

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

May 5, 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

Earth Camp Volunteers Needed



The fourth annual Earth Camp is less than two months away! Registration is filling up very quickly this year, which means we will have lots of campers excited to once again enjoy a week learning all about the Earth and how we can be good stewards of its beauty and resources. To keep up with all these campers, though, we need lots of help!

The biggest need at Earth Camp is for guides who lead the children around to the different rotations throughout the day. But, if that isn't the right fit for you we can still find you a spot to help out. Plus, anyone who volunteers for at least 3 days can get their kids/grandkids registered for free! Contact Kyler to sign up.

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!

Registration is now open to the public at large. Either scan the code at right or click on the following link to access the registration form:

<https://rb.gy/p4ik3x>



Many kids consider St. Andrew's Earth Camp the highlight of their summer, so act quickly to be certain they have a space in 2024.

From Beaverton to the Bayou

Join us **Sunday, June 2**, from 4:00-6:00 pm to raise funds for our group to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering.

St. Andrew has eight students and three adult chaperones heading to New Orleans for the Gathering this July 16-20, so the theme of our fundraiser is "From Beaverton to the Bayou!" Join us for a night of community, snacks, and jazz music in the deep, swampy South. When you arrive, you'll find a myriad of ways to support our group toward our fundraising goals. Make sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss it!

Tickets to the event will be sold beginning this Sunday, May 5. Look for the youth at the table in the Narthex to purchase yours and reserve your spot. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door on the day of the event. We hope to see you there!

World Labyrinth Day, Saturday, May 4

Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and a celebration of the labyrinth experience.



This year, walkers from St. Andrew who wish to participate in a mini-pilgrimage are invited to join Trinity Episcopal's indoor labyrinth program for a special event on **Saturday, May 4**. The walk for healing will be previewed at 12:30 pm with the first of two slide shows that accompany the formal walk beginning at 1:00 pm. After walking, participants may access tables set out with materials for writing or dawning their thoughts, prayers, or insights.

Please contact Linda Dodds, lindadpdx@gmail.com, if you have questions, need help, or can provide others with a ride to the walk. Trinity is located just off Burnside at 147 NW 19th Ave in Portland.

Sanctuary in Our Time and Place: A Resiliency Hub

Should St. Andrew partner with the American Red Cross to serve as an emergency shelter/refuge during a time of a major disaster in our area?

Please join us on **Sunday, May 5**, after worship during the adult education hour at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Background information will be provided regarding a possible St. Andrew Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross.



American Red Cross A representative from the American Red Cross will explain its services and answer questions.

Questions and Discussion!
Please join us.

Liz Hardy, Carol Harker, Noelle Mehlhorn, LuAnn Staul

Next Steps in the Call Process

Meet & Greet with Pastor Allison Bengfort
Sunday, May 12, following worship, Fellowship Hall

Congregational Vote on Call & Compensation
Sunday, May 19, following worship, Fellowship Hall

Worship Volunteer Sign-up

Worship is not possible without the many volunteers who serve in worship throughout the year. We are using Signup.com as a tool to sign up our worship volunteers. Who are these volunteers? They are everyone who provides flowers or serves as Acolytes, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Cantors, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Lectors, Nursery Volunteers, Audio Tech, Video Tech, Ushers, Worship Coordinators, and Zoom Hosts.

Here's what you need to know: copy and paste the following link which will take you to our signup for Sunday morning worship services.

<https://signup.com/go/GRHfNuv>

Summer is coming and we have many open volunteer positions in May and June. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Vorvick or Deacon Susan.

Get-Out-the-Vote Post Carding

A small team of folks at St. Andrew is writing postcards to people around the country who are registered to vote but typically do not vote. How you vote is secret, but whether or not you vote is public record.

Many states have already had their primary elections, but there are many yet to come. There will be postcard writing opportunities from now until October before the general election on November 5.

Third Act of Oregon is a local community group that is also writing get-out-the-vote postcards. The group meets monthly in NE and SE Portland and is still looking for a SW location. Third Act met at St. Andrew on April 7 and will be here again on **May 8 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Please come and join us!



Studies show that if you can get people to vote in the primary election, there is a higher chance that they will vote in the general election.

Also if you know any high school seniors, please encourage them to register to vote. Apparently, not many young people register to vote, but of those who do register, there is a high percentage who vote.

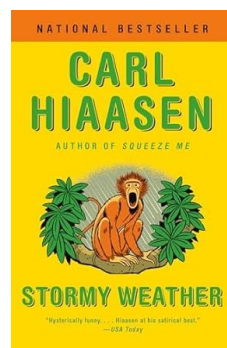
If you are interested in writing postcards, let me know. Contact me at elisabethhardy6@gmail.com, or text me at 360-632-4900, or find me at church.

Liz Hardy

Men's Book Club

The next meeting of the Men's Book Club will be at 7:00 pm on **Monday, May 13**, at the Beaverton Lodge, Apt 234.

New and old attendees are welcome.



The discussion this month will be on Carl Hiaasen's novel *Stormy Weather*, a hilarious and scathing book about a crazed and determined man who has devoted his strange existence to saving southern Florida from con artists and carpetbaggers after a hurricane hits.

USA Today says the book is "hysterically funny...Hiaasen at his satirical best," while *Cosmopolitan* describes it as "bracing, bawdy, howlingly funny.... Everybody gets his just desserts, and you get the delight of reading about it."

Family Vehicle Needed

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



If you have a 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.

Another option is to contribute by donating to St. Andrew, designating your gift to go to the Sanctuary Team account. Thank you!

Your Questions for Pastor Allison

On **Sunday, May 12**, congregation members will have an opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Allison. The Call Committee spent almost three hours interviewing Pastor Allison, asking questions related to spiritual life & calling, music & worship, leadership, stewardship, Earth care, diversity & inclusion, children & youth, Christian education, and communication. Much of what we learned is shared in the Call Committee [recommendation and bio](#).

You may have questions of your own to ask during the meet and greet. To ensure that questions meet Human Resource requirements, please email your questions to LuAnn Staul at lstaal@gmail.com, for the Call Committee to consider asking during the meet and greet.

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

The Andy's Room Podcast with Tira Nessel!

Check out the current episode of the Andy's Room Podcast, featuring one of our Parish Nurses, Tira Nessel! Throughout her years working in health care, Tira has developed a passion for looking at health holistically – physical health, mental health, emotional health, and spiritual health all wrapped up in one. Tune in to hear how she began the journey to holistic wellness, how she is bringing it into her service at St. Andrew, and why she thinks it is good news for everybody. Enjoy!

You can find a link to Kyler's podcast on St. Andrew's [Website](#) under the "In the Spotlight" section on the homepage.



Hard-to-Recycle Stuff: Comparing Metro's Recycle+ with Ridwell

In today's plastic-laden world, many things seem like they *ought* to be recycled, such as plastic bags and clamshells, but they do not belong in curbside recycle bins. When we drop those items into curbside recycling containers anyway, we are engaging in wishcycling, which refers to putting things you are not sure about into the curbside recycle bin just in case it's recyclable or because you feel that it should be. Although it may seem tempting, wishcycling should be avoided. As master recyclers remind us, "when in doubt, throw it out."

People in the Portland area, though, do have a couple of options that go beyond basic curbside recycling. I will compare Metro's **Recycle+** program (the purple bin) and **Ridwell**.

Recycle+ is available to most residents in the Metro (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties) area. Check with your garbage company to see if it is available to you. You have to contact them to get signed up. **Recycle+** is an on-call, every other week collection service. You contact your garbage and recycling company to schedule a pickup at least 2 business days before the collection day. There is a basic monthly fee of \$2.50 plus a fee of \$9.25 for each pickup.

Ridwell is not available in unincorporated Washington County. Go to ridwell.com and enter your zip code to see if it is available for you. They come every other week. **Ridwell** has a couple of different plans; with the Classic Plan they collect plastic film (bags), clothes & shoes, batteries, and light bulbs, while their Plastic Plus plan also takes multi-layer plastics (like chips bags) and clear plastic clamshells. Their Classic plan is \$14/month and the Plastic Plus plan is \$18/month.

A Comparison of What These Organizations Take:

	Recycle+	Ridwell
Plastic film (clean and dry)		
Plastic shopping bags and produce bags	✓	✓
Cereal bags	✓	✓
Dry cleaning bags	✓	✓
Plastic padded envelopes (think Amazon)	✓	✓
Plastic overwrap for paper towels, toilet paper, napkins	✓	✓
Bubble wrap, air pillows	✓	✓
Plastic cling wrap	✓	✓
Multi-Layer plastic		Plastic Plus Plan only
Chip bags		✓
Granola, energy bar, candy wrappers		✓
Frozen & fresh food bags		✓
Potting soil bags (rinsed and dried)		✓
Clear Plastic #1 PET/PETE clamshell containers (no colored plastic)		Plastic Plus Plan only
Fruit containers	✓	✓
Plastic egg cartons	✓	✓
Bakery containers	✓	✓
Take-out containers	✓	✓
Textiles (must be clean, may be torn or stained)		
Old clothes	✓	✓
Bed linens	✓	✓
Towels/rags	✓	✓
Shoes, handbags, belts		✓
Light bulbs		
Compact fluorescent bulbs (the curly ones)	✓	✓
LED bulbs		✓
Old incandescent bulbs		✓
Batteries (no batteries with lead or that don't fit in a quart bag)		
Alkaline, 9 and 6 volt, button, rechargeable, lithium	Goes in glass bin	✓

Ridwell also takes Styrofoam; they charge an additional \$10 for a 45 gallon bag full of Styrofoam.

There is a long list of other "featured" items that both companies take. **Recycle+** takes special items once every 3 months; in April they took kitchen items such as utensils, pots and pans, baking dishes, and can openers. **Ridwell** takes certain special items with each pickup every 2 weeks, things like corks, Christmas lights, bread tags, flat plastic lids, and small plastic caps.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Al Carlson	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Jeannine Douglas
Family and friends of Andrea, especially Pat	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Carol Harker
Rhonda Powell	Peace, comfort, and all the support she needs	Carol Harker
Steve	Wholeness	Staff
Hal Douglas	Healing and recovery	Jeannine Douglas
Elsa (cousin)	Healing and comfort	Carol Hogan
Nick (nephew)	Thanksgiving for a safe return home	Anne Newell
Michelle O (relative)	Comfort and healing for breast cancer treatment	Wendy Hawthorne
Hope Hazel Goodman (granddaughter) and family	Blessings on her birth	Joel & Beth Johnson
Pastoral Candidate Allison Bengfort	Wisdom and strength	Staff
St. Andrew Congregation	Discernment	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
Colleges and universities undergoing unrest	Wisdom and safety for all	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod and 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 Brocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Bethany (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Bethel (Portland)		
Holy Trinity (Portland)		
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff

Rest in Peace, Pastor Alan Carlson

As some of you already know, Alan Carlson, husband/dad/grandpa/friend/pastor, went to be with his Father last night (April 25, 2024) about 8:20 pm.



It was time. He was ready. And the Lord has been with us all in a mighty way this week. As Steven said on Tuesday, "prayer was thick." Our mom, Lois, is – in all honesty – radiant. It has been a long goodbye. She has been a beautiful trooper with her servant hands. And, guess what? Our dad died amid grandchildren's laughter around his bedside! How perfect for someone who loved the joy of laughter.

The memorial service will be on **Saturday, May 18**, at Mountain View Lutheran Church, 3505 122nd Avenue East, Edgewood, WA. More than likely at 11:00 am. Details forthcoming.

Blessings,
Cindy Jones (on behalf of my mom)

Pastor Al Carlson served in ministry at St. Andrew, 1970-1983.

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

Baby Rose



The rose on the altar this Sunday, May 5, celebrates the birth of Hope Hazel Goodman, daughter of Emily Johnson and Jed Goodman, sister of Joy, and granddaughter of Joel & Beth Johnson. May blessings abound for the entire family!

Members Attending Special Meeting via Zoom

St. Andrew members, if you plan to attend the **May 19 Special Congregational Meeting** to call a new Lead Pastor via Zoom, please call 503-646-0629 to notify the church office no later than **Wednesday, May 15**. We want to enable the confidential collection of your vote on that important day, something that our volunteer Tech Team is working hard to enable.

Thank you for letting us know in advance that you will be participating in the meeting remotely!

Preparing for Worship Sunday May 12, 2024

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, May 5

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
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
1:00 pm	Twirler Meeting & Practice.....	St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 6—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 7

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)
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Earth Camp Teachers Meeting	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting	St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, May 8—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
10:30 am	Third Act of Oregon Postcard Writing	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting.....	Library
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with India.....	St. Andrew Room
2:00 pm	Directory Pictures	Narthex, Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 9

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
2:00 pm	Directory Pictures	Narthex, Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library

Friday, May 10

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Directory Pictures	Narthex, Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
2:00 pm	The Immigrant Story.....	Sanctuary

Saturday, May 11

11:00 am	Stewardship Committee Meeting.....	via Zoom
4:00 pm	Rasika Musical Concert.....	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 12

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
11:00 am	Meet and Greet with Pastor Allison Bengfort	Fellowship Hall



XL T-Shirts Available

If you admired the T-shirts worn by the Earth Care Team and community partners at the Earth Care Fair in April, you might be happy to learn that we have a few quality cotton heavyweight Glidan shirts available for \$10 each. All are XL. If you'd like one, please contact the church office at office@standrewlutheran.com or 503-646-0629.

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 March 31, 2024

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 5/01/2024

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew.

M&M Giving is 101% of FYTD budget and 71% of monthly budget.

Expenses are 90% of FYTD budget.

Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$7,500 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	138	58	no data	196		
Monthly Total	690	292	no data	982	\$ 34,917	\$ 5,209
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 49,357	\$ 5,013

71%

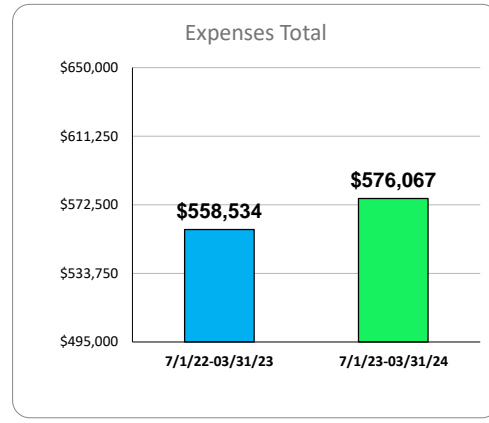
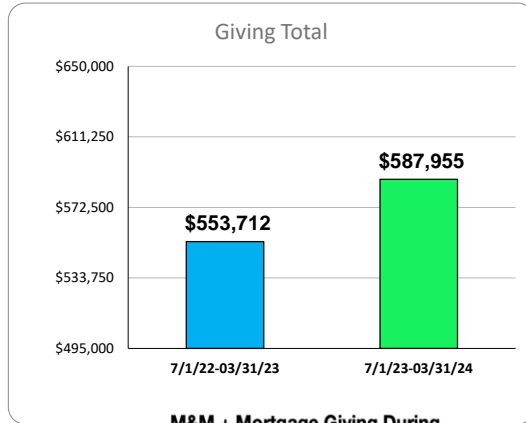
3 Main Funds: Current Status

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	\$ 453,445	\$ 456,405	101%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 519,369	\$ 469,367	90%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 106,017	\$ 106,700	\$ 36,258	\$ 273,932	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 61,580	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			\$ 103,590	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 14,557	\$ 2,662	\$ 25,453	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2023



M&M + Mortgage Giving During Same Period of Time

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

7/1/22-03/31/23	\$	553,712
7/1/23-03/31/24	\$	587,955
7/1/22-03/31/23	\$	558,534
7/1/23-03/31/24	\$	576,067

** Mortgage giving/expense included