

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

April 7, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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

Photo Signups Continue through April



If you haven't already scheduled your photo shoot for St. Andrew's new church directory, please do so as soon as possible. See Pat Christiansen in the Narthex either before or after worship on **Sunday, April 7**, or call the church during office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm). Photos will be taken in Fellowship Hall, **Wednesday-Friday, May 8-10**, 2:00 pm-8:30 pm. Participants will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a spiral-bound directory. They will also have the opportunity to purchase additional photos (\$25 for an 8 x 10 sheet), but are not required to do so.

Who should sign up? You should! Church membership is not a requirement to be included in the directory. If you participate in this faith community, you belong in the book.

This new directory is much-needed and will help our new pastor get to know the people of St. Andrew. Photo signups will continue through April.

Call Process Accelerates

After completing interviews with five very qualified candidates, the Call Committee has released four of those individuals and is preparing to put forth one person in a recommendation to the Council on April 18. The name of that individual remains private at this time, but it won't be long before the congregation gathers to vote on calling a new lead pastor.

Meantime, you might want to mark your calendars for a likely "Meet and Greet" potluck with the candidate following worship on **May 12**, with a vote to follow at a congregational meeting on **May 19**. Your prayers for everyone involved are appreciated.

The Call Committee

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

Earth Care Fair: Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars now for **Sunday, April 21**, 2024, and plan to bring the whole family to St. Andrew's Earth Care Fair in Fellowship Hall, 10:30 am-Noon. Explore everything from plant-based eating to smarter clothing choices, from the benefits of trees to disaster planning.

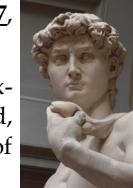


At 12:00 pm, Isaac Bocker will present a special event: Design Your Own Eden. Rethink, reimagine, and re-envision your own outdoor space to align with your values and lifestyle.

A New Term for Adult Education

New Adult Ed classes begin this **Sunday, April 7**, with two offerings at 11:00 am:

Join Paul Navarre in the St. Andrew Room to explore the complicated story of David—shepherd, musician, poet, slayer of Goliath, king, ancestor of Jesus. Who was he—and did he really exist?



Or meet in Fellowship Hall, where Bonnie Bliesner will host an introductory class on "Sanctuary in Our Time and Place." She will give an overview of the Biblical texts, reflections, and events that laid the groundwork for St. Andrew to declare itself a Sanctuary Congregation in 2021. Steve Claborne, who has worked with people in Latin America, Europe, and Asia, will also speak about his experiences. Currently director of strategic leadership for Mercy Corps—and recently posted to Kiev, Ukraine—Steve will talk about forces driving migration, challenges in providing sanctuary, and the call to become a welcoming community.

Register for Earth Camp 2024



It's time to get your campers signed up for Earth Camp! This year's camp will be **June 24-28** and the theme is Home, Sweet Home. Throughout the week, we'll be focusing on all the beautiful and diverse creatures/biomes of our home state, Oregon. It's going to be an awesome camp!

This week, registration is only being communicated to those who receive St. Andrew emails or read the church newsletter. Next Friday, April 12, the links will be made public, so take the opportunity to sign your kids up now and make sure they get their spot! To register, scan the QR code or click this link:



<https://rb.gy/p4ik3x>

Annual Reports Due April 22

During our "interim" year between called pastors, St. Andrew has been busy doing God's work through many ministries and committees. Now it's time to share the word with everyone in the congregation. If you chair a committee, please note that it's time to write your report for the church's Annual Report. If you are uncertain where to start, go to the church [website](#) to see last year's document. The Annual Report chronicles the life of St. Andrew. Please turn in your reports to the [office](#) prior to **Monday, April 22**. Reports from the Financial Review Team and Synod Assembly can be slotted in no later than May 20.

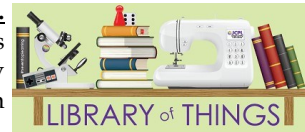
Resourceful Living: Borrow, Rent, or Share

From the Master Recycler Handbook

Who doesn't have a drill that sits charged and ready for that moment when you decide to tighten the screw on the loose cabinet door in the kitchen? There are many objects in our lives that sit idle waiting for a seasonal or temporary time when we need them. From power washers to snow shoes, we can reduce clutter and free up space by borrowing, sharing, or renting these products. Sharing, borrowing, and renting can be as simple as loaning a specialty baking pan to your neighbor, renting a rototiller from your hardware store down the street, or simply checking out books from the library. Renting supports the local service industry while purchasing new may support unfair labor practices in other countries. Borrowing and sharing builds community by fostering connections with neighbors and friends, making the region a better place for all of us.

Libraries: more than books to borrow.

We all know about borrowing books from the library. But did you know that there is so much more you can borrow in our local libraries? Movies, video games, and music are available at just about every library branch in our region. Library community spaces are free to reserve and use for meetings and workshops. Each library is a hidden source of fun stuff to check out. Many of our local libraries have a Cultural Pass or My Discover program, which lets families check out one-day passes to local cultural venues such as the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum or the Oregon Zoo. Find out if your local library has a Library of Things where you can check out kitchen appliances, baking equipment, tools, games, and other appliances. This is also a great way to try something out before buying so you don't buy something you end up not wanting.



Tools when you need them. The easiest way to reduce the number of tools you have to store in your shed is to get in the habit of borrowing and loaning tools with your neighbors. However, some folks find it hard to do this if they don't know their neighbors well enough to trust them with expensive equipment, or they may be afraid of breaking their neighbor's prized power tool. Luckily, there are other ways to get tools you need. Most local hardware stores as well as large ones like Home Depot have rental services. And of course there are rental centers.

Cooking tools are becoming increasingly available to borrow or rent. The NE and SE Kitchen Shares are cooperatives that loan out dehydrators, canning equipment, ice cream makers, juicers, mixers, bread makers, durable dishes, and more. Other local places where residents can borrow or rent kitchen items include the Home Goods Library in SE Portland.

Special events. Planning a wedding, birthday party, or community gathering can be expensive and end up generating a lot of waste. We often clutter our lives with table settings, furniture, and formal wear just so that they can be used for events that happen sometimes years apart. We even live in larger living quarters to accommodate the occasions when we need to cook large meals and have large gatherings. Some people are choosing to break free of these objects and live in smaller quarters by looking to community space to serve these special events. Churches, schools, and some restaurants will loan or rent kitchen space. Linens, table settings, and furniture for events can all be rented at a price usually much less than the cost of purchasing them. Search on the internet for words like *party rental* or *event rental* and you will find affordable options all over the region.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

LWR Spring Ingathering

It is Spring and with that not only do we get the sunshine and all the flowers and blooming trees but we start thinking about Lutheran World Relief's Spring Ingathering. This year our Ingathering will take place on **Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4**. We will be sending out our quilts from the Nifty Notters and also the personal care and baby care kits we assemble. These kits are a wonderful way to share God's love with those in need. Below is a list of what we have and what is still needed. Please place your donations in the LWR box in the Narthex.

Thank you all for your great generosity.

Personal Care Kits

Items	Have	Need
Lightweight Bath Towel (dark color)	41	159
Bar of Soap	34	166
Adult Toothbrush	130	70
Sturdy Comb	84	116
Metal Nail Clippers	9	191

Baby Care Kits

Items	Have	Need
2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (NO ONESIES)	26	24
2 long or short sleeve gowns/sleepers (w/o feet)	34	16
Bath size bars of soap (in wrapper)	0	50
2 swaddling blankets	14	36
2 diaper pins or large safety pins	98	0
4 cloth diapers (flat fold)	46	54
1 jacket or hooded sweatshirt	5	20
2 pairs of socks	52	0
Hand towel (dark color)	68	0

Styrofoam Notice

I am sorry to report that Agilyx in Tigard is no longer collecting Styrofoam. That means we have no place to take the Styrofoam that people have been dropping off in our Garbage Palace. Please do not bring Styrofoam to St. Andrew in the future.

If you have Ridwell, be aware that the company continues to collect Styrofoam, but the fee is \$10 for each bag picked up.

Liz Hardy

I Am an American Live

As people honor Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, The Immigrant Story invites you to its third edition of "I Am an American Live." Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 11**, at 7:00 pm to enjoy an evening filled with captivating stories and music meant to set your soul dancing.



The event at Beaverton's Patricia Reser Center for the Arts is free, but tickets are required and going fast. [Reserve your seat now](#) and be a part of this unforgettable celebration. Secure your spot at:

<https://theimmigrantstory.org/iaaalive3/>

What Is the Connections Team?

Recently, you've seen articles and heard announcements from the St. Andrew Connections Team. Where did that come from?

St. Andrew joined MACG—Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good—in 2018. MACG is a group of member institutions (faith- and non-faith-based) that work together on issues that affect their members. We are part of a community organizing effort that uses the principles developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation to build strong institutions and use collective power to make lives better.

Every institution in MACG has a "Core Team." These are groups of people who work to strengthen their own institutions so that when collective action is needed, we come together with the skills and relationship needed to work for effective change. Core Teams also act as liaisons to the larger MACG organization.

St. Andrew has been in transition for several years, with the pandemic interrupting the natural progression of developing relationships and leaders. Pastor Mark retired after 17 years of leadership. We have been spending a lot of time as a community learning who we are now and who we hope to become.

Critical to this is encouraging every member of the community to discover their passions for ministry—and then making the necessary connections to act on those passions. **The Core Team decided to change its name to the Connections Team** to better describe our primary goal: to strengthen St. Andrew through building a relational culture that helps everyone identify and act on their passions for ministry.



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Sound interesting? Come and check us out. We meet every month on the first Tuesday, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the St. Andrew Room. You do not have to have attended a MACG training event to be a part of the Connections Team, although you may want to take advantage of that opportunity at some point. If you'd like to learn more, connect with any member of the current Connections Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Jan Smith, or Lynn Santelmann.

Earth Day, 2024: Planet vs. Plastics

Plastic is everywhere: we absorb it, eat it, and breathe it. Babies are even born with the toxic components of plastic already in their little bodies. During Earth Month this year, look around and see if you could reduce your reliance on single-use plastics. Earth care organizations are asking all of us to:

- ◆ Support the Global Plastics Treaty
- ◆ Reject Fast Fashion
- ◆ Join The Great Global Cleanup

Check out St. Andrew's Earth Care Kiosk in the Narthex to learn more about how plastics harm our environment and some choices we can make to improve life on this precious planet.

Andy's Room Podcast

Features Chase Isaacson!

The Andy's Room Podcast is back with another new episode, this time featuring Chase Isaacson! Chase has been around St. Andrew his whole life and currently works in our tech booth running the cameras for our YouTube livestreams. Tune in to this episode to hear what it was like growing up at St. Andrew and what it's like experiencing St. Andrew from one of our most exclusive perspectives as someone in his upper 20s. It's a very enjoyable conversation and I hope you check it out!

Andy's Room Podcast can be accessed by searching for it on Spotify, going through the front page of the church website, or by clicking this link:

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/kyler-vogt>



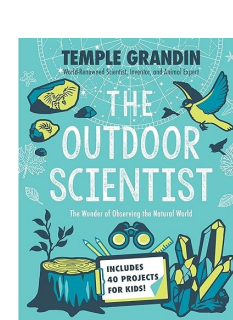
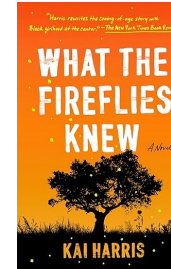
Kyler Vogt

Director of Next Generational Ministry

New Books in the Adult Library

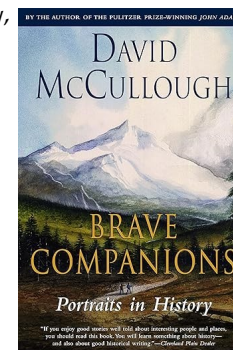
Fiction

Pardonable Lies, by Jacqueline Winspear
What the Fireflies Knew, by Kai Harris
The Maid, by Nita Prose
Pigs in Heaven, by Barbara Kingsolver
Resistance Women, by Jennifer Chiaverini
An Incomplete Revenge, by Jacqueline Winspear



Nonfiction

Our Natural History: The Lessons of Lewis and Clark, by Daniel Botkin
What We Talk about when We Talk about God, by Rob Bell
The Outdoor Scientist: The Wonder of Observing the Natural World, by Temple Grandin
Longitude, by Dava Sobel
The Mapmakers, by John Noble Wilford
A Labyrinth Prayer Handbook, by Sally Welch
Sweet Summer: Growing Up with and without My Dad, by Bebe Moore Campbell
The Gentle Art of Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter, by Margareta Magnusson
Brave Companions: Portraits in History, by David McCullough
Raoul Wallenberg: The Biography, by Ingrid Carlbert



Bibles

Concordia Self-Study Bible: New International Version
The Message: the Bible in Contemporary Language
New Interpreter's Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version
New World Translation: Jehovah's Witness Bible

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Kelli Runnels Wallace	Comfort and peace at her death	Camille Jackson
Family and friends of James Dunlap	Comfort and peace at his death	Staff
Family and friends of Jonah	Comfort and peace at his death	Melinda Wagner and Aaron Couch
Brenda & other family and friends of Koby Glenn	Comfort and peace at his death	Jim & Teri Brosh
Doris Larson	Comfort and peace	Staff
Pam Cach	Comfort and peace as she transition into hospice	Francine Cach
Rhonda Powell	Wholeness, comfort, and peace	Staff
Mary Ann Snider	Healing and recovery	Mary Smith
Deborah Dickson (sister-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Karen Mallari
Linda Wick (sister)	Healing and recovery	Donna McAlpine
Mary Brown	Healing and recovery	Mary Brown
Evelyn Friesen (mother-in-law)	Healing and recovery	Deacon Susan Reiser
Ruth Kerr (mother-in-law)	Well-being and health	Sister India
Kristin Topel (friend)	Good test results	Donna McAlpine
Nick Zahn (nephew)	Safe return to his parents	Anne Newell
People of Taiwan	Support and recovery following the earthquake	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod and Staff		
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessing on their work	Staff
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Military personnel, especially Justina Hailey	Courage and protection	Staff
Hope Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna		
Augustana (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Bethel (Portland)		

Nifty Notters

The Nifty Notters need some extra hands to help finish the quilts that will be sent out to LWR at the Spring InGathering event in May. Please join us on **Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am-2:30 pm and Saturday, April 20, 9:00 am-12:00 pm.**

That's just 1 ½ sessions left until the Spring InGathering on May 3. Notters' supplies are all provided. Drop in and just tie one quilt or bring a lunch and stay for the whole session. Help finish the quilts now in progress.

Thanks always to the network of people at St. Andrew who support Nifty Notters.

Jim Dunlap Memorial

Friends and family will remember the life of James Dunlap, a longtime member of St. Andrew, on **Saturday, April 6**, at 11:00 am. The memorial will take place at the Myril Eatery inside Newport's Embarcadero Resort.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Time for Another Game Night

Join us in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, April 27**, from 3:00-5:00 pm for the next Game Night (Game Afternoon?). Sponsored by the St. Andrew Connections Team, this is a casual, fun way to connect with other members of our faith community to play board games, laugh with each other, and spend time with some really fine folks. Bring a snack to share if you like, along with any games you'd like to play. Questions? Contact any member of the Connections Team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Jan Smith, or Lynn Santelmann.



Preparing for Worship

Sunday April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19
 Luke 24:36b-48

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, April 7

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
11:00 am	Adult Ed: David	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Sanctuary in Our Time and Place	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Confirmation for Middle School Youth.....	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	The Roots.....	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
2:00 pm	Third Act of Oregon—Postcard Writing to Encourage Voting	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 8—Church Office Closed

7:00 pm	Finance Meeting.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club.....	Offsite

Tuesday, April 9

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)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 10—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

9:30 am	Apprentice Essentrics® Aging Backwards® workout class	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India.....	St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting.....	Library
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 11

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength and 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	Library

Friday, April 12

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, April 13

11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting.....	via Zoom
11:00 am	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Sunday, April 14

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11:00 am	The Roots.....	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group	Offsite

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 may use a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of February 29, 2024

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 3/21/2024

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew.
 M&M Giving is 111% of FYTD budget and 80% of monthly budget.
 Expenses are 88% of FYTD budget.

Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$5,400 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						
Monthly Total					\$ 39,695	\$ 18,034
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 49,357	\$ 5,013

80%

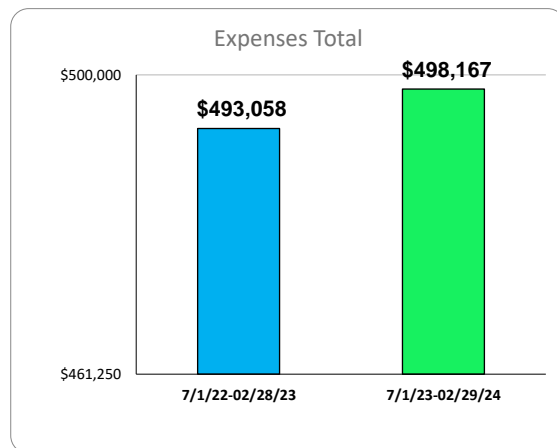
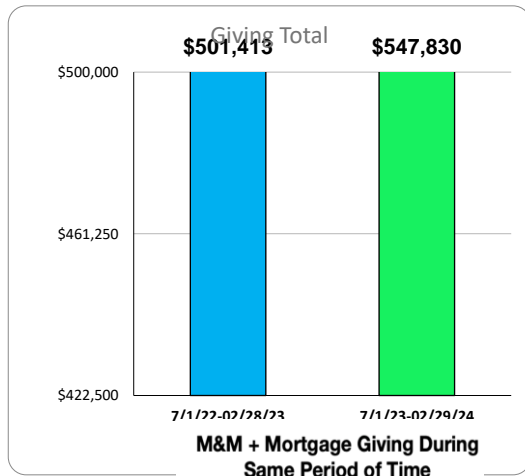
3 Main Funds: Current Status

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	\$ 403,062	\$ 447,022	111%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 461,661	\$ 403,980	88%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 100,808	\$ 94,187	\$ 35,763	\$ 285,233	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal-Only Payments		\$ 54,080	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			\$ 100,328	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 13,342	\$ 2,662	\$ 24,588	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2023



FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson

Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari

Financial Secretaries: Jim McGarvey, Susan Jacobi, Sonya King

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho

Parish Executive: Carol Harker

7/1/22-02/28/23	\$	501,413
7/1/23-02/29/24	\$	547,830
7/1/22-02/28/23	\$	493,058
7/1/23-02/29/24	\$	498,167

** Mortgage giving/expense included