

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

November 19, 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

A Blessed Thanksgiving for Community Action Families

Thanks to all who generously supported our annual Thanksgiving donation drive. On Thursday we delivered sixty \$50 gift cards to Community Action for the families the organization serves.



Community Action provides housing stability, parenting support, utility assistance and early childhood development for families in Washington County. Funds that exceeded those needed to purchase the gift cards will be donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry.

Adult Education

Spiritual formation classes for all ages at St. Andrew begin at 11:00 am on Sundays following worship. This week, adult learners complete the Fall II Term with their choice of two classes: Part II of Steve Christiansen's class on "Revelation" in Fellowship Hall or Kyler Vogt's exploration of "Creation and Re-Creation: The Myths of Genesis" in the Youth Room. What did the myths of Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel, Noah and the Flood, and the Tower of Babylon mean in ancient times and how might they speak to us today?



Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree— The Tradition Continues

The Service Committee is excited to continue St Andrew's annual support of Barnes School families at Christmas. The Christmas tree, with gift tags, will be available on **Sunday November 26**. This year winter vacation begins a week before Christmas, so gifts will need to be delivered to the church by **December 10**. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love with those in need.

Christmas Eve Details

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with two services on **Sunday, December 24**.

9:30 am: Festive service of Readings and Carols. Come and hear the cherished story of Christ's birth told in new ways and sing your favorite carols. This service with Communion will be very child-friendly, but will be a meaningful way for people of all ages to worship Christ the newborn king. We will gather after the service to decorate (and eat!) Christmas cookies together. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



9:00 pm: Traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service with Holy Communion. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

MACG Leadership Institute for Public Life Training Coming Soon

St. Andrew is experiencing a critical time as we make the transition to new pastoral leadership. We are blessed to have a solid base of strong lay leaders, but we can accomplish more when we have more people to guide our various ministries. This IAF-based Leadership Training is designed to empower leaders like you and create new leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to make a real impact within St. Andrew and the broader community. The skills you learn will be valuable in your life both inside and outside of the church community.

Please join us for two sessions on **Sunday afternoons: December 3 and 10**, from 1:00-5:00 pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church in NE Portland. This institute is free to us because we are members of MACG. For more information, and to register for this exciting opportunity, click on this link:



<https://tinyurl.com/mra7dvxe>.

If you have questions, please talk with a member of the MACG Core Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, Jan Smith, or Scott Taylor.

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, November 19**, to discuss Tracy Chevalier's novel, *A Single Thread*. Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion that will be led by Lynn Santelmann at Dianne Zupunski's home.

According to an NPR book review, *A Single Thread* "is a fascinating story about building something long-lasting by beginning with one small stitch."



Details:

November 19 at 3:00 pm

Book: *A Single Thread*, by Tracy Chevalier

Hostess: Dianne Zupunski

Discussion Leader: Lynn Santelmann

Future Reading:

December 10, *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus

Hostess: Mary Smith

Discussion Leader: Elaine May

January 21, *A Mountain of Crumbs*, by Elena Gorokhova

Hostess: TBA

Discussion Leader: Peggy Thompson

Stock Transfer Donation Process for Tax Year 2023

Greetings from the Financial Secretaries of St. Andrew. As the end of the calendar year approaches, we want to inform you of the process of donating stock to the church.

Contributions must actually be paid before the close of the year to be deductible in 2023. Therefore, please allow at least 3 weeks or more for the completion of the transfer. **Please start the process as soon as possible. The deadline is Friday, December 8, 2023 for it to be included in the 2023 tax year.**

We ask you to take the necessary steps *if you intend to donate stock to St. Andrew this tax year:*

1. Download the Stock Transfer Form found on our church website or contact the church office.
2. Contact your brokerage firm to initiate an electronic transfer of securities (see form for instructions/details). *We cannot do this for you.*
3. Complete the form including your intentions for the use of the donation and email a copy to financial_secretary@standrewlutheran.com.

If you prefer you may send a copy to the church office marked *confidential for Financial Secretaries*. **This form must be turned in at the beginning of the process. Without this form, we cannot complete your request.**

4. Upon receipt of the form, Tammy Piscitelli will be in contact with you regarding the progress of the electronic stock transfer to the church's securities firm, Charles Schwab, and the sale of the stocks you've donated to St. Andrew.

On behalf of the Financial Secretaries and the Finance Team, thank you for your generosity to the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew.

Tammy Piscitelli
SALC Financial Secretary

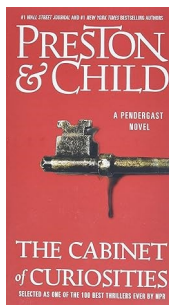
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The Cabinet of Curiosities

Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child are two guys who write great mysteries both separately and together. Admittedly, I have only read this one book of theirs, but I am greatly impressed and I now intend to read more. If they did this well on this one, I can't see them failing.

This book is really incredible on two counts, both of which count heavily with me.

1. There is no swearing or bad language – at least not that I've noticed.
2. It's not full of sex, just a rousing good story. Set in today's time and back in the 1850's in New York.



Back in the days when there were no TVs to watch or other entertainment at home, entrepreneurs and charlatans collected oddities of nature that most folks had never seen; strange animals, two-headed goats, or mal-formed things, and then they would display them in cabinets or whole shopfronts, called "cabinets of curiosities," for people to see. These attractions did not cost much so people would wander out for an evening to see them. This is the premise of this book.

"In our time New York, a great new building is to be built, and the foundation is being dug, when a tunnel is laid open..."

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian



Advent and Christmas Schedule

Blue Christmas, December 1

For anyone dreading the season
7:00 pm—8:00 pm, Chapel



SoulCollage®, December 9

An Adult Education workshop with Sister India
1:00 pm—4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



Wednesday Evening Advent Services

7:00 pm, Sanctuary

December 6: Pause

December 13: Prepare

December 20: Ponder

Christmas Eve Intergenerational Worship, December 24

9:30 am, Sanctuary

Cookie Decorating after Christmas Eve Worship, December 24

11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24

9:00 pm, Sanctuary



Christmas Day Worship, December 25

Pre-recorded on YouTube and available starting at 11:00 am
(Search YouTube for "St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, Oregon.")



GIVE BLOOD.
GIVE LIFE.

SCHEDULE YOUR DONATION TODAY.



MARKET OF CHOICE CEDAR MILL

Bloodmobile | 250 NW Lost Springs Terrace, Portland

Friday, November 24

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Visit <http://bloodworksnw.org/giveblood> or scan the QR Code to book your one hour appointment today!

Photo ID & appointments required. No one under the age of 16 permitted onsite.

ALL DONATIONS GO TO PATIENTS IN THE PNW

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Climate Corner



What's the Best Weapon Against Climate Change? Hope!

Adapted from an article by Dan Hurley and published in Newsweek on Aug 14, 2023.

There is a new psychological diagnosis called Eco-Anxiety. The American Psychological Association defines Eco-Anxiety as “the chronic fear of environmental catastrophe that comes from the seemingly irrevocable impact of climate change and the associated concern for one’s future and that of next generations.” In a 2021 survey of 10,000 children and young adults from 10 countries including the U.S., 59% said they were very or extremely worried about climate change. More than half said they felt sad, anxious, angry, powerless, helpless, or guilty. Three-quarters said they think the future is “frightening.” Another survey of people in 31 countries found that 40% did not want to have children because of the effects of climate change.

The world may not end! There is a new breed of climate activists called eco-realists who point to the surprisingly positive steps that governments, industry, and ordinary people have taken in just the past few years, far outstripping recent projections. More progress is needed, but they say greater gains will depend on millions of us trading our despair for positive action. “If there were nothing we could do about climate change, being depressed or giving up would be a logical response”, says Katharine Hayhoe, chief scientist at the Nature Conservancy.

Progress! While it is hard to be hopeful in the midst of so much apocalyptic climate news, the world is seeing a lot of progress that was not imagined just 5 years ago. For example, as recently as 2019, many climate scientists were predicting that by the end of this century, the planet’s average temperature would rise by nearly 5° C over preindustrial levels. That would have made many parts of the world uninhabitable hellscape. Now the prediction is that the temperature will only rise by 2.5° - 3° C, which is still bad, but not catastrophic.

China, the world’s top carbon emitter and greatest user of coal, is likely to add more solar power this year alone than the U.S. ever has. One of every three cars sold in China last year was electric as compared to one in fifteen in 2020.

Climate models from just five years ago failed to account for the extraordinary speed by which green energy sources would be adopted or how quickly their prices would fall. According to the International Energy Agency, the average cost of industrial-scale solar energy plummeted by 88% between 2010 and 2021, the cost of onshore wind projects fell by 68%, and the cost of offshore projects fell by 60%. This explains why this March, the U.S. Energy Information Administration announced that for the first time ever, renewable energy sources generated more electric power in



Tony Karumba/AFP/Getty© Tony Karumba/AFP/Getty
Climate change is top of everyone’s mind around the world. These Masia women took part in a global climate strike to demand world leaders to take action.

the U.S. than did coal. In 2014, coal generated—42% of U.S. power. By 2021 that figure fell to just 19%. It is believed that globally, the use of coal hit its peak in 2013. Previous projections had assumed an ever-rising use of coal through the end of the century.

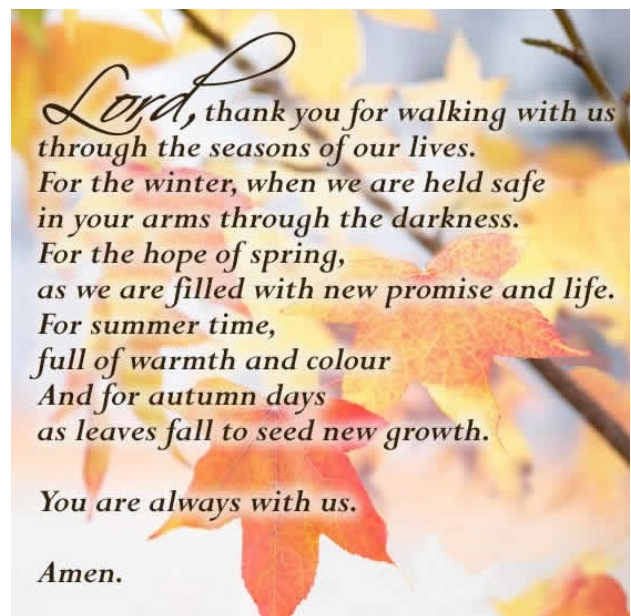
Then there are the skyrocketing sales of electric vehicles around the globe. Since 2020, the number of EVs on the planet has tripled from 10 million to 30 million. Last year alone, sales of EVs jumped 60%.

Hope! Bill McGibben, a well-known climate activist explains what gives him hope: “People always come up to me at my talks to say, ‘How do I make things better?’ That strikes me as a very psychologically healthy response to the situation we’re in. The best antidote for despair is action.”

Another quote from Katharine Hayhoe: “If we realize that the future is in our hands, that means we can make a difference. That is what our hope is based on.”

And trusting in our Lord gives me hope!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Friends and family of Mary DiMento (Liz Andersen's daughter)	Comfort and strength at her death	Sister India
Family of Imogene Kippenbrock	Comfort and strength at her death	Rebecca Uecker
Friends and family of Anna Wessel	Comfort and strength at her death	Rebecca Uecker
Friends and family of Nic Ferraro (Diane Bancroft's father)	Comfort and strength	Gretchen Bancroft
Friends and family of Kathy Jennings (friend)	Comfort and strength at her death	Rhonda Powell
Pastor Laurie Newman & her parents	Healing and comfort on the anniversary of her brother's death (Lance)	Staff
Cordelia Vogel	Healing and comfort	Cleo Bradshaw
Warren McAlpine	Healing and recovery from surgery	Donna McAlpine
Mary Brocker	Healing and recovery from surgery	Staff
Randy Sinn	Healing and recovery from surgery	Michelle Sinn
Cleo Bradshaw	Healing and recovery	Cleo Bradshaw
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
People in Israel and Palestine	Protection, safety, and comfort	Staff
Those confined to their homes	Assurance of God's presence Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth	Staff
Victims of Domestic Violence	Comfort, strength, and the support they need	Rebecca Uecker
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Peace Lutheran (Pendleton)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff



Patricia Reser Center for the Arts
Sunday, Dec 3 3:00 pm
Reserved Seating
All tickets \$15.00



Big Horn Brass
HOLIDAY CONCERT
with St. Matthew Exaltation Handbells




By Clement C. Moore - Illustrated by Cheryl Harnesse

Sponsored by
Erik Weswig Memorial Fund
and Beaverton Arts Commission

Life Beyond Breakup: Collective Healing

Do you have an interest in a support group for those healing from divorce or challenging breakups. Bring your authentic self with all your hurt, confusion, hope, and wisdom to share as we work through the healing steps based on the book *Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends*, by Drs. Bruce Fisher and Robert Alberti.

"Grieving Loss—A Role for Anger" will be the topic of our next meeting on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**, at Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, 11695 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97229, 10:00 am—12:00 noon in the Duncombe Room.

For more info, visit:

<https://lifebeyondbreakup.com/> or
<https://tinyurl.com/mt5va5tx>

Preparing for Worship
Sunday, November 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 19

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 Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Creation and Re-Creation: The Myths of Genesis	Youth Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Revelation, Part 2	Fellowship Hall
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

Monday, November 20—Church Office Closed; Weekly News deadline at 7:00 pm; submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com

Tuesday, November 21

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	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23—Church Closed

Friday, November 24—Church Closed

Saturday, November 25

3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room
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Council Update

At its monthly meeting earlier this week, the Council named three new members to fill vacancies on the Congregation Council. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Teri Brosh, Sharon Fako, Pam Farr, Ken Reiner, and Cindy Stadel, identified three individuals to fill partial terms.

Larry Bliesner will complete Becky Lamboley's first term, which ends in June 2024; Ken Reiner will complete Laura Geczy-Haskins' second term, also scheduled to end in June 2024; and Mickey Nearhood will complete Sue Lee's first term, which is scheduled to end in June 2025.

In other business, the Council elected a new vice president, Cindy Stadel, to fill the position vacated when Liz Hardy became president.

Many thanks to all those who serve the congregation through their leadership on the Council. As St. Andrew moves into a new phase in the process of calling a Lead Pastor, this is a particularly exciting time to be in the thick of things.

In other business, the Council approved the Lead Pastor Job Description created by the Transition Team and the Ministry Site Profile, both of which will be submitted to the Synod before Thanksgiving. Copies of these documents will be emailed to the congregation, some hard copies will be available in the Narthex, and the documents will also be shared on the church website.

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 October 31st, 2023

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 11/15/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
 M&M Giving is 99% of FYTD budget and 74% of monthly budget
 Expenses are 84% of FYTD budget
 Principal Only Payment for Mortgage \$600 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	104	41	20	165		
Monthly Total	518	206	102	826	\$ 36,706	\$ 5,859
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 49,357	\$ 5,013

74%

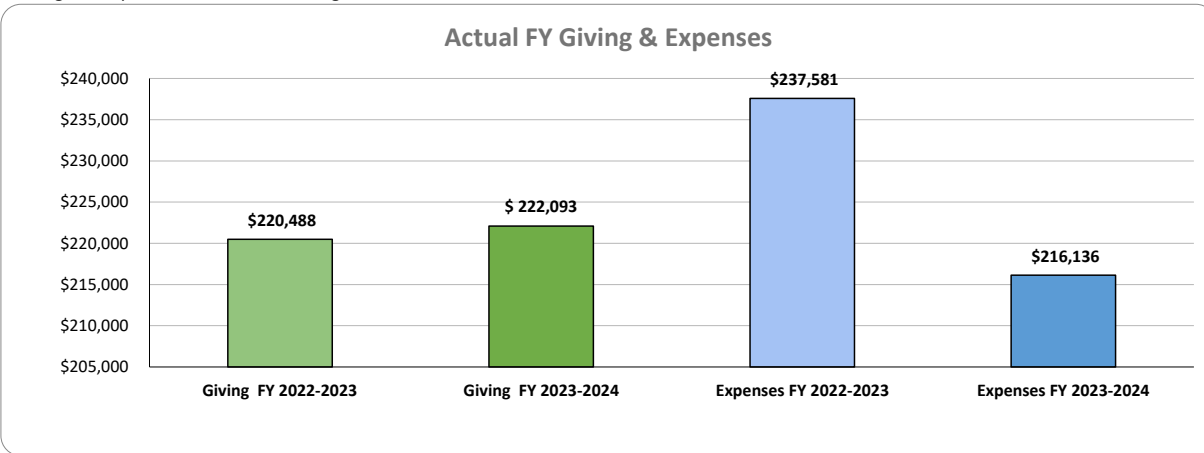
3 Main Funds: Current Status

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	\$ 197,418.33	\$ 194,818	99%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 226,095	\$ 189,902	84%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 27,275	\$ 26,233	\$ 36,845	\$ 347,356	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 6,180	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			\$ 82,882	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 6,962	\$ 2,662	\$ 21,948	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2023



Giving FY 2022-2023	\$ 220,488
Giving FY 2023-2024	\$ 222,093
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 237,581
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 216,136

** Mortgage giving/expense included

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