Happy Hour Celebration. Now we invite everyone else to do the same.+

Please send us stories, not lists of events. Yes, the dates of marriages and baptisms are important, but really not very interesting—unless the baby bit the pastor or the groom sank to his knee to sing a touching love song to his new bride following the vows. You get it. Something out of the usual pattern of things.

Email your anecdotes to office@standrewlutheran.com or send them by snail mail to the church. If we receive a sufficient number of stories, we'll compile a booklet chronicling 70th Anniversary Memoires to share with everyone.

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.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of August 31st, 2023

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 09/18/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
 M&M Giving is 115% of FYTD budget and 98% of monthly budget
 Expenses are 84% of FYTD budget
 Principal Only Payment for Mortgage \$4,700 was paid 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	90	74	21	166		
Monthly Total	358	222	84	664	\$ 48,287	\$ 6,216
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 49,357	\$ 5,013

98%

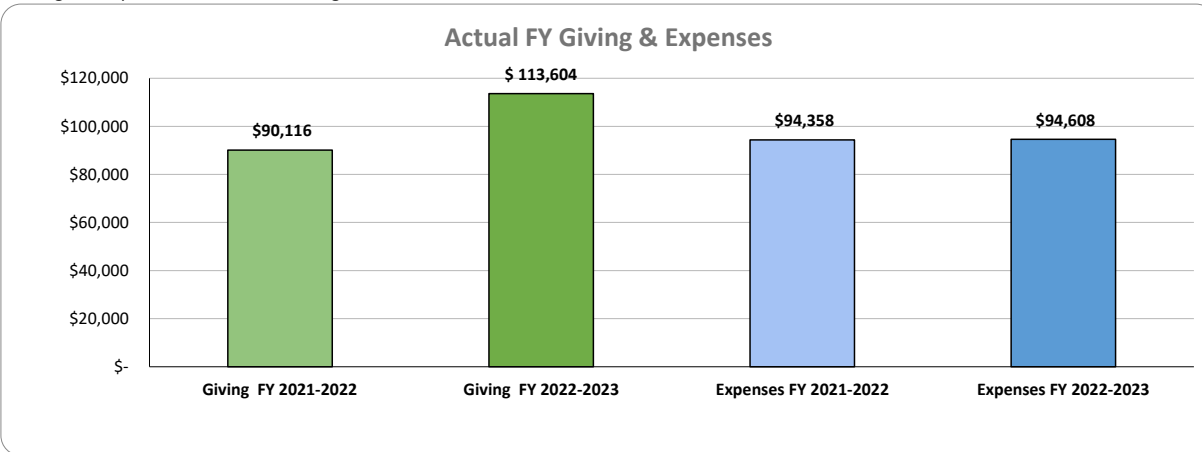
3 Main Funds: Current Status

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 2023-2024	\$ 98,713.17	\$ 113,604	115%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 113,047	\$ 94,608	84%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Exp.	Balance on Hand	Principal Balance	Monthly Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 16,383	\$ 10,026	\$ 36,826	\$ 354,866	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 5,580	Fund for contributions to pay mortgage		

Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Exp.	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 77,611	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 2,585	\$ -	\$ 16,982	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2023



Giving FY 2021-2022	\$ 90,116
Giving FY 2022-2023	\$ 113,604
Expenses FY 2021-2022	\$ 94,358
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 94,608

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