

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

November 5, 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

Set Clocks Back for Sunday Morning

Enjoy 60 extra minutes this weekend when you set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday night. The end of Daylight Savings Time means brighter mornings and shorter evenings as we prepare for the Advent Season and the onset of winter.



A New Term for Adult Education

Spiritual formation classes for all ages at St. Andrew begin at 11:00 am on Sundays following worship. This week, adult learners begin 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?

In Transition: Values, Mission, and Vision

Last Sunday, the Transition Team introduced new Mission and Vision Statements to those present at the Special Congregational Meeting. Most are familiar with our Values: God Care, Earth Care, Neighbor Care, Community Care, and Self Care. Value Statements are about being: they are fundamental to our beliefs. A Mission Statement is about doing: it tells about our purpose in the larger body of Christ. A Vision Statement is about becoming: it is a picture of the church as God plans it to be.

The new Mission Statement was crafted from the Horizon Circles held last year. Our new Mission Statement reads:

In a Spirit of Renewal, the people of St. Andrew proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all creation. We encourage all generations to grow strong social and spiritual connections. We value diversity and inclusion, praise the Spirit in vibrant worship, care for the earth and all creation, and act for social justice.

In September the Transition Team led congregation members as we identified key themes and images to develop a Vision Statement for the congregation. Here is our new Vision Statement: **God calls the people of St. Andrew to a future where: All are welcome without exception; the Good News of Jesus Christ is joyously celebrated in worship and music; children and young people learn, belong, and find safety; lifelong learners seek answers and ask difficult questions; people pour out their love in service and fight for justice; trees, wetlands, and all creation flourish. All will know St. Andrew as a place of Grace.**

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

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

Thanksgiving Is Coming

Each year the Service Committee provides Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education. These are families that really need our help.

We are collecting donations to purchase WinCo gift cards for sixty families. Our goal is to collect \$4,500, enough to buy sixty \$75 WinCo gift cards. At this point, we've received just under \$800 in donations, which is far below our goal.



Please be aware that any donations that exceed our goal will be given to the St. Matthew Food Pantry to help anyone in the community needing food assistance. If you wish to give online, select the Thanksgiving Food Drive fund or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with Thanksgiving Food Drive in the memo line.

This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving a needy family the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Our deadline for donation is November 15 to give us time to purchase gift cards and get them to these families.

Contact LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com, 503-314-6321) or Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com, 503-649-5091) if you have questions.

Job Openings at St. Andrew

St. Andrew is currently advertising to fill two part-time positions: an Interim Keyboardist and a Nursery Attendant.

Applicants for the Interim Keyboardist position are not required to be proficient on the organ. Instead, the church is looking to identify someone to provide piano accompaniment for Sanctuary Choir during Wednesday night rehearsals and twice a month on Sunday mornings. The person will also serve as the keyboardist for one Sunday worship service each month. This 10-hour per week position is expected to continue through May 31, 2024, with the possibility of extension.

St. Andrew also continues its search for a loving child care provider to serve as Nursery Attendant on Sunday mornings. Applicants must be 18 years or older and will be paired with volunteers to provide care for young children, 9:00 am-Noon.



If you know of qualified individuals who might be interested in either of these positions, please direct them to

<https://standrewlutheran.com/job-openings/>

for complete job descriptions and information on how to apply.

Recognizing God's Glory



On Sunday, October 22, 2023, the Roots kids planted a moss garden during the Sunday school hour. We chose a spot by the entrance to the Sunday school classrooms that gets mostly shade and plenty of rain. I hope to eventually install a sign that reads, "Moss Garden Planted by The Roots Children, October 2023."

We talked about the different ways in which moss helps the earth by capturing carbon, filtering rain water, and providing homes for tiny critters. The students felt the different textures and observed the different colors provided by several varieties of mosses.

The Saturday before, while I was behind the church sorting my moss collection and getting ready for Sunday's planting, I heard so many bird songs coming from our wetland, so I turned on the Merlin Bird ID app on my phone and recorded all of these birds:

American Robin	Northern Flicker
American Crow	Lesser Goldfinch
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	White-breasted Nuthatch
Black-capped Chickadee	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Spotted Towhee	House Finch
Mallard	Dark-eyed Junco



Glory to God!

Liz Hardy, Earth Care Team

Food Labyrinth

What is a food labyrinth? On **Saturday, November 11**, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, St. Andrew is borrowing Westminster Presbyterian's labyrinth and we will be collecting food for the Western Farm Workers (WFW), as well as cash donations to help meet their needs. So please bring food to donate and then engage in a walking meditation on the labyrinth in Fellowship Hall.



Food items that are most needed by WFW include:

Cooking oil	Canned chicken
Dried beans	Canned corn and green beans
Jelly	Canned fruit
Masa (maize dough)	Powdered milk

If you're curious about what the labyrinth is and what it means, please plan to visit at 10:00 am, when Cynthia Kinnie, local labyrinth expert, will give a presentation that you won't want to miss.

There will be calming music and we will have books that may interest you. Please bring a journal if you'd like to write as part of your meditation. Come anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm and remember to bring donations for those who are hungry. If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Sister India:

india@standrewlutheran.com.

Zoom Hosting

Are you interested in hosting our Zoom community for worship once in a while? If you'd like to volunteer, speak with Janet Vorvick, and if you have questions about what it means to be a Zoom host, contact Sister India at 503-860-5377 or email

india@standrewlutheran.com.

Christmas Caroling

Would you be interested in gathering for Christmas caroling at 1:00 pm on **Sunday, December 10**, to take the sounds of the season to our homebound friends? We'll form teams and then carpool to various destinations in the area. Please contact india@standrewlutheran.com if you'd like to participate!



Snoop: What Your Stuff Says about You



Well, so, okay. Have you ever been surprised by people who seem to have you pegged before you've hardly met them, and wondered how they could possibly know things about you? Well, maybe they don't know exactly, but enough so as to make it rather eerie at times.

It's your stuff. The choices you make in how you dress and what you wear—and it's really telling in what you listen to, and then there's your office. What you keep or don't, and how you keep it.

This guy, Sam, is a university professor in Austin, TX. He wants to know how much you can tell about a person by looking at their personal environment—their bathroom or their whole apartment—and he gets people to agree to let him in (trustworthy college professor and all that). He's a very curious guy who teaches some wild classes.

Once three or four people have given him permission to let his class go into their apartments and snoop, he tells the students to take notes on what they notice that seem to make this person who they are, or just what conclusions one might draw from what is seen. I suspect the class has a great time.

While it's true that the book has lots of graphs and theories (i.e., potentially boring stuff), I found enough interesting tidbits on each page to get me through the whole book. And while I won't be judging anybody any time soon, I do know a little more about what to look for.

Pam Farr, Adult Librarian



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Cathy Malmstrom	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Carl Malmstrom
Family and friends of Kay (mother)	Peace and God's Comfort at her death	Linda Olshausen
Nic and Dee	Healing and comfort following accident	Gretchen Bancroft
Diane & Ken	Comfort and peace	Gretchen Bancroft
Dennis (stepfather)	Comfort and strength	Rhonda Powell
Camille Jackson	Healing and comfort	Sister India
Mary Nell Mahler	Healing and comfort	Staff
Warren McAlpine	Healing and recovery from stroke	Donna McAlpine
Jo (friend)	Peace and Safety	Linda Dodds
People in harm's way, especially those Impacted by climate change	Protection, safety, and support	Staff
People in Israel and Gaza	Protection, safety, and comfort	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Refugees and Immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Military Personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Blessings on their work	Staff
Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work	Staff
Hope Lutheran (Heppner)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Zion Lutheran (La Grande)		
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.

Family Van Needed

Since the Malik Zada family came to the U.S. from Afghanistan more than a year ago, St. Andrew's Sanctuary Team has worked hard to support them. With four young children, Nasir and Amina are making good progress learning English and adapting their lives to a new culture, but they have transportation needs that we might meet. Do you have a van that will seat at least six people, or know of someone who might like to donate such a vehicle?



If you have vehicle that's no longer needed or know someone who does (it must be in good operating condition as the family is living on a very limited budget), please contact Sanctuary Team member Tom Jelineo (971-221-2602; tjelineo@hotmail.com) to learn more. At that point, donation details will be worked out based on tax law and possible benefits for the

donor. Thank you! (And, no, in case you're wondering, the church van would not have been suitable to donate, as too many repairs were needed to get it operating.)

Troop 618 Anniversary

Scout Troop 618 is celebrating its 50th anniversary at 5:00 pm on **Saturday, November 4** at Prince of Peace Lutheran, 14175 NW Cornell Rd, and would like to invite anyone who's been involved with the Troop to attend.



The evening is set up for the entire family to enjoy. It will begin with games, prizes, drawings, displays of Troop 618 history, as well as displays of Scouting history. Then people will share dinner together (catered Indian and Italian main dishes). A short presentation and some fun surprises will conclude the event.

Please RSVP at

<https://tinyurl.com/49wxcz4t>

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Preparing for Worship Sunday, November 12, 2023

Amos 5:18-24
 Psalm 70
 Matthew 25:1-13

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 5

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
1:00 pm	Twirler Meeting and Practice	St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 6—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, November 7

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	Meals on Wheels (Loaves and Fishes)	Off Site
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Adult Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, November 8—Weekly News deadline at 4:00 pm; submit material to charker@standrewlutheran.com

1:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting	Adult Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 9

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
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Adult Library

Friday, November 10

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, November 11

10:00 am	Learning the Labyrinth	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting	via Zoom
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group	St. Andrew Room

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Candy Call

Now that Halloween's trick or treaters have gotten their haul, you might find yourself with lots of leftover candy. If you'd like to avoid temptation and help St. Andrew welcome visitors and new people, consider donating individually wrapped treats to our mug ministry. Drop off your donations in the church office. And thank you!



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 Sept 30th, 2023

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 10/31/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew
 M&M Giving is 107% of FYTD budget and 90% of monthly budget
 Expenses are 86% of FYTD budget
 Principal Only Payment for Mortgage \$0 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	94	84	20	198		
Monthly Total	377	336	80	793	\$ 44,446	\$ 5,069
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 49,357	\$ 5,013

90%

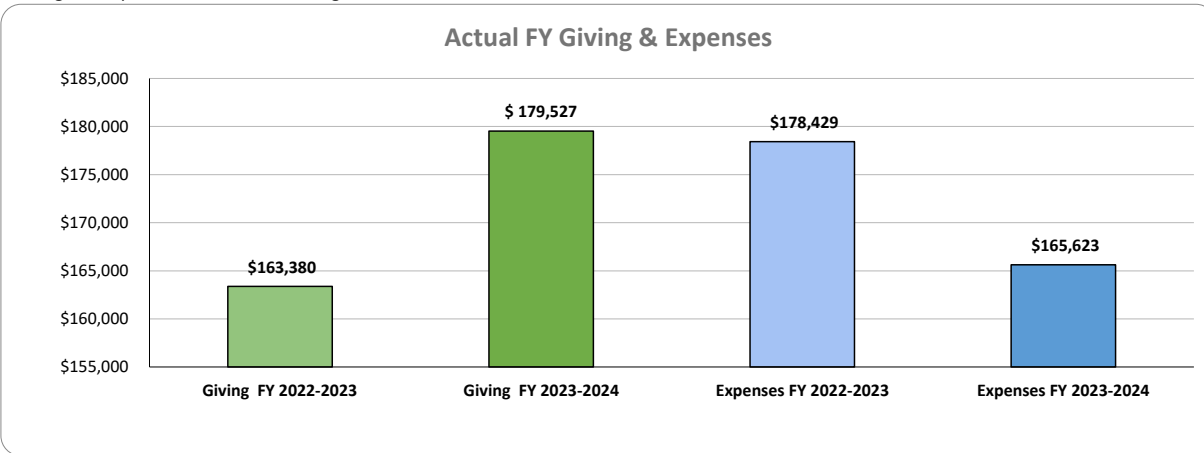
3 Main Funds: Current Status

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	\$ 148,063.75	\$ 158,112	107%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 169,571	\$ 145,003	86%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 21,416	\$ 20,620	\$ 35,136	\$ 351,456	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ -	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			\$ 80,710	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 5,887	\$ 2,662	\$ 20,283	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2023



Giving FY 2022-2023	\$ 163,380
Giving FY 2023-2024	\$ 179,527
Expenses FY 2022-2023	\$ 178,429
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 165,623

** Mortgage giving/expense included

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson

Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari

Financial Secretaries: Tammy Piscitelli, Susan Jacobi

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho

Parish Manager: Carol Harker