

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 14, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Viva Village



Serving Beaverton & Beyond

This **Sunday, July 14**, the congregation is invited to join Janet Cruz at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall, where she will be discussing Viva Village. A non-profit organization in Beaverton, Viva Village works with volunteers to help seniors live in their homes as long as possible. These volunteers provide services such as transportation, yard work, minor home repairs, and so much more. A wide variety of social and cultural events are also offered each month that help build a sense of community between Viva Village members and volunteers. After the presentation on Sunday, you'll be able to ask questions and obtain further information.

Baby Rose

The rose on the altar this Sunday celebrates the birth of Shea Wilson McNab, great granddaughter to Patty Jones. What joy this little soul brings!



Lutheran World Relief School Bag Kits

It might be hard to believe with our current weather, but fall will be here before we know it! Each year at this time we collect supplies and craft school bags for donation to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Thank you to everyone who came out this past Monday to begin the project. We made wonderful progress!



God's work; our hands.
LWR school bag are truly a labor of love.

We will be getting together two more Mondays to prepare for this fall's LWR Ingathering: **July 15 and July 22**, 9:30 am-12:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us. Whether you've been helping with this project for years, or it will be your first time assembling school bags, we invite you to see what this ministry is all about!

We'll review the ways these school bags help young people across the world achieve the dream of getting an education, as well as how to assemble them. We'll have excellent teachers to provide guidance on sewing the bags, but if you're uncomfortable operating a machine, there will be plenty of other ways you can participate and be of service to those in need.

Summer Break for Andy's Room Podcast

The Andy's Room Podcast is taking a break this summer as Kyler travels to New Orleans with our high school youth. Keep an eye out at the end of the summer when new episodes will resume. In the meantime, don't forget about Andy's Room wherever you might find yourself! Summer trips are a great chance to revisit episodes or get caught up on ones you missed.



Summer Nursery Update

With summer travels in full swing for members of our congregation, the church nursery will be self-serve the next two Sundays. The room will be open for parents and children to use, but it will not be staffed. Our nursery attendant, McKenna, is currently in Europe on a choir trip and will not return for a couple of weeks. So, if you hear a little extra noise in worship during her time away, welcome those parents and children with a smile. Thank you!

Worship Volunteer Signup on July 14

Are you interested in volunteering to serve in worship but don't quite know how to do so? If you're an infrequent internet user or simply want some guidance, please note that our next in-person volunteer signup will be **Sunday, July 14**, after the worship service and before the education hour. A member of the Worship and Music Team will be available in the Narthex to help you sign up to be a worship volunteer. There are many opportunities to serve and your help is needed.



Is there a place for you as a worship leader? Check out the listing of all the positions needing to be filled on p. 3. The answer is a resounding "Yes!"

Fall Worship Planning

Led by Pastor Allison, the worship planners will be hosting a fall worship planning session on **Saturday, July 20**, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. The goal of this meeting is to determine a theme for September-November. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Susan or Pastor Allison.

Time to Play!

Join us in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, July 27**, from 6:30-8:30 pm for the next Game Night. Sponsored by the St. Andrew Connections Team, this is a casual 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, Connie Losk, Jan Smith, or Lynn Santelmann.

ELCA Youth Gathering Trip Recap

St. Andrew has 8 students and 3 adults heading down to New Orleans next week for the ELCA Youth Gathering. If you'd like to hear about their trip, join us on **Sunday, July 28**, at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall for our "shareholder" meeting. All are welcome to attend but there will be reserved seating for those who bought shares in the trip at the Beaverton to the Bayou fundraiser. This will be your best chance to hear about the trip from the students themselves. We hope to see you there!

Plastic-Free July: Small Steps, Big Difference!

Including ideas from plasticfreejuly.org

Every July, millions of people all around the world take their own plastic-free steps to avoid reliance on single-use plastic. Last year, participants prevented 2.6 million tons of plastic waste! It doesn't matter what choice you make, switching to reusable cups, avoiding plastic packaging, or inviting family and friends to take part, together our small steps make a big difference. If it seems overwhelming, start with just one step. What will your one step be?

The following are a couple of options to try for your first step:

Start by discontinuing the use of plastic water bottles. Carry a reusable bottle in your car. Get in the habit of keeping your water bottle with you at work, the gym, school, events, and when you travel. At the airport, you can take your empty bottle through security, then fill it at one of the many filling stations (usually located near the restrooms) before you board the plane. Despite many people making the switch, plastic beverage bottles and plastic bottle caps were in the top five items collected globally through beach cleanups and other initiatives as recorded in Ocean Conservancy's 2022 annual report.

Start by swearing off single-use "paper" cups, which are partially made of plastic. They would leak if they were truly made of paper. Billions of disposable coffee cups end up in landfills every year. Beware of disposable cups advertised as "compostable." They are only compostable if they go to a special composting facility, which is unlikely to happen because those facilities are few and far between.



Options abound in a range of prices. Pick a pretty one, find one that fits in your car's cup-holder, stash an extra in the glove compartment. Ditch disposable water bottles and cups. Think before you drink!

You can always just grab a cup from home and keep it with you. But the most popular travel cups are made of glass, ceramic, or insulated stainless steel with sealable silicone lids. I have 2 ceramic cups that live in my car. Sadly, some drive-through coffee shops do not allow personal cups, but most store-front coffee shops will serve your coffee or tea in your personal cup, especially now that we are through the worst of the COVID scare. Better yet, take a break from the rat-race pace of life and take the time to sit down at a café to enjoy your hot beverage from a real cup!

*Liz Hardy,
Earth Care Team*

What Are ELCA Deacons and Deaconesses?

Have you wondered what a Rostered Minister of Word and Service is in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and where it comes from? Everyone knows what a Pastor is, but what is a Deacon?

Join Sister India in an Exploration of Deacons and Deaconesses. We began with the Early Church and will end with what a Deacon is today in the ELCA. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for the last two lessons at 11:00 am on Sunday, **July 21**.

Discovering the Joy of Music Making

"Immigrant Story" composer Balamurali Balu, will be teaching a fun workshop this summer for grades 6-12. Discovering the Joy of Music Making will be held at St. Andrew on **July 24 and July 25**, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Students will learn the fundamentals of music composing using professional music production tools and will create their first original music piece. **No music training is required!** All that is needed is a laptop (Mac or PC) and wired headphones.

Bala is a versatile composer and music producer who trained at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. He is a professional who has crafted music for international films, concerts, TV, and commercials.



For more information or any questions contact composerbala@gmail.com or see the flyer in the St. Andrew Narthex.

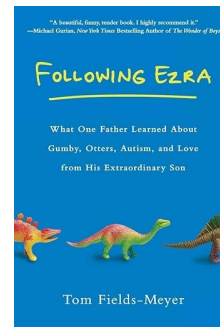
Scan the QR code to register. Registration Fee: \$50. Limited spots are available.

Nifty Notters

Did you know that the Nifty Notters re-purpose and re-use more than 500 yards of cloth each year? Notters tie "comforters" on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month. This summer, plan to join us on **July 20, August 3, and August 17**, from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Drop in for any part of that time or bring your lunch and stay all day. All supplies are provided.



Spirituality Book Group News



The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, July 21**, to discuss Tom Fields-Meyer's book, *Following Ezra*, a heart-warming, intimate, and amusing memoir of a father's experience raising an autistic son.

Details

Time/Date: **Sunday, July 21**, 3:00 pm
Book: *Following Ezra* by Tom Fields-Meyer
Hostess: Connie Losk
Discussion Leader: Fran Miller

Future Reading

August 18

The Marriage Portrait, by Maggie O'Farrell

September 22

Solito, by Javier Zamora

October (no meeting)

November 10

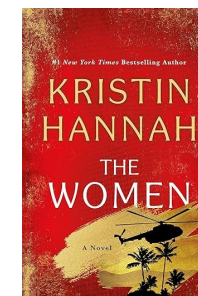
The Measure, by Nikki Erlick

December 8

The Women, by Kristin Hannah

January (date to be announced)

White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity, by Robert P. Jones



Worship Leadership Opportunities

Liturgy is truly the “work of the people.” Following are some of the ways you can be a part of this work. More information and training are available for all of these roles.

- ❖ **Acolyte:** Wear a robe! Light the candles, give out and collect the offering plates, help with communion, put out the candles.
- ❖ **Lector:** Read the lessons; help with communion.
- ❖ **Assisting Minister:** Wear a robe! Lead parts of the worship service, including prayers and creeds, help with communion, assist the Presider.
- ❖ **Cantor:** Sing the hymns to support our online worship participants; provide special music during the offering.
- ❖ **Communion Assistant:** Help distribute communion.
- ❖ **Usher:** Hand out bulletins, deliver the elements for communion, collect the offering, organize people as they come up for communion, and act as “hosts” as needed.
- ❖ **Worship Coordinator:** Check in with all worship leaders before the service begins; arrange for communion assistants as needed; make sure everything is in place and ready to go.
- ❖ **Greeter:** Meet people at the front door. “Mug” visitors as needed by giving them a candy-filled mug.
- ❖ **Zoom Host:** Welcome people who worship via Zoom, mute participants if necessary, and encourage community among those who worship remotely.
- ❖ **Tech Team:** Run the audio and visual tech during the worship service.
- ❖ **Altar Guild:** Prepare and clean up the elements for communion. Attend to paraments as needed. Help set up the sanctuary for the liturgical seasons of the year.
- ❖ **Nursery Assistant:** Help the paid nursery attendant in caring for young children during worship.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** Provide flowers for the chancel for worship and take them home or donate them after the service.

Are you interested? Follow these steps to sign up online.

1. Go to the church website at standrewlutheran.com.
2. Click on “Helping with worship” under the “Worship” tab.
3. Click on “Sign up to help.”
4. Choose the Sunday you’d like to volunteer.
5. Click on “sign up” for any open role you would like to fill.
6. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Be sure to “Save.”

If you need training, please contact Pat Christiansen (patchristiansen@comcast.net).

If you have questions about the sign-up process, contact Janet Vorvick (<mailto:janetv1245@outlook.com>).

Worship leaders receive an email on the Friday before the service, reminding you of what you have signed up to do.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Alvina Heidinger (mother-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Heidinger
Priscilla (friend)	Strength and support	Judy Scholz
Dave Bumgardner	Peace and strength	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Rhonda Powell	Strength and recovery	Carol Harker
Pam Meredith	Healing and recovery from knee replacement	Pat Hilliker
Bob Brown	Healing and recovery from stroke	Mary Brown
Shea Wilson McNab (great granddaughter)	Blessings on her birth	Patty Jones
Young people and chaperones heading to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans	Safe travels and inspiring experiences	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
St. Andrew Council Executive Committee	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Staff		
Sister India Jensen Kerr, all seminarians and theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on its ministry	Staff
Hope Lutheran (Klamath Falls)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff

If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629, Email office@standrewlutheran.com, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.



Save the Date!

This year's Ministry Fair is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8**, beginning after worship and concluding at 12:00 pm. Plan now to stop by to learn about many of the ways you can connect your interests with St. Andrew's Ministry Teams. As we did last year, there will be opportunities to fill up a "bingo card" to earn treats.

Are you a leader of a ministry team? Start the conversation now: Will you be a part of the fair? Who will staff your table? What should be on display or given out? Will you be using a rubber stamp or stickers to fill in bingo cards for people who visit your table? And most important – what kind of small goodie will you offer to draw people in? **To reserve a table for your group, send an email to Lynn Santelmann (lsantelmann66@gmail.com)**

Questions? Contact any member of the Connections team: Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bli- esner, Pat Christiansen, Connie Loske, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.

Picture Pick Up

We still have a few pictures in the church office that need to be picked up. Please stop by on Sunday or during office hours.

Au Family	Gustafson Family
Dianna Carlson	Amy Peahl
Bobbie Larson	Schutt Family
Navarre Family	Blakemore-Taylor
Tira Nasset	Family
Steve Grover	

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Emergency Pastoral Care

Sunday and Monday, contact
Sister India Jensen Kerr

Friday and Saturday, contact
Pastor Allison Bengfort

At other times, please call the
church office at 503-646-0629.

Preparing for Worship Sunday, July 14, 2024

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Mark 6:14-29

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, July 14

8:00 am Rwandan Association—Rwandan Elections Children’s Commons
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 Education: Viva Village Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Twirlers Meeting and PracticeSt. Andrew Room/Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 15—Church Office Closed

9:30 am LWR School Bags Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 16

5:45 am Flight departs Portland for the ELCA Youth GatheringPDX
 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 Worship Planners Meeting Library
 12:00 pm Bridge Group Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Scout Troop 198 Children’s Commons

Wednesday, July 17—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

9:30 am Apprentice Eccentrics Aging Backwards Workout Class Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Wednesday Book Group with India St. Andrew Room

Thursday, July 18

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Staff MeetingChapel/Library
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children’s Commons
 7:00 pm Council Meeting Fellowship Hall/via Zoom

Friday, July 19


10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 20

9:30 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Seasonal Planning for Fall Library
 4:00 pm McAlpine’s Family Memorial (family event) Fellowship Hall
 11:15 pm Flight arrives in Portland, returning ELCA Youth Gathering participantsPDX

Sunday, July 21

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 Education: What is the ELCA Diaconate Fellowship Hall




Highlights for the ELCA Youth Gathering In New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024


Tuesday: Opening Worship at the Smoothie King Center
 Wednesday: Synod Day with regional worship in the French Quarter
 Thursday: Interactive Learning at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
 Friday: Accompaniment Day—Partnering with good works in the city
 Saturday: Closing Worship at the Smoothie King Center

*We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.
 We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.
 We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel.
 We are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings.
 We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.*

Our host city, New Orleans, has always been its true, authentic self. Our theme, “Created to Be,” highlights the arts, music and soul of this beautiful, vibrant and resilient city. New Orleans was built to host and be a city where all God’s children come together.

Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

 **YouTube** **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.*

 **zoom** 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.